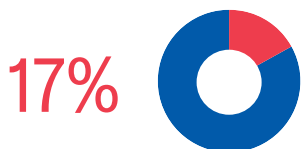


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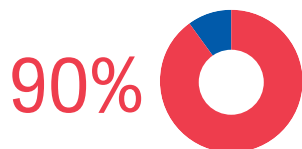
POLL SUMMARY

Massachusetts voters have limited knowledge about the roles and responsibilities of sheriffs.

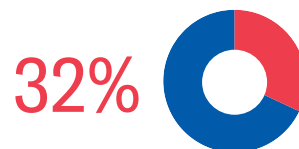
A poll released by the ACLU of Massachusetts revealed that Massachusetts voters do not know their local sheriffs:



Fewer than **one-in-five** Massachusetts voters (**17%**) can correctly name their local sheriff.



90% of voters do not know the length of a sheriff's term (six years), while **four-in-ten** (41%) do not know that sheriffs are elected at all.

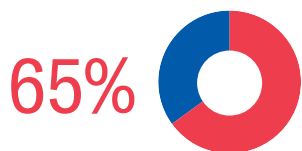


Only **one-third** (32%) of voters think sheriffs have a major impact on the criminal legal system in Massachusetts.

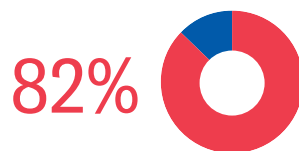
But after hearing facts about massive impact that sheriffs can have, voters become much more engaged.

At the start of the survey, just 45% of voters reported being very likely to vote in the next election for local sheriff. But after hearing facts about sheriffs, that number **increased to 71%**.

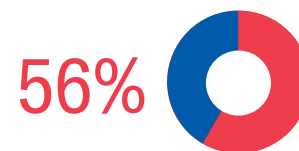
Voters say providing treatment is more important than punishment and retribution.



65% of voters say providing services for mental health, drug treatment, and emotional support should be a top priority for people in jails and houses of correction.



82% of voters indicate that being supportive of offering drug- and alcohol-use rehabilitation services is a very or extremely important quality in candidates for sheriff.



A majority of voters (**56%**) say that having a commitment to racial justice is an important attribute for sheriff candidate to have—ranking higher than any other attribute.

The survey, conducted by Beacon Research, interviewed 970 Massachusetts registered voters online. Slight weights were applied to ensure the sample accurately reflects the demographic profile of the Massachusetts electorate.

