
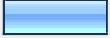

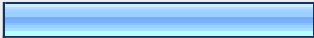




1. What is your Voter ID Number, as shown on the address label of the letter you received? This is a 12-character ID.		Response Count
		499
	<i>answered question</i>	499
	<i>skipped question</i>	72

2. What is your street address, as shown on voter registration list?		Response Count
		518
	<i>answered question</i>	518
	<i>skipped question</i>	53

3. Would you like to receive an email of the survey results? Give us your email address, and we'll send a copy as soon as they are published.		Response Count
		398
	<i>answered question</i>	398
	<i>skipped question</i>	173


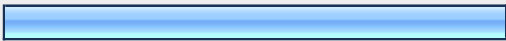

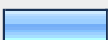
4. Which of the following most closely reflects your viewpoint?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I would not support an override for any reason		33.8%	175
I would support an override to maintain all services at existing levels (so-called "level service" budget)		11.2%	58
I would support an override to add or improve services		9.5%	49
I would support an override to add or improve some services; I would prefer to have choices		34.2%	177
I would not support an override to add or improve services		6.6%	34
I would not support an override to maintain all services at existing levels		4.8%	25
Is there a different statement that more closely reflects your viewpoint?			92
<i>answered question</i>			518
<i>skipped question</i>			53

5. Please choose one response for each of the following statements:						
	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Count
A no-override budget will not affect delivery of services.	10.9% (56)	22.6% (116)	12.3% (63)	30.7% (158)	23.5% (121)	514
A no-override budget will adversely affect services for all residents	13.0% (65)	17.4% (87)	19.6% (98)	36.9% (184)	13.0% (65)	499
A no-override budget will adversely affect services for some residents	20.2% (101)	44.6% (223)	10.8% (54)	18.0% (90)	6.4% (32)	500
<i>answered question</i>						537
<i>skipped question</i>						34

6. Please answer the following questions as they pertain to your participation in Harvard's financial decisions.

	Yes	No	Response Count
Do you regularly attend Town Meeting, and vote in Town Elections?	80.5% (437)	19.5% (106)	543
Did you participate more actively in the past than you do now?	28.2% (152)	71.8% (387)	539
Do you participate more actively now than you did in the past?	27.0% (144)	73.0% (390)	534
Did you attend the March 29, 2008 Town Meeting?	39.9% (218)	60.1% (328)	546
Did you vote in the April 1, 2008 Town Election?	88.6% (484)	11.4% (62)	546
Do you feel your vote is important in deciding Harvard's finances?	92.0% (497)	8.0% (43)	540
Do you feel your needs are adequately considered in setting Harvard's budget?	43.3% (227)	56.7% (297)	524
	<i>answered question</i>		549
	<i>skipped question</i>		22







7. If overrides are recommended by boards, which approach would you prefer?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Tiered		24.7%	130
Menu		55.3%	291
Not sure		8.7%	46
Doesn't matter		11.2%	59
	<i>answered question</i>		526
	<i>skipped question</i>		45

8. In current budget discussions, the boards have suggested a first tier of \$200,000, to add to the base budget the amount voted to fund contracts at last fall's Special Town Meeting, which was funded by free cash. A second tier would be to fund a specific set of services that are part of the omnibus budget passed at Annual Town Meeting. Additional tiers may be added to fund the three additions to services (Library, Schools, COA).

	Yes	No	Not sure	Need more information	Response Count
How would you vote on a \$200,000 override question, to add this year's contract settlements to the base budget?	46.9% (251)	38.7% (207)	8.4% (45)	6.0% (32)	535
How would you vote on a second tier override question (\$248,000 or less), to fund some or all of the rest of the services that are part of the omnibus budget passed at Annual Town Meeting?	27.6% (147)	52.8% (281)	12.4% (66)	7.1% (38)	532
How would you vote on override question(s) (total of \$102,000) to fund one or more of the additions to services passed at Annual Town Meeting?	25.1% (134)	53.7% (286)	12.6% (67)	8.6% (46)	533
	<i>answered question</i>				538
	<i>skipped question</i>				33

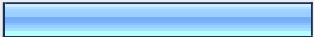
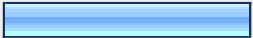



9. In what part of Harvard do you live (see map)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Harvard Water District		6.0%	32
Area One		2.3%	12
Area Two		24.1%	128
Area Three		17.3%	92
Area Four		36.5%	194
Area Five		13.7%	73
	<i>answered question</i>		531
	<i>skipped question</i>		40

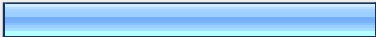



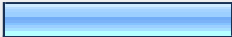
10. How long have you lived in Harvard?			Response Percent	Response Count
Fewer than 5 years			8.0%	43
Five years or more, but fewer than fifteen years			30.5%	163
Fifteen years or more, but fewer than twenty-five years			28.0%	150
Twenty-five years or more			33.5%	179
			answered question	535
			skipped question	36

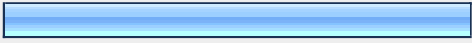


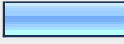
11. Why did you choose Harvard as a place to live (check all that apply)?			Response Percent	Response Count
Family history			13.8%	74
Quality of Schools			50.5%	271
Character of Town			66.5%	357
Location			51.8%	278
Housing cost/availability			26.4%	142
Tax rate			10.6%	57
Size of town			43.9%	236
Open space			52.0%	279
Size of lots			29.8%	160
Outdoor recreation areas			24.2%	130
Other (please specify)			18.4%	99
			answered question	537
			skipped question	34

12. Do you have school-age (K-12) children?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		33.8%	178
Not now, but in the past		27.1%	143
Not now, but in the future		2.1%	11
Yes, for another 1-3 years		9.3%	49
Yes, for another 4+ years		27.7%	146
		answered question	527
		skipped question	44

13. Do you have children attending local public schools?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		40.9%	218
Not now, but in the past		22.1%	118
Not now, but in the future		3.0%	16
Yes, for another 1-3 years		9.0%	48
Yes, for another 4+ years		25.0%	133
		answered question	533
		skipped question	38

14. How long do you expect to remain in Harvard?			Response Percent	Response Count
Indefinitely			51.5%	269
Fewer than 5 years			12.8%	67
Five years of more, but fewer than fifteen years			22.4%	117
Fifteen years or more			13.2%	69
			<i>answered question</i>	522
			<i>skipped question</i>	49

15. Comments regarding Demographics section?			Response Count	
			106	
			<i>answered question</i>	106
			<i>skipped question</i>	465

16. Is there anything else you want town officials to consider, as they prepare and structure the budget decisions?			Response Count	
			312	
			<i>answered question</i>	312
			<i>skipped question</i>	259

17. Please take a moment to give us feedback on this survey. This information will help us better formulate future surveys.			Response Count	
			219	
			<i>answered question</i>	219
			<i>skipped question</i>	352

18. Would you like to receive an email copy of survey results? Give us your email address, and we'll send a copy as soon as they are published.

		Response Count
		276
	<i>answered question</i>	276
	<i>skipped question</i>	295