

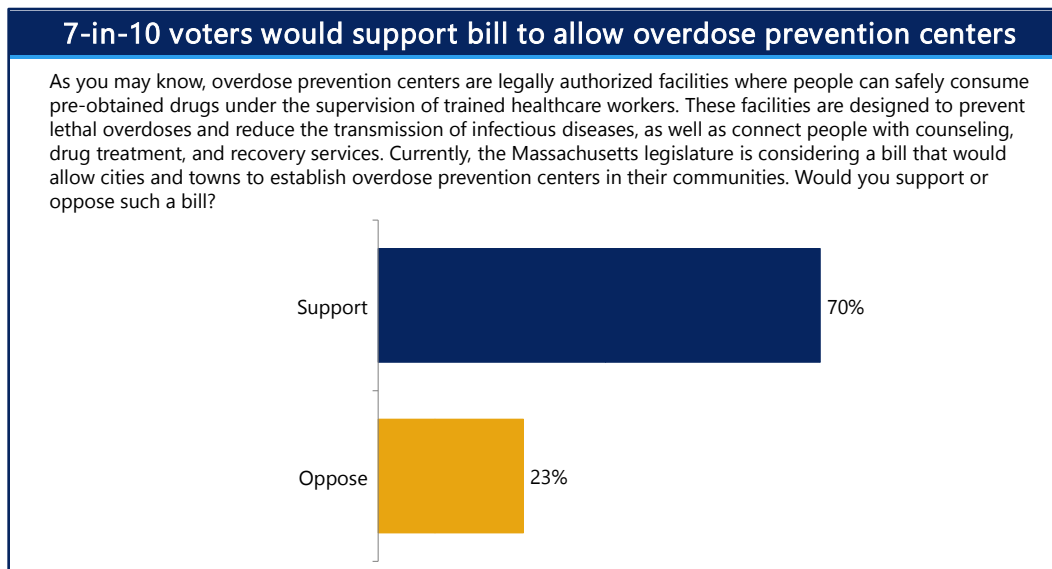
**TO** Massachusetts for Overdose Prevention Centers  
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This document presents key findings from a poll of 603 Massachusetts voters conducted September 14-20, 2023. Full methodological details are included at the end of this document.

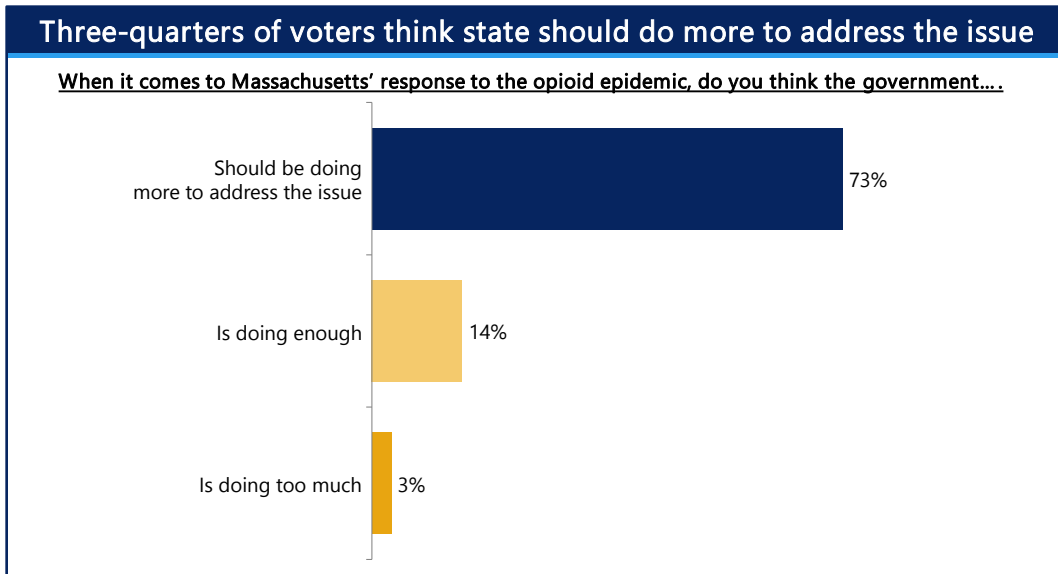
## KEY FINDINGS

Massachusetts voters overwhelmingly support (70%) passing a bill to allow cities and towns to establish overdose prevention centers. This includes majority support among Democrats (85%), unaffiliated voters (63%), and Republicans (53%).

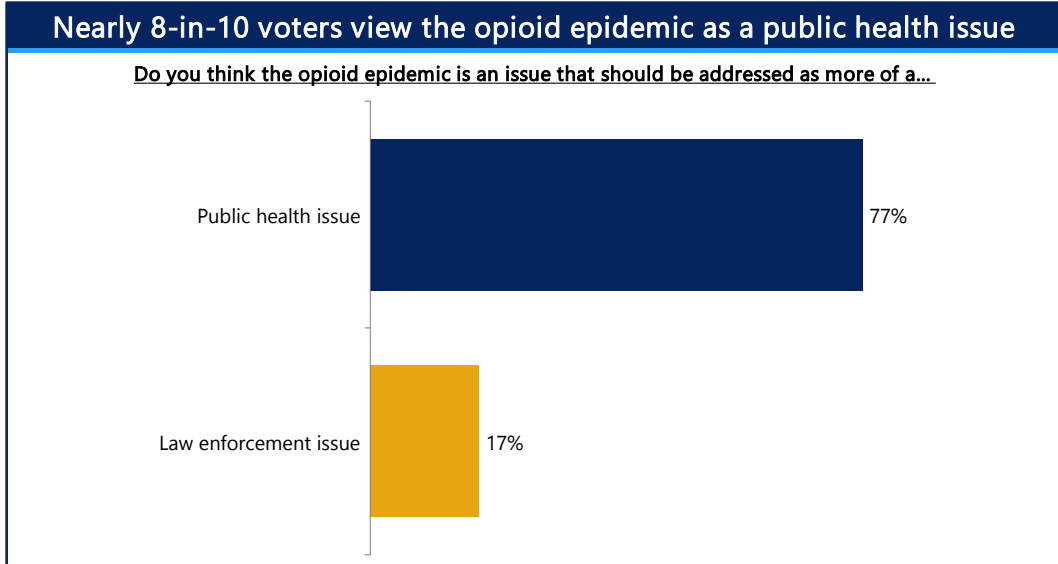


Fewer than one-in-four voters (23%) would oppose such a measure.

Over three-quarters of voters (76%) see opioid use in Massachusetts as a major problem, and nearly as many (73%) believe the state should be doing more to address the issue. Almost no voters (4%) regard opioid use as a non-problem.



When it comes to addressing the problem, voters, by a nearly four-to-one margin prefer to see the issue addressed as a public health problem (77%) instead of a law enforcement issue (17%).

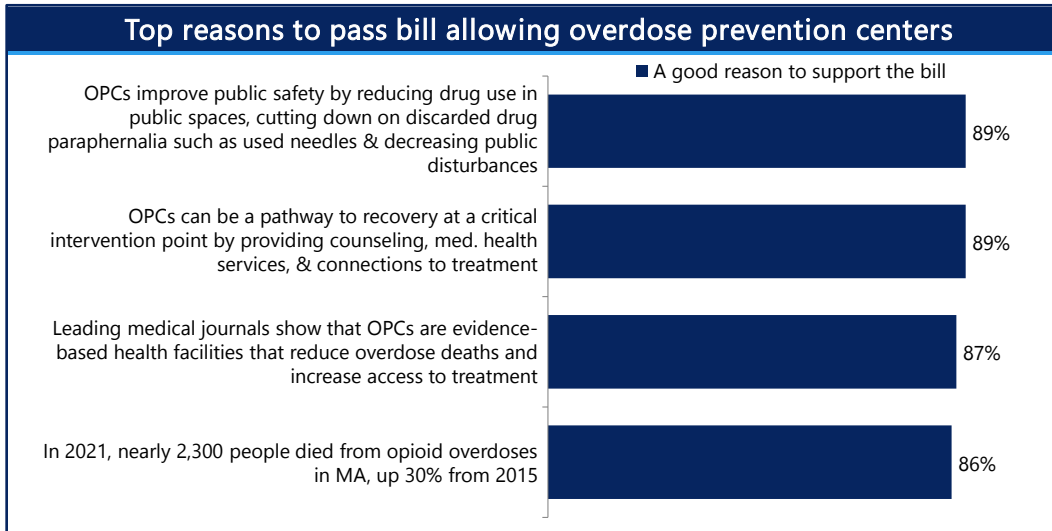


Significant majorities of Democrats (86%), unaffiliated voters (76%), and Republicans (61%) share the view that the opioid problem should be treated as a public health issue.

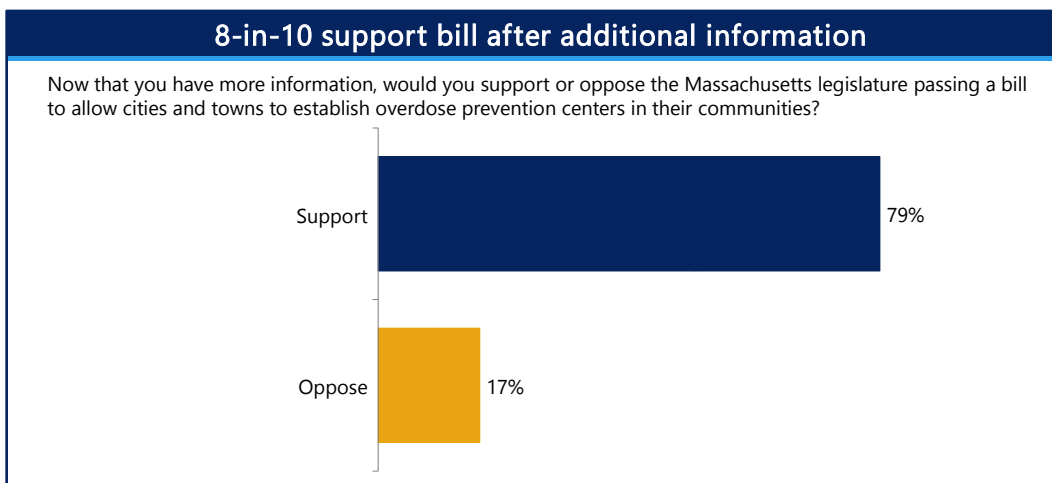
Voters see a multitude of good reasons to allow cities and towns to establish overdose prevention centers (OPCs). These reasons include the public safety benefits of OPCs (89% good reason), that OPCs facilitate recovery for drug users (89%), that studies by medical journals show OPCs have



positive outcomes (87%) and noting general statistics about overdose deaths in Massachusetts (86%).



Once voters learn more information about overdose prevention centers and the impact of the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts, support for allowing cities and towns to establish overdose prevention centers increases: 79% support such a proposal, only 17% oppose.



## METHODOLOGY

This poll of 603 Massachusetts registered voters was conducted between the dates of September 14 and 20, 2023. Respondents were randomly selected from an online panel of active, registered voters. Slight weights were applied to account for known and estimated demographics for Massachusetts registered voters statewide by age, gender, race, education level, and political party identification. The survey was sponsored by ACLU of Massachusetts.

