

Below are the results from an exit poll conducted in Everett and Somerville Massachusetts on November 4th, 2008. These results are based on 387 completed surveys at the Firehouse on Broadway in Somerville, 200 completed surveys at the Senior Center on Whittier Drive in Everett, and 250 completed surveys at the Recreation Center in Everett.

1. For President, who did you vote for? (check one)

- John McCain (Rep.) Someone else
 Barack Obama (Dem.) Did not vote

Somerville Firehouse, Broadway Avenue

13% -- McCain
83%--Obama

Everett Senior Center

26%--McCain
65%--Obama

Everett Recreation Center

17%--McCain
74%--Obama

2. On Ballot Question 1, which proposed to end the Massachusetts state personal income tax, how did you vote? (Please answer even if you did not vote)

- Did not vote Voted "No" (not to end the tax)
 Voted "Yes" (to end the tax)

Somerville Firehouse, Broadway Avenue

No—73%
Yes—23%

Everett Senior Center

No—64%
Yes—32%

Everett Recreation Center

No—66%
Yes—25%

3. Which is the worst tax—that is, the least fair? (check one)

- State sales tax Federal income tax
 Local property tax State income tax
 Social Security tax

Somerville Firehouse, Broadway Avenue

17%--state sales tax
27%--local property tax
17%--federal income tax
8%--state income tax
17%--social security tax

Everett Senior Center

19%--state sales tax
24%--local property tax
20%--federal income tax
9%--state income tax
19%--social security tax

Everett Recreation Center

17%--state sales tax
28%--local property tax
16%--federal income tax
8%--state income tax
18%--social security tax

Regardless of how you voted on Ballot Question 1, please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

4. "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts can reduce its annual spending by 40% without a major impact on the services it provides."

- Strongly agree Somewhat disagree
 Somewhat agree Disagree strongly

Somerville Firehouse, Broadway Avenue

22%--strongly agree
19%--somewhat agree
18%--somewhat disagree
37%--strongly disagree

Everett Senior Center

23%--strongly agree
30%-- somewhat agree
17%--somewhat disagree
22%--strongly disagree

Everett Recreation Center

31%--strongly agree
20%-- somewhat agree
23%--somewhat disagree
20%--strongly disagree

5. "Eliminating the Massachusetts state income tax would lead to large increases in other taxes."

- Strongly agree Somewhat disagree
 Somewhat agree Disagree strongly

Somerville Firehouse, Broadway Avenue

58%--strongly agree
20%--somewhat agree
12%--somewhat disagree
7%--strongly disagree

Everett Senior Center

47%--strongly agree
27%--somewhat agree
12%--somewhat disagree
9%--strongly disagree

Everett Recreation Center

52%--strongly agree
17%--somewhat agree
12%--somewhat disagree
13%--strongly disagree

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (check one)

- Strongly approve Disapprove
 Approve Strongly disapprove

Somerville Firehouse, Broadway Avenue

2%--strongly approve
8%--approve
10%--disapprove
78%--strongly disapprove

Everett Senior Center

6%--strongly approve
11%--approve
20%--disapprove
61%--strongly disapprove

Everett Recreation Center

7%--strongly approve
9%--approve
16%--disapprove
64%--strongly disapprove

7. Do you think the number of immigrants from foreign countries who are permitted to come to the United States to live should be (check one)

- Increased a lot Left the same
 Increased a little Decreased a little
 Decreased a lot

Somerville Firehouse, Broadway Avenue

18%--increased a lot
18%--increased a little
38%--left the same
12%--decreased a little
8%--decreased a lot

Everett Senior Center

11%--increased a lot
5%--increased a little
25%--left the same
17%--decreased a little
36%--decreased a lot

Everett Recreation Center

15%--increased a lot
7%--increased a little
27%--left the same
14%--decreased a little
31%--decreased a lot