

Topline

***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Future Directions for the ACA  
and Medicaid***

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## METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted February 13-19, 2017, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,160 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (389) and cell phone (771, including 464 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January-June 2016 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1160	±3 percentage points
Half Sample A	586	±5 percentage points
Half Sample B	574	±5 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	375	±6 percentage points
Republicans	324	±6 percentage points
Independents	348	±6 percentage points
<b>Presidential Approval</b>		
Approves of President Trump	495	±5 percentage points
Disapproves of President Trump	590	±5 percentage points
<b>Health Status</b>		
Excellent/Very good/Good	938	±4 percentage points
Fair/Poor	217	±8 percentage points
<b>Ongoing Health Needs</b>		
Individuals with ongoing health needs	605	±5 percentage points
Individuals without ongoing health needs	551	±5 percentage points
<b>Medicaid Expansion + Governor</b>		
States that expanded Medicaid with Republican governors	311	±7 percentage points
States that expanded Medicaid with Dem. or Ind. governors	388	±6 percentage points
States that have not expanded Medicaid	461	±5 percentage points

### Trend Information:

01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

06/15: Kaiser Family Foundation *Medicare and Medicaid at 50 Survey* (April 23-May 31, 2015)

1. When it comes to health care, do you feel things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	02/17
Right direction	30
Wrong track	62
Don't know	5
Refused	3

2. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer "yes"] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
02/17	20	28	15	27	10
12/16	21	22	16	30	11
11/16	19	24	17	28	11
10/16	19	26	13	32	10
09/16	18	26	17	30	9
08/16	19	21	14	28	17
07/16	18	22	17	29	14
06/16	18	24	12	32	14
04/16	15	23	17	32	13
03/16	21	20	17	30	13
02/16	19	22	12	34	14
01/16	21	20	16	28	16
12/15	19	21	13	33	14
11/15	19	19	17	28	17
10/15	21	21	15	27	16
09/15	21	20	15	30	14
08/15	23	21	16	25	14
06/29/15	23	20	13	27	17
06/09/15	19	20	16	26	19
04/15	22	21	15	27	14
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23

<i>Q.2 continued</i>	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 <sup>1</sup>	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 <sup>2</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>1</sup> May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

<sup>2</sup> April 2010 trend wording was “[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)”

3. In general, do you think the 2010 health care law has done (too much), (too little), or about the right amount for (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE, EXCEPT a – EVERYONE GETS a LAST)? How about for (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FIRST TIME AND IF NECESSARY: Do you think the 2010 health care law has done (too much), (too little), or about the right amount for (INSERT)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

*Ask items a,b,c of all*

*Ask items d,e,f of half-sample A*

*Ask items g,h,i of half-sample B*

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	Don't know	Refused	N
a. All Americans	9	54	33	3	2	1,160
b. You and your family	6	39	42	7	6	1,160
c. The uninsured	12	47	32	6	2	1,160
d. Young, healthy people	10	30	50	8	2	586
e. People with health conditions	5	42	46	5	2	586
f. Lower-income people	12	48	34	3	3	586
g. Middle-class people	9	53	33	4	2	574
h. Wealthy people	30	19	34	13	4	574
i. Women	10	40	37	10	3	574

READ TO ALL: As you may or may not have heard, lawmakers have NOT YET repealed the health care law.

4. Do you think Congress should vote to repeal the 2010 health care law, or should they not vote to repeal it?

	02/17	12/16 <sup>3</sup>
Yes, should vote to repeal	47	49
No, should not vote to repeal	48	47
Don't know	4	3
Refused	1	1

5. Should lawmakers (vote to repeal the law immediately and work out the details of a replacement plan later) OR should lawmakers (wait to vote to repeal the law until the details of a replacement plan have been announced)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on those who say lawmakers should vote to repeal health care law*

	02/17	12/16
Vote to repeal the law immediately and work out the details of a replacement plan later	38	41
Wait to vote to repeal the law until the details of replacement plan have been announced	59	57
Don't know	2	2
Refused	*	1
	N=551	N=579

Summary of Q4 and Q5 based on total

	02/17	12/16
Yes, should vote to repeal	47	49
Vote to repeal the law immediately and work out the details of a replacement plan later	18	20
Wait to vote to repeal the law until the details of replacement plan have been announced	28	28
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*
No, should not vote to repeal	48	47
Don't know	4	3
Refused	1	1

<sup>3</sup> Trend wording was "Do you think the next Congress should vote to repeal the 2010 health care law, or should they not vote to repeal it?"

ROTATE Q6 AND Q7

6. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about current plans to repeal the health care law. The first is (INSERT & RANDOMIZE). Does this describe your own feelings about current plans to repeal the health care law, or not? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Does this describe your own feelings about current plans to repeal the health care law, or not?

	Yes describes	No, does not describe	Don't know	Refused
a. Confused	45	54	1	*
b. Angry	38	61	1	*
c. Enthusiastic	33	65	2	*
d. Worried	56	43	*	*
e. Hopeful	53	46	1	*

7. How worried, if at all, are you that you or someone in your family will lose your health insurance coverage if the health care law is repealed and replaced? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

	02/17
Worried (NET)	48
Very worried	26
Somewhat worried	22
Not worried (NET)	51
Not too worried	14
Not at all worried	37
Don't know	*
Refused	*

READ: Moving on to health care in the country more generally...

8. Is there a source in the news media, such as a newspaper, magazine, television, website or radio news outlet, that you trust for information about proposed changes to the U.S. health care system, or not?

	02/17
Yes, there is a source I trust	59
No, there is not a source I trust	39
Trust multiple sources (VOL.)	1
Don't know	1
Refused	*

9. Can you name the news media source you trust MOST for information about proposed changes to the U.S. health care system? (OPEN-END, RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE.)

*Based on those who have a news media source they trust (n=728)*

	02/17
Cable News (NET)	34
Fox News Channel	16
CNN	13
MSNBC	4
National Broadcast News (NET)	10
ABC	4
FOX	3
NBC	2
CBS	2
National newspaper (NET)	8
The New York Times	5
The Washington Post	3
The Wall Street Journal	1
U.S.A. Today	*
Public TV/Public Radio (NET)	7
NPR	6
PBS	1
Local television news/Local radio news	7
General Internet (NET)	6
Yahoo	1
Google	*
Internet-unspecified or other	5
Spanish-language channels	4
Other national news	3
Local newspaper	2
Talk radio	2
Social media (NET)	2
Facebook	*
Reddit	*
YouTube	*
Twitter	--
Social media- unspecified or other	1
News website (NET)	1
Breitbart News	*
Huffington Post	*
Drudge Report	*
Other	9
Don't know	4
Refused	1

Summary of Q8 and Q9 based on total

	02/17
Yes, there is a source I trust	60
Cable News (NET)	21
Fox News Channel	10
CNN	8
MSNBC	3
National Broadcast News (NET)	6
ABC	2
FOX	2
NBC	1
CBS	1
National newspaper (NET)	5
The New York Times	3
The Washington Post	2
The Wall Street Journal	*
U.S.A. Today	*
Public TV/Public Radio (NET)	4
NPR	4
PBS	1
Local television news/Local radio news	4
General Internet (NET)	4
Yahoo	*
Google	*
Internet-unspecified or other	3
Spanish-language channels	3
Other national news	2
Local newspaper	1
Talk radio	1
Social media (NET)	1
Facebook	*
Reddit	*
YouTube	*
Twitter	--
Social media- unspecified or other	1
News website (NET)	1
Breitbart News	*
Huffington Post	*
Drudge Report	*
Other	5
Don't know	2
Refused	*
No, there is not a source I trust	39
Don't know	1
Refused	*



10. How much would you trust information about the proposed changes to the U.S. health care system from (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you trust that information a lot, some, only a little, or not at all? What about information about proposed changes to the health care system from (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? [IF NECESSARY: Would you trust that information a lot, some, only a little or not at all?]

	A lot/ Some (NET)	A lot	Some	A little/ Not at all (NET)	Only a little	Not at all	Don't know	Refused
a. National news organizations	51	18	33	48	28	20	*	1
b. Local news organizations	53	16	37	45	30	15	1	*
c. Friends and family	51	18	34	47	30	17	1	*
d. Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter	16	3	12	82	29	53	2	*
e. President Trump	42	23	19	56	16	40	2	*
f. Your Congressional representative	55	19	36	43	25	17	2	*

NO QUESTION 11

12. Here are two approaches to the future of health care in the US. The first is (READ AND ROTATE; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING). The second is (READ OTHER OPTION). In general, which of these approaches do you prefer?

	02/17	12/16 <sup>4</sup>
OPTION A: Limiting federal health spending, decreasing the federal government's role, and giving state governments and individuals more control over health insurance, even if this means some seniors and lower-income Americans would get less financial help than they do today	31	31
OPTION B: Guaranteeing a certain level of health coverage and financial help for seniors and lower-income Americans, even if this means more federal health spending and a larger role for the federal government	64	62
Don't know	3	5
Refused	2	2

<sup>4</sup> In December 2016 wording, no "Option A" or "Option B" preceded response options.

13. As you know, there are many competing spending priorities facing the president and Congress. Thinking about the federal budget, do you want to see the president and Congress increase spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), decrease spending, or keep it about the same? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: do you want to see the president and Congress increase spending, decrease spending, or keep it about the same?

<i>Ask items a,b,c of all</i>							
<i>Ask items d,e of half sample A</i>		Increase	Decrease	About	Don't	Refused	N
<i>Ask items f,g of half sample B</i>		spending	spending	the	know		
a. Medicare (IF NEEDED: the government health insurance program for seniors and for younger adults with long-term disabilities)							
	02/17	43	8	47	1	*	1,160
	06/15	41	8	48	3	*	1,849
	12/08 <sup>5</sup>	43	6	51	1	--	814
b. Medicaid (IF NEEDED: the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children)							
	02/17	36	12	48	2	1	1,160
	06/15	37	13	47	3	*	1,849
	12/08	34	11	54	1	*	814
c. Financial help for individuals to buy private health insurance							
	02/17	32	22	42	3	1	1,160
d. National defense							
	02/17	39	16	43	1	*	586
	06/15	36	19	41	4	*	927
e. Education							
	02/17	67	8	23	1	1	586
	06/15	61	10	28	1	--	927
f. Foreign Aid							
	02/17	9	48	38	3	2	574
	06/15	10	50	35	4	*	922
g. Social Security							
	02/17	47	7	42	3	1	574
	06/15	50	6	43	2	*	922

READ TO ALL: Now thinking specifically about MEDICAID, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children (also known as INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME HERE)...

14. Would you say the current MEDICAID program is working well for most low-income people covered by the program, or not?

	02/17	06/15
Yes, working well	61	50
No, not working well	28	33
Don't know	10	16
Refused	1	*

<sup>5</sup> Trend wording for December 2008 was "As you know, the federal government has a substantial budget deficit and there are many competing spending priorities facing the next president and Congress. Thinking about the federal budget, do you want to see the next president and Congress increase spending on (INSERT), decrease spending, or keep it about the same?"

15. How important is Medicaid (or INSERT STATE SPECIFIC NAME,) for you and your family? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	02/17	06/15	01/13 <sup>6</sup>	07/12 <sup>7</sup>	06/12	05/11	01/11 <sup>8</sup>
Important (NET)	56	51	61	52	56	49	59
Very important	35	35	38	35	38	27	39
Somewhat important	21	16	23	17	18	22	20
Not important (NET)	42	47	38	46	43	49	39
Not too important	14	15	16	13	13	18	16
Not at all important	28	32	22	33	30	31	23
Don't know	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
Refused	*	*	*	--	--	--	--

16. Which of these two descriptions comes closer to your view of what Medicaid should look like in the future? (ROTATE 1-2; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING)

*Based on half sample A (n=586)*

	02/17
OPTION A: Medicaid should largely continue as it is today, with the federal government guaranteeing coverage for low-income people, setting standards for who states cover and what benefits people get, and matching states' Medicaid spending as the number of people on the program goes up or down	63
OPTION B: Medicaid should be changed so that instead of matching state Medicaid spending, the federal government limits how much it gives states to help pay for Medicaid coverage but lets states decide which groups of people and what health care services they want to cover	32
Other (VOL.)	1
Don't know	2
Refused	1

17. Which of these two descriptions comes closer to your view of what Medicaid should look like in the future? (ROTATE 1-2; KEEP "OPTION A" AND "OPTION B" FROM ROTATING)

*Based on half sample B (n=574)*

	02/17
OPTION A: Medicaid should largely continue as it is today, with the federal government guaranteeing coverage for low-income people, setting standards for who states cover and what benefits people get, and matching states' Medicaid spending as the number of people on the program goes up or down	66
OPTION B: Medicaid should be changed so that instead of matching state Medicaid spending, the federal government limits how much it gives states to help pay for Medicaid coverage on a per person basis but lets states decide which groups of people and what health care services they want to cover	31
Other (VOL.)	1
Don't know	1
Refused	1

<sup>6</sup> Trend wording for January 2013 was "How important for you and your family is Medicaid, the government health insurance and long term care program for certain low-income adults and children?"

<sup>7</sup> Trend wording for July 2012, June 2012, and May 2011 was "How important for you and your family is the Medicaid program, which may also be known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME]?"

<sup>8</sup> Trend wording for January 2011 was "How important for you and your family is Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children?"

18. If lawmakers decide to repeal and replace the 2010 health care law, how important is it to you that a replacement plan makes sure states that received federal funds to expand Medicaid continue to receive those funds? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	02/17
Important (NET)	84
Very important	55
Somewhat important	29
Not important (NET)	15
Not too important	7
Not at all important	8
Don't know	1
Refused	1

READ TO ALL: Moving on to your own experiences with health care...

- D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

19. Suppose you had an unexpected medical bill, and the amount (IF D4=1: NOT covered by your insurance) came to \$500. Based on your current financial situation, how would you pay the bill? Would you... (READ LIST WITH CODE NUMBERS)

	02/17	04/15
1, Pay the bill right away by cash or check	34	30
2, Put it on a credit card and pay it off in full at the next statement	13	15
3, Put it on a credit card and pay it off over time	20	20
4, Borrow money from a bank, a payday lender, or friends or family to pay the bill, OR	7	7
5, Would you not be able to pay the bill at all?	19	20
Arrange a payment plan with doctor/provider/hospital (VOL.)	6	6
Other (VOL.)	1	1
Don't know	1	2
Refused	*	--

NO QUESTION 20

21. In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford to pay (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? IF NECESSARY: Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

*Based on those who are insured*

	Easy (NET)	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Difficult (NET)	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Don't have to pay (VOL.)	Don't know	Refused	N
a. The cost of health insurance each month										
02/17	58	31	27	37	23	14	4	*	*	1,047
04/15	63	27	36	27	19	8	8	2	--	1,387
b. The deductible you pay for care before insurance kicks in										
02/17	50	21	28	43	24	19	7	*	*	1,047
04/15	57	22	35	34	22	11	8	2	--	1,387
c. Co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs										
02/17	64	34	30	31	20	11	4	*	1	1,047
04/15	69	33	36	24	16	8	5	2	--	1,387

Summary of D4 and Q21a based on total

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Easy to afford to pay the cost of health insurance each month (NET)	51
Very easy	27
Somewhat easy	24
Difficult to afford to pay the cost of health insurance each month (NET)	32
Somewhat difficult	20
Very difficult	12
Don't have to pay (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of D4 and Q21b based on total

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Easy to afford to pay the deductible you pay for care before insurance kicks in (NET)	43
Very easy	18
Somewhat easy	25
Difficult to afford to pay the deductible you pay for care before insurance kicks in (NET)	38
Somewhat difficult	21
Very difficult	17
Don't have to pay (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of D4 and Q21c based on total

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Easy to afford to pay co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs (NET)	56
Very easy	30
Somewhat easy	26
Difficult to afford to pay co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs (NET)	27
Somewhat difficult	17
Very difficult	10
Don't have to pay (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

22. In the past 12 months, did you or anyone in your household have problems paying or an inability to pay any medical bills, such as bills for doctors, dentists, medication, or home care? (IF NEEDED: This includes bills you have had problems paying over the past 12 months, even if the initial bill was incurred more than 12 months ago.)

	02/17	11/15
Yes, had problems paying medical bills	29	23
No, did not have problems paying medical bills	70	77
Don't know	1	*
Refused	*	--

23. Overall, how much of an impact have these medical bills had on you and your family? (READ)

*Based on those who had problems paying medical bills (n=292)*

	02/17
A major impact	58
A minor impact	36
No real impact	5
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Summary of Q22 and Q23 based on total

	02/17
Yes, had problems paying medical bills	29
A major impact	17
A minor impact	11
No real impact	2
Don't know	*
Refused	*
No, did not have problems paying medical bills	70
Don't know	1
Refused	*

24. Have you or someone else in your household (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE; ITEM d SHOULD ALWAYS COME AFTER ITEMS b and c) in the past 12 months in order to pay medical bills, or not? How about (NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Have you or someone else in your household done this in the past 12 months in order to pay medical bills, or not?

*Based on those who had problems paying medical bills (n=292)*

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. Borrowed money from friends or family	41	59	--	--
b. Taken out another mortgage on your home	6	94	--	*
c. Borrowed money from a payday lender	12	87	1	--
d. Taken out another type of loan (other than a mortgage or loan from a payday lender)	14	86	*	--
e. Sought the aid of a charity or non-profit organization	23	77	--	*
f. Increased your credit card debt	37	62	1	--
g. Cut back spending on food, clothing, or basic household items	73	26	1	--
h. Put off vacations or major household purchases	71	29	*	--
i. Taken money out of retirement, college, or other long-term savings accounts	31	69	--	--
j. Taken an extra job or worked more hours	58	42	*	*
k. Changed your living situation, such as moving in with family or friends	25	75	--	*
l. Used up all or most of your savings	61	39	--	--

Summary of Q22 and Q24 based on total

	02/17
Yes, had problems paying medical bills	29
Cut back spending on food, clothing, or basic household items	21
Put off vacations or major household purchases	21
Used up all or most of your savings	18
Taken an extra job or worked more hours	17
Borrowed money from friends or family	12
Increased your credit card debt	11
Taken money out of retirement, college, or other long-term savings accounts	9
Changed your living situation, such as moving in with family or friends	7
Sought the aid of a charity or non-profit organization	7
Taken out another type of loan (other than a mortgage or loan from a payday lender)	4
Borrowed money from a payday lender	4
Taken out another mortgage on your home	2
No, did not have problems paying medical bills	70
Don't know	1
Refused	*

READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

RSEX. Are you male or female?

Male	49
Female	51
Other (VOL.)	--
Refused <sup>9</sup>	--

<sup>9</sup> Refusals were coded by observation.

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)  
 D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

18-29	21
30-49	31
50-64	29
65 and older	20
Don't know/Refused	--

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

*Based on those who are insured (n=1,047)*

Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	10
Medicare	19
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	12
Somewhere else	5
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary D4 and D4a based on ages 18-64 (n=846)

Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*



25. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME]), or through an insurance agent or broker?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)*

Summary D4, D4a, Q25 based on those ages 18-64 (n=846)

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from an insurance company	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	2
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

26. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

*Based on those who purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)*

Summary D4, D4a, Q25 and Q26 based on those ages 18-64 (n=846)

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	6
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

26b. Have you personally EVER (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

*Items a,b: Based on those not currently covered by Medicaid (n=968)*

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: which may also be known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME HERE)]	17	82	1	*
b. Received (IF RSEX=FEMALE: pregnancy-related care,) home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	8	91	*	*
<i>Item c: Based on those who are covered by Medicare (n=261)</i>				
c. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	15	83	1	*

Summary D4, D4a and Q26ba based on total

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Not currently covered by Medicaid	77
Have ever received health insurance through Medicaid	13
Have never received health insurance through Medicaid	64
Don't know/Refused	1
Currently covered by Medicaid	10
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary D4, D4a and Q26bb based on total

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Not currently covered by Medicaid	77
Have ever received (IF RSEX=FEMALE: pregnancy-related care,) home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	6
Have never received (IF RSEX=FEMALE: pregnancy-related care,) home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	71
Don't know/Refused	*
Currently covered by Medicaid	10
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary D4, D4a and Q26bc based on total

	02/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Currently covered by Medicare	17
Have ever gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	3
Have never gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	14
Don't know/Refused	*
Currently covered by Medicaid	10
Currently covered, not by Medicare or Medicaid	60
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	*

- IN3. How many children, under age 19, are living in your household?
- IN3a. Does any child under the age of 19 in your household currently have health insurance through Medicaid, also known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME], or not?
- 26a. Have you ever had a child get health insurance through Medicaid, also known in your state as [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME], or not?

Summary IN3, IN3a, and Q26a based on those who have never received insurance through Medicaid (n=807)

	02/17
One or more children under age 19 in household	34
Children currently have health insurance through Medicaid	7
Do not currently have health insurance through Medicaid/DK/Refused	27
Have ever had a child get insurance through Medicaid	2
Have never had a child get insurance through Medicaid	25
Don't know/Refused	*
No children under age 19 in household	66
Don't know/Refused	*

- 26c. To the best of your knowledge, have any of your close friends or family members ever (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

*Based on those who have never received insurance through Medicaid (n=807)*

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: which may also be known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME HERE)]	40	55	5	*
b. Received pregnancy-related care, home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	28	67	5	--
c. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay Medicare premiums	24	64	11	*

- D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	79
Excellent	18
Very good	31
Good	30
Only fair/Poor (NET)	20
Only fair	15
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

27. Do you or anyone in your immediate family have a chronic health condition that requires ongoing medical treatment?

	02/17
Yes	52
No	48
Don't know	*
Refused	*

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D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	49
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	6
Divorced	11
Separated	3
Never been married	25
Don't know/Refused	*

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	18
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	6
Don't know/Refused	*

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	27
Democrat	32
Independent	31
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	8
Don't know	--
Refused	3

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?  
(ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	39
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	15

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Democrat	32
Independent Lean Democratic	15
Independent/Don't lean	15
Independent Lean Republican	12
Republican	27
Undesignated	*

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	25
Moderate	32
Conservative	39
Don't know/Refused	4

D9. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

Yes	79
No	21
Don't know/Refused	*

31. Thinking about the elections that took place in November, did you happen to vote in the election, including voting by mail, early voting, or absentee ballot before the election, or did things come up that kept you from voting?

*Based on registered voters (n=983)*

Yes, voted	84
No, did not vote	15
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Summary of D9 and Q31 based on total

Yes, registered	79
Yes, voted	66
No, did not vote	12
Don't know/Refused	*
Not registered	21
Don't know/Refused	*

Vote16. For president, did you happen to vote for (Hillary Clinton, the Democrat), (Donald Trump, the Republican), or someone else? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on those who voted (n=873)*

Hillary Clinton	44
Donald Trump	41
Someone else	8
Did not vote for president (VOL.)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	7

TrumpApprove. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?  
(GET ANSWER, THEN ASK:) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

Approve (NET)	41
Strongly approve	24
Somewhat approve	17
Disapprove (NET)	52
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	41
Don't know	4
Refused	3

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18
Two year associate degree from a college/university	12
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	16
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	13
Don't know/Refused	*

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	34
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	1

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

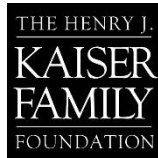
*Based on Hispanics (n=145)*

U.S.	47
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	49
Don't know/Refused	1

D14. Last year—that is, in 2016—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	17
Don't know/Refused	9

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.



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