Topline

Kaiser Health Tracking Poll – November 2017

METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted November 8th-13th 2017, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,201 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 (415) and cell phone (786, including 482 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Media, PA. Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). 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 2016 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 July-December 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	1,201	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	398	±6 percentage points
Republicans	298	±7 percentage points
Independents	392	±6 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:
- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- "Vol." indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

All trends shown in this document come from the Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:
10/17*: Kaiser Family Foundation Omnibus Survey *Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria: The Public's Knowledge and Views of Its Impact and the Response* (October 4-8, 2017)
01/11:   Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

Q1.   I'm going to read you some different things President Trump and Congress might try to do in the coming months. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (scramble a-i)

Items a, c, e, g, i based on half sample A (n=603)
Items b, d, f, h based on half sample B (n=598)

	Top priority	Important but not a top priority	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/ Refused
a. Addressing the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic[1]					
11/17	43	38	12	6	1
Late 04/17	50	35	8	5	3
12/16[2]	45	38	9	5	3
b. Reforming the tax code, which may cut taxes for some individuals and corporations					
11/17	28	30	13	24	6
c. Reauthorizing funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health care coverage for uninsured children					
11/17	62	26	5	4	2
d. Repealing the 2010 health care law					
11/17	29	22	9	35	6
Late 04/17	32	18	10	33	7
12/16[2]	37	21	7	31	5
e. Stabilizing the marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits					
11/17	48	37	7	6	2
f. Providing funding for places in the U.S. affected by hurricanes					
11/17	61	33	4	2	1
g. Improving health for people in developing countries					
11/17	16	47	22	15	1
h. Strengthening immigration controls to limit who enters the country					
11/17	35	30	18	15	2
i. Passing legislation to allow individuals who came into the country illegally before the age of 16, known as Dreamers, to legally stay in this country					
11/17	34	35	13	16	2

[1] Late April trend wording was "Dealing with the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic"

[2] Intro for December 2016 trend was slightly different: "I'm going to read you some different things Donald Trump and the next Congress might do when it comes to health care".

ACA. As you may know a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. 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?] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
11/17	29	21	17	29	5
10/17	29	22	13	27	9
09/17	27	19	14	30	10
08/17	30	22	10	29	9
07/17	28	22	12	32	6
06/17	29	22	14	27	8
05/17	29	20	13	29	9
Late 04/17[3]	24	24	15	26	12
Early 04/17	20	26	16	30	9
03/17	21	28	15	29	6
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

[3] January 2012 to Late April 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010..."

ACA continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
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
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[4]	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[5]	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[6]	23	23	10	30	14

[4] February 2011 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the 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?)"

[5] May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year…"

[6] 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?)"

Q2.   To the best of your knowledge, is the Affordable Care Act still in effect, or has it been repealed and is no longer in effect?

	11/17	08/17	05/17
Still in effect	78	83	74
Has been repealed and is no longer in effect	12	8	15
Don't know	10	8	9
Refused	*	*	1

READ TO ALL: (IF Q2=1 INSERT 'As you may know' / IF Q2=2, 8, 9 INSERT 'Though not everyone has had a chance to hear about it') the 2010 health care law remains the law of the land…

Q3.   How likely do you think it is that the president and Congress will repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act in the next 12 months? (READ LIST)[7]

	11/17	05/17
Very/Somewhat likely (NET)	51	74
Very likely	18	37
Somewhat likely	33	36
Not too/Not at all likely (NET)	47	24
Not too likely	29	15
Not at all likely	18	9
Don't know/Refused	2	2

Q4.   Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1, keep Option A and Option B from rotating)

	11/17	08/17	06/17	05/17	Late 04/17	Early 04/17
Option A: President Obama and Democrats in Congress passed the law and they are responsible for any problems with it moving forward	27	28	30	26	28	31
Option B: President Trump and Republicans in Congress are now in control of the government and they are responsible for any problems with it moving forward	61	60	59	63	64	61
Both are equally responsible (VOL.)	4	6	4	5	4	3
Neither of these/someone else is responsible (VOL.)	3	3	3	3	2	2
Don't know	3	2	4	2	1	2
Refused	2	1	1	1	1	*

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[7] May 2017 trend wording was "How likely do you think it is that the president and Congress will repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?"

READ TO ALL: Now thinking more generally about health care…

Q5.   How much do you trust President Trump to do what's best when it comes to health care in this country? (READ LIST)

Based on half sample A (n=603)

	11/17
A great deal/Fair amount (NET)	39
A great deal	18
A fair amount	20
Not very much/Not at all (NET)	60
Not very much	21
Not at all	39
Don't know/Refused	1

How much do you trust the federal government to do what's best when it comes to health care in this country? (READ LIST)

Based on half sample B (n=598)

	11/17
A great deal/Fair amount (NET)	36
A great deal	9
A fair amount	27
Not very much/Not at all (NET)	63
Not very much	33
Not at all	30
Don't know/Refused	1

READ TO ALL: Moving on to another topic…

Q6.   As you may know, Republicans in Congress recently released a new tax plan which includes tax cuts for some individuals and corporations. I'm going to read you a list of government programs and for each one, please tell me if you support reducing federal funding for this program in order to pay for these tax cuts. (scramble items a-e)

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
a. Medicaid	24	74	3
b. Medicare	19	79	1
c. Social Security	18	80	2
d. Foreign Aid	53	44	4
e. Defense and military spending	36	62	2

Q7.   Which of the following do you think will be a bigger problem for President Trump and Republicans in Congress in the 2018 midterm elections: if President Trump and Republicans are (unable to repeal the Affordable Care Act) or if they are (unable to pass their tax reform plan)? (rotate items in parentheses)

	11/17
Unable to repeal the Affordable Care Act	44
Unable to pass their tax reform plan	47
Neither (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	6
Don't know	5
Refused	1

READ TO ALL: Next, I am going to ask you about some specifics in the Republican tax plan…

Q8.   Currently, individuals who have high health care costs can deduct their health care spending from their taxes. The Republican tax plan proposes eliminating this deduction to help pay for tax cuts. Do you (support) or (oppose) eliminating the tax deduction for medical expenses for individuals who have high health care costs to help pay for tax cuts? (rotate items in parentheses)

	11/17
Support	29
Oppose	68
Don't know/Refused	3

Q8a.   Do you think eliminating the tax deduction on health care spending for individuals with high health care costs will affect you and your family, or not? (Ask Q8a immediately after Q8)

	11/17
Yes	44
No	52
Don't know/Refused	4

Q9.   Currently nearly all Americans are required to have health insurance or else pay a fine. The Republican tax plan may eliminate this requirement. Do you (support) or (oppose) eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine? (rotate items in parentheses)

	11/17
Support	55
Oppose	42
Don't know/Refused	3

Q10.   What if you heard that (INSERT AND ROTATE)? Would you (still want to eliminate the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance), or do you (now want to keep the requirement)? (Ask Q10 immediately after Q9) (rotate items in parentheses) (scramble a-d)

Based on those who support eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine (n=634)

	Still want to eliminate the requirement	Now want to keep the requirement	Don't know/Refused
a. Most Americans still get coverage through their employers or a public insurance program so they automatically satisfy the requirement without having to buy any new insurance	61	36	3
b. People would not be held to this requirement if the cost of coverage would take up too much of their income	66	30	4
c. This would increase the cost of premiums for individuals who buy their own insurance by 10 percent	62	33	6
d. This would increase the number of people without insurance by 13 million over the next ten years	63	30	6

Summary of Q9 and Q10a based on total

	11/17
Support eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	34
Oppose eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	62
Originally	42
Once heard argument	20
Don't know/Refused	4

Summary of Q9 and Q10b based on total

	11/17
Support eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	36
Oppose eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	59
Originally	42
Once heard argument	17
Don't know/Refused	5

Summary of Q9 and Q10c based on total

	11/17
Support eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	34
Oppose eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	60
Originally	42
Once heard argument	18
Don't know/Refused	6

Summary of Q9 and Q10d based on total

	11/17
Support eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	35
Oppose eliminating the requirement for nearly all Americans to have health insurance	59
Originally	42
Once heard argument	17
Don't know/Refused	6

READ TO ALL: Now thinking about another aspect of the country's health care system…

Q11. During the past 30 days, did you see or hear any ads or commercials (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?[8] (rotate items a-b)

		Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
a. From an insurance company attempting to sell health insurance				
	11/17	41	58	1
	10/17	34	64	2
b. That provided information about how to get health insurance under the health care law				
	11/17	32	67	1
	10/17	20	79	2

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the open enrollment period for people who do not get health insurance through their employer and purchase their insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplaces recently began.

Q13. How much have you heard about the current open enrollment period? (READ LIST)

	11/17
A lot/Some (NET)	39
A lot	18
Some	21
A little/None at all (NET)	61
A little	30
None at all	31
Don't know/Refused	*

Q14. Compared to previous years, do you think you have heard (more), (less), or about the same amount about the current open enrollment period? (rotate items in parentheses)

	11/17
More	16
Less	45
About the same	38
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know	1
Refused	--

Q15. If fewer people sign up for health insurance during the open enrollment period this year compared to previous years, do you think it will be mainly because (the Trump administration took actions to weaken the program) or is it mainly because (the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress designed a flawed program)? (rotate items in parentheses)

	11/17
The Trump administration took actions to weaken the program	50
The Obama administration and Democrats in Congress designed a flawed program	37
Neither of these (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	9

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[8] November 2014 trend wording was "During the past 30 days, did you see or hear any ads or commercials (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not? [REPEAT STEM EACH TIME]"

READ TO ALL: Now thinking specifically about Medicare, the government health insurance program for seniors and for younger adults with long-term disabilities.

Q16.   In general, do you have (a favorable) or (an unfavorable) opinion of Medicare? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very [favorable/unfavorable] or somewhat [favorable/unfavorable] opinion?)

	11/17
Very/Somewhat favorable (NET)	80
Very favorable	43
Somewhat favorable	37
Somewhat/Very unfavorable (NET)	15
Somewhat unfavorable	10
Very unfavorable	5
Don't know/Refused	5

Q21.   As you may know, people typically become eligible for health insurance through MediCARE when they turn 65. Do you (favor) or (oppose) giving some people under the age of 65 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program?[9] (rotate items in parentheses)

Based on half sample A (n=603)

	11/17	09/17
Favor	72	63
Oppose	24	33
Don't know/Refused	5	4

Q22.   As you may know, people typically become eligible for health insurance through MediCARE when they turn 65. Do you (favor) or (oppose) giving some people between the ages of 50 and 64 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program? (rotate items in parentheses)

Based on half sample B (n=598)

	11/17
Favor	77
Oppose	19
Don't know/Refused	4

Q21/Q22 COMBO TABLE

	11/17
Favor (NET)	74
Oppose (NET)	21
Don't know/Refused	4

Q23.   What if you heard that allowing people under the age of 65 to buy insurance through the Medicare program would give the government a much larger role in the country's health care. Do you still favor such a proposal or do you now oppose it?

Based on those who favor allowing people to buy into the Medicare program (n=876)

	11/17
Still favor	70
Now oppose	28
Don't know/Refused	2

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[9] September 2017 trend wording was "As you may know, people become eligible for health insurance through MediCARE when they turn 65. Do you (favor) or (oppose) letting some people under the age of 65 buy insurance through the Medicare program? "

Summary of Q21, Q22, and Q23 based on total

	11/17
Favor	52
Oppose	42
Originally	21
Once heard argument	21
Don't know/Refused	6

Q24.   What if you heard that allowing people under the age of 65 to buy insurance through the Medicare program would reduce what doctors and hospitals get paid when treating these people. Do you still favor such a proposal or do you now oppose it?

Based on those who favor giving some people under the age of 65 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program (n=876)

	11/17
Still favor	69
Now oppose	27
Don't know/Refused	4

Summary of Q21, Q22, and Q24 based on total

	11/17
Favor	52
Oppose	41
Originally	21
Once heard argument	20
Don't know/Refused	7

Q25.   What if you heard that allowing people under the age of 65 to buy insurance through the Medicare program could make health coverage more affordable for individuals who buy their own insurance through the ACA marketplaces? Do you still oppose such a proposal or do you now favor it?

Based on those who oppose giving some people under the age of 65 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program (n=267)

	11/17
Still oppose	52
Now favor	42
Don't know/Refused	6

Summary of Q21, Q22, and Q25 based on total

	11/17
Oppose	11
Favor	83
Originally	74
Once heard argument	9
Don't know/Refused	6

Q26.   What if you heard that allowing people under the age of 65 to buy insurance through the Medicare program could help serve certain marketplaces where few or no insurers are participating? Do you still oppose such a proposal or do you now favor it?

Based on those who oppose giving some people under the age of 65 the option to buy insurance through the Medicare program (n=267)

	11/17
Still oppose	54
Now favor	42
Don't know/Refused	4

Summary of Q21, Q22, and Q26 based on total

	11/17
Oppose	11
Favor	83
Originally	74
Once heard argument	9
Don't know/Refused	5

READ TO ALL: Moving on to another health care topic…

Q27. I am going to read you a list of terms. Please tell me if you have a positive or negative reaction to each term. First/Next, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), do you have a positive or negative reaction to this, or not?

Items b, c based on total (n=1,201)
Items a, e based on half sample A (n=603)
Item d based on half sample B (n=598)

	Very/ Somewhat positive (NET)	Very Positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat /Very negative (NET)	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Neutral/ Neither positive or negative (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused	N
a. Socialized medicine									
11/17	44	18	26	44	17	26	4	9	*603*
02/16	38	15	23	49	19	30	4	8	
b. Medicare for all									
11/17	62	34	28	34	14	19	2	2	*1,201*
02/16	64	36	27	29	15	14	3	3	
c. Single payer health insurance system									
11/17	48	18	30	32	17	15	6	14	*1,201*
02/16	44	15	29	40	21	19	5	12	
d. Universal health coverage									
11/17	61	34	27	33	13	20	1	4	*598*
02/16	57	28	29	38	15	22	3	3	
e. National health plan									
11/17	57	27	29	34	14	20	2	7	*603*

NEWRICO. How closely have you been following news about rebuilding and recovery efforts in (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (READ LIST) (rotate a-b)

	Very/ Somewhat closely (NET)	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too/Not at all closely (NET)	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/ Refused
a. Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria	63	22	41	37	22	15	1
b. Texas after hurricane Harvey	58	20	38	41	25	16	1

RICO5. Do you think that most people in Puerto Rico affected by Hurricane Maria (are getting the help they need), or do you think that most people affected by the hurricane (are not yet getting the help they need)? (rotate verbiage in parentheses) (rotate options/items in same order as RICO5, Q30 &Q31)

	11/17	10/17*
People are getting the help they need	21	32
People are NOT yet getting the help they need	70	62
Don't know/Refused	9	7
Don't know	9	6
Refused	*	1

Q30. Do you think that most people in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey (are getting the help they need), or do you think that most people affected by the hurricane (are not yet getting the help they need)? (rotate verbiage in parentheses) (rotate options/items in same order as RICO5, Q30 &Q31)

	11/17
People are getting the help they need	60
People are NOT yet getting the help they need	31
Don't know/Refused (NET)	9
Don't know	9
Refused	*

RICO6. Is the federal government (doing enough) or (not doing enough) to restore electricity and access to food and water in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria? (rotate items in parentheses)

	11/17	10/17*
Doing enough	32	40
Not doing enough	59	52
Don't know/Refused (NET)	9	8
Don't know	9	7
Refused	*	1

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?

	11/17
Male	49
Female	51
Other (VOL.)	--
Don't know	--
Refused[10]	*

GENDER VARIABLE

	11/17
Male	49
Female	51
Other (VOL.)	--

AGE.   What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

AGE2.   (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

RECAGE2 VARIABLE

	11/17
18-29	22
30-49	31
50-64	27
65+	20
Don't know/Refused	*

COVERAGE. 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])?

	11/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	1

COVTYPE. 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=1,092)

	11/17
Plan through your employer	39
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	19
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	6
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1

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[10] Refusals were coded by observation

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table based on total

	11/17
Covered by health insurance	88
Employer	34
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	16
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	1

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on total 18-64 (n=844)

	11/17
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

COVSELF. 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)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table

Based on those ages 18-64 (n=844)

	11/17
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

COVMKT. 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)

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF/COVMKT

Based on total 18-64 (n=844)

	11/17
Covered by health insurance (NET)	85
Employer	40
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	6
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	11/17
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	80
Excellent	21
Very good	31
Good	29
Only fair/Poor (NET)	19
Only fair	15
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

RXADDICT. Do you personally know anyone who has ever been addicted to prescription painkillers, or not?

	11/17	11/16	07/16	04/16	11/15
Yes	44	49	43	44	39
No	56	50	57	55	60
Don't know/Refused	1	1	*	1	1

RXADDICT2. Who do you know that has ever been addicted to prescription painkillers? Is it (INSERT, READ IN ORDER), or not?

Based on those who know someone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused	*N*
a. Yourself					
	11/17	7	93	*	*505*
	11/16	4	96	1	*560*
	07/16	7	93	*	*487*
	04/16	5	95	*	*530*
	11/15	5	95	*	*536*
b. A family member					
	11/17	45	54	1	*505*
	11/16	43	55	1	*560*
	07/16	44	55	1	*487*
	04/16	46	53	1	*530*
	11/15	39	60	1	*536*
c. A close friend					
	11/17	48	50	2	*505*
	11/16	49	50	1	*560*
	07/16	56	43	1	*487*
	04/16	48	50	1	*530*
	11/15	43	56	1	*536*
d. An acquaintance					
	11/17	59	39	2	*505*
	11/16	57	41	2	*560*
	07/16	60	37	2	*487*
	04/16	58	40	1	*530*
	11/15	62	38	1	*536*

Summary of RXADDICT and RXADDICT2 based on total

	11/17	11/16	07/16	04/16	11/15
Know someone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers	44	49	43	44	39
They were addicted	3	2	3	2	2
A family member was addicted	19	21	19	20	15
A close friend was addicted	21	24	24	21	17
An acquaintance was addicted	26	28	26	26	24
Don't know anyone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers	56	50	57	55	60
Don't know/Refused	1	1	*	1	1

RXADDICT3. Do you personally know anyone who has died from a prescription painkiller overdose, or not?

	11/17	11/15
Yes	20	16
No	80	83
Don't know/Refused	*	1

RXADDICT4. Who do you know that has died from a prescription painkiller overdose? Is it (INSERT, READ IN ORDER), or not? Next, is it (INSERT NEXT ITEM), or not?

Based on those who know someone who has died from a prescription painkiller overdose

		Yes	No	Don't know/Refused	*N*
a. A family member					
	11/17	27	72	1	224
	11/15	26	73	1	206
b. A close friend					
	11/17	39	60	1	224
	11/15	39	60	1	206
c. An acquaintance					
	11/17	64	35	1	224
	11/15	67	31	2	206

Summary of RXADDICT3 and RXADDICT4 based on total

	11/17	11/15
Know someone who has died from prescription painkiller overdose	20	16
A family member died	6	4
A close friend died	8	5
An acquaintance died	13	7
Don't know anyone who has died from a prescription painkiller overdose	80	83
Don't know/Refused	*	1

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

	11/17
Married	44
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	7
Divorced	11
Separated	3
Never been married	26
Don't know/Refused	*

CHILD. Are you the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 18 living in your household?

	11/17
Yes	25
No	74
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	11/17
Employed (NET)	60
Employed full-time	47
Employed part-time	13
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	6
Retired	17
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	4
Don't know/Refused	1

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a (Republican), a (Democrat), an Independent, or what?

	11/17
Republican	23
Democrat	33
Independent	33
Or what/Other/None/No preference	7
Don't know/Refused	3

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PARTY)

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN based on total

	11/17
Republican/Lean Republican	36
Democrat/Lean Democratic	50
Pure Independent	11
Undesignated	2

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	11/17
Democrat	33
Independent Lean Democratic	17
Independent/Don't lean	10
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	23
Undesignated	4

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

	11/17
Liberal	25
Moderate	35
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	5

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?]

	11/17
Approve (NET)	40
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	17
Disapprove (NET)	56
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	44
Don't know/Refused	4

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

	11/17
HS grad or less (NET)	38
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	7
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	28
Some college (NET)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad+ (NET)	29
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	15
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	12
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	11/17
Yes	15
No	84
Don't know/Refused	1

RACE. 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?)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table based on Total

	11/17
White, non-Hispanic	62
Total non-White	38
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	3

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

Based on Hispanics (n=145)

	11/17
U.S.	52
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	46
Don't know/Refused	--

INCOME. 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)

	11/17
Less than $20,000	16
$20,000 to less than $30,000	12
$30,000 to less than $40,000	10
$40,000 to less than $50,000	9
$50,000 to less than $75,000	13
$75,000 to less than $90,000	7
$90,000 to less than $100,000	4
$100,000 or more	19
Don't know/Refused	9