



**Topline**

# Kaiser Health Tracking Poll – November 2018

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2018, 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 (291) and cell phone (910, including 587 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. To efficiently obtain a sample of lower-income and non-White respondents, the sample also included an oversample of prepaid (pay-as-you-go) telephone numbers (20% of the cell phone sample consisted of prepaid numbers) as well as a subsample of respondents who had previously completed Spanish language interviews on the SSRS Omnibus poll ( $n=13$ ). 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 2017 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 2017 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, and design modifications, namely, the oversampling of prepaid cell phones and likelihood of non-response for the re-contacted 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
Adults ages 18-64 who either purchase their own insurance or are currently uninsured	168	±8 percentage points
Adults living in states that have not expanded Medicaid	374	±6 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	439	±5 percentage points
Republicans	275	±7 percentage points
Independents	342	±6 percentage points
<b>2018 Voters</b>		
Registered voters	1,026	±3 percentage points
Registered voters who participated in 2018 election	872	±4 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:

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

Q1. Thinking about next year, which issue would you most like the next Congress to act on in 2019? (INTERVIEWER: IF R JUST OFFERS ONE, PROBE: "Is there another issue you'd like them to address?") (INTERVIEWER: ONLY RECORD TWO RESPONSES MAXIMUM) (OPEN-END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE IN ORDER OF MENTION. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

*Based on Half Sample A*

	11/18
Immigration/Border Security (Net)	21
Immigration policy	16
Build the wall/Border security	6
Health care	20
Gun control/legislation	8
Tax reform	4
Education	4
Marijuana legalization	3
Impeaching the President	3
Climate Change	3
Environmental issues	3
Address poverty/Social welfare	3
Economy	3
Election/campaign finance reform	2
Budget/National Debt	2
Diversity/discrimination issues	2
Civility	1
Social Security	1
Raising wages/minimum wage	1
Jobs	1
Protect Mueller investigation	1
Other	18
Nothing	2
Don't know/Refused	18
	<i>n=618</i>

Based on Half Sample A who voted in the 2018 election

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	11/18
Immigration/Border Security (Net)	25
Immigration policy	19
Build the wall/Border security	7
Health care	24
Gun control/legislation	9
Tax reform	5
Impeaching the President	4
Climate Change	4
Education	4
Environmental issues	4
Economy	3
Budget/National Debt	2
Marijuana legalization	2
Election/campaign finance reform	2
Address poverty/Social welfare	2
Diversity/discrimination issues	2
Social Security	2
Civility	1
Raising wages/minimum wage	1
Protect Mueller investigation	1
Jobs	1
Other	17
Nothing	2
Don't know/Refused	9
	<i>n=452</i>

Q2. Thinking about next year, which health care issue would you most like the next Congress to act on in 2019? (INTERVIEWER: IF R JUST OFFERS ONE, PROBE: "Is there another issue you'd like them to address?") (INTERVIEWER: ONLY RECORD TWO RESPONSES MAXIMUM) (OPEN-END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE IN ORDER OF MENTION. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

*Based on Half Sample B*

	11/18
Health care affordability and cost (NET)	19
Making health care affordable (general mention)	8
Reduce health care costs	6
Price of health care	4
Affordable Care Act (NET)	10
Repeal the Affordable Care Act	4
Protect/Improve the Affordable Care Act	4
Affordable Care Act/Obamacare (unspecified)	2
Medicare	6
Health care/insurance for everyone	5
Pre-existing conditions protections	4
Prescription drug costs	4
Single-payer/Medicare-for-all	4
Universal health coverage	3
Medicaid	2
Health care in general	2
Opposed to government involvement in healthcare	2
Senior/Elderly health care	2
Other	28
Nothing/not an issue	3
Don't know/Refused	19
	<i>n=583</i>

*Based on Half Sample B who voted in the 2018 election*

	11/18
Health care affordability and cost (NET)	18
Making health care affordable (general mention)	9
Reduce health care costs	5
Price of health care	5
Affordable Care Act (NET)	13
Repeal the Affordable Care Act	6
Protect/Improve the Affordable Care Act	5
Affordable Care Act/Obamacare (unspecified)	2
Pre-existing conditions protections	6
Medicare	6
Health care/insurance for everyone	6
Single-payer/Medicare-for-all	5
Prescription drug costs	5
Opposed to government involvement in healthcare	3
Universal health coverage	3
Health care in general	3
Senior/Elderly health care	2
Medicaid	2
Other	26
Nothing/not an issue	2
Don't know/Refused	16
	<i>n=420</i>

Q3. As you may know, starting next year Democrats will hold a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. Do you think in the coming year, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) should be a top priority for Democrats, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should this not be a priority for Democrats? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM), should this be a top priority for Democrats, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should this not be a priority for Democrats? (scramble items a-c)

	Top priority	Important but not a top priority	Not too important	Not a priority	Don't know/ Refused
a. Oversight of the Trump administration's actions on policies such as health care, education, and the environment	53	22	5	16	3
b. Investigating corruption within President Trump's administration	36	23	10	29	3
c. Working to enact new laws to address the major problems facing the country	55	24	5	9	6

*Based on those who voted in the 2018 election*

	Top priority	Important but not a top priority	Not too important	Not a priority	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Oversight of the Trump administration's actions on policies such as health care, education, and the environment	52	21	6	19	3	<i>n=872</i>
b. Investigating corruption within President Trump's administration	33	22	9	33	2	<i>n=872</i>
c. Working to enact new laws to address the major problems facing the country	55	25	5	9	6	<i>n=872</i>

Q4. How confident are you, if at all, that Democrats and Republicans in Congress will be able to work together on bipartisan legislation to address the health care issues facing the country? Very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

	11/18
Confident (NET)	30
Very confident	6
Somewhat confident	24
Not confident (NET)	68
Not very confident	34
Not at all confident	35
Don't know/Refused	2

*Based on those who voted in the 2018 election*

	11/18
Confident (NET)	28
Very confident	4
Somewhat confident	24
Not confident (NET)	71
Not very confident	35
Not at all confident	36
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=872</i>

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?]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
11/18	28	25	14	26	8
09/18	23	26	15	27	9
08/18	26	24	13	27	10
07/18	28	20	12	28	11
06/18	26	24	13	28	8
04/18	27	22	15	28	9
03/18	26	24	15	28	7
02/18	33	21	12	30	5
01/18	27	23	12	30	8
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 <sup>1</sup>	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

<sup>1</sup> January 2012 through 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
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
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>2</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 <sup>3</sup>	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>4</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>2</sup> 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?)”

<sup>3</sup> May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year...”

<sup>4</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?)”

Q5. Next, I'm going to read you several elements of the health care law. As I read each one, please tell me whether you feel very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable about it. First, (INSERT ITEM). Next, (INSERT NEXT ITEM) (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Would you say you feel very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable about that?) (scramble items a-i)

Items a, b, c: Based on total

Items f, h, i: Based on Half Sample A

Items d, e, g: Based on Half Sample B

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	Refused	
a. The law gives states the option of expanding their existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults							
11/18	51	26	10	11	2	*	n=1,201
11/16	45	35	10	9	1	1	n=1,202
12/14	42	33	13	10	2	--	n=1,505
03/14	40	34	13	10	3	--	n=1,504
03/13	36	35	13	14	3	--	n=593
07/12 <sup>5</sup>	41	26	14	16	4	--	n=1,227
04/12	36	30	15	17	3	--	n=579
03/12	36	34	12	15	3	--	n=607
12/11	40	29	14	14	3	--	n=1,212
11/11	34	35	13	13	6	--	n=620
b. The law provides financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage							
11/18	55	26	9	8	1	1	n=1,201
11/16	49	31	11	7	1	1	n=1,202
12/14	41	35	12	11	2	--	n=1,505
03/14	43	34	11	9	3	--	n=1,504
03/13	42	34	13	9	2	--	n=611
08/12	46	27	8	14	5	--	n=599
07/12	41	29	13	14	3	--	n=1,227
03/12	43	28	10	15	4	--	n=601
12/11	42	33	11	12	2	--	n=1,212
11/11	44	31	11	12	2	--	n=589
c. The law prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history							
11/18	52	13	12	21	2	*	n=1,201
11/16	55	13	12	17	2	1	n=603
03/14	53	17	9	19	3	--	n=738
03/13	46	20	14	18	3	--	n=593
04/12	42	18	13	23	3	--	n=579
03/12	45	24	11	17	3	--	n=607
11/11	47	20	12	19	3	--	n=620

<sup>5</sup> March to July 2012 trend wording for this item was "The law will expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults". 2011 wording was "The law will expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children"

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	Refused	
d. The law gradually closes the Medicare prescription drug “doughnut hole” or “coverage gap” so people on Medicare will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap							
11/18	54	27	8	7	4	*	n=583
11/16	50	31	6	8	4	1	n=603
03/14	49	30	9	7	5	--	n=738
03/13 <sup>6</sup>	52	29	7	7	4	--	n=611
04/12	48	30	10	8	4	--	n=631
11/11	46	28	10	10	6	--	n=620
e. The law eliminates out-of-pocket costs for many preventive services such as annual check-ups and cholesterol screenings							
11/18	56	23	9	10	2	1	n=583
11/16	55	29	6	8	2	1	n=603
03/14	49	28	10	9	4	--	n=738
08/12 <sup>7</sup>	43	28	10	13	6	--	n=599
03/12	42	27	15	13	3	--	n=601
11/11 <sup>8</sup>	33	31	19	12	6	--	n=589
f. The law allows young adults to stay on their parents’ insurance plans until age 26							
11/18	58	24	7	10	1	*	n=618
11/16	59	27	9	6	*	*	n=599
03/14	53	27	7	12	1	--	n=766
03/13 <sup>9</sup>	54	22	9	13	1	--	n=611
04/12	46	25	12	14	2	--	n=631
06/10	47	24	11	16	2	--	n=587
04/10	47	27	12	12	1	--	n=627
g. The law increases the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper income Americans							
11/18	38	27	16	15	3	1	n=583
03/14	25	31	19	20	4	--	n=766
03/13	30	30	17	20	3	--	n=593
03/12	26	27	17	24	6	--	n=607
11/11 <sup>10</sup>	30	29	17	20	4	--	n=620

<sup>6</sup> November 2011 to March 2013 trend wording for this item was “The law gradually closes the Medicare prescription drug “doughnut hole” or coverage gap so seniors will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap”

<sup>7</sup> March 2012 and August 2012 trend wording for this item was “The law eliminates out-of-pocket costs for many preventive services, such as blood pressure or cholesterol screenings”

<sup>8</sup> November 2011 trend wording for this item was “The law eliminates co-pays and deductibles that people previously had to pay for many preventive services”

<sup>9</sup> March 2010 to March 2013 trend wording for this item was “The law allows children to stay on their parents’ insurance plans until age 26”

<sup>10</sup> November 2011 trend wording for this item was “Increasing the Medicare payroll tax for high income Americans as a way to help pay for health reform”.

Q5 continued...

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	Refused	
h. The law requires employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance							
11/18	44	25	13	16	1	1	n=618
11/16	35	25	16	23	*	*	n=599
12/14 <sup>11</sup>	35	25	16	22	2	--	n=1,505
03/13 <sup>12</sup>	34	23	14	26	3	--	n=611
03/12	29	25	15	29	2	--	n=601
12/11	38	23	14	23	2	--	n=1,212
11/11	35	28	13	22	2		n=589
i. The law creates health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits							
11/18	50	32	8	8	1	1	n=618
11/16	43	37	9	8	2	1	n=599
12/14	38	40	10	9	3	--	n=1,505
03/13	44	36	9	8	3	--	n=611
08/12	41	31	9	13	5	--	n=599
07/12	39	32	12	13	4	--	n=1,227
12/11	42	37	10	9	2	--	n=1,212
06/10 <sup>13</sup>	54	33	4	7	2	--	n=620

<sup>11</sup> December 2014 trend wording for this item was "The law requires employers with 100 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance starting in January 2015"

<sup>12</sup> November 2011 to March 2013 trend wording for this item was "The law will require employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance"

<sup>13</sup> June 2010 trend wording for this item was "Creating health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits"

- Q6. Under the 2010 health care law, MOST states have expanded their Medicaid program to cover more low-income people. For states that expand their Medicaid program, the federal government pays for at least 90 percent of the costs of this expansion with the state paying the rest. Do you think your state should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people)? (rotate items in parentheses)<sup>14 15,16</sup>

*Based on those who live in states where Medicaid has not expanded*

	11/18	10/18	07/18	02/18	06/15 M&M
Keep Medicaid as it is today	34	37	39	37	32
Expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	59	56	51	56	61
Other/Neither (Vol.)	3	2	1	3	3
Don't know	3	5	7	4	4
Refused	1	*	2	*	*
	n=374	n=441	n=442	n=449	n=747

- Q7. If the governor and state government choose not to expand Medicaid in your state, do you think voters themselves should be able to decide if your state expands Medicaid or not?

*Based on those whose state has not expanded Medicaid and think state should expand Medicaid to cover more low income uninsured people*

	11/18
Yes	87
No	8
Don't know	4
Refused	*
	n=214

Q6/Q7 Combo Table

*Based on those whose state has not expanded Medicaid*

	11/18
State should keep Medicaid as it is today	34
State should expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	59
Yes, voters themselves should be able to decide if your state expands Medicaid	51
No, voters themselves should not be able to decide if your state expands Medicaid	5
Don't know/Refused	3
Other/Neither (Vol.)	3
Don't know/Refused	5
	n=374

<sup>14</sup> October 2018 trend wording was "Under the ACA, MOST states have expanded their Medicaid program to cover more low-income people. For states that expand their Medicaid program, the federal government pays for at least 90 percent of the costs of this expansion with the state paying the rest. Do you think your state should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people)?"

<sup>15</sup> July 2018 trend wording was "Under the ACA, some states have expanded their Medicaid program to cover more low-income people. For states that expand their Medicaid program, the federal government pays for at least 90 percent of the costs of this expansion with the state paying the rest. Do you think your state should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low income uninsured people)?"

<sup>16</sup> June 2015 trend wording was "For states that expand their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults, the federal government initially pays the entire cost of this expansion, and after several years, states will pay 10 percent and the federal government will pay 90 percent. Do you think your state should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people)?"

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the 2010 health care law established protections for people with pre-existing conditions that prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person’s medical history. This may have led to increased insurance costs for some healthy people.

Q8. How important is it to you that the provision that (INSERT) remains law?

Item a: Based on Half Sample A

Item b: Based on Half Sample B

	Very/ Somewhat important (NET)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/Not at all important (NET)	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know/Refused	
a. Prohibits health insurance companies from charging sick people more								
11/18	84	62	22	13	7	6	4	n=618
08/18	91	72	19	7	4	3	2	n=616
06/18	89	72	17	9	5	4	2	n=907
b. Prohibits health insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person’s medical history								
11/18	87	65	22	12	5	7	1	n=583
08/18	90	75	15	9	4	5	2	n=585
06/18	90	76	15	8	4	4	2	n=899

READ TO ALL: As you may know, some states have filed a lawsuit challenging the 2010 health care law and the protections for people with pre-existing health conditions.

Q9. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will have to pay more for health insurance coverage if the Supreme Court overturns the health care law’s protections for people with pre-existing health conditions? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

Based on Half Sample A

	11/18	08/18
Very/Somewhat worried (NET)	64	75
Very worried	37	52
Somewhat worried	27	23
Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	35	24
Not too worried	19	12
Not at all worried	16	11
Don’t know/Refused	1	1
	n=618	n=616

Q10. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will lose health insurance coverage if the Supreme Court overturns the health care law's protections for people with pre-existing health conditions? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

Based on Half Sample B

	11/18	08/18
Very/Somewhat worried (NET)	59	61
Very worried	36	41
Somewhat worried	23	19
Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	41	39
Not too worried	18	19
Not at all worried	23	19
Don't know/Refused	*	1
	n=583	n=585

Q11. If the health care law's protections for people with pre-existing conditions are ruled unconstitutional, would you want your state to establish protections for people with pre-existing health conditions even if this means some healthy people may pay more for insurance coverage, or would you not want to see your state establish such protections?

	11/18
Yes	70
No	24
Don't know/Refused	6

Q12. During the past 30 days, did you see or hear any ads or commercials (INSERT ITEM), or not? (rotate items a & b)

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
a. From an insurance company attempting to sell health insurance			
11/18	44	54	2
11/17	41	58	1
10/17	34	64	2
11/14	48	51	2
10/14	44	55	2
09/14	41	58	1
07/14	42	57	1
04/14	46	53	1
03/14	46	53	1
02/14	51	48	1
b. That provided information about how to get health insurance under the health care law			
11/18	28	70	2
11/17	32	67	1
10/17	20	79	2
11/14	41	57	2
10/14	33	65	2
09/14	31	68	1
07/14	35	64	1
04/14	55	44	1
03/14	58	42	*
02/14	59	41	1

Q13. As you may know, the 2010 health care law required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. As far as you know, has Congress gotten rid of the penalty for not having health insurance, or not?

	11/18	03/18 <sup>17</sup>	02/18	01/18 <sup>18</sup>
Yes	31	32	41	36
No	38	46	40	49
Don't know/Refused	31	22	19	19
Don't know	31	22	19	18
Refused	*	*	*	*

AGE. What is your age?

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

RECA2 VARIABLE

	11/18
18-29	19
30-49	33
50-64	27
65+	20
Don't know/Refused	1

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])?

	11/18
Covered by health insurance	87
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know	*
Refused	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	11/18
Insured less than 65	85
Uninsured less than 65	15

<sup>17</sup> March 2018 trend wording was "As you may know, the Affordable Care Act required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. As far as you know, has Congress repealed this requirement, or not?"

<sup>18</sup> January 2018 trend wording was "As you may know, the Affordable Care Act required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. As far as you know, has Congress passed a law repealing this requirement, or not?"



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? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3].

*Based on those who are insured*

	11/18
Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	6
Medicare	22
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know	1
Refused	2
	<i>n=1,079</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

*Based on total*

	11/18
Covered by health insurance	87
Employer	33
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	5
Medicare	19
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	1

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

*Based on those ages 18-64*

	11/18
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	6
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=851</i>

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

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

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF Combo Table

*Based on those ages 18-64*

	11/18
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	6
Directly from an insurance company	1
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Through an insurance agent or broker	1
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=851</i>

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 ages 18-64 who purchased insurance through non-marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)*

COVERAGE/COVTYPE/COVSELF/COVMKT

*Based on those ages 18-64*

	11/18
Covered by health insurance (NET)	84
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	6
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	3
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	*
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	2
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=851</i>

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.

Q14. Do you happen to know the deadline for individuals to sign-up for health insurance? (OPEN-ENDED, DO NOT READ CATEGORIES. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE) [INTERVIEWER NOTE: CORRECT ANSWER IS "[INSERT CODE 1 TEXT]". CODE AS 1 IF EXPLICITLY MENTIONED OR IF RESPONDENT IS CLOSE]

	11/18	01/16 <sup>19</sup>	12/15 <sup>20</sup>	01/15	12/14
Correct answer <sup>21</sup>	21	16	7	15	4
Gave another date	6	11	22	14	36
Deadline already passed	1	15	8	17	5
There is no deadline	2	*	*	1	1
Don't know/Refused	69	58	62	53	54
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,204</i>	<i>n=1,202</i>	<i>n=1,503</i>	<i>n=1,505</i>

<sup>19</sup> January 2016, "January 31<sup>st</sup>", "end of January," or "just January were coded as correct answers.

<sup>20</sup> December 2015, January 2015, and December 2014, "February 15" "middle of February" or "February" were coded as correct responses.

<sup>21</sup> For most states, "December 15<sup>th</sup>" or "end of the year" were coded as correct answers. For those living in states where open enrollment ends on a date other than December 15<sup>th</sup>, the following responses were coded as correct: Rhode Island, "December 31" or "end of year," Minnesota, "January 13<sup>th</sup>" or "beginning of next year," California, "January 15<sup>th</sup>" or "beginning of next year," Massachusetts, "January 23<sup>rd</sup>" or "beginning of next year," DC or New York, "January 31<sup>st</sup>" or "beginning of next year."

Q15. As you may know, Congress recently passed a law that eliminates the fine for people who don't get health insurance beginning in 2019. Knowing this, do you think you will buy your own insurance in 2019, or will you choose to go without coverage?

*Based on those who are between the ages of 18 to 64 and are insured through a plan they purchased themselves or are uninsured*

	11/18
Buy my own insurance	49
Choose to go without coverage	42
Don't know/Refused	9
	<i>n=168</i>

Q16. As you may know, some insurance companies are selling a type of insurance plan called a short-term plan that would last up to 12 months and would not be renewable at the end of the year. These plans would cost significantly less but provide fewer benefits and not pay for care for some pre-existing conditions. If you had the opportunity, would you want to purchase such a plan, or would you prefer to AMONG THOSE WHO ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-64 AND ARE INSURED THROUGH A PLAN THEY PURCHASED THEMSELVES: keep the plan that you have now/ AMONG THOSE WHO ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-64 AND ARE UNINSURED: go without coverage?

*Based on those who are between the ages of 18 to 64 and are insured through a plan they purchased themselves or are uninsured*

	11/18
Would want to purchase short-term plan	21
Would prefer to keep plan that you have now/go without coverage	70
It depends (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	3
	<i>n=168</i>

Q17. As you may know, employers are required to cover the full cost of prescription birth control in their health plans. The Trump administration recently announced they would allow employers to be exempt from this, if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons. Do you (favor) or (oppose) allowing employers to be exempt from this requirement if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons? (rotate response options in parentheses)

	11/18
Favor	38
Oppose	57
Don't know/Refused	6

Q18. What if you heard that allowing employers to be exempt from these requirements would mean some women would not be able to afford birth control. Do you still favor these exemptions for employers or do you now oppose them?

*Based on those who favor allowing employers to be exempt from this requirement if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons*

	11/18
Still favor	72
Now oppose	23
Don't know/Refused	5
	<i>n=473</i>

Q17/Q18 Combo Table

*Based on total*

	11/18
Favor allowing employers to be exempt from this requirement if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons	38
Still favor if heard some women would not be able to afford birth control	27
Now oppose if heard some women would not be able to afford birth control	9
Don't know/Refused	2
Oppose allowing employers to be exempt from this requirement if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons	57
Don't know/Refused	6

Q19. What if you heard that requiring employers to cover the cost of birth control in their health plans would mean that some business owners would feel they are being forced to pay for a benefit that violates their religious or moral beliefs. Do you still oppose these exemptions for employers or do you now favor them?

*Based on those who oppose allowing employers to be exempt from this requirement if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons*

	11/18
Still oppose	84
Now favor	12
Don't know/Refused	4
	n=663

Q17/Q19 Combo Table

*Based on total*

	11/18
Favor allowing employers to be exempt from this requirement if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons	38
Oppose allowing employers to be exempt from this requirement if they object to birth control for religious or moral reasons	57
Still oppose if heard that some business owners would feel they are being forced to pay for a benefit that violates their religious or moral beliefs	47
Now favor if heard that some business owners would feel they are being forced to pay for a benefit that violates their religious or moral beliefs	7
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't know/Refused	6

Q20. Do you (favor) or (oppose) the federal government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement about how much the drug costs? (rotate items in parentheses)

	11/18	06/18
Favor	77	76
Oppose	16	17
Don't know	5	6
Refused	1	1

Q21. What if you heard that people often pay different prices for the same drug based on the type of insurance they have, so including a statement about how much the drug costs could be confusing for consumers. Do you still favor this or do you now oppose it?

*Based on those who favor having the federal government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement about how much the drug costs*

	11/18
Still favor	68
Now oppose	28
Don't know/Refused	4
	<i>n=938</i>

Q20/Q21 Combo Table

*Based on total*

	11/18
Favor the federal government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement about how much the drug costs	77
Still favor if you heard that people often pay different prices for the same drug based on the type of insurance they have, so including a statement about how much the drug costs could be confusing	53
Now oppose if you heard that people often pay different prices for the same drug based on the type of insurance they have, so including a statement about how much the drug costs could be confusing	21
Don't know/Refused	3
Oppose the federal government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement about how much the drug costs	16
Don't know/Refused	6

Q22. What if you heard that this would put pressure on prescription drug companies to lower their prices. Do you still oppose this or do you now favor it?

*Based on those who oppose allowing the federal government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement about how much the drug costs*

	11/18
Still oppose	49
Now favor	45
Don't know/Refused	6
	<i>n=186</i>

Q20/Q22 Combo Table

*Based on total*

	11/18
Favor the federal government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement about how much the drug costs	77
Oppose the federal government requiring prescription drug advertisements to include a statement about how much the drug costs	16
Still oppose if you heard that this would put pressure on prescription drug companies to lower their prices	8
Now favor if you heard that this would put pressure on prescription drug companies to lower their prices	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	6

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?

	11/18
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	-
Refused	*

PREXa. The term pre-existing condition is used to describe a medical condition that a person had before they got health insurance like a history of asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, or cancer. Would you say that you or someone else in your household have a pre-existing condition of some sort, or not?

	11/19	08/18	06/18
Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition	58	60	57
No, no one in household has pre-existing condition	41	39	42
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	*

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

	11/18
Married	46
Living with a partner	9
Widowed	7
Divorced	10
Separated	2
Never been married	25
Don't know	*
Refused	1

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today? [READ IN ORDER]

	11/18
Employed (NET)	58
Employed full-time	48
Employed part-time	11
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	3
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	5
Retired	17
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	1

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

	11/18
Republican	21
Democrat	36
Independent	29
Or what/Other/None/No preference	9
Don't know	3
Refused	2

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in same order as PARTY)

*Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat*

	11/18
Republican	26
Democratic	36
Independent/don't lean to either party (Vol.)	25
Other party (Vol.)	2
Don't know	7
Refused	4
	<i>n=487</i>

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

*Based on total*

	11/18
Republican/Lean Republican	32
Democrat/Lean Democratic	51
Pure Independent	13
Undesignated	4

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	11/18
Democrat	36
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	11
Independent Lean Republican	11
Republican	21
Undesignated	6

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

	11/18
Liberal	28
Moderate	37
Conservative	29
Don't know	5
Refused	2

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

	11/18
Yes	81
No	19
Don't know	-
Refused	*



VOTED. Thinking about the elections that took place earlier this month, 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 those who are registered to vote*

	11/18
Yes, voted	81
No, did not vote	19
Don't know	*
Refused	*
	<i>n=1,026</i>

Vote18. In your district, did you happen to vote for (the Democratic candidate), (the Republican candidate), or someone else? (rotate items in parentheses)

*Based on those who are registered to vote and voted in the election*

	11/18
The Democratic candidate	53
The Republican candidate	31
Someone else	7
Don't know	4
Refused	5
	<i>n=872</i>

Voted/Vote18

*Based on those who are registered to vote*

	11/18
Yes, voted	81
Voted for Democratic candidate	43
Voted for Republican candidate	25
Voted for someone else	6
Don't know/Refused	7
No, did not vote	19
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=1,026</i>

Rvote/Voted/Vote18

*Based on total*

	11/18
Yes, registered to vote	81
Yes, voted	66
Voted for Democratic candidate	35
Voted for Republican candidate	20
Voted for someone else	5
Don't know/Refused	6
No, did not vote	15
Don't know/Refused	*
No, not registered to vote	19
Don't know/Refused	*

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)?]

	11/18
Approve (NET)	37
Strongly approve	23
Somewhat approve	14
Disapprove (NET)	58
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	48
Don't know/Refused	5

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? [DO NOT READ LIST] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

	11/18
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)	5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	29
Some college (NET)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad+ (NET)	31
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	16
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	13
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?

	11/18
Yes	16
No	83
Don't know	1
Refused	*

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? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 97)

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

*Based on total*

	11/18
White, non-Hispanic	62
Total non-White	38
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	16
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	3

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States (IF HISPANIC=1 INSERT, on the island of Puerto Rico), or in another country?

*Based on Hispanics*

	11/18
U.S.	48
Puerto Rico	2
Another country	47
Don't know	1
Refused	1
	<i>n=158</i>

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2017 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ LIST]

	11/18
Less than \$20,000	14
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	19
Don't know/Refused	12



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