

Topline

Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: January 2016

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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 January 13-19, 2016, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,204 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 (481) and cell phone (723, including 416 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 2014 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), 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 2015 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	1204	±3 percentage points
Registered Voters		
Total RV	1007	±4 percentage points
Democrat RV	325	±6 percentage points
Republican RV	283	±7 percentage points
Independent RV	333	±6 percentage points

QUESTIONS 1-14 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

- 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	23
30-49	32
50-64	27
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	*

- 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	87
Not covered by health insurance	12
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=1,093)

Plan through your employer	36
Plan through your spouse's employer	12
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	20
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2

15. 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, Q15 based on those ages 18-64 (n=881)

	01/16
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from an insurance company	2
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	12
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

16. 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, Q15, and Q16 based on those ages 18-64 (n=881)

	01/16
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	36
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	8
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	1
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	2
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	*

QUESTIONS 17-32 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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

- D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	50
Female	50

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

Excellent/very good/good (NET)	78
Excellent	19
Very good	31
Good	28
Only fair/poor (NET)	22
Only fair	16
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Married	46
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	6
Divorced	10
Separated	4
Never been married	25
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Employed full-time	44
Employed part-time	13
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	4
A student	5
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	5
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

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

Republican	24
Democrat	31
Independent	35
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	7
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	40
Democrat/Lean Democratic	48
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	12

Five-Point Party ID

Democrat	31
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	12
Independent Lean Republican	16
Republican	24
Undesignated	*

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

Liberal	27
Moderate	33
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	5

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

Yes	78
No	21
Don't know/Refused	1

D10. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

Based on registered voters (n=1,007)

	01/16
Absolutely certain to vote	78
Probably vote	11
Chances 50-50	8
Less than that	2
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
Summary D9 and D10 based on total	
	01/16
Yes, registered to vote	78
Absolutely certain to vote	61
Probably vote	8
Chances 50-50	6
Less than that	2
Don't think will vote (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*
No, not registered	21
Don't know/Refused	1

QUESTIONS 33-34 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

35. And, which matters more to you in who you choose to vote for president? (READ IN ORDER)

	01/16 Total	01/16 RV
A candidate who has announced detailed plans to address the issues you care about	56	55
A candidate with whom you agree with their general values and their approach to government, but who may not have a detailed plan to address the issues you care about	39	40
Other/Neither (VOL.)	2	2
Don't know/Refused	3	2

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)	7
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	20
Two year associate degree from a college/university	11
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	10
Don't know/Refused	1

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	3
Undesignated	2

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

Based on Hispanics (n=129)

U.S.	43
Puerto Rico	6
Another country	48
Don't know/Refused	3

D14. Last year—that is, in 2015—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	19
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	3
\$100,000 or more	16
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9

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



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