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## *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: October 2015*

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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 October 14-20, 2015, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,203 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 (722, including 433 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 2013 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 July-December 2014 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	1,203	±3 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	358	±6 percentage points
Republicans	288	±7 percentage points
Independents	405	±6 percentage points
<b>Insurance Status</b>		
Insured, ages 18-64	755	±4 percentage points
Employer-Sponsored Insurance, ages 18-64	448	±5 percentage points
Uninsured, ages 18-64	102	±10 percentage points
<b>Overall ACA Opinion</b>		
Favorable	491	±5 percentage points
Unfavorable	536	±5 percentage points
<b>Half Samples</b>		
Half sample A	604	±5 percentage points
Half sample B	599	±5 percentage points

All trends shown in this document come from Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:

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

03/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public on Prescription Drugs and Pharmaceutical Companies* (January 3-23, 2008)

1. 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
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
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

<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...”

Q.1 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
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

2. Is your impression of the health care law based mainly on (your own experience), (what you've seen and heard from the media), (what you've learned from friends and family), or some other source? (READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	10/15	06/15	01/15	02/14	02/13
Your own experience	35	30	28	23	22
What you've seen and heard from the media <sup>3</sup>	30	35	40	44	45
What you've learned from friends and family	24	19	21	18	14
Some other source	4	5	3	5	11
All/Combination (VOL.)	2	2	1	3	--
Internet/Online research/Website (VOL.)	1	2	2	2	--
Don't know/Refused	5	8	4	5	8

3. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? Expand what the law does, move forward with implementing the law as it is, scale back what the law does, (or) repeal the entire law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	Expand law	Implement law as is	Scale back law	Repeal law	(Vol.) None/Other	Don't know/Refused
10/15	28	16	11	32	5	7
09/15	25	18	11	31	5	9
08/15	28	22	12	28	4	5
06/29/15	25	22	12	27	5	7
06/09/15	24	19	12	29	7	10
04/15	24	22	12	29	5	8
03/15	23	23	10	30	7	7
01/15	23	19	14	32	5	7
12/14	24	21	12	31	4	7
11/14	22	20	17	29	5	8

<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?)"

<sup>3</sup> June 2015 and earlier trend wording for this option was "What you've seen and heard on television, radio, and newspapers".

4. Do you think Congress should (repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative) or should they (repeal the law and not replace it)?

*Based on those who say Congress should repeal the health care law*

	10/15	09/15	08/15
Repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative	32	34	44
Repeal the law and not replace it	45	43	40
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	16	17	12
Don't know/Refused	7	7	4
	(n=407)	(n=405)	(n=364)

Summary Q3 and Q4 based on total

	10/15	09/15	08/15
Repeal the entire law	32	31	28
Repeal and replace with a Republican-sponsored alternative	10	11	12
Repeal and not replace	15	13	11
None/Something else (VOL.)	5	5	3
Don't know/Refused	2	2	1
Expand what the law does	28	25	28
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	16	18	22
Scale back what the law does	11	11	12
None/Something else (VOL.)	5	5	4
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	9	5

5. Which comes closer to your view? (READ AND ROTATE)

	10/15	06/15	01/15	03/14
I'm tired of hearing about the debate over the health care law and I think the country should focus more on other issues (or)	44	45	45	53
I think it is important for the country to continue the debate over the health care law (or)	50	49	50	42
Don't know/Refused	5	7	5	6

6. I'm going to read you some different things the President and Congress might do when it comes to health care. As I read each one, tell me if you think that should be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important or should it not be done?

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)? Should that be a top priority, important but not a top priority, not too important or should it not be done?

<i>Items a-g based on half sample A</i>			Top	Imp. but	Not	Should not	Don't	
<i>Items h-m based on half sample B</i>			priority	not top	too	be done	know/ Refused	N
a.	Making information about the price of doctors' visits, tests, and procedures such as hip replacements and MRIs more available to patients							
		10/15	56	32	9	2	2	604
		04/15 <sup>4</sup>	55	35	5	3	2	726
b.	Reducing the amount of financial assistance available to help people buy health insurance in order to save the government money							
		10/15	29	26	10	31	4	604
c.	Repealing the requirement that employers with 100 or more workers pay a fine if they don't offer health insurance							
		10/15	38	28	9	20	4	604
		04/15	39	25	11	22	3	726
d.	Government action to lower prescription drug prices							
		10/15	63	24	6	6	1	604
		04/15	60	28	6	5	1	726
e.	Protecting people from being charged high prices when they visit hospitals or outpatient clinics covered by their health plan but are seen by a doctor not covered by their plan							
		10/15	56	28	7	5	3	604
		04/15 <sup>5</sup>	56	29	6	6	4	726
f.	Making sure health plans have sufficient provider networks of doctors and hospitals							
		10/15	58	30	5	5	2	604
		04/15 <sup>6</sup>	55	31	5	4	4	726
g.	Repealing the entire health care law							
		10/15	37	21	7	32	4	604
		04/15	36	18	10	34	3	726
h.	Helping people with moderate incomes pay high out-of-pocket costs for medical care							
		10/15	48	34	7	10	2	599
		04/15	44	32	7	14	3	726
i.	Making information comparing the quality of health care provided by doctors and hospitals more available to patients							
		10/15	53	37	7	2	*	599
		04/15	54	35	7	3	2	780
j.	Repealing the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance or else pay a fine							
		10/15	38	23	12	24	3	599
		04/15	37	19	10	31	3	780

<sup>4</sup> Trend wording for this item was "Making information about the price of doctors' visits, procedures, and tests, such as hip replacements and MRIs more available to patients".

<sup>5</sup> Trend wording for this item was "Protecting people from being charged high prices when they visit hospitals covered by their health plan but are seen by a doctor not covered by their plan".

<sup>6</sup> Trend wording for this item was "Making sure health plans have sufficient provider networks".

Q.6 continued

		Top priority	Imp. but not top	Not too imp.	Should not be done	Don't know/ Refused	N
k.	Making sure that high-cost drugs for chronic conditions, such as HIV, hepatitis, mental illness and cancer, are affordable to those who need them						
		10/15	77	20	1	1	599
		04/15	76	20	1	2	780
l.	Making information about what doctors and hospitals are covered under different health insurance plans more available						
		10/15	50	41	7	2	599
		04/15	54	31	8	5	780
m.	Eliminating a tax on higher cost employer-sponsored health plans, also called Cadillac plans, that helps pay for the health care law						
		10/15	30	34	12	13	599
		04/15 <sup>7</sup>	26	31	14	18	780

7. In the past 6 months, have you been personally contacted by anyone about the health care law through a phone call, email, text message, or door to door visit, or not?

	10/15	01/15	12/14	11/14	10/14	03/14	02/14	09/13	08/13
Yes, been contacted about the health care law	11	14	12	15	14	12	13	9	10
No, have not been contacted about the health care law	89	85	87	85	86	88	87	91	90
Don't know/Refused	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	*

8. As you may know, under the health care law there are specific open enrollment periods each year when individuals can sign up for new insurance or change their current health insurance plans. Do you happen to know when the next open enrollment period begins? (OPEN-ENDED, DO NOT READ CATEGORIES. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

	10/15
November 1 <sup>st</sup> 2015, early November, or just "November"	17
Some other time in 2015 or sometime this year	13
2016 or later or sometime next year	10
Enrollment period already passed	2
Can enroll anytime	1
Don't know/Refused	56

9. As far as you know, do people who get health insurance through the marketplaces created by the health care law (have a choice between private health plans) or do they (enroll in a single government health plan)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	10/15	01/15	12/14	07/14 <sup>8</sup>
Have a choice between private health plans	54	62	62	37
Enroll in a single government plan	18	21	24	26
Don't know/Refused	28	17	14	38

<sup>7</sup> Trend wording for this item was "Eliminating a tax on the most expensive employer-sponsored health plans, also called Cadillac plans, that helps pay for the health care law".

<sup>8</sup> July 2014 trend wording was "As far as you know, did people who got new health insurance under the health care law (have a choice between private health plans) or did they (enroll in a single government health plan)?"

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

10. Next, please tell me how closely you have followed these stories that have been in the news recently. (First/Next,) (INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/Refused
a. Controversy about Planned Parenthood	10/15	31	26	18	24	1
	09/15	35	25	19	20	1
	08/15	27	30	19	24	1
b. The 2016 presidential campaigns	10/15	36	31	18	14	1
	09/15	40	34	12	13	1
	08/15	33	36	17	13	1
	06/29/15	22	32	22	22	1
	06/09/15	25	31	18	26	1
c. Rising prescription drug costs	10/15	25	24	25	25	*
d. Coverage of problems related to the Veterans Affairs, or V.A., health care system	10/15	26	24	23	27	1
e. Republican search for a new Speaker of the House, following Speaker Boehner's resignation	10/15	20	25	21	34	*
f. Mergers involving major health insurance companies and providers	10/15	10	18	30	41	1
g. The Pope's visit to Cuba and the United States	10/15	22	28	23	26	1
h. Damage caused by Hurricane Joaquin	10/15	14	24	28	34	1
i. Russia's military intervention in Syria	10/15	27	28	22	23	*
j. Debates about gun control after recent campus shootings	10/15	43	29	16	11	1



ROTATE Q11 AND Q12

11. Do you think there are major differences, minor differences, or no differences between the Republican presidential candidates on health care issues?

	10/15
Major differences	39
Minor differences	34
No differences	13
Don't know/Refused	14

ROTATE Q11 AND Q12

12. Do you think there are major differences, minor differences, or no differences between the Democratic presidential candidates on health care issues?

	10/15
Major differences	33
Minor differences	35
No differences	17
Don't know/Refused	15

READ: Now, thinking about prescription drugs...

13A. How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over what drugs doctors prescribe - a lot of influence, some influence, only a little influence or no influence at all?

*Based on half sample A (n=604)*

	10/15
A lot of influence	67
Some influence	21
Only a little influence	7
No influence at all	3
Don't know/ Refused	2

13B. How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over what drugs your doctor prescribes - a lot of influence, some influence, only a little influence or no influence at all?

*Based on half sample B (n=599)*

	10/15
A lot of influence	64
Some influence	23
Only a little influence	8
No influence at all	3
Don't know/ Refused	2

14. Do you favor or oppose requiring the Food and Drug Administration to review prescription drug advertisements for accuracy and clarity before they can be aired to the public?

	10/15
Favor	89
Oppose	9
Don't know/ Refused	2

- 15A. Do you think the Food and Drug Administration SHOULD or SHOULD NOT approve a drug that is found to work and be safe even if it is more expensive and no more effective than existing treatments?

*Based on half sample A (n=604)*

	10/15
FDA should approve new drug	54
FDA should not approve new drug	42
Don't know/ Refused	4

- 15B. Do you think the Food and Drug Administration SHOULD or SHOULD NOT approve a drug that is found to work and be safe even if it is no more effective than existing treatments?

*Based on half sample B (n=599)*

	10/15
FDA should approve new drug	69
FDA should not approve new drug	26
Don't know/ Refused	6

16. I'd like your opinion of current government regulation of prescription drugs in some different areas. First, how about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-b, ALWAYS ASK c LAST)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Is there too much regulation in this area, not as much as there should be, or about the right amount of regulation?

		Too much regulation	Not as much as there should be	Right amount	Don't know/ Refused
a. Making sure prescription drugs are safe for people to use	10/15	8	47	42	4
	06/15	9	39	47	5
	03/08	8	44	47	2
b. Making sure that statements about benefits and possible side effects made in advertisements for prescription drugs are accurate and not misleading	10/15	7	43	45	5
	06/15 <sup>9</sup>	10	36	47	7
	03/08	6	43	48	2
c. Limiting the price of prescription drugs	10/15	13	62	20	5
	06/15	12	53	28	7
	03/08	11	64	21	4

17. Have you seen or heard any advertisements for prescription drugs, or not?

	10/15	03/08
Yes, have	82	91
No, have not	18	9
Don't know/ Refused	1	*

<sup>9</sup> Trend wording for this item was "Making sure that statements about benefits and possible side effects made in advertisements for prescription drugs are not misleading".

18. On balance, do you think prescription drug advertising is mostly a (good) thing, or mostly a (bad) thing? (RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	10/15	03/08
Mostly a good thing	51	50
Mostly a bad thing	39	40
Neither/Both (VOL.)	6	4
Don't know/ Refused	4	2

19. We'd like you to rate the job these advertisements for prescription medicines generally do in telling you about each of the following. What about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (INTERVIEWER READ FIRST TIME, THEN AS NECESSARY: Do these advertisements do an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or poor job of telling you about this?)

		Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	Don't know/ Refused
a. The potential benefits you might experience	10/15	10	37	34	16	3
	03/08	12	44	34	9	1
b. The potential side effects you might experience	10/15	11	33	33	20	3
	03/08	9	36	34	19	2
c. What condition or disease the drug is designed to treat	10/15	11	39	34	13	3
	03/08	10	44	34	11	1
d. How effective the drug is in treating a specific condition compared to other treatments	10/15	4	20	38	35	4
	10/15	2	9	20	65	4

20. As a result of seeing an ad for a prescription medicine, have you ever talked with a doctor about the specific medicine you saw or heard advertised, or not?

	10/15	03/08
Yes, have	28	32
No, have not	71	68
Don't know/ Refused	1	--

21. When you talked to your doctor about a prescription medicine you saw advertised please tell me if your doctor did any of the following. Did your doctor (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SEEMS CONFUSED AND SAYS THERE WERE MULTIPLE TIMES THEY ASKED THEIR DOCTOR ABOUT DRUGS THEY SAW ADVERTISED, ASK THEM TO THINK ABOUT THE LAST TIME THEY DID THIS.)

*Based on total who have ever talked with a doctor about specific medicine they've seen/heard advertised*

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused	N
a. Give you the prescription drug you asked about	10/15	44	52	3	340
	03/08	44	53	2	547
b. Recommend a different prescription drug	10/15	49	47	4	340
	03/08	54	44	2	547
c. Recommend an over-the-counter drug	10/15	39	60	1	340
	03/08	30	69	1	547
d. Recommend that you make changes in your behavior or lifestyle	10/15	54	45	1	340
	03/08	57	43	*	547

Summary of Q20 and Q21 based on total

	10/15	03/08
Have ever talked with a doctor about specific medicine you've seen/heard advertised	28	32
Doctor recommended that you make changes in your behavior or lifestyle	15	18
Doctor recommended a different prescription drug	14	17
Doctor gave you the Rx drug you asked about	12	14
Doctor recommended an over-the-counter drug	11	9
Have never talked with a doctor about specific medicine you've seen/heard advertised	71	68
Don't know/Refused	1	--

22. Do you think pharmaceutical companies spend (too much), (too little), or about the right amount of money on advertising to patients? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on half sample A*

	10/15	03/08
Too much	57	60
Too little	13	6
About the right amount	25	30
Don't know/ Refused	5	4
	(n=604)	(n=849)

23. Do you think pharmaceutical companies spend (too much), (too little), or about the right amount of money on marketing their products to doctors? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on half sample B*

	10/15	03/08
Too much	62	51
Too little	8	7
About the right amount	21	35
Don't know/ Refused	9	7
	(n=599)	(n=846)

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

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)

	10/15
18-29	21
30-49	33
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])?

	10/15
Covered by health insurance	87
Not covered by health insurance	13
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=1,085)*

	10/15
Plan through your employer	37
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	10
Medicare	20
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	11
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1

24. 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, Q24 based on those ages 18-64 (n=859)

	10/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	37
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	-
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

25. 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, Q24, and Q25 based on those ages 18-64 (n=859)

	10/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	37
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	6
Marketplace plan	2
Non-marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Medicare	6
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

26. How long have you been uninsured – less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=102)*

	10/15
Less than 3 months	19
3 months to less than a year	25
1 year to less than 2 years	4
2 years or more	51
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary of D4 and Q26 based on those ages 18-64 (n=859)

	10/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Not covered by health insurance	14
Less than 3 months	3
3 months to less than a year	4
1 year to less than 2 years	1
2 years or more	7
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	*

27. Do you plan to get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE ONCE: We realize there is still some uncertainty, but if you had to say now, do you think you will get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured*

	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured	Don't know/Refused	N
10/15	49	44	6	102
04/15	55	42	4	111
03/15	51	44	5	133
01/15	56	39	5	149
12/14	57	35	8	131
11/14	49	41	10	154
10/14	59	38	3	145
02/14	49	44	7	137
01/14	50	40	10	173
11/13	58	34	8	151
08/13	58	32	10	178

Summary of D4 and Q27 based on those ages 18-64

	Covered	----- Not covered (NET) -----				Don't know/Refused	N
		Not Covered (NET)	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured	DK/Ref.		
10/15	85	14	7	6	1	*	859
04/15	86	13	7	6	*	*	1,096
03/15	85	15	7	6	1	1	1,132
01/15	82	17	10	7	1	1	1,077
12/14	84	15	9	5	1	1	1,099
11/14	81	18	9	7	2	1	1,027
10/14	83	17	10	6	1	1	1,061
02/14	83	16	8	7	1	1	1,054
01/14	81	19	9	7	2	*	1,122
11/13	79	21	12	7	2	*	843
08/13	80	20	11	6	2	*	1,101

28. Which of the following types of health plans would you prefer: (A health plan with a lower monthly cost but higher out of pocket costs when using health care services), or (A health plan with a higher monthly cost but lower out of pocket costs when using health care services )? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	10/15
A health plan with a lower monthly cost but higher out of pocket costs when using health care services	37
A health plan with a higher monthly cost but lower out of pocket costs when using health care services	53
Don't know/ Refused	10

29. If your employer began offering less generous health insurance benefits with more cost sharing for you, do you think they would use the savings to increase your wages, or do you think it would not impact your wages?

*Based on those with employer-sponsored insurance ages 18-64 (n=448)*

	10/15
Would increase your wages	20
Would not impact your wages	76
Don't know/ Refused	5

30. In general, how (easy) or (difficult) is it for you and your family to afford [INSERT AND RANDOMIZE] – (very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult)/ (very difficult, somewhat difficult, somewhat easy or very easy)? How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? [READ IF NECESSARY: Is it (very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult)/ (very difficult, somewhat difficult, somewhat easy or very easy) for you and your family to afford this?] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	(Vol.) N/A	Don't know/ Refused
a. Food	35	33	21	10	*	1
b. Health care	27	28	24	18	2	1
c. Gasoline or other transportation costs	31	35	21	9	4	1
d. Your rent or mortgage	24	28	22	13	12	1
e. Your monthly utilities, like electricity, heat, and phone bills	27	32	25	13	2	1



31. Do you currently take any prescription medicine or not?

	10/15	08/15	06/09/15	03/08
Yes, take	51	54	50	54
No, do not take	49	46	49	45
Don't know/ Refused	*	*	*	*

32. How many different prescription drugs do you take?

*Based on those who take Rx medicine*

	10/15	08/15	03/08
1	23	23	28
2	20	22	20
3	12	16	16
4 or more	43	37	35
Don't Know/ Refused	1	2	1
	(n=675)	(n=743)	(n=1,029)

Summary of Q31 and Q32 based on total

	10/15	08/15	03/08
Take Rx medicine	51	54	54
1	12	13	15
2	10	12	11
3	6	8	9
4 or more	22	20	19
Don't take Rx medicine	49	46	45
Don't know/Refused	*	*	*

D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	49
Female	51

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

Excellent	21
Very good	30
Good	29
Only fair	15
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

D2a. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

Yes	20
No	79
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Married	48
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	6
Divorced	10
Separated	3
Never been married	24
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	11
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	3
A student	6
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	6
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

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

Republican	22
Democrat	30
Independent	35
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	9
Don't know/Refused	5

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	35
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	19

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Democrat	30
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	18
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	22
Undesignated	1

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

Liberal	23
Moderate	34
Conservative	37
Don't know/Refused	7

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

Yes	74
No	25
Don't know/Refused	1

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)	4
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	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
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	65
Total non-White	33
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
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=143)*

U.S.	44
Puerto Rico	6
Another country	50
Don't know/Refused	--

D14. Last year—that is, in 2014—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	20
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	6
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	14
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11

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



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