

Topline

# KFF Health Tracking Poll – February 2020

## METHODOLOGY

This *KFF Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted February 13th -18th, 2020, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,207 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). The sample included 290 respondents reached by calling back respondents that had previously completed an interview on the KFF Tracking poll at least nine months ago. Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (302) and cell phone (905, including 629 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 (25% 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 ( $n=10$ ). 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 2018 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 2018 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	1,207	±3 percentage points
<b>Party Identification</b>		
Democrats	383	±6 percentage points
Republicans	346	±6 percentage points
Independents	347	±6 percentage points
<b>Registered voters</b>		
Democratic voters	333	±6 percentage points
Republican voters	305	±6 percentage points
Independent voters	280	±7 percentage points
Swing voters	268	±7 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 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)
- 06/15M&M: Kaiser Family Foundation Medicare and Medicaid at 50 (conducted April 23-May 31, 2015)

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)

RECAGE2 VARIABLE

	2/20
18-29	20
30-49	33
50-64	23
65+	20
Don't know/Refused	4

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])?

	2/20
Covered by health insurance	85
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know	*
Refused	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	2/20
Insured less than 65	83
Uninsured less than 65	17
	<i>n = 817</i>

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

	2/20
Yes	77
No	22
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q1. If you had to pick one thing that will motivate you to vote in the presidential election in 2020, what would you say it is?

*Based on those who are registered to vote*

	2/20
Defeat Trump/elect a Democrat	20
To Re-elect Trump/Don't want a democrat (NET)	10
To re-elect Trump/happy with Trump/make America great again/MAGA	6
Don't want Democrat/want Republican	4
Trump not getting respect/constant bashing by the Democrats and news media/impeachment without merit	*
Health Care (NET)	8
Health care (general)	5
Health care costs	1
National health plan/Medicare for all	1
Increasing health care access and health reform (general)	1
The economy	8
It's my civic duty/always vote/to make my voice heard	6
Strong, honest leader	5
If there is a good/better candidate/a candidate worth voting for/to vote for who I think is the best person/who matches my beliefs/views (general)	4
A candidate that will help all Americans (NET)	3
A candidate that will help those who need help/misc. types of people who need help (single parents, farmers, etc.)	1
Want a moderate candidate/a candidate that will work with both parties	1
A president for the people/someone who will work for the American people	1
To get rid of career politicians/to drain the swamp/there should be term limits	*
A candidate for the middle class/working man	*
If there is a good/better Democratic candidate/not happy with all of the Democratic candidates	*
Foreign policy	2
Gun rights/gun control	2
Abortion	2
Immigration	2
Education (better/more affordable)	2
The environment/climate change	2
To vote against socialism	1
Corruption/greed/politicians lining their own pockets	1
Change/a candidate willing to make changes	1
Lower taxes/tax cuts	1
Preserving freedoms/less government involvement	1
A candidate that upholds the constitution	1
Reducing government assistance/hold people accountable who shouldn't get assistance/welfare reform	*
Socialism/economic fairness/moral issues	*
Other	11
Don't Know/Refused (NET)	6
Don't Know	5
Refused	1
	<i>n=998</i>

Q2. How important will each of the following issues be in making your decision about who to vote for in this year’s presidential election? Will (INSERT ITEM) be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important in your decision about who to vote for in the presidential election? (scramble items a-g)

*Based on those who are registered voters (n=998)*

	Very/ Somewhat important (NET)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/not at all important (NET)	Not too important	Not at all important	Don’t plan to vote (Vol.)	Don’t Know/ Refused (NET)
a. Health care 2/20	89	63	25	11	6	5	-	*
b. The economy 2/20	92	67	25	8	6	2	*	*
c. Climate change 2/20	65	43	22	34	15	20	*	*
d. Immigration 2/20	81	49	31	19	12	7	*	*
e. Taxes 2/20	86	49	37	13	9	4	*	*
f. International trade and tariffs 2/20	80	34	46	19	13	6	*	1
g. Foreign policy and national security 2/20	92	60	32	7	5	3	*	*

Q3. Of the issues you said were very important, which one would you say will be the MOST important in deciding your vote for president this year? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R GIVES MORE THAN ONE ANSWER, SAY: “I understand, but which ONE would you say will be the MOST important in deciding your vote for president this year?”) (scramble a-g in same order as Q2)

Q2/Q3. Most Important Issue for Vote Decision

*Based on those who are registered voters*

	2/20
Health care	26
The economy	23
Climate change	14
Foreign policy and national security	13
Immigration	9
Taxes	7
International trade and tariffs	2
None of these	4
Something else	1
Don’t know/Refused	1
	<i>n=998</i>

Q4. When you say health care is one of the most important issues in making your decision about who to vote for president this year, what specifically do you mean? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: Probe for clarity. If R says ACA, Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare ASK: does that mean repealing, maintaining, improving? If R says Medicare, ASK: does that mean protecting or cutting spending?)

Table I

*Based on total voters who named health care as an important issue in deciding vote for president this year*

	2/20
Health care costs (NET)	27
Health care costs	17
Cost/affordability (non-specific/general)	6
Prescription drug costs	4
Increasing access (NET)	25
Increasing access to health care	20
Universal coverage	3
Decreasing number of uninsured	2
Against single-payer/Medicare-for-all (NET)	13
Happy with/being able to keep my insurance/maintain current private insurance system/free market system/be able to make own choices	5
Against single payer/Medicare-for-all/government healthcare	5
Who will pay for Medicare-for-all/don't want to pay for others who don't pay their fair share/don't want my costs/taxes going up	3
In favor of single-payer/Medicare-for-all (NET)	5
In favor of single-payer/Medicare-for-all	5
Medicare/senior concerns	5
Concern about quality of coverage/care	5
Improving/implementing the ACA	3
Improving health care (general)	2
Opposition to/repealing the ACA	1
Pre-existing conditions	1
Nothing, not an issue	1
Medicaid	*
Obamacare/ACA (non-specific repeal or improve)	*
Other	8
Don't Know/Refused (NET)	4
Don't Know	3
Refused	1
	<i>n=866</i>

Table II

*Based on those who are registered voters*

	2/20
Health Care most important issue (NET)	89
Health care costs (NET)	24
Health care costs	15
Cost/affordability (non-specific/general)	6
Prescription drug costs	4
Increasing access (NET)	22
Increasing access to health care	18
Universal coverage	3
Decreasing number of uninsured	2
Against single-payer/Medicare-for-all (NET)	11
Happy with/being able to keep my insurance/maintain current private insurance system/free market system/be able to make own choices	4
Against single payer/Medicare-for-all/government healthcare	4
Who will pay for Medicare-for-all/don't want to pay for others who don't pay their fair share/don't want my costs/taxes going up	2
In favor of single-payer/Medicare-for-all (NET)	4
In favor of single-payer/Medicare-for-all	4
Medicare/senior concerns	4
Concern about quality of coverage/care	4
Improving/implementing the ACA	2
Improving health care (general)	2
Opposition to/repealing the ACA	1
Pre-existing conditions	1
Nothing, not an issue	*
Medicaid	*
Obamacare/ACA (non-specific repeal or improve)	*
Other	7
Don't Know/Refused (NET)	3
Don't Know	3
Refused	1
Health Care not most important issue	11
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	-
Don't know	-
Refused	*
	<i>n=998</i>

Table III

Based on health care voters (those who named health care as the most important issue)

	2/20
Health care costs (NET)	30
Health care costs	17
Cost/affordability (non-specific/general)	8
Prescription drug costs	5
Increasing access (NET)	27
Increasing access to health care	21
Universal coverage	4
Decreasing number of uninsured	3
Against single-payer/Medicare-for-all (NET)	8
Happy with/being able to keep my insurance/maintain current private insurance system/free market system/be able to make own choices	8
Against single payer/Medicare-for-all/government healthcare	8
Who will pay for Medicare-for-all/don't want to pay for others who don't pay their fair share/don't want my costs/taxes going up	7
In favor of single-payer/Medicare-for-all (NET)	4
In favor of single-payer/Medicare-for-all	2
Medicare/senior concerns	1
Concern about quality of coverage/care	*
Improving/implementing the ACA	3
Improving health care (general)	2
Opposition to/repealing the ACA	*
Pre-existing conditions	*
Nothing, not an issue	*
Other	9
Don't Know/Refused (NET)	2
Don't Know	2
Refused	-
	<i>n</i> =236



Q5. Thinking about the upcoming presidential election, do you think you are definitely going to vote for President Trump, probably going to vote for President Trump, probably going to vote for the Democratic nominee, or are you definitely going to vote for the Democratic nominee?(rotate1-4, 4-1)

*Based on those who are registered voters*

	02/20	07/19	06/19
Definitely going to vote for President Trump	28	30	27
Definitely going to vote for the Democratic nominee	39	35	33
Swing voters (NET)	28	28	32
Probably going to vote for President Trump	10	10	9
Probably going to vote for the Democratic nominee	11	12	14
Undecided (Vol.)	7	7	9
Vote for someone else (Vol.)	1	2	2
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	2	1	1
Don't know/Refused	2	5	4
	<i>n=998</i>	<i>n=1,010</i>	<i>n=1,020</i>

Q6. In selecting a presidential nominee for the Democratic Party, which of the following is MOST important to you? (rotate 1-2)

Table I

*Based on those who are registered voters and say they plan to vote for the Democratic nominee or are undecided*

	2/20
Option A: A candidate who comes closest to your views on issues	52
Option B: A candidate with the best chance to defeat President Trump	45
Something else	1
Don't know	2
Refused	2
	<i>n=544</i>

Table II

*Based on those who are registered voters and say they plan to vote for the Democratic nominee*

	2/20
Option A: A candidate who comes closest to your views on issues	47
Option B: A candidate with the best chance to defeat President Trump	51
Something else	*
Don't know	2
Refused	*
	<i>N=470</i>

EVOTE. Compared to previous presidential elections, this year are you (more) enthusiastic about voting than usual, (less) enthusiastic, or about the same as in previous elections? (rotate items in parentheses)

*Based on respondents who are registered to vote*

	02/20	10/18 <sup>1</sup>	07/18	06/18	04/18	09/14
More enthusiastic	46	42	36	35	35	20
Less enthusiastic	9	12	14	13	11	20
About the same as previous elections	44	43	49	50	53	57
Don't plan to vote (Vol.)	*	*	*	-	*	1
Don't know/Refused	*	2	1	2	1	2
	<i>n=998</i>	<i>n=949</i>	<i>n=927</i>	<i>n=1,177</i>	<i>n=1,655</i>	<i>n=1,239</i>

Read to all registered to vote: Moving onto another topic.

<sup>1</sup> Question wording 10/18 and prior: Compared to previous elections, this year are you (more) enthusiastic about voting than usual, (less) enthusiastic, or about the same as in previous elections?

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
02/20	24	31	14	23	9
01/20	28	25	11	26	10
11/19	26	26	12	29	7
10/19	30	21	12	28	8
09/19	29	24	15	26	7
07/19	26	22	12	29	12
06/19	27	19	13	27	12
04/19	29	21	11	27	13
03/19	27	23	11	28	11
02/19	28	22	12	25	12
01/19	29	22	12	28	10
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	8
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>2</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

<sup>2</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
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>3</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>4</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>5</sup>	23	23	10	30	14

<sup>3</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>4</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>5</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?)”

(Rotate M4ALL with PUBLICOPTION)

M4ALL. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	Strongly/ Somewhat favor (NET)	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat/ Strongly oppose (NET)	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused	
02/20	52	29	22	44	13	31	5	n=1,207
01/20	56	32	23	41	11	30	4	n=1,212
11/19	53	31	22	43	10	33	4	n=1,205
10/19	51	30	21	47	11	35	2	n=1,205
09/19	53	31	21	45	12	33	2	n=1,205
07/19 <sup>6</sup>	51	29	21	42	9	34	7	n=608
04/19	56	36	20	38	10	28	6	n=1,203
03/19	56	35	21	39	8	30	5	n=1,211
02/19	57	33	24	37	11	26	6	n=1,440
01/19	56	34	22	42	10	32	2	n=1,190
03/18	59	37	22	38	10	28	3	n=1,212
09/17	55	33	22	43	12	31	3	n=581
06/17	57	34	23	38	12	26	5	n=611

PUBLICOPTION. Do you (favor) or (oppose) having a government-administered health plan, sometimes called a public option, that would compete with private health insurance plans and be available to all Americans? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)?) (rotate items in parentheses)

	2/20	1/20	11/19	10/19	9/19	7/19 <sup>7</sup>
Strongly/Somewhat Favor (NET)	66	68	65	73	69	65
Strongly favor	30	36	37	46	38	40
Somewhat favor	36	31	29	27	31	26
Somewhat/Strongly Oppose (NET)	29	28	29	24	28	31
Somewhat oppose	10	12	9	7	9	10
Strongly oppose	19	17	20	17	19	21
Don't know/Refused	5	4	6	3	3	4
	n=1,207	n=1,212	n=1,205	n=1,205	n=1,205	n=588

Q7. If you had to choose one, which health care plan would you prefer? (READ LIST)

*Based on those who favor Medicare-for-all and public option*

	2/20
A national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from a single government plan	50
A government administered health plan, sometimes called a public option, that would compete with private insurance plans and be available to all Americans	42
Both	2
Neither	1
Don't know	4
Refused	1
	n=450

<sup>6</sup>July 2019 trend was asked of half sample A.

<sup>7</sup>July 2019 trend was asked of half sample B.

Favor Medicare-for-all (NET)	30
Only favor Medicare-for-all	8
Prefer Medicare-for-all over public option	22
Favor public option (NET)	41
Only favor public option	23
Prefer public option over Medicare-for-all	18
Cannot decide between Medicare-for-all and public option	3
Oppose both	21
Don't know/Refused to either or both	4

Q8. Next, I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and others do not. I would like you to tell me how worried, if at all, you are about being able to afford each of the following for you and your family. What about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried? How worried are you about being able to afford (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?) (scramble items a-h)

*Items a, b: Based on those who are insured*

	Very/ Somewhat Worried (NET)	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too/Not at all worried (NET)	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Not applicable (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused	
a. Your monthly health insurance premium									
2/20	40	18	22	57	24	34	2	*	n=1,084
8/18	42	18	24	57	25	32	1	*	n=1,052
b. Your health insurance deductible, that is, the amount you pay before insurance kicks in									
2/20	49	22	26	50	22	28	1	*	n=1,084
8/18	53	24	29	45	20	25	1	*	n=1,052
c. Your prescription drug costs									
2/20	45	22	23	53	23	30	1	*	n=1,207
8/18	44	22	23	53	23	31	2	*	n=1,201
d. Your rent or mortgage									
2/20	42	18	24	56	20	36	2	*	n=1,207
8/18	41	22	19	57	21	35	2	*	n=1,201
e. Gasoline or other transportation costs									
2/20	40	15	26	59	26	32	1	*	n=1,207
8/18	46	20	26	53	25	28	1	*	n=1,201
f. Food									
2/20	34	17	18	65	24	41	*	*	n=1,207

8/18	36	17	20	64	25	38	*	*	<i>n=1,201</i>
g. Your monthly utilities like electricity or heat									
2/20	38	16	22	61	26	34	1	*	<i>n=1,207</i>
8/18	43	19	24	57	27	30	*	*	<i>n=1,201</i>
h. Unexpected medical bills									
2/20	65	35	30	34	17	17	1	*	<i>n=1,207</i>
8/18	67	38	29	32	16	16	*	*	<i>n=1,201</i>

Q9. Suppose you had an unexpected medical bill, and the amount (IF COVERAGE=1: NOT covered by your insurance) came to \$500. Based on your current financial situation, how would you pay the bill? Would you... (READ LIST WITH CODE NUMBERS)

	2/20	2/17	4/15
Pay bill in full at time of service	52	47	45
1, Pay the bill right away by cash or check	35	34	30
2, Put it on a credit card and pay it off in full at the next statement	17	13	15
3, Put it on a credit card and pay it off over time	19	20	20
4, Borrow money from a bank, a payday lender, or friends or family to pay the bill, OR	7	7	7
5, Would you not be able to pay the bill at all?	15	19	20
Arrange a payment plan with doctor/provider/hospital (VOL.)	4	6	6
Other (VOL.)	2	1	1
Don't know	1	1	2
Refused	*	*	--
	<i>n=1,207</i>	<i>n=1,160</i>	<i>n=1,506</i>

READ TO ALL: I am now going to ask you some questions about unexpected or surprise medical bills, which are bills that patients owe when they receive care from a provider that is not in their health plan's network.

Q10. Sometimes, a patient receives a surprise medical bill when (INSERT ITEM). Should the federal government take action to protect patients from having to pay the cost not covered by their insurance for care received in this situation, or is this not something the federal government should take action on? (scramble a-c)

	Yes, should take action	No, should not take action	Don't know	Refused	
a. They plan to receive care at a hospital that is in their health plan's network but are treated by a doctor or specialist who is not in their network					
2/20	67	30	3	1	<i>n=1,207</i>
4/19	76	22	2	*	<i>n=1,203</i>
b. They are having a medical emergency and are taken to a hospital that is not in their health plan's network					
2/20	69	27	4	*	<i>n=1,207</i>
4/19	78	20	2	*	<i>n=1,203</i>
c. They are having a medical emergency and are taken to an emergency room by an ambulance that is not in their health plan's network					
2/20	72	25	2	1	<i>n=1,207</i>
4/19	78	20	2	*	<i>n=1,203</i>

READ TO ALL: Next, I'm going to ask you some questions about Medicaid, which is the government health insurance and long-term care program for low-income adults and children.

Q11. Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST) (rotate response options 1-2/2-1, keep Option A and Option B from rotating)

	2/20	1/18
Option A: Medicaid is primarily a government health insurance program that helps people pay for health care	67	69
Option B: Medicaid is primarily a welfare program	29	27
Other (Vol.)	1	1
Don't know/Refused	4	3
	<i>n=1,207</i>	<i>n=1,215</i>

Q12. Would you say the current Medicaid program is working well for most low-income people covered by the program, or not?

	2/20	2/18	2/17	06/15M&M
Yes, working well	56	52	61	50
No, not working well	29	32	28	33
Don't know	14	15	10	16
Refused	*	*	1	*
	<i>n=1,207</i>	<i>n=1,193</i>	<i>n=1,160</i>	<i>n=1,849</i>

Q13. 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)? (Rotate items in parentheses)

*Based on respondents who reside in states where Medicaid has not expanded*

	2/20	10/18	07/18	02/18	06/15M&M
Keep Medicaid as it is today	29	37	39	37	32
Expand Medicaid to cover more low income uninsured people	61	56	51	56	61
Other/Neither (Vol.)	3	2	1	3	3
Don't know	6	5	7	4	4
Refused	*	*	2	*	*
	<i>n=390</i>	<i>n=441</i>	<i>n=442</i>	<i>n=449</i>	<i>n=747</i>

READ TO ALL: On another topic.

Q14. How much, if anything, have you heard or read about the recent Coronavirus outbreak? A lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

	2/20
A lot/Some/A little (NET)	97
A lot	56
Some	28
Only a little	13
Nothing at all	3
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q15. To the best of your knowledge, have there been any cases of the Coronavirus diagnosed in the U.S., or not?

	2/20
Yes, there have been cases diagnosed in the U.S.	87
No, there have not been cases diagnosed in the U.S.	10
Don't know	3
Refused	-



Q16. How concerned, if at all, are you that (INSERT ITEM)? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned? How about that (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (IF NECESSARY: Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned that (INSERT ITEM)?) (scramble a-c)

	Very/ Somewhat concerned (NET)	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too/Not at all concerned (NET)	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't Know/ Refused
a. You or someone in your family will get sick from the Coronavirus	43	22	21	56	33	23	1
b. The Coronavirus will have a negative impact on the U.S. economy	57	22	35	42	28	15	1
c. There will be a widespread outbreak of the Coronavirus in the U.S.	55	24	31	44	29	15	1

Q17. Please tell me if you have taken any of the following actions because of the recent Coronavirus outbreak. Have you (INSERT ITEM), or not? Have you (INSERT NEXT ITEM) because of the recent Coronavirus outbreak? (rotate response options a-b)

	Yes	No	Don't Know/ Refused
a. Decided not to travel or changed travel plans	13	86	1
b. Bought or worn a protective mask	9	91	*

Q18. Do you think U.S. government officials are (doing enough) or are (not doing enough) to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the United States? (Rotate items in parentheses)

	2/20
Doing enough	69
Not doing enough	21
Don't know	10
Refused	*

READ TO ALL: On another topic.

READ TO ALL: Sometimes when people receive medical care and diagnoses, mistakes are made either because a diagnosis was given late, a medical condition was wrongly diagnosed, or a medical condition was not diagnosed. These types of mistakes are called diagnostic errors.

Q19. In the past two years, have you or a family member living in your household had an experience with a health care provider in which a medical problem was not diagnosed, was diagnosed incorrectly, or the diagnosis was delayed?

	2/20
Yes	25
No	74
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q20. Did the medical condition get worse as a result of this diagnostic error?

*Based on respondents who have had a diagnostic error in the past two years*

	2/20
Yes	71
No	27
Don't know	2
Refused	-
	<i>n=281</i>

Q19/Q20 Combo table

*Based on total*

	2/20
Have had a diagnostic error in the past two years	25
Yes	18
No	7
Don't know/Refused	*
Have not had a diagnostic error in the past two years	74
Don't know/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?

	2/20
Male	49
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know	-
Refused	-

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

	2/20
Excellent	13
Very good	34
Good	32
Only fair	17
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	*

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*

	2/20
Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	10
Plan you purchased yourself	9
Medicare	22
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know	1
Refused	*
	<i>n=1,084</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

*Based on total*

	2/20
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	32
Spouse's employer	9
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	19
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	3
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

*Based on those ages 18-64*

	2/20
Covered by health insurance	82
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	8
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=819</i>

COVSELFOTHER. Regardless of your source of health insurance coverage, did you purchase your plan yourself?

*Based on those who purchases insurance somewhere else (sample size insufficient to report)*

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*

	2/20
Covered by health insurance	82
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Through an insurance agent or broker	1
Somewhere else (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=819</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)*

Based on those ages 18-64

	2/20
Covered by health insurance (NET)	82
Employer	39
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan (SUB-NET)	8
Directly from an insurance company/agent/or broker/other (SUB-SUB-NET)	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-Marketplace plan	1
Not sure/Refused	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	3
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	12
Somewhere else	4
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	17
Don't know/Refused	*
	<i>n=819</i>

Have you personally ever (INSERT ITEM), or not? (scramble EverMcdINS, EverMcdCARE, EverMcdMCR)

Based on those not currently covered by Medicaid. (EverMcdMCR based on those with Medicare)

	Yes	No	Don't Know/ Refused	
EverMcdINS. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program, which may also be known in your state as STATE-SPECIFIC NAME)	20	79	1	<i>n=1,119</i>
EverMcdCARE. Received (IF RSEX=2: pregnancy-related care,) home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid	9	90	1	<i>n=1,119</i>
EverMcdMCR. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums	14	81	4	<i>n=325</i>

EverMcdChild. Do you now or have you ever had a child get health insurance through Medicaid (IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: , also known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME)), or not?

Based on those who have never received Medicaid assistance

	2/20
Yes	13
No	86
Don't know	2
Refused	*
	<i>n=916</i>

To the best of your knowledge, have any of your close friends or family members ever (INSERT ITEM), or not? (scramble EverMcdINSFam, EverMcdCAREFam, EverMcdMCRFam)

*Based on those who have never received Medicaid assistance*

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	
EverMcdINSFam. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program [IF HAS STATE SPECIFIC NAME: which may also be known in your state as (INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC NAME HERE)]					
2/20	42	51	6	*	n=916
2/17	40	55	5	*	n=807
EverMcdCAREFam. Received pregnancy-related care, home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid					
2/20	27	66	6	*	n=916
2/17	28	67	5	--	n=807
EverMcdMCRFam. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay Medicare premiums					
2/20	21	68	11	*	n=916
2/17	24	64	11	*	n=807

COVTYPE/EverMCD. Combo table

	2/20
Medicaid assistance (NET)	66
Self	31
Child	9
Friend or family	26
No Medicaid assistance	29
Don't know/Refused	5
	n=1,207

Q21. Was there a time in the past two years when you or a family member received care from a doctor, hospital, or lab you thought was covered, and your health plan did not cover the bill at all, or paid less than you expected, or not?

*Based on those 18-64 who are insured*

	2/20	4/19
Yes	33	41
No	67	58
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1	1
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*
	n=704	n=674

Q22. Did the health plan say they were not covering the bill or paying less because the provider was not in the plan's network, or was it for some other reason?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are insured and who received care thought was covered but health plan covered less than expected*

	2/20	4/19
Not in the plan's network	48	46
Some other reason	47	46
Don't know/Refused (NET)	5	8
	n=236	n=280

Q21/Q22 Combo Table

*Based on those ages 18-64 and are insured*

	2/20	4/19
Health plan covered less than expected	33	41
Provider was not in plan's network	16	19
Some other reason	15	19
Don't know/Refused	2	3
No, health plan did not cover less than expected	67	58
Don't know/Refused	1	1
	<i>n=704</i>	<i>n=674</i>

Q23. Would you say the amount that you had to pay for these unexpected medical bills was: (READ IN ORDER)

	2/20
Less than \$100	7
\$100 to less than \$500	42
\$500 to less than \$1000	18
\$1000 to less than \$5000	19
\$5000 or more	14
Don't know/Refused (NET)	-
	<i>n=236</i>

Q21/Q23 Combo Table

*Based on those ages 18-64 and are insured*

	2/20
Health plan covered less than expected	33
Had to pay less than \$100	2
Had to pay \$100 to less than \$500	14
Had to pay \$500 to less than \$1000	6
Had to pay \$1000 to less than \$5000	6
Had to pay \$5000 or more	5
Don't know/Refused	-
No, health plan did not cover less than expected	67
Don't know/Refused	1
	<i>n=704</i>

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

	2/20
Married	45
Living with a partner	9
Widowed	8
Divorced	9
Separated	2
Never been married	27
Don't know	*
Refused	*

HHADULTS. How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household including yourself?

	2/20
1	24
2	48
3	17
4	7
5	3
6 or greater	1
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	2/20
Employed (NET)	56
Employed full-time	47
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	4
Unemployed and not seeking employment	1
A student	7
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	8
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)

	2/20
Republican	25
Democrat	34
Independent	30
Or what/Other/None/No preference	9
Don't know	1
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*

	2/20
Republican	38
Democratic	32
Independent/don't lean to either party (Vol.)	20
Other party (Vol.)	2
Don't know	6
Refused	3
	<i>n=478</i>



Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

*Based on total*

	2/20
Republican/Lean Republican	40
Democrat/Lean Democratic	47
Pure Independent	10
Undesignated	3

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	2/20
Democrat	34
Independent Lean Democrat	13
Independent/Don't lean	8
Independent Lean Republican	16
Republican	25
Undesignated	4

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

	2/20
Liberal	24
Moderate	35
Conservative	36
Don't know	4
Refused	2

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)?]

	2/20
Approve (NET)	42
Strongly approve	24
Somewhat approve	18
Disapprove (NET)	54
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	42
Don't know	2
Refused	2

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)]

	2/20
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)	30
Some college (NET)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	13
College grad+ (NET)	31
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	18
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	12
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	2/20
Yes	16
No	83
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? 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*

	2/20
White, non-Hispanic	63
Total non-White	37
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	16
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	5
Undesignated	1

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*

	2/20
U.S.	50
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	47
Don't know	-
Refused	-
	<i>n=144</i>

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2019 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. [READ LIST]

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	2/20
Less than \$20,000	14
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	19
Don't know/Refused	7



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