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Kaiser Family Foundation/Episcopal Health  
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*Texas Health Policy Survey*



## SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The Kaiser Family Foundation/Episcopal Health Foundation *Texas Health Policy Survey* was conducted by telephone March 28 – May 8, 2018 among a random representative sample of 1,367 adults age 18 and older living in the state of Texas (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Interviews were administered in English and Spanish, combining random samples of both landline (439) and cellular telephones (928, including 688 who had no landline telephone). Sampling, data collection, weighting and tabulation were managed by SSRS in close collaboration with Kaiser Family Foundation and Episcopal Health Foundation researchers. Episcopal Health Foundation paid for the costs of the survey fieldwork, and Kaiser Family Foundation contributed the time of its research staff. Both partners worked together to design the survey and analyze the results.

The sampling and screening procedures included an oversample component designed to increase the number of respondents ages 18-64 with Medicaid or non-group health insurance coverage. This included 180 respondents who were reached by calling back respondents in Texas who had previously completed an interview on either the SSRS Omnibus poll or the Kaiser Health Tracking Polls and indicated they fit one of the oversample criteria (based on age and type of health insurance coverage). It also included an oversample of counties with higher shares of Medicaid recipients.

The dual frame cellular and landline phone sample was generated by Marketing Systems Group (MSG) using random digit dial (RDD) procedures. All respondents were screened to verify that they resided in Texas. 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 qualifying adult who answered the phone.

A multi-stage weighting design was applied to ensure an accurate representation of the Texas adult population. The first stage of weighting involved corrections for sample design, including accounting for oversampling of high-Medicaid counties, as well as non-response for the callback sample. In the second weighting stage, demographic adjustments were applied to account for systematic non-response along known population parameters. Population parameters included gender, age, race, Hispanicity (broken down by nativity), educational attainment, phone status (cell phone only or reachable by landline), state region, and residence in a low-income county. This stage excluded the Medicaid and non-group oversample components. Based on this second stage of weighting, estimates were derived for types of health insurance coverage (Medicaid, non-group, employer-sponsored, all else) in the Texas population. The last stage of weighting included all respondents and included health insurance coverage based on the previous stage's outcomes. Weighting parameters were based on estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau's March 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS), with the exception of population density of the respondent's county of residence which was based on the 2010 Census, and telephone use (cell phone-only, landline-only, dual-user) which was based on data from the January-June 2016 National Health Interview Survey.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for 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](#).

All national comparisons shown in this document come from:

- 06/15: Kaiser Family Foundation *Medicare and Medicaid at 50* (conducted April 23-May 31, 2015)
- 10/15: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted October 14-20, 2015)
- 03/16: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted March 7-14, 2016)
- 12/16: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted December 13-19, 2016)
- 02/17: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted February 13-19, 2017)
- 07/17: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted July 5-10, 2017)
- 10/17: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll – Non-Group Enrollees* (conducted September 13-24 and October 5-10, 2017)
- 02/18: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted February 15-20, 2018)
- 04/18: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted April 20-30, 2018)

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.

RSEX. Are you male or female?

	05/18
Male	48
Female	51
Other (Vol.)	-
Don't know/Refused	*

Q1. As you know, the Texas state government has many competing spending priorities. Thinking about priorities in the state budget, do you think the state legislature should (increase) or (decrease) spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or keep it about the same? How about (INSERT ITEM)? (IF NECESSARY: Should the state legislature (increase) or (decrease) spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or keep it about the same?) (scramble items a-f) (rotate items in parentheses)

*Item a: Based on total*

*Items b, c, f: Based on half sample A*

*Items d, e: Based on half sample B*

	Increase spending	Decrease spending	Keep it about the same	Don't know/Refused	N
a. Health care programs	54	12	28	5	n=1,367
b. Public education	71	5	21	3	n=712
c. Infrastructure, such as maintaining roads and bridges	55	5	38	2	n=712
d. Welfare programs	29	23	43	5	n=655
e. Transportation	36	9	49	5	n=655
f. Public safety, such as police and fire prevention services	52	3	41	3	n=712

Q2. I'm going to read you some different things the Texas state legislature might do when it comes to health care. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Should that be a top priority for the Texas legislature, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Should that be a top priority for the Texas legislature, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done?) (scramble items a-j)

Items h, j: Based on total

Items a, c, e, g: Based on half sample A

Items b, d, f, i: Based on half sample B

	Top/ Important Priority (NET)	Top priority	Important but not a top priority	Not Too Important /Should Not Be Done (NET)	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/Refused	N
a. Dealing with the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic	80	41	39	18	11	7	2	n=712
b. Lowering the amount individuals pay for health care	89	61	28	10	4	6	1	n=655
c. Lowering the cost of prescription drugs	88	56	32	10	6	4	2	n=712
d. Increasing funding for mental health programs	92	54	38	7	6	1	1	n=655
e. Increasing women's access to family planning services and contraception	74	36	38	23	13	11	3	n=712
f. Increasing access to health insurance	87	55	32	12	6	6	1	n=655
g. Improving access to hospitals for people in rural areas	86	38	48	11	8	3	3	n=712
h. Decreasing state government spending on health care	54	24	30	44	11	33	2	n=1,367
i. Reducing the number of women who die from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth	88	59	30	8	4	4	4	n=655
j. Expanding Medicaid to cover more low-income Texans	79	46	33	19	9	10	1	n=1,367

- Q3. Do you think the Texas state government is doing ENOUGH or NOT doing enough to make sure (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) can get the health care they need? How about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AT LEAST FIRST TWO TIMES AND THEN AS NECESSARY: Is the Texas state government doing ENOUGH or NOT doing enough to make sure (INSERT ITEM) can get the health care they need?) (scramble items a-d)

	Doing enough	Not doing enough	Doing too much (Vol.)	Don't know/Refused
a. Low-income adults	32	64	1	4
b. Children	50	45	*	5
c. Pregnant women	50	38	1	11
d. Immigrants	42	41	7	11

- Q4. As far as you know, is the share of the population that does NOT have health insurance (higher) or (lower) in Texas compared to the average in other states, or is it about the same? (INTERVIEWER: DON'T PROBE 'DON'T KNOW' RESPONSES HERE) (rotate items in parentheses)

	05/18
Higher in Texas compared to other states	31
Lower in Texas compared to other states	19
About the same	34
Don't know	16
Refused	*

- Q5. When it comes to making the health care system work well, do you think the federal government should play a major role, a minor role, or no role?

	Texas 05/18	National 06/15
Major role	54	47
Minor role	31	31
No role	14	20
Don't know/Refused	1	2

- Q6. What about state governments? When it comes to making the health care system work well, do you think state governments should play a major role, a minor role, or no role?

	Texas 05/18	National 06/15
Major role	67	47
Minor role	28	39
No role	5	12
Don't know/Refused	1	1

- Q7. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?) (rotate response options 1-4/4-1)

	Texas 05/18	National 04/18
Very favorable	22	27
Somewhat favorable	26	22
Somewhat unfavorable	19	15
Very unfavorable	28	28
Don't know/Refused	5	9

READ TO ALL: Now thinking specifically about Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children.

- Q8. In general, do you have (a favorable) or (an unfavorable) opinion of Medicaid? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK:) Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion? (rotate response options 1-4/4-1)

	Texas 05/18	National 02/18
Very favorable	34	40
Somewhat favorable	37	34
Somewhat unfavorable	17	13
Very unfavorable	8	8
Don't know/Refused	4	5

- Q9. Would you say the current MEDICAID program is working well for most low-income people covered by the program in Texas, or not?

	Texas 05/18	National 02/18 <sup>1</sup>
Yes, working well	60	52
No, not working well	33	32
Don't know	7	15
Refused	*	*

- Q10. As you may know, under the health care law, states have the option of expanding their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults. As far as you know, has Texas expanded its Medicaid program, or not? (INTERVIEWER: DON'T PROBE 'DON'T KNOW' RESPONSES HERE)

	05/18
Yes, has expanded	19
No, has not expanded	51
Don't know	31
Refused	*

<sup>1</sup> Question wording for national comparison is "Would you say the current Medicaid program is working well for most low-income people covered by the program, or not?"

READ TO THOSE WHO SAY THAT TEXAS HAS EXPANDED ITS MEDICAID PROGRAM: Though not everyone is aware, Texas has not expanded Medicaid under the health care law.

- Q11. For states that expand their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults, the federal government pays for at least 90 percent of the costs of this expansion. Do you think Texas should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people)? (rotate items in parentheses)

	Texas 05/18	National 02/18 <sup>2</sup>
Keep Medicaid as it is today	34	37
Expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	64	56
Other/Neither (Vol.)	1	3
Don't know/Refused	1	4
N	1,367	449

- Q12. How important is Medicaid for you and your family? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	Texas 05/18	National 07/17
Important (NET)	60	64
Very important	41	48
Somewhat important	19	17
Not important (NET)	40	34
Not too important	13	11
Not at all important	27	23
Don't know/Refused	1	1

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

- Q14. Thinking about women's ability to get family planning services and contraception, do you generally think it is (too easy) or (too difficult) for women in Texas to get these services, or is women's access to these services about right? (rotate items in parentheses)

	05/18
Too easy	14
Too difficult	30
About right	48
Don't know	7
Refused	*

- Q15. Thinking about the maternal mortality rate, that is the rate of women dying from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. As far as you know, has the maternal mortality rate in Texas (increased) or (decreased) in recent years, or has it stayed about the same? (rotate items in parentheses)

	05/18
Increased	17
Decreased	17
Stayed about the same	43
Don't know	23
Refused	*

<sup>2</sup> National comparison is based on those living in states that have not expanded Medicaid. Question wording for national comparison is "For states that expand their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults, the federal government pays for at least 90 percent of the costs of this expansion. 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: On another topic...

- Q17. 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 to afford (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?) (IF R SAYS “I DON’T HAVE RENT/MORTGAGE”, CODE AS 5 – NOT APPLICABLE) (scramble items a-e) (rotate response options 1-4/4-1)

	Easy (NET)	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Difficult (NET)	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Not applicable (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused
a. Food								
Texas 05/18	64	29	35	36	27	9	*	*
National 10/15	68	35	33	31	21	10	*	1
b. Health care								
Texas 05/18	43	18	25	55	31	25	1	1
National 10/15	55	27	28	42	24	18	2	1
c. Gasoline or other transportation costs								
Texas 05/18	62	25	37	37	26	11	*	1
National 10/15	66	31	35	30	21	9	4	1
d. Your rent or mortgage								
Texas 05/18	47	19	28	45	32	13	8	1
National 10/15	52	24	28	35	22	13	12	1
e. Your monthly utilities, like electricity, heat, and phone bills								
Texas 05/18	57	22	34	42	29	13	*	*
National 10/15	59	27	32	38	25	13	2	1

- Q18. In the past 12 months, did you or anyone in your household have problems paying or an inability to pay any medical bills, such as bills for doctors, dentists, medication, or home care? (IF NECESSARY: This includes bills you have had problems paying over the past 12 months, even if the initial bill was incurred more than 12 months ago.)

	Texas 05/18	National 04/18
Yes	38	27
No	61	73
Don't know/Refused	1	*

- Q19. Overall, how much of an impact have these medical bills had on you and your family? Have they had a major impact, a minor impact, or no real impact?

*Based on those who said they had problems paying medical bills*

	05/18
Major impact	60
Minor impact	38
No real impact	3
Don't know/Refused	-
N	501



Q18/Q19 Combo Table

*Based on total*

	05/18
Yes, had problems paying medical bills	38
Major impact	23
Minor impact	14
No impact	1
Don't know/Refused impact	-
No, did not have problems paying medical bills	61
Don't know/Refused if had problems	1

Q20. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE READ "BECAUSE OF THE COST" AFTER EACH ITEM.) (scramble items a-f)

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment			
Texas 05/18	36	64	*
National 12/16	23	77	*
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine			
Texas 05/18	31	69	*
National 12/16	21	79	*
c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine			
Texas 05/18	21	78	*
National 12/16	16	84	*
d. Had problems getting mental health care			
Texas 05/18	14	84	2
National 12/16	12	87	1
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed			
Texas 05/18	42	58	*
National 12/16	27	73	*
f. Skipped dental care or checkups			
Texas 05/18	44	56	*
National 12/16	32	68	*

Q20 Summary Table – Yes to any

	Texas 05/18	National 12/16
Experienced any problems	61	48
Experienced no problems	39	52
Don't know/Refused	-	1

Q21. Now thinking about your medical care, is there a place that you USUALLY go to when you are sick or need advice about your health, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY HAVE A DOCTOR OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, CODE AS "1")

	05/18
Yes	78
No	21
Don't know/Refused	*

Q22. What kind of place is it that you usually go? Is it...? (READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY) (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY GO TO MORE THAN ONE, ASK ABOUT THE PLACE THEY GO TO MOST OFTEN) (scramble response options 1-5)

*Based on those who have a usual place for medical care*

	05/18
A clinic or health center	26
A doctor's office or HMO	56
A hospital emergency room	7
An urgent care center	6
A hospital outpatient department	3
Military/VA (Vol.)	1
Some other place (SPECIFY)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
<i>N</i>	<i>1,126</i>

Q21/Q22 Combo Table

*Based on total*

	05/18
Yes, have a usual place for medical care	78
A clinic or health center	20
A doctor's office or HMO	44
A hospital emergency room	5
An urgent care center	5
A hospital outpatient department	3
Military/VA (Vol.)	1
Some other place	1
Don't know/Refused where	*
No, do not have a usual place for medical care	21
Don't know/Refused if have usual place	*

Q23. How easy or difficult is it for you to travel to the place where you receive your medical care? Is it...? (READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY.) (rotate items 1-4/4-1)

*Based on those who have a usual place for medical care*

	05/18
Easy (NET)	84
Very easy	61
Somewhat easy	23
Difficult (NET)	16
Somewhat difficult	13
Very difficult	3
Don't know	*
Refused	*
<i>N</i>	<i>1,126</i>

Q21/Q23 Combo Table

*Based on total*

	05/18
Yes, have a usual place for medical care	78
Easy (NET)	66
Very easy	48
Somewhat easy	18
Difficult (NET)	12
Somewhat difficult	10
Very difficult	2
Don't know/Refused easy/difficult	*
No, do not have a usual place for medical care	21
Don't know/Refused if have usual place	*

READ TO ALL: Moving on...

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

AGE2. (ASK IF REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are... (READ LIST)

REAGE2 VARIABLE

	05/18
18-29	22
30-49	37
50-64	25
65+	17
Refused	*

COVERAGE. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	05/18
Covered by health insurance	75
Not covered by health insurance	25
Don't know/Refused	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	05/18
Insured less than 65	71
Uninsured less than 65	29

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, Medicaid or STAR Medicaid, 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*

	05/18
Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	12
Medicare	18
Medicaid or STAR Medicaid	9
From military/VA (Vol.)	3
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1
<i>N</i>	<i>1,149</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE. Combo Table

*Based on total*

	05/18
Covered by health insurance	75
Employer	28
Spouse's employer	8
Self-purchased plan	9
Medicare	14
Medicaid or STAR Medicaid	6
From military/VA (Vol.)	2
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	5
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	25
Don't know/Refused	*

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

*Based on those ages 18-64 who said that they got their health insurance somewhere else (sample size insufficient to show results)*

SMBIZ. Are you or your spouse a small business owner, or not?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased their own insurance plan*

	05/18
Yes	28
No	67
Don't know/Refused	5
<i>N</i>	<i>187</i>

BIZINS. Is the health insurance that you purchase for yourself part of a plan that also covers non-related employees of your business, or is the plan just for yourself and your family?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased their own insurance plan and are a small business owner (sample size insufficient to show results)*

COVSELF. (Earlier you said you purchase your own health insurance.) Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov, or through an insurance agent or broker? (IF PRESCREENED OR OVERSAMPLE AND NON-GROUP PURCHASER, INSERT "Earlier you said you purchase your own health insurance.")

*Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased their own insurance plan*

	05/18
Directly from an insurance company	13
From healthcare.gov	46
Through an insurance agent or broker	32
Somewhere else (SPECIFY) (Vol.)	3
Don't know/Refused	5
<i>N</i>	183

COVMKT. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or healthcare.gov plan, is it NOT a marketplace or healthcare.gov plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

*Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased their own health insurance plan, except those who purchased their plan through the marketplace*

SUBSIDY. As far as you know, are you personally getting financial help from the government, such as a premium tax credit or premium assistance, to help pay your monthly premium for health insurance, or not?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased their health insurance plan through the marketplace or don't know/refused to say if they purchased their plan through the marketplace*

INCSUBSIDY. As far as you know, is the amount you pay for your health plan based on your income, or is it not based on your income?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who are not getting financial help from the government to help pay their monthly premium for health insurance or don't know/refused to say if they are getting financial help*

#### AGECOVTYPE/MARKETPLACE Combo Table

*Based on total*

	05/18
Employer, age<65	34
Non-group, age<65	8
Marketplace plan <sup>3</sup>	6
Non-marketplace plan	1
Unknown if marketplace plan	1
Medicare, age<65	3
Medicaid, age<65	5
Plan through parents, age<65	5
Other coverage, age<65	3
Don't know/refused, age<65	1
Uninsured <65	24
Don't know/Refused Coverage, age<65	*
Age 65+	17
Unknown age	*

<sup>3</sup> Respondents were presumed to have a marketplace plan if they said they purchased their plan from the marketplace, they said it was a marketplace plan, they are receiving financial help from the government to pay their premium, or the amount they pay for their plan is based on their income.

Q24. How would you rate your overall health insurance coverage – excellent, good, not so good or poor? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

*Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance*

	05/18
Excellent/Good (NET)	79
Excellent	25
Good	54
Not so good/Poor (NET)	20
Not so good	16
Poor	5
Just got my plan/too soon to tell (Vol.)	NA
Don't know/Refused	1
N	524

Q25. How long have you been covered by your CURRENT health insurance plan? Have you had this plan for less than 12 months, or for 12 months or more?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance*

	05/18
Less than 12 months	30
12 months or more	70
Don't know/Refused	-
N	524

Q26. I'm going to read you a list of problems some people experience with their health insurance plan. Please tell me if you have had any of these problems in the past 12 months, or not. How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Has this happened to you in the past 12 months, or not?) (scramble items a-e)

*Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance*

	Yes, have	No, have not	Not applicable/haven't used services yet (Vol.)	Don't know/Refused	N
a. You were surprised to find out that your plan would not pay anything for care you or a family member received, that you thought was covered	24	74	1	*	n=524
b. Your plan paid less than you expected for a bill you received from a doctor, hospital, or lab	43	56	1	*	n=524
c. A particular doctor you wanted to see was not covered by your plan	25	74	1	*	n=524
d. A particular hospital you wanted to visit was not covered by your plan	11	87	2	*	n=524
e. Your plan would not cover a prescription drug or required a very expensive copay for a drug that a doctor prescribed	35	64	1	*	n=524

- Q27. As far as you know, if you receive an unexpected bill for health care services you received that were not covered by your insurance, does the state offer any assistance programs you can turn to for help in settling the bill, or are you not aware of such a program?

*Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance*

	05/18
State offers an assistance program	8
Not aware of such a program	90
Don't know	2
Refused	-
<i>N</i>	524

- Q28. 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*

	05/18
Less than a year (NET)	28
Less than 3 months	9
3 months to less than a year	19
1 year or longer (NET)	70
1 year to less than 2 years	15
2 years or more	55
Don't know/Refused	2
<i>N</i>	201

#### COVERAGE/Q28 Combo Table

*Based on those ages 18-64*

	05/18
Covered by health insurance	71
Not covered by health insurance	29
Less than a year (NET)	8
Less than 3 months	3
3 months to less than a year	5
1 year or longer (NET)	20
1 year to less than 2 years	4
2 years or more	16
Don't know/Refused how long	*
Don't know/Refused insurance status	*
<i>N</i>	1,001

Q29. What's the MAIN reason you do not currently have health insurance?

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

	Texas 05/18	National 10/17
Too expensive/can't afford	50	37
Employment (NET)	15	19
Unemployed/lost job	9	9
Employer doesn't offer it	2	1
Waiting period for job	2	3
Not eligible for employer coverage	*	*
Other employment related	2	5
Don't need it/want it	7	8
Citizenship/residency issues	7	8
Missed the deadline/haven't gotten around to it/too busy	6	3
Not eligible/not eligible for government help	4	5
Difficulty applying	1	*
Can't get it/refused due to poor health, illness or age	*	-
Didn't have enough information	*	1
In process of signing up	NA	*
Against government requirement/Against ACA	NA	1
Don't know how to get it	NA	1
Other	6	14
Don't know/Refused	3	2
N	201	206

Q30. Have you tried to get health insurance for yourself in the past 6 months, or not?

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

	Texas 05/18	National 10/17
Yes, have tried to get insurance	33	29
No, have not tried to get insurance	67	71
Don't know/Refused	-	1
N	201	206



READ IF NOT CURRENTLY COVERED BY MEDICAID: Thinking again about Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children.

Q31. Have you personally EVER (INSERT), or not? (IF FEMALE, INSERT “pregnancy-related care,”)

*Items EverMcdINS, EverMcdCARE: Based on those who are not currently covered by Medicaid*

*Item EverMcdMCR: Based on those who are currently covered by Medicare*

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused	N
EverMcdINS. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program				
Texas 05/18	22	76	1	n=1,175
National 02/18	19	81	*	n=1,088
EverMcdCARE. Received (pregnancy-related care,) home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid				
Texas 05/18	12	88	1	n=1,175
National 02/18	10	89	1	n=1,088
EverMcdMCR. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums				
Texas 05/18	12	82	6	n=272
National 02/18	10	87	3	n=302

EverMcdChild. Do you now or have you ever had a child get health insurance through Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program, also known as CHIP, or not?

*Based on those who have never been covered by Medicaid*

	Texas 05/18	National 02/18
Yes	16	13
No	82	86
Don't know/Refused	1	*
N	916	900

Q33. To the best of your knowledge, have any of your close friends or family members ever [INSERT], or not?

*Based on those who have never been covered by Medicaid*

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused	N
EverMcdINSFam. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program				
Texas 05/18	49	46	5	n=916
National 02/18	45	52	3	n=900
EverMcdCAREFam. Received pregnancy-related care, home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid				
Texas 05/18	33	61	6	n=916
National 02/18	34	62	4	n=900
EverMcdMCRFam. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums				
Texas 05/18	18	69	13	n=916
National 02/18	25	64	11	n=900

CXNMEDI VARIABLE

	Texas 05/18	National 02/18
Any personal connection to Medicaid	71	70
Self ever covered by Medicaid	31	32
Child ever covered by Medicaid	11	9
Friends or family ever covered by Medicaid	29	29
No connection to Medicaid/Don't know/Refused	29	30

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

Q34. Next I'm going to read you a list of some things that may affect people's health. I'd like to know how strong you think the effect on health is for each item. The effect could be positive or negative. First/Next (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Would you say this has a very strong effect, a somewhat strong effect, not a very strong effect, or no effect on people's health? (READ AS NECESSARY: Would you say (INSERT ITEM) has a very strong effect, a somewhat strong effect, not a very strong effect, or no effect on people's health?) (scramble items a-o)

*Items a-h: Based on total half sample A*

*Items i-o: Based on total half sample B*

	Very strong effect	Somewhat strong effect	Not a very strong effect	No effect on people's health	Don't know	Refused	N
a. Access to health care	61	26	7	6	1	-	n=712
b. Having a job	58	28	5	8	1	*	n=712
c. Quality of food available in the community	55	29	7	9	1	*	n=712
e. Smoking	81	13	3	2	1	*	n=712
f. Education	45	32	10	12	1	*	n=712
g. Stress	71	23	3	3	*	*	n=712
h. Race and ethnicity	20	33	17	24	5	1	n=712
i. Having health insurance	65	25	4	6	1	*	n=655
j. The community a person lives in	35	38	14	11	1	*	n=655
k. Housing quality	42	38	11	7	2	*	n=655
m. Air and water quality	60	29	5	5	1	*	n=655
n. Genetic makeup inherited from parents	50	36	6	7	1	*	n=655
o. Immigration status	41	24	11	18	5	*	n=655

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

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

	05/18
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	73
Excellent	14
Very good	28
Good	30
Only fair/Poor (NET)	27
Only fair	20
Poor	7
Don't know/Refused	*

Q35. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

	05/18
Yes	26
No	74
Don't know/Refused	*

MARITAL. Are you... (READ LIST) (IF REFUSED, PROBE ONCE: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

	05/18
Single, that is never married	20
Single, living with a partner	7
Married	53
Separated	4
Widowed, or	6
Divorced	10
Refused	1

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

	05/18
Yes	36
No	64
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	05/18
Employed (NET)	54
Employed full-time	45
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed (NET)	8
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	5
Retired	14
On disability and can't work	10
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	8
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	05/18
Republican	26
Democrat	26
Independent	31
Or what? (INTERVIEWER: INCLUDE 'OTHER' AND 'NONE' HERE)	10
Don't know/Refused	7

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

*Based on those who say they are Independent party, other, or don't know/refused*

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN based on total

	05/18
Republican/Lean Republican	38
Democrat/Lean Democratic	40
Pure Independent	16
Undesignated	5

Five-Point Party ID

	05/18
Democrat	26
Independent Lean Democratic	14
Independent/Don't lean	14
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	26
Undesignated	7

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

	05/18
Yes	71
No	28
Don't know/Refused	1

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	05/18
HS grad or less (NET)	42
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	7
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	9
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	25
Some college (NET)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad + (NET)	28
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)	18
Some postgraduate or professional school, no postgraduate degree	2
Post-graduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical, or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)	8
Don't know/Refused	*

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

	05/18
Yes	35
No	64
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)

	05/18
White	71
Black or African-American	14
Asian	4
Hispanic/Latino (Vol.)	6
Other or mixed race (SPECIFY)	3
Don't know/Refused	2

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

	05/18
Native born (NET)	79
U.S.	79
Puerto Rico	*
Another country	21
Don't know	-
Refused	*

#### Race/Hispanic Combo Table

*Based on total*

	05/18
White, non-Hispanic	46
Total non-White (NET)	53
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	35
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed Race, non-Hispanic	2
Undesignated	1

Q36. How many dependent children do you have, if any? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks to clarify what "dependent children" means, say "Any child who is dependent on you for support, or who you claim as a dependent on your tax return") (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

	05/18
1	13
2	16
3	10
4	4
5	1
6 or more	1
None	54
Don't know/Refused	*

Q37. Besides yourself, how many people are in your family, meaning your spouse and any dependent children? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks to clarify what “dependent children” means, say “Any child who is dependent on you for support, or who you claim as a dependent on your tax return”] (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially) (Record exact number 1-15)

*Based on those who refused to answer marital status, or didn’t know or refused to answer how many dependent children they have*

Q38. Does anyone else, such as a parent, claim you as a dependent on their tax return? (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

*Based on those who are under age 31, not married, have no dependent children, and are not employed*

Q39. Is the parent or person who claims you as a dependent married, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If R says their parents are married but not to each other, code as “1: Married”) (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If the R is not claimed by their parent, ask about the person claiming them as a dependent) (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

*Based on those who are claimed as a dependent*

Q40. Besides yourself, how many other dependent children (do/does) your (parents/parent) have? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If the R is not claimed by their parent, ask about the person claiming them as a dependent) (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially) (Record exact number 1-15) (IF PERSON WHO CLAIMS RESPONDENTS AS A DEPENDENT IS MARRIED, INSERT “do/parents”; IF PERSON WHO CLAIMS RESPONDENT AS A DEPENDENT IS NOT MARRIED OR RESPONDENT DIDN’T KNOW OR REFUSED TO SAY, INSERT “does/parent”))

*Based on those who are claimed as a dependent*

[CALCULATE FAMILYSIZE VARIABLE AS FOLLOWS:

IF MARITAL=3 AND Q36<98, THEN FamilySize= {2+Q36}

IF MARITAL=1,2,4,5,6 AND Q36<98 AND Q36 NE 0, THEN FamilySize= {1+ Q36}

IF Q37=0-16, THEN FamilySize = {1 +Q37}

IF Q37=98,99, THEN FamilySize = {2}

IF Q38=1, THEN FamilySize = {1+ (“2” IF Q39=1 OR “1” IF Q39=2,8,9)+(Q40 OR “0” IF Q40=98,99)}

IF Q38=2, THEN FamilySize = {1}

IF Q38=8, 9, THEN FamilySize = {2}]

FAMILYSIZE VARIABLE

	05/18
1	28
2	29
3	12
4	17
5	8
6	3
7	1
8	1
9	*
10	-
11	-
12 or more	*

AMOUNTS USED FOR Q41 (BASED ON PERCENTAGES OF 2017 FPL GUIDELINES ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND)

	100%	AMT1 (138%)	AMT2 (250%)	AMT3 (400%)
FamilySize	Poverty guideline			
1	\$12,000	\$17,000	\$30,000	\$48,000
2	\$16,000	\$22,000	\$41,000	\$65,000
3	\$20,000	\$28,000	\$51,000	\$82,000
4	\$25,000	\$34,000	\$62,000	\$98,000
5	\$29,000	\$40,000	\$72,000	\$115,000
6	\$33,000	\$45,000	\$82,000	\$132,000
7	\$37,000	\$51,000	\$93,000	\$149,000
8	\$41,000	\$57,000	\$103,000	\$165,000
9	\$46,000	\$61,000	\$107,00	\$169,000
10	\$50,000	\$65,000	\$112,00	\$174,000
11	\$54,000	\$70,000	\$116,000	\$178,000
12	\$58,000	\$74,000	\$120,000	\$182,000

Q41. To help us describe the people who took part in our study, it would be helpful to know which category best describes your (personal/family) income last year before taxes. [Family income only includes income from you yourself, (AND your spouse), (and your dependent children) (AND your spouse and/or any dependent children), (AND your {parents/parent}), (AND any other dependent children of your {parents/parent}), (AND/OR any other dependent children of your {parents/parent})]. Was your total (personal/family) income in 2017 from all sources, and before taxes, less than (138%), at least (138%) but less than (250%), at least (250%) but less than (400%), or (400%) or more? [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT REFUSES: Your responses are strictly confidential and are not attached to any identifying information. It is important for us to know this information to help us describe people who took part in our study.] (INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE NOT SURE, PROBE ONCE: Can you estimate?) (IF FAMILYSIZE=1, INSERT FIRST VERBIAGE IN PARENS "PERSONAL" AND DO NOT INSERT BRACKETS) (IF MARITAL=3 OR Q37=1+ OR Q38=1+ OR Q36=1 OR Q40=1+ (MARRIED OR HAS CHILDREN OR IS A DEPENDENT), INSERT SECOND VERBIAGE IN PARENS "FAMILY" AND INSERT BRACKETS) (IF MARITAL=3 (married) AND Q37 NE 2-17,98,99, INSERT "AND your spouse") (IF Q36=1+ AND Q37 NE 2-17,98,99 (any dependent children), INSERT "and your dependent children") (IF Q37=2-17,98,99, INSERT "AND your spouse and/or any dependent children") (IF Q38=1 (claimed) AND Q40 NE 98,99, INSERT "AND your {parents/parent}") (IF Q40=1+ (parents have other children), INSERT "AND any other dependent children of your {parents/parent}") (IF Q40=98,99 (don't know), INSERT "AND your {parents/parent} AND/OR any other dependent children of your {parents/parent}") (IF Q39=1, THEN INSERT FIRST VERBIAGE IN "{") (IF Q39=2, 8, 9, THEN INSERT SECOND VERBIAGE IN "{")

	05/18
Under 250% FPL (NET)	53
Less than 138%	34
At least 138% but less than 250%	19
250% FPL or more (NET)	41
At least 250% but less than 400%	15
400% or more	26
Don't know/Refused	6



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