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## Overall Survey Results

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*The survey was conducted for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health via telephone by SSRS/ICR, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from September19 to October 2, 2011, among a nationally representative sample of 1,598 respondents age 18 or older. The margin of error for total respondents is +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.*

1. Using a grading scale like they do in schools - where A is excellent, B is good, C is fair, D is poor and F is failing, how would you grade your local community as a healthy place to live?

| **Positive Grade** | | | | **Negative Grade** | | | **Don't know/ Refused** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NET A+B** | A | B | **C** | **NET D+F** | D | F | |
| **73** | 28 | 45 | **19** | **6** | 4 | 2 | 2 |

**(Asked of half of respondents; n =799)**

2. What disease or health condition do you think poses the greatest threat to the American public?

**(If respondent gives an answer)**

2a. Is there another disease or health condition that you think poses almost as great a threat to the American public?

2/2a Combo Table – Total Mentions of Diseases or Health Conditions Threatening the American Public

| | |
|---|---|
| Cancer | 43 |
| Heart disease | 22 |
| Obesity | 21 |
| Diabetes | 16 |
| HIV/AIDS | 13 |
| Pollution | 5 |
| Influenza | 3 |
| Smoking | 3 |
| Substance abuse (alcohol, drugs, etc.) | 3 |
| Alzheimer's disease | 2 |
| Respiratory disease (asthma, lung, emphysema, etc.) | 2 |
| Sexually transmitted diseases | 2 |
| Other | 19 |
| Nothing/No problem | 1 |
| Don't Know | 10 |

**(Asked of half of respondents; n = 799)**

3. What do you think is the most important problem with the nation's MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM?

**(If respondent gives an answer)**

3a. Is there another problem with the nation's medical care system that you think is almost as important?

3/3a Combo Table – Total Mentions of Problems with the Medical Care System

| | |
|---|---|
| Health care costs | 51 |
| Uninsured/Access to care | 18 |
| Lack of quality health care | 14 |
| Medicare/Medicaid | 7 |
| Government role in health care | 7 |
| Insurance companies | 5 |
| Lawsuits | 2 |
| Other | 23 |
| Nothing /No problem | 5 |
| Don't know | 13 |

**(Asked of half of respondents; n =799)**

4. Using a grading scale like they do in schools - where A is excellent, B is good, C is fair, D is poor and F is failing, how would you grade the performance of (INSERT FIRST ITEM) on protecting the public from health threats and preventing illness? And how would you grade the performance of (INSERT NEXT ITEM) on protecting the public from health threats and preventing illness?

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | It doesn't do that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| a. The federal government | **33** | 6 | 27 | **37** | **27** | 16 | 11 | 1 | 2 |
| b. Your state government | **36** | 7 | 29 | **38** | **22** | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| c. Your local or county government | **39** | 10 | 29 | **34** | **21** | 13 | 8 | 2 | 4 |

**(Asked of half of respondents; n = 799)**

5. Using a grading scale like they do in schools - where A is excellent, B is good, C is fair, D is poor and F is failing, how would you grade the performance of the medical care system (INSERT ITEM)? By this, we mean the system where doctors, hospitals, and health insurers provide and pay for health care. How about…(INSERT ITEM)?

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | Doesn't have a system (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| a. In the U.S. | **41** | 12 | 29 | **37** | **18** | 12 | 6 | - | 4 |
| b. In your state | **52** | 16 | 36 | **30** | **14** | 11 | 3 | * | 4 |
| c. In your local community | **57** | 20 | 37 | **24** | **14** | 9 | 5 | 1 | 4 |

6. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services in health, or a bigger government providing more services in health?

| Smaller government providing fewer services in health | Bigger government providing more services in health | Depends (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 52 | 4 | 7 |

**Parts a through j (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n =261)**
**Parts k through t (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 272)**

7. As you know, there are many competing spending priorities facing the President and Congress. For each of the following, please tell me if you think it should be a priority for the federal government, or not? How about (INSERT ITEM), should that be a priority for the federal government, or not?

7a. Do you think that should be one of the top priorities, important but not a top priority, or a priority but not an important one?

7/7a. Combo Table – Program Priorities for Federal Government

| | One of the top priorities | Important but not a top priority | A priority but not an important one | A priority, don't know how important | Not a priority | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including by providing vaccinations | 38 | 32 | 10 | - | 18 | 2 |
| b. Detecting and preventing foodborne illnesses | 36 | 27 | 10 | - | 22 | 5 |
| c. Reducing smoking and tobacco use | 17 | 17 | 9 | - | 56 | 1 |
| d. Providing screening tests for major health problems | 27 | 26 | 7 | - | 36 | 4 |
| e. Preventing domestic violence, such as child or partner abuse | 30 | 17 | 8 | * | 42 | 2 |
| f. Improving the health of minority populations | 23 | 24 | 9 | - | 41 | 4 |
| g. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from natural disasters | 39 | 34 | 7 | - | 19 | 1 |

| | One of the top priorities | Important but not a top priority | A priority but not an important one | A priority, don't know how important | Not a priority | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| h. Improving or fixing Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income adults and children | 56 | 22 | 5 | * | 15 | 2 |
| i. Improving or fixing Medicare, the government health program for people 65 and older and certain people with long-term disabilities | 63 | 21 | 5 | * | 9 | * |
| j. Funding to state public health departments | 32 | 32 | 7 | * | 24 | 5 |
| k. Preventing chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes | 35 | 27 | 4 | * | 29 | 4 |
| l. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from terrorist attacks | 42 | 24 | 8 | - | 22 | 3 |
| m. Reducing obesity by promoting healthy lifestyles | 22 | 17 | 7 | * | 49 | 4 |
| n. Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS | 30 | 24 | 9 | * | 33 | 3 |
| o. Preventing injuries, such as burns, poisoning and falls | 10 | 17 | 6 | * | 63 | 3 |
| p. Ensuring workplace health and safety | 25 | 29 | 9 | - | 33 | 4 |
| q. Improving the health of low-income Americans | 38 | 26 | 7 | 1 | 26 | 1 |

| | One of the top priorities | Important but not a top priority | A priority but not an important one | A priority, don't know how important | Not a priority | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| r. Increasing research to find new cures and treatments for major disease threats | 43 | 24 | 7 | - | 22 | 4 |
| s. Ensuring the safety and effectiveness of prescription drugs | 37 | 32 | 8 | 1 | 18 | 4 |
| t. Providing subsidies to help the uninsured buy health insurance or get health care services | 45 | 19 | 8 | * | 24 | 4 |

**Parts a through j (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 261)**
**Parts k through t (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 272)**

8. Using a grading scale like they do in schools - where A is excellent, B is good, C is fair, D is poor and F is failing, how would you grade the performance of the federal government in each of the following areas?

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | They shouldn't be doing that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| a. Preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including by providing vaccinations | **66** | 16 | 50 | **23** | **8** | 5 | 3 | * | 2 |
| b. Detecting and preventing foodborne illnesses | **46** | 14 | 32 | **31** | **13** | 9 | 4 | - | 10 |
| c. Reducing smoking and tobacco use | **42** | 9 | 33 | **30** | **23** | 12 | 11 | 2 | 3 |
| d. Providing screening tests for major health problems | **41** | 11 | 30 | **35** | **15** | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 |

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | They shouldn't be doing that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| e. Preventing domestic violence, such as child or partner abuse | **30** | 9 | 21 | **33** | **25** | 16 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| f. Improving the health of minority populations | **31** | 6 | 25 | **32** | **26** | 20 | 6 | 1 | 10 |
| g. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from natural disasters | **48** | 16 | 32 | **33** | **17** | 10 | 7 | * | 1 |
| h. Improving or fixing Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income adults and children | **27** | 10 | 17 | **33** | **36** | 24 | 12 | - | 4 |
| i. Improving or fixing Medicare, the government health program for people 65 and older and certain people with long-term disabilities | **26** | 7 | 19 | **30** | **39** | 27 | 12 | - | 5 |
| j. Funding to state public health departments | **33** | 4 | 29 | **34** | **20** | 14 | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| k. Preventing chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes | **47** | 16 | 31 | **32** | **16** | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| l. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from terrorist attacks | **59** | 23 | 36 | **24** | **13** | 10 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| m. Reducing obesity by promoting healthy lifestyles | **37** | 14 | 23 | **32** | **23** | 13 | 10 | 5 | 3 |
| n. Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS | **45** | 19 | 26 | **29** | **17** | 12 | 5 | 4 | 7 |

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | They shouldn't be doing that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| o. Preventing injuries, such as burns, poisoning and falls | **43** | 12 | 31 | **29** | **17** | 11 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| p. Ensuring workplace health and safety | **54** | 17 | 37 | **26** | **13** | 10 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| q. Improving the health of low-income Americans | **32** | 14 | 18 | **33** | **30** | 19 | 11 | 2 | 4 |
| r. Increasing research to find new cures and treatments for major disease threats | **48** | 18 | 30 | **35** | **10** | 7 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| s. Ensuring the safety and effectiveness of prescription drugs | **58** | 16 | 42 | **26** | **14** | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| t. Providing subsidies to help the uninsured buy health insurance or get health care services | **35** | 15 | 20 | **33** | **25** | 15 | 10 | 2 | 5 |

**(Asked of one-third of respondents; n =533)**

9. During the past 12 months, have you had any contact with a federal government health agency, or not?

| Yes | No | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|
| 15 | 84 | 2 |

**(Asked of one-third of respondents; n = 533)**

9a. Just your best guess…Over the past five years, do you think the overall health of people in the U.S. has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

| Gotten better | Gotten worse | Stayed about the same | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 45 | 40 | 2 |

**Parts a through h (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n =243)**
**Parts k through q and t (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 288)**

10. As you know, there are many competing spending priorities facing your state's governor and legislature. For each of the following, please tell me if it should be a priority for your state government, or not? How about (INSERT ITEM) should that be a priority for your state government, or not?

10a. Do you think that should be one of the top priorities, important but not a top priority, or a priority but not an important one?

10/10a. Combo Table – Program Priorities for State Government

| | One of the top priorities | Important but not a top priority | A priority but not an important one | A priority, don't know how important | Not a priority | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including by providing vaccinations | 53 | 25 | 6 | - | 15 | 2 |
| b. Detecting and preventing foodborne illnesses | 43 | 24 | 10 | * | 20 | 2 |
| c. Reducing smoking and tobacco use | 32 | 16 | 8 | * | 41 | 1 |
| d. Providing screening tests for major health problems | 33 | 34 | 6 | - | 26 | 1 |
| e. Preventing domestic violence, such as child or partner abuse | 52 | 24 | 7 | - | 16 | 1 |
| f. Improving the health of minority populations | 27 | 30 | 9 | - | 31 | 3 |
| g. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from natural disasters | 47 | 28 | 10 | * | 13 | 2 |

| | One of the top priorities | Important but not a top priority | A priority but not an important one | A priority, don't know how important | Not a priority | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| h. Improving or fixing Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income adults and children | 62 | 16 | 4 | * | 15 | 2 |
| k. Preventing chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes | 40 | 22 | 10 | * | 26 | 1 |
| l. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from terrorist attacks | 35 | 20 | 10 | * | 32 | 3 |
| m. Reducing obesity by promoting healthy lifestyles | 28 | 20 | 10 | * | 39 | 4 |
| n. Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS | 32 | 26 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 1 |
| o. Preventing injuries, such as burns, poisoning and falls | 14 | 18 | 11 | * | 53 | 4 |
| p. Ensuring workplace health and safety | 34 | 32 | 11 | 1 | 21 | 1 |
| q. Improving the health of low-income Americans | 43 | 28 | 8 | 1 | 18 | 2 |
| t. Providing subsidies to help the uninsured buy health insurance or get health care services | 36 | 29 | 7 | - | 25 | 3 |

**Parts a through h (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 243)**
**Parts k through q and t (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 288)**

11. Using a grading scale like they do in schools - where A is excellent, B is good, C is fair, D is poor and F is failing, how would you grade the performance of your state government in each of the following areas?

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | They shouldn't be doing that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| a. Preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including by providing vaccinations | **58** | 18 | 40 | **27** | **12** | 5 | 7 | - | 3 |
| b. Detecting and preventing foodborne illnesses | **51** | 14 | 37 | **34** | **12** | 5 | 7 | - | 3 |
| c. Reducing smoking and tobacco use | **45** | 15 | 30 | **30** | **22** | 14 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| d. Providing screening tests for major health problems | **40** | 13 | 27 | **32** | **22** | 12 | 10 | 1 | 6 |
| e. Preventing domestic violence, such as child or partner abuse | **45** | 12 | 33 | **29** | **19** | 14 | 5 | * | 6 |
| f. Improving the health of minority populations | **35** | 10 | 25 | **39** | **19** | 11 | 8 | * | 6 |
| g. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from natural disasters | **51** | 15 | 36 | **32** | **14** | 8 | 6 | - | 2 |
| h. Improving or fixing Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long-term care to certain low-income adults and children | **33** | 10 | 23 | **36** | **25** | 14 | 11 | 1 | 6 |
| k. Preventing chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes | **41** | 10 | 31 | **32** | **16** | 10 | 6 | 2 | 8 |

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | They shouldn't be doing that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| l. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from terrorist attacks | **41** | 16 | 25 | **26** | **23** | 15 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| m. Reducing obesity by promoting healthy lifestyles | **28** | 8 | 20 | **35** | **29** | 17 | 12 | 1 | 7 |
| n. Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS | **41** | 11 | 30 | **29** | **19** | 13 | 6 | 1 | 10 |
| o. Preventing injuries, such as burns, poisoning and falls | **34** | 8 | 26 | **36** | **17** | 12 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| p. Ensuring workplace health and safety | **56** | 12 | 44 | **25** | **12** | 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| q. Improving the health of low-income Americans | **34** | 11 | 23 | **32** | **26** | 18 | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| t. Providing subsidies to help the uninsured buy health insurance or get health care services | **37** | 9 | 28 | **31** | **23** | 15 | 8 | 1 | 8 |

**(Asked of one-third of respondents; n = 531)**

12. During the past 12 months, have you had any contact with a state government health agency, or not?

| Yes | No | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|
| 14 | 85 | 1 |

**(Asked of one-third of respondents; n = 531)**

12a. Just your best guess…Over the past five years, do you think the overall health of people in your state has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

| Gotten better | Gotten worse | Stayed about the same | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 32 | 50 | 3 |

**Parts a through g (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 295)**
**Parts k through q and t (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 239)**

13. As you know, there are many competing spending priorities facing your local or county government. For each of the following, please tell me if you think it should be a priority for your local or county government, or not? How about (INSERT ITEM) should that be a priority for your local or county government, or not?

13a. Do you think that should be one of the top priorities, important but not a top priority, or a priority but not an important one?

13/13a. Combo Table – Program Priorities for Local or County Government

| | One of the top priorities | Important but not a top priority | A priority but not an important one | A priority, don't know how important | Not a priority | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including by providing vaccinations | 54 | 27 | 7 | * | 11 | 1 |
| b. Detecting and preventing foodborne illnesses | 45 | 25 | 10 | * | 19 | * |
| c. Reducing smoking and tobacco use | 25 | 16 | 10 | - | 49 | 1 |
| d. Providing screening tests for major health problems | 36 | 25 | 10 | - | 26 | 3 |
| e. Preventing domestic violence, such as child or partner abuse | 57 | 23 | 7 | - | 12 | 1 |
| f. Improving the health of minority populations | 30 | 24 | 9 | 1 | 32 | 3 |
| g. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from natural disasters | 45 | 28 | 11 | 1 | 14 | 1 |

| | One of the top priorities | Important but not a top priority | A priority but not an important one | A priority, don't know how important | Not a priority | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| k. Preventing chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes | 42 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 30 | 1 |
| l. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from terrorist attacks | 39 | 20 | 6 | - | 34 | 1 |
| m. Reducing obesity by promoting healthy lifestyles | 35 | 23 | 8 | - | 34 | 1 |
| n. Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS | 40 | 22 | 10 | * | 26 | 2 |
| o. Preventing injuries, such as burns, poisoning and falls | 20 | 21 | 6 | * | 52 | * |
| p. Ensuring workplace health and safety | 30 | 33 | 10 | * | 25 | 2 |
| q. Improving the health of low-income Americans | 45 | 26 | 5 | * | 21 | 3 |
| t. Providing subsidies to help the uninsured buy health insurance or get health care services | 45 | 19 | 6 | - | 27 | 3 |

**Parts a through g (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 295)**
**Parts k through q and t (asked of one-sixth of respondents; n = 239)**

14. Using a grading scale like they do in schools - where A is excellent, B is good, C is fair, D is poor and F is failing, how would you grade the performance of your local or county government in each of the following areas?

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | They shouldn't be doing that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| a. Preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including by providing vaccinations | **57** | 20 | 37 | **26** | **10** | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| b. Detecting and preventing foodborne illnesses | **49** | 17 | 32 | **30** | **15** | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| c. Reducing smoking and tobacco use | **40** | 18 | 22 | **27** | **25** | 14 | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| d. Providing screening tests for major health problems | **39** | 14 | 25 | **36** | **16** | 11 | 5 | * | 9 |
| e. Preventing domestic violence, such as child or partner abuse | **39** | 14 | 25 | **35** | **20** | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| f. Improving the health of minority populations | **36** | 12 | 24 | **32** | **20** | 14 | 6 | 2 | 10 |
| g. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from natural disasters | **47** | 15 | 32 | **33** | **15** | 11 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| k. Preventing chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes | **37** | 12 | 25 | **33** | **18** | 12 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| l. Preparing the public for health problems or injuries resulting from terrorist attacks | **37** | 12 | 25 | **27** | **24** | 13 | 11 | * | 12 |
| m. Reducing obesity by promoting healthy lifestyles | **38** | 15 | 23 | **30** | **26** | 18 | 8 | 1 | 4 |

| | Positive Grade | | | | Negative Grade | | | They shouldn't be doing that (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Net A+B** | A | B | **C** | **Net D+F** | D | F | | |
| n. Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS | **37** | 12 | 25 | **29** | **20** | 14 | 6 | 2 | 12 |
| o. Preventing injuries, such as burns, poisoning and falls | **38** | 12 | 26 | **35** | **12** | 9 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| p. Ensuring workplace health and safety | **48** | 14 | 34 | **33** | **10** | 7 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| q. Improving the health of low-income Americans | **34** | 11 | 23 | **34** | **24** | 16 | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| t. Providing subsidies to help the uninsured buy health insurance or get health care services | **32** | 12 | 20 | **31** | **25** | 15 | 10 | 2 | 9 |

**(Asked of one-third of respondents; n =534)**

15. During the past 12 months, have you had any contact with a local or county government health agency, or not?

| Yes | No | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | 77 | 1 |

**(Asked of one-third of respondents; n = 534)**

15a. Just your best guess…Over the past five years, do you think the overall health of people in your local community has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

| Gotten better | Gotten worse | Stayed about the same | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 22 | 61 | 2 |

**Parts a through b (asked of total respondents; n = 1,598)**
**Parts c through w (asked of half of respondents; n =799)**

16. Now I'm going to ask some questions about things that may have happened to you during the past 12 months. As a reminder, your answers are confidential and will be used only for statistical estimates for all respondents to this survey. As I read each of the following, please tell me if you have had that problem during the past 12 months, or not. (INSERT ITEM). Have you had that problem during the past 12 months, or not?

| | Yes, had this problem during the past 12 months | No, did not have this problem during the past 12 months | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. You have had a serious illness or injury | 20 | 80 | * |
| b. You lost or couldn't find a job | 20 | 79 | 1 |
| c. You could not afford to eat a healthy diet | 18 | 82 | * |
| d. You could not get the exercise you need | 17 | 83 | * |
| f. You experienced an unsafe environmental condition that threatened your health | 9 | 91 | * |
| g. You could not get public transportation when you needed it | 14 | 86 | * |
| h. You experienced a significant problem with your housing that threatened your health, such as roaches, lead, or mold | 11 | 88 | 1 |
| i. You were injured in a violent event | 3 | 97 | * |
| j. You could not find an affordable place to live | 15 | 85 | * |
| k. You suffered personal or housing damage resulting from a natural or man-made disaster in your community | 10 | 90 | * |
| l. You could not get access to clean, safe water | 5 | 94 | 1 |

| | Yes, had this problem during the past 12 months | No, did not have this problem during the past 12 months | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|
| m. You were living in an area with low-quality air or air pollution | 19 | 80 | 1 |
| n. You could not find a high quality doctor or hospital | 11 | 88 | * |
| o. You could not afford to pay health care insurance premiums | 20 | 80 | * |
| p. You could not afford to pay medical bills | 22 | 77 | 1 |
| q. You could not get preventative health services like immunizations and health screenings | 6 | 94 | * |
| s. You could not get prescription drugs you needed because of cost | 16 | 84 | * |
| t. You could not get long-term care you or a family member needed because you couldn't afford it. This includes home care, assisted living, or care in a nursing home. | 12 | 87 | 1 |
| u. You could not get a prescription filled because you couldn't get to a pharmacy or drug store | 5 | 95 | * |
| v. Had a serious financial problem that impacted your life | 29 | 70 | * |
| w. You experienced an emergency and could not get help from emergency services such as police, fire or ambulance | 3 | 96 | * |

17. Some people say that if the U.S. spent more now on measures to improve health and prevention, the country would save money in the long run because people would be healthier. Other people say spending more now on measures to improve health and prevention would NOT save money in the long run. Which comes closer to your own view?

| Spending more now WOULD save money in the long run | Spending more now would NOT save money in the long run | Neither of these (vol) | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 31 | 3 | 6 |

21. In general, how would you describe your own health – excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?

| Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 31 | 31 | 14 | 5 | 1 |

22. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan? This would include any private insurance plan through your employer, a plan you purchase yourself, or a government program like Medicare or Medicaid?

| Yes | No | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|
| 81 | 18 | 1 |

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23. Can you please tell me your age?

| 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 35 | 26 | 17 | 1 |

25. What is the last grade of school you completed?

| | |
|---|---|
| High school graduate or less (Net) | 43 |
| Less than high school graduate | 13 |
| High school graduate | 28 |
| Technical school/other | 2 |
| Some college or more (Net) | 56 |
| Some college | 28 |
| College graduate + (Subnet) | 28 |
| Graduate college | 17 |
| Graduate school or more | 11 |
| Don't know/Refused | 1 |

26. Currently, are you yourself employed full-time, part-time, or not at all?

| Employed | | | Not Employed | Don't Know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Net | Full-time | Part-time | | |
| 57 | 43 | 14 | 42 | * |

27. Are you ...?

| Single, that is, never married | Single, living with a partner | Married | Separated | Widowed | Divorced | Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 7 | 51 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 |

**(Asked of landline respondents; n =1,072)**

L1. Now thinking about your telephone use…Does anyone in your household, including yourself, have a working cell phone?

**(Asked of landline respondents with a working cell phone; n = 887)**

L2. Of all the telephone calls that you and the other people in your household receive, are (READ ITEMS)?

**(Asked of cell phone respondents; n = 526)**

C1. Now thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

**(Asked of cell phone respondents with a working landline phone; n = 260)**

C2. Of all the telephone calls that you and the other people in your household receive, are (READ ITEMS)?

**L1/L2/C1/C2. Combo Table**

| | Total |
|---|---|
| Landline only | 11 |
| Landline mostly | 15 |
| Some landline/some cell phone | 29 |
| Cell phone mostly | 17 |
| Cell phone only | 28 |
| Don't know/Refused | 2 |

28. Including yourself, how many people are there living in your household?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 33 | 17 | 32 | 2 |

28a. How many of these are adults, 18 or older?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 52 | 17 | 10 | 2 |

**(Asked of total respondents with a child living in household; n =463)**

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

| Yes | No | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|
| 83 | 17 | - |

28/29 Combo Table

| | Total |
|---|---|
| No children living in household | 64 |
| Have children living in household | 34 |
| Is parent or guardian of any children in household | 28 |
| Is not parent or guardian of any children in household | 6 |
| Refused | 2 |

30. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

**(Asked of respondents who are of Hispanic origin; n =222)**
31. Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?

**(Asked of respondents who are not of Hispanic origin; n = 1,376)**
32. Would you consider yourself to be White, Black or of some other race?

**30/31/32. Race Summary Table**

| | Total |
|---|---|
| White (non-Hispanic) | 67 |
| Black/African American (non-Hispanic) | 11 |
| Asian/Oriental/Chinese/Japanese (non-Hispanic) | 3 |
| Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native | 1 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | * |
| Hispanic (Net) | 14 |
| White Hispanic | 10 |
| Black Hispanic | 2 |
| Hispanic unspecified | 1 |
| Some other race | 1 |
| Refused | 2 |

33. In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

| Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other | Don't know | Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 32 | 36 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

**(Asked of respondents who are neither Republican or Democrat; n = 700)**
34. As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

33/34. Leaned Party Table

| | Total |
|---|---|
| Democrat/lean Democrat | 46 |
| Republican/lean Republican | 34 |
| Independent | 13 |
| Something else | 3 |
| Don't know | 4 |

35. In general, would you describe your political views as...

| Very conservative | Somewhat conservative | Moderate | Somewhat liberal | Very liberal | Don't know/ Refused |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 25 | 34 | 14 | 7 | 8 |

36. What is your total family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes?

**(Asked of respondents who Don't know or Refused income n = 210)**
36a. Is your total annual household income from all sources and before taxes less than $50,000, $50,000 but less than $100,000, or over $100,000?

**(Asked of respondents who's family income is $100,000 and over = 238)**
36b. Is that 100 to under 150,000, $150,000 under $200,000, $200,000 to under $250, 000, or $250,000 or more?

**36/36a/36b. Income Summary Table**

| | Total |
|---|---|
| Less than $50K (Net) | 51 |
| Less than $25K (Subnet) | 26 |
| Less than $15K | 14 |
| $15K but less than $25K | 12 |
| $25K but less than $30K | 8 |
| $30K but less than $40K | 9 |
| $40K but less than $50K | 7 |
| Less than $50K (unspecified) | 2 |
| $50K to less than $100K (Net) | 25 |

| | |
|---|---|
| $50K but less than $75K | 13 |
| $75K but less than $100K | 11 |
| $50K but less than $100K (unspecified) | 1 |
| $100K+(Net) | 14 |
| $100K but less than $150K | 8 |
| $150K but less than $200K | 3 |
| $200K but less than $250K | 1 |
| $250K+ | 1 |
| $100K + (unspecified) | 1 |
| Don’t know | 4 |
| Refused | 6 |

E. RECORD GENDER OF RESPONDENT

| Male | Female |
|---|---|
| 48 | 52 |