

Topline

KFF Health Tracking Poll
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METHODOLOGY

The *KFF Health Tracking Poll* was conducted in English and Spanish with a nationally representative sample of 1,146 U.S. adults aged 18 or older, including an oversample of 474 adults ages 65 and older. The survey was conducted online and via phone from September 23-October 4, 2021, combining sample from two online probability-based panels and telephone samples recruited from random digit dialing (RDD). Sampling, data collection, weighting and tabulation were managed by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA in close collaboration with Kaiser Family Foundation researchers. The KFF team developed the questionnaire, analyzed the data and contributed financing for the survey.

Panel surveys were conducted through two online panels: (1) The SSRS Opinion Panel, a representative probability-based panel of U.S. adults ages 18 and older, recruited using the SSRS Omnibus poll (a weekly dual-frame RDD telephone survey) and through address-based sampling (ABS) (n=939). (2) The IPSOS KnowledgePanel, a probability-based online panel of U.S. adults ages 18 and older recruited through ABS targeting panelist (n=85). In order to reach adults 65 and older, a group less likely to be reached through an online panel, as well as those who do not have access to the internet, 122 interviews were completed by telephone, (including 79 among those who had previously indicated they do not use the internet).

The combined online, cell phone, and landline sample was weighted to match the sample demographics to estimates for the national population. A multi-stage weighting process was used to adjust for the fact that not all survey respondents were selected with the same probabilities and to account for systematic non-response. In the first weighting stage, adjustments were made regarding the probabilities of selection to the two web panels, and for probability of selection and non-response to the telephone callback samples. Each of these surveys were probability samples of the U.S. adult population that were weighted to the Census Bureau's March 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS), by gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and Census region. The data were also weighted to match internet usage metrics based on the U.S. Census's 2019 American Community Survey, civic engagement metrics based on the September 2019 CPS Volunteering and Civic Life Supplement, and to match party identification within age groups from previous KFF RDD samples.

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 4 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	1,146	± 4 percentage points
Age		
18-64	672	± 5 percentage points
65+	474	± 7 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	476	± 6 percentage points
Republicans	231	± 8 percentage points
Independents	322	± 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.

Age. What is your age?
 AGE2. (IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell (me/us) if you are between the ages: (READ LIST)

RECA2 VARIABLE

	10/21
18-29	17
30-49	37
50-64	25
65+	22
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	-

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

	10/21
Yes	16
No	84
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?
 Race/Hispanic Combo Table

	10/21
White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White (NET)	36
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	16
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	*

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

Based on Hispanic adults

	10/21
U.S.	54
Puerto Rico	7
Another country	39
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*
	<i>n=243</i>

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? (rotate text in parentheses) [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]

	10/21
Very favorable	23
Somewhat favorable	35
Somewhat unfavorable	21
Very unfavorable	20
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	2
Don't know	2
Refused/Web blank	*

Q1. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in each of the following? (rotate text in parentheses)

	Democrats	Republicans	Don't know/Refused/ Web Blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank
a. Lowering the cost of health care including prescription drug costs 10/21	59	39	2	1	1
b. Determining the future of the Medicare program, the government health insurance program for adults 65 and older and for some younger adults with disabilities 10/21	58	40	2	*	1
c. Determining the future of the Medicaid program, the government health insurance program for lower income adults and children 10/21	61	37	2	*	1
d. Determining the future of the Affordable Care Act, or ACA 10/21	60	37	2	1	1

Q2. How important, if at all, is ((INSERT))/each of the following) for you and your family? (scramble a-b)

	Very/ somewhat important (NET)	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/Not at all important (NET)	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know/ Refused/ Web Blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused /Web blank
a. Medicare 10/21	80	56	25	19	12	7	*	-	*
b. Medicaid 10/21	59	36	23	40	21	19	1	*	1

Show to all: Now thinking just about Medicare, the government health insurance program for adults 65 and older and for some younger adults with disabilities.

Q3. As far as you know, does Medicare pay for each of the following(, or not?), or are you not sure? (scramble a-f)

	Yes/Unsure (NET)	Yes, Medicare covers	Unsure	No, Medicare does not cover	Refused/Web blank
a. Help with everyday activities, such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation or remembering medications 10/21	74	23	51	26	*
b. Long-term care in a nursing home 10/21	76	33	43	23	*
c. Transportation to and from medical appointments for those who can no longer drive 10/21	83	37	46	17	*
d. Dental care and dentures 10/21	68	29	39	32	-
e. Hearing aids 10/21	76	32	44	24	-
f. Routine vision care and eyeglasses 10/21	74	40	34	26	-

SHOW TO ALL: The next several questions are about possible actions being discussed in Congress.

(Scramble Q4-Q6)

Q4. Earlier this year, Congress passed additional financial help for people who buy their own health insurance coverage as part of the COVID-19 relief package. Do you (favor) or (oppose) the federal government making permanent the financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get health insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Strongly/Somewhat favor (NET)	80
Strongly favor	46
Somewhat favor	33
Somewhat/Strongly oppose (NET)	20
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	7
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	1

Q5. Congress is currently discussing adding benefits to **Medicare**, the government health insurance program for adults 65 and over and for some younger adults with long-term disabilities. Do you (favor) or (oppose) expanding **Medicare** to include dental, vision, and hearing coverage? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Strongly/Somewhat favor (NET)	90
Strongly favor	62
Somewhat favor	29
Somewhat/Strongly oppose (NET)	9
Somewhat oppose	5
Strongly oppose	4
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	*

Q6. As you may know, while most states have expanded their **Medicaid** program to cover more lower income adults, some states have not expanded their **Medicaid** program. Do you (favor) or (oppose) the federal government stepping in to provide insurance options for lower income people living in states that have not expanded their **Medicaid** programs? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Strongly/Somewhat favor (NET)	75
Strongly favor	43
Somewhat favor	32
Somewhat/Strongly oppose (NET)	24
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	10
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	1

SHOW TO ALL: The next questions are about your opinion of prescription drugs in some different areas.

Q7. In general, do you think the cost of prescription drugs is:

	10/21
Reasonable	17
Unreasonable	83
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	*

Q8. How much confidence do you have in each of the following to recommend the right thing for the country on prescription drug prices? What about (INSERT)? (READ LIST FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY) (scramble a-e)

	A great deal/A fair amount (NET)	A great deal	A fair amount	Only a little/None (NET)	Only a little	None	Don't know/Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/ Web blank
a. AARP 10/21	53	17	35	45	30	15	2	1	1
b. Pharmaceutical or drug companies 10/21	14	4	10	86	27	59	*	*	*
c. President Biden 10/21	46	18	29	53	20	34	1	-	1
d. Republicans in Congress 10/21	33	8	25	67	35	32	1	*	1
e. Democrats in Congress 10/21	48	15	34	51	24	27	1	*	1

Q9. Congress is currently discussing ways to lower the cost of prescription drugs for people with Medicare or private insurance. Do you (favor) or (oppose) ((INSERT)/each of the following)? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses) (scramble a-b)

	Strongly/ Somewhat favor (NET)	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat/ Strongly oppose (NET)	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused /Web blank
a. Limiting how much drug companies can increase the price for prescription drugs each year to no more than the rate of inflation 10/21	88	65	24	11	6	5	*	*	*
b. Placing an annual limit on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for people on Medicare 10/21	85	53	32	15	10	5	1	*	*

Q10. Which comes closer to your view? (READ LIST) (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Option A: (Drug companies need to charge high prices in order to fund the innovative research necessary for developing new drugs)	6
Option B: (Even if U.S. prices were lower, drug companies would still make enough money to invest in the research needed to develop new drugs)	93
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	*

Q11. As you may know, the federal government is currently prohibited from negotiating with drug companies to get a lower price on prescription medications for people with Medicare. Do you (favor) or (oppose) allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on prescription drugs for people with Medicare and private insurance? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Strongly/Somewhat favor (NET)	83
Strongly favor	52
Somewhat favor	31
Somewhat/Strongly oppose (NET)	16
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	5
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	1

(Scramble Q12-Q13)

Q12. People opposed to allowing the federal government to negotiate prices with drug companies say this would have the government too involved and will lead to fewer new drugs being available in the future. How convincing do you find this argument? (READ LIST)

	10/21
Very/Somewhat convincing (NET)	33
Very convincing	6
Somewhat convincing	27
Not too/Not at all convincing (NET)	66
Not too convincing	38
Not at all convincing	28
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	1

Q13. People in favor of allowing the federal government to negotiate prices with drug companies say this is needed because Americans pay higher prices than people in other countries, many can't afford their prescriptions, and drug company profits are too high. How convincing do you find this argument? (READ LIST)

	10/21
Very/Somewhat convincing (NET)	84
Very convincing	50
Somewhat convincing	34
Not too/Not at all convincing (NET)	15
Not too convincing	11
Not at all convincing	4
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	1

Q14. After hearing arguments from both sides, do you now (favor) or (oppose) allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies to get a lower price on prescription drugs for people with Medicare and private insurance? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Strongly/Somewhat favor (NET)	83
Strongly favor	45
Somewhat favor	37
Somewhat/Strongly oppose (NET)	17
Somewhat oppose	11
Strongly oppose	5
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	1

SHOW TO ALL: The next set of questions are about home and community-based services. These are services to help people with everyday activities such as bathing, dressing, shopping, or remembering to take medications. This help can happen either in an individual's home or in a community setting.

(Scramble Q15-Q16)

Q15. Congress is discussing ways to expand access to home and community based services, including increased pay for home and community based workers, increasing the types of services covered, and making more people eligible for services. Do you (favor) or (oppose) providing additional government funding to Medicaid to pay for these changes to home and community based services? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Strongly/Somewhat favor (NET)	79
Strongly favor	40
Somewhat favor	39
Somewhat/Strongly oppose (NET)	20
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	6
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	*

Q16. Congress is discussing providing a new tax credit of up to \$4,000 to help cover expenses for families of individuals who need help with daily activities. Do you (favor) or (oppose) providing such a tax credit to help individuals pay for home and community based services? Is that strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose)? (rotate text in parentheses)

	10/21
Strongly/Somewhat favor (NET)	82
Strongly favor	43
Somewhat favor	40
Somewhat/Strongly oppose (NET)	17
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	4
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	*

SHOW TO ALL: Now asking about your own personal health care experiences.

Q17. Do you, yourself, currently receive ongoing support with everyday activities from each of the following? What about (INSERT)? Remember that everyday activities are bathing, dressing, shopping, or remembering to take medications. This help can happen either in an individual's home or in a community setting. (scramble a-c)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank
a. Family members					
10/21	19	81	*	-	*
b. Friends					
10/21	11	89	*	-	*
c. Paid nurses or aides					
10/21	5	94	*	-	*

Q19a. How is the care you get from nurses or aides paid for? Is it through (Medicare), (Medicaid), (long term care insurance), or directly by you or a family member? (scramble text in parentheses)

Based on those who have received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides

Insufficient sample size to report

Q17c/Q19a Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Have received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	5
Paid for nurses or aides through Medicare	2
Paid for nurses or aides through Medicaid	1
Paid for nurses or aides through long term care insurance	1
Paid for nurses or aides directly by you or a family member	1
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Have not received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	94
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*

Q20a. Do you need more support from a paid nurse or aide than you are currently able to get?

Based on those who are receiving ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides

Insufficient sample size to report

Q17c/Q20a Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Have received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	5
Need more support from a paid nurse or aide than currently able to get	3
Do not need more support from a paid nurse or aide than currently able to get	3
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	-
Have not received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	94
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*

Q20b. Do you need support from a paid nurse or aide?

Based on those who are not receiving ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides

	10/21
Yes	1
No	98
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*
	<i>n=1089</i>

Q17c/Q20b Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Have received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	5
Have not received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides (NET)	95
Need support from a paid nurse or aide	1
Do not need support from a paid nurse or aide	93
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*

Q18. Do you have a family member such as a child, spouse, parent, or grandparent who is receiving ongoing support with everyday activities from each of the following? What about (INSERT)? This does not include the usual care that parents or caregivers provide to younger children. (scramble a-c)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank
a. Other family members					
10/21	30	69	*	*	*
b. Friends					
10/21	12	87	1	*	1
c. Paid nurses or aides					
10/21	16	83	1	*	1

Q19b. How is your family member's care from nurses or aides paid for? Is it through (Medicare), (Medicaid), (long term care insurance), or directly by you or a family member? (scramble text in parentheses)

Based on those who have a family member who is receiving ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides

	10/21
Medicare	31
Medicaid	19
Long term care insurance	18
Directly by you or a family member	32
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	1
Refused/Web blank	-
	<i>n=151</i>

Q18c/Q19b Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
A family member has received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	16
Paid for nurses or aides through Medicare	5
Paid for nurses or aides through Medicaid	3
Paid for nurses or aides through long term care insurance	3
Paid for nurses or aides directly by you or a family member	5
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
A family member has not received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	83
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1

Q20c. Does your family member need more support from a paid nurse or aide than they are currently able to get?

Based on those who have a family member who is receiving ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides

	10/21
Yes	43
No	55
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	2
Don't know	2
Refused/Web blank	-
	<i>n=151</i>

Q18c/Q20c Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Family member has received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	16
Need more support from a paid nurse or aide than currently able to get	7
Do not need more support from a paid nurse or aide than currently able to get	9
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Family member has not received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	83
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1

Q20d. Does your family member need support from a paid nurse or aide?

Based on those who do not have a family member who has received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides

	10/21
Yes	11
No	88
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	1
	<i>n=995</i>

Q18c/Q20d Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
A family member has received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides	16
A family member has not received ongoing support with everyday activities from paid nurses or aides (NET)	84
Need support from a paid nurse or aide	9
Do not need support from a paid nurse or aide	74
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*

Q20 Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
They or family member need additional support from nurses/aides	18
Does not need support from nurses/aides	82

Q21. Is each of the following a reason why you or a family member have not been able to get the additional support you or they need? What about (INSERT)? (scramble a-e)

Based on those who say they or a family member need additional support from nurses/aides

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank	
a. Not being able to afford the cost of the care						
10/21	78	22	*	*	*	<i>n=190</i>
b. Not being able to find someone to provide services						
10/21	47	52	1	*	*	<i>n=190</i>
c. Being worried about being exposed to coronavirus						
10/21	40	55	5	*	5	<i>n=190</i>
d. Being too busy or couldn't find the time to get help						
10/21	20	76	4	*	3	<i>n=190</i>
e. Being afraid or embarrassed to get help						
10/21	32	67	*	-	*	<i>n=190</i>
f. Some other reason						
10/21	15	77	7	1	7	<i>n=190</i>

Based on total

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank	Does not need support from nurses/aides
a. Not being able to afford the cost of the care						
10/21	14	4	*	*	*	82
b. Not being able to find someone to provide services						
10/21	8	9	*	*	*	82
c. Being worried about being exposed to coronavirus						
10/21	7	10	1	*	1	82
d. Being too busy or couldn't find the time to get help						
10/21	4	14	1	*	1	82
e. Being afraid or embarrassed to get help						
10/21	6	12	*	-	*	82
f. Some other reason						
10/21	3	13	1	*	1	82

Q21fa. What is that reason?

Based on those who need additional support with their own or their family member's everyday activities from paid nurses or aides, and have not been able to get the additional support for some other reason

Insufficient sample size to report

Q20Combo/Q21a-f Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Needs additional support from nurses/aides	18
Not being able to afford the cost of the care	14
Not being able to find someone to provide services	8
Being worried about being exposed to coronavirus	7
Being too busy or couldn't find the time to get help	4
Being afraid or embarrassed to get help	6
Some other reason	3
Does not need support from nurses/aides	82

Q22. Are you, yourself, providing ongoing **unpaid** support to anyone, including family members or close friends, with everyday activities? Everyday activities include bathing, dressing, shopping, or remembering to take medications. This help can happen either in an individual's home or in a community setting. This does not include the usual care that parents or caregivers provide to younger children.

	10/21
Yes	21
No	79
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	-
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	-

Q23. Have you or have you not experienced any of the following as a result of providing others with ongoing support? Have you experienced (INSERT), or not? (scramble a-d)

Based on those who are providing ongoing unpaid support to anyone with everyday activities

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank	
a. Financial strain such as losing a job or having to work reduced hours 10/21	42	58	*	-	*	n=219
b. Stress or worry related to the individual's care 10/21	77	23	-	-	-	n=219
c. A worsening of your own physical health 10/21	38	60	2	1	1	n=219
d. A worsening of your own mental health 10/21	50	50	*	-	*	n=219

Q22/Q23 Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Are providing ongoing unpaid support to anyone with everyday activities	21
Experienced financial strain such as losing a job or having to work reduced hours as a result	9
Experienced stress or worry related to the individual's care as a result	16
Experienced a worsening of your own physical health as a result	8
Experienced a worsening of your own mental health as a result	11
Are not providing ongoing unpaid support to anyone with everyday activities	79
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	-

SHOW TO ALL: Moving onto other personal health care experiences.

Q24. In the past 12 months, did you delay or go without any the following medical services because of the COST? In the past 12 months, did you delay or go without (INSERT) because of the COST? (INTERVIEWER: PLEASE READ "BECAUSE OF THE COST" AFTER EACH ITEM.) (scramble a-f)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank
a. A visit to a doctor's office 10/21	24	76	*	-	*
b. Hospital services 10/21	13	87	*	-	*
c. Dental services 10/21	39	61	*	-	*
d. Vision services, including eyeglasses 10/21	28	72	-	-	-
e. Hearing services, including hearing aids 10/21	9	91	*	-	*
f. Mental health care 10/21	17	83	*	-	*

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? 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 or (STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME)?

	10/21
Covered by health insurance	87
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	10/21
Insured less than 65	85
Uninsured less than 65	15
	<i>n = 670</i>

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

	10/21
Plan through your employer	37
Plan through your spouse's employer	15
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	25
Medicaid	11
Somewhere else	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	3
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	-
	<i>n=1054</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE Combo Table

Based on total

	10/21
Covered by health insurance (NET)	87
Employer	32
Spouse's employer	13
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	22
Medicaid	10
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	2
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*

AGECOVTYPE VARIABLE

Based on those ages 18-64

	10/21
Covered by health insurance	38
Employer	16
Spouse's employer	7
Self-purchased plan	6
Medicare	12
Medicaid	2
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	-
Don't know/Refused/Web Blank (NET)	15
Not covered by health insurance	*
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	38
	<i>n=672</i>

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

Based on those who are insured somewhere else

Insufficient sample size 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 who are insured through a self-purchased plan and are aged 18-64

Insufficient sample size to report

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?

Based on those who are insured through a self-purchased plan not through the federal marketplace and are aged 18-64

Insufficient sample size to report

COVTYPEX. Do you currently have any type of insurance that helps you pay for prescription drugs?

Based on those who are insured through a self-purchased plan or are aged 65+

	10/21
Yes	85
No	15
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	-
	n=527

COVISION. Do you currently have any type of insurance that helps you pay for vision care or glasses?

	10/21
Yes	59
No	39
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	1
Refused/Web blank	1

COVDENTAL. Do you currently have any type of insurance that helps you pay for dental care?

	10/21
Yes	64
No	35
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	2
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	2

HEARING. Do you currently have or need a hearing aid or hearing device?

	10/21
Yes	12
No	87
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	1

Q25. In general, how (easy) or (difficult) is it for you to afford to pay for each of the following? What about (INSERT)? (READ LIST FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY) (scramble b-i) (rotate text in parentheses)

Items A-B: Based on those who are insured

Items C-I: Based on total

	Very/ Somewhat easy (NET)	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Somewhat /Very difficult (NET)	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Not applicable (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused /Web blank (NET)	
a. The cost of health insurance each month 10/21	60	27	33	27	20	7	13	*	n=1054
b. Out of pocket costs for medical care not covered by your insurance 10/21	42	15	27	46	26	20	11	*	n=1054
c. Prescription drugs 10/21	59	29	30	26	15	11	15	*	n=1146
d. Hearing or vision care, including office visits, hearing aids or eyeglasses 10/21	47	21	26	33	20	14	20	*	n=1146
e. Dental care 10/21	45	22	23	46	23	23	9	*	n=1146
f. Your rent or mortgage 10/21	54	23	31	33	23	10	13	*	n=1146
g. Gasoline or other transportation costs 10/21	66	29	37	30	21	9	5	*	n=1146
h. Food 10/21	73	35	38	25	19	6	2	*	n=1146
i. Your monthly utilities like electricity or heat 10/21	66	29	37	30	21	9	4	*	n=1146

Q26. In the past 12 months, have you (done any of the following/(INSERT)) because of the COST, or not? (scramble a-d)

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused/ Web blank (NET)	Don't know	Refused/Web blank
a. Not filled a prescription for a medicine 10/21	16	84	-	-	-
b. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine 10/21	13	87	*	-	*
c. Taken an over-the-counter drug instead of getting a prescription filled 10/21	22	78	*	*	*
d. Not gotten a COVID-19 test 10/21	13	87	*	-	*

Q27. In the past six months, have you gone online to see if you qualify for a different or cheaper health insurance plan as part of the COVID-19 relief package, or have you not done this?

Based on those who are aged 18-64 and are either uninsured or insured through a self-purchased plan

	10/21
Yes	23
No	75
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	2
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	2
	<i>n=138</i>

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

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

	10/21
Yes	34
No	66
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*

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

	10/21
Married	52
Living with a partner	11
Widowed	5
Divorced	11
Separated	1
Never been married	20
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	-
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	-

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today?

	10/21
Employed (NET)	57
Employed full-time	45
Employed part-time	12
Unemployed (NET)	8
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	3
Retired	21
On disability and can't work	5
A homemaker or stay at home parent	7
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	-

SELFEMPLOY. Are you currently self-employed, or not?

Based on those who are employed

	10/21
Yes, self-employed	11
No, not self-employed	89
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
	<i>n=554</i>

EMPLOY/SELFEMPLOY Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Employed (NET)	57
Work for an employer	50
Self-employed	6
Don't know/Refused	*
Not employed (NET)	43
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	3
Retired	21
On disability and can't work	5
A homemaker or stay at home parent	7
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*

CARE. Today, what kind of place, if any, do you usually go to when you are sick or when you need advice about your health? Is it:

	10/21
A private doctor's office	57
A neighborhood clinic or health center	21
A retail clinic at a place like CVS or Walgreens	2
A hospital emergency room	6
VA/Veterans' hospital/Military clinic (Vol.)	1
Urgent care (Vol.)	1
Hospital (Vol.)	*
Telehealth/online (Vol.)	1
University clinic/health center (Vol.)	*
Some other type of place (please specify)	1
No usual source of care	10
Don't know/Refused/Web Blank (NET)	*
Don't Know	-
Refused/Web Blank	*

RGENDER. Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

	10/21
Man	48
Woman	52
Some other way	*
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*

LGBT. Do you consider yourself to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?

	10/21
Yes	8
No	92
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*

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

	10/21
Republican	23
Democrat	29
Independent	32
Or what/Other/None/No preference	5
Don't know	10
Refused/Web blank	*

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

	10/21
Republican	28
Democratic	36
Independent/Don't lean to either party (Vol.)	36
Other party (Vol.)	-
Don't know	*
Refused/Web blank	*
	<i>n=439</i>

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN

	10/21
Republican/Lean Republican	37
Democrat/Lean Democrat	46
Pure Independent	17
Undesignated	-

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	10/21
Democrat	29
Independent Lean Democrat	17
Independent/Don't lean	17
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	23
Undesignated	*

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

	10/21
Liberal	21
Moderate	49
Conservative	29
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	2

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ LIST)

	10/21
HS grad or less (NET)	36
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	2
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	4
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	20
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)	10
Some college (NET)	29
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university (including associate degree in nursing)	10
College grad+ (NET)	35
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB, BSN)	16
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	5
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MD, MS, MSN, MA, PhD)	14
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	-

CHRONICCOVID. Do you or anyone in your household have a serious health condition such as high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer or diabetes, or not?

	10/21
Yes (NET)	45
Yes, I have a serious health condition	23
Yes, someone else in my household has a serious health condition	13
Yes, both myself and someone else in my household have a serious health condition	9
No one in household has serious health condition	55
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*

INCLOSSTOTAL. Since February 2020, have you or another adult in your household lost a job, been placed on furlough, or had your income or hours reduced because of the coronavirus outbreak, or not?

	10/21
Yes	40
No	60
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*

RX. Do you currently take any prescription medicine, or not?

	10/21
Yes	62
No	38
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	*

RXMANY. How many different prescription drugs do you take?

Based on those who currently take any prescription medicine

	10/21
1-3 (NET)	59
1	24
2	17
3	17
4+ (NET)	41
4	10
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	3
9	1
10	2
11 or more	6
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1
Don't know	-
Refused/Web blank	1
	<i>n=819</i>

RX/RXMANY Combo table

Based on total

	10/21
Take any prescription medicine	62
1-3 prescription drugs (NET)	36
4+ prescription drugs (NET)	25
Unknown amount	1
Do not take any prescription medicine	38
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	*

INCOME. Last year – that is, in 2020 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ LIST)

	10/21
Less than \$20,000	14
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	13
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	10
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	20
Don't know/Refused/Web blank (NET)	1



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