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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: March 2011***

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### Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted March 8 through March 13, 2011, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,202 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (801) and cell phone (401, including 171 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Trends in this document come from surveys listed on the last page.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

“VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

1. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES] [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10 <sup>1</sup>	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10	23	23	10	30	14

- 2FAV. Could you tell me in your own words what is the main reason you have a favorable opinion of the health reform law? (OPEN-END)

*Based on those who have a favorable opinion*

	03/11	10/10
Expanding Access (NET)	51	55
Expanding access to health insurance	28	23
Expanding access to health care	14	21
Will help self or family	5	8
Adult children will be able to get health insurance	4	4
Will help low income families	3	4
Will make health care more affordable/control costs	9	7
Insurance Reform (NET)	7	6
Will help people with pre-existing conditions	5	4
Insurance reform generally	3	2
Reform was needed	7	7
Country will be better off generally	6	8
General support for the law	4	-
A step in the right direction	4	6
Will help seniors/seniors with meds	4	3
Approve of government role	3	2
People will have more choice of health insurance coverage	2	-
In favor of the individual mandate	1	-
Other reason for a favorable view	7	8
Other comment – not related to health reform bill	1	1
Don't know/Refused	13	13
	(n=498)	(n=495)

*Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.*

<sup>1</sup> The May through December 2010 question referred to the bill signed into law early *this* year and the *new* health reform law. The April 2010 question referenced President Obama signing the health reform bill into law the month before. See survey toplines for full question wording.

2UNFAV. Could you tell me in your own words what is the main reason you have an unfavorable opinion of the health reform law?  
(OPEN-END)

*Based on those who have an unfavorable opinion*

	03/11	10/10
Financial and Cost Considerations (NET)	20	24
Will cost too much/Not paid for	15	11
Health insurance and health care will become more expensive	5	10
Taxes will go up	1	5
Government-related issues	19	10
Against individual mandate (NET)	18	11
Don't want to be forced to buy insurance	12	7
Unconstitutional	6	4
Individuals should pay for their own insurance/People will freeload/ Inequitable/Unfair	6	13
Opposed to process	5	12
General dislike of the law	4	-
Limits choices and benefits/decreases quality of care	4	-
Harm to seniors/Medicare-related concerns	3	6
Law is not going to help/law is going to be bad for many	3	7
Don't understand law/Don't know enough about it/Confusing	3	5
Will not solve problem	3	-
Will end up hurting people's existing health care arrangements	2	5
Hurts small businesses	2	3
Doesn't go far enough to fix the problems	2	5
Unfair to people who cannot afford/get health insurance	2	-
Bad for doctors/health care professionals	2	2
Concerned about impact on own insurance/already have good insurance	2	5
Only helps low income families/bad for middle class	1	*
Illegal immigrants will/will not be covered	1	1
Abortion	-	*
Other reason for an unfavorable view	8	10
Other comment – not related to health reform bill	2	*
Don't know/Refused	9	7
	(n=579)	(n=555)

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3. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) will be (better off) or (worse off) under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW) [READ IF NECESSARY: Will (INSERT ITEM) be (better off) or (worse off) under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?]

		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
a.	You and your family					
	03/11	26	30	39	--	5
	02/11	28	31	38	--	3
	01/11	20	32	44	--	4
	12/10	32	33	28	--	7
	11/10	25	31	34	--	9
	10/10	31	29	32	--	7
	09/10	32	28	33	--	7
	08/10	29	30	36	--	5
	07/10	32	29	33	--	6
	06/10	28	28	39	--	5
	05/10	29	30	32	--	9
	04/10	31	32	30	--	8
	03/10 <sup>2</sup>	35	32	28	2	3
	02/10	34	32	26	3	5
	01/10	32	33	29	3	4
	12/09	35	27	32	3	3
	11/09	42	24	27	3	4
	10/09	41	27	28	2	3
	09/09	42	23	28	4	3
	08/09	36	31	27	2	4
	07/09	39	21	32	4	3
	06/09	39	16	36	3	5
	04/09	43	14	36	4	4
	02/09	38	11	43	4	3
b.	The country as a whole					
	03/11	38	35	19	--	7
	02/11	37	39	19	--	5
	01/11	34	38	22	--	5
	12/10	40	37	15	--	8
	11/10	38	36	16	--	10
	10/10	39	34	18	--	9
	09/10	42	34	15	--	9
	08/10	39	37	18	--	6
	07/10	43	35	15	--	7
	06/10	42	32	19	--	6
	05/10	43	35	13	--	9
	04/10	45	35	11	--	9
	03/10	45	34	14	3	4
	02/10	45	34	12	4	5
	01/10	42	37	12	3	5
	12/09	45	31	17	4	3
	11/09	54	27	11	3	5
	10/09	53	28	12	2	4
	09/09	53	26	14	4	4
	08/09	45	34	14	3	4
	07/09	51	23	16	4	6
	06/09	57	16	19	3	5
	04/09	56	15	21	3	5
	02/09	59	12	19	5	5

<sup>2</sup> February 2009 through March 2010 trend wording was "Do you think (INSERT) would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?"

Q3. continued

	Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/Refused
c. The Medicare Program					
03/11	26	33	22	--	19
02/11	24	35	29	--	12
01/11	24	36	25	--	15
12/10	28	34	19	--	19
10/10	31	32	19	--	18
09/10	31	33	22	--	14
07/10	33	30	22	--	15
08/09	38	30	19	3	10

4. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ LIST. ROTATE 1-4, 4-1. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	03/11	02/11	01/11
They should expand the law	30	30	28
They should keep the law as is	21	20	19
They should repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative	18	19	23
They should repeal the law and not replace it	21	20	20
Don't know/Refused	10	10	10

5. Under the health reform law, do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) will get better, worse or will it stay about the same?

	Better	Worse	Will stay about the same	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/Refused
a. The quality of your own health care					
03/11	20	32	45	--	3
04/10	23	27	43	--	6
03/10 <sup>3</sup>	28	29	36	2	5
09/09	31	21	42	2	4
08/09	29	31	36	2	3
07/09	30	25	40	3	3
02/09	29	14	52	2	2
b. The cost of health care for you and your family					
03/11	23	42	31	--	4
04/10	25	37	32	--	6
03/10	31	32	29	2	6
09/09	37	27	30	2	5
08/09	34	30	30	2	4
07/09	35	25	32	4	5
02/09	39	16	39	2	5
c. Your ability to get and keep health insurance					
03/11	26	25	46	--	3
04/10	34	19	40	--	7
03/10	35	22	36	2	5

No question 6

<sup>3</sup> February 2009 through March 2010 trend wording was: "If the president and Congress do pass health care reform, do you think that would make (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) better, worse or would it stay about the same?"

7. Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?

	03/11	04/10
Yes, have enough information	47	43
No, do not have enough information	52	56
Don't know/Refused	1	2

8. I'm going to read you several elements of the health reform law. For each, please tell me if you think lawmakers should keep it or repeal it. First/Next, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Should lawmakers keep or repeal this part of the law?

		Keep	Repeal	(VOL.) Keep but make changes	Don't know/ Refused
a. The law will prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history or health condition	03/11	74	22	1	3
	02/11	72	25	1	2
	11/10	71	26	1	3
b. The law will require nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine	03/11	27	67	2	3
	02/11	28	67	3	3
	11/10	27	68	2	3
c. The law gradually closes the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" or coverage gap so seniors will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap	03/11	76	19	1	4
	02/11	75	20	2	3
	11/10	72	22	1	5
d. The law will increase the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper income Americans	03/11	58	36	2	5
	02/11	60	34	2	4
	11/10	54	39	1	6
e. The law provides tax credits to small businesses that offer coverage to their employees	03/11	82	15	1	3
	02/11	83	14	1	2
	11/10	78	18	1	3
f. The law will provide financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage	03/11	72	24	2	2
	02/11	74	22	2	3
	11/10	71	24	1	4

9. Earlier you said you thought lawmakers should repeal the portion of the health reform law that would require nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine. What if you heard that (INSERT AND ROTATE)? Would you still say lawmakers should repeal this part of the law, or would you now say lawmakers should keep this part of the law?

*Based on those who say lawmakers should repeal individual mandate (n=809)*

	Still repeal	Now Keep	Don't know/ Refused
a. Under the reform law, most Americans would still get coverage through their employers and so would automatically satisfy the requirement without having to buy any new insurance	52	42	6
b. Without such a requirement, people may wait until they are seriously ill to buy health insurance, which will drive up health insurance costs for everyone	72	19	9

Summary of Q8b and Q9a based on total

	03/11	
Keep this part of the law	55	
Originally		27
Once heard argument (Under the reform law, most Americans would still get coverage through their employers and so would automatically satisfy the requirement without having to buy any new insurance)		28
Still repeal this part of the law	35	
Keep it but make changes (VOL.)	2	
Don't know/Refused	7	

Summary of Q8b and Q9b based on total

	03/11	
Keep this part of the law	40	
Originally		27
Once heard argument (Without such a requirement, people may wait until they are seriously ill to buy health insurance, which will drive up health insurance costs for everyone)		13
Still repeal this part of the law	48	
Keep it but make changes (VOL.)	2	
Don't know/Refused	9	

10. As far as you know, do the Republicans in Congress have an agreed-upon alternative to the health care reform law that was passed last year, or not?

	03/11
Yes, Republicans have an agreed-upon alternative	13
No, they don't	60
Don't know/Refused	26

11. Compared to the current health reform law, do you think health reform proposals being made by Republicans in Congress would do a (better) or (worse) job at (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS) or would it be about the same? What about (INSERT ITEM), do you think health reform proposals by Republicans in Congress would do a (better) or (worse) job at (INSERT ITEM), or would it be about the same? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW)

	Better	Worse	Same	Don't know/ Refused
a. Lowering the amount you and your family pay for health care	19	28	43	10
b. Lowering the amount the nation as a whole spends on health care	25	30	34	11
c. Covering the uninsured	18	38	31	13
d. Protecting consumers in the private health insurance market	24	29	36	11



12. Some lawmakers who oppose the health reform law say that if Congress isn't able to repeal the law, they should try to stop it from being put into place by cutting off funding to implement it. Whether or not you like the health reform law, would you say you approve or disapprove of cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of health reform from being put into place?

	03/11	02/11	01/11
Approve of cutting off funding	30	34	33
Disapprove of cutting off funding	64	61	62
Don't know/Refused	6	5	5

No question 13

14. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the health reform law. The first is (INSERT & RANDOMIZE). Does this describe your own feelings about the health reform law, or not?

		Describes	Does not describe	Don't know/Refused
a. Confused				
	03/11	53	47	*
	02/11	50	49	1
	12/10	43	55	2
	11/10	52	46	2
	10/10	47	50	4
	09/10	53	45	2
	08/10	45	55	1
	07/10	43	55	2
	06/10	42	57	1
	05/10	44	54	2
	04/10	55	45	1
	12/09 <sup>4</sup>	48	52	*
	10/09	49	50	1
	09/09	48	51	1
	08/09	46	53	2
b. Angry				
	03/11	34	66	*
	02/11	34	65	1
	12/10	30	68	2
	11/10	32	67	1
	10/10	28	68	4
	09/10	32	66	2
	08/10	31	67	1
	07/10	28	70	2
	06/10	31	67	2
	05/10	30	69	2
	04/10	30	69	1
	12/09	35	64	1
	10/09	40	59	1
	09/09	31	67	1
c. Enthusiastic				
	03/11	27	72	1
	02/11	31	67	2
	12/10	33	64	3
	11/10	35	62	4
	10/10	30	66	3
	09/10	30	67	3
	08/10	30	69	1

<sup>4</sup> August through December 2009 trend wording was "Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the health care reform plans being discussed in Washington."

Q14. continued

		Describes	Does not describe	Don't know/Refused
d. Anxious	03/11	39	61	1
	07/10	39	59	3
	06/10	42	56	2
	05/10	36	63	2
	04/10	42	56	3
	12/09	47	52	1
	10/09	49	49	1
	09/09	50	48	2

15. Please tell me how successful, if at all, you expect the new health reform law to be in accomplishing each of the following goals. First, how successful do you expect the health reform law to be in (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE): (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY) Very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful, or not at all successful?

		Very successful	Somewhat successful	Not too successful	Not at all successful	Don't know/Refused
a. Reducing the amount the average American has to pay for health care and health insurance	03/11	14	33	22	27	4
	08/10	19	32	17	27	5
b. Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured	03/11	25	43	17	12	3
	08/10	28	41	13	14	4
c. Reducing the total amount the country spends on health care	03/11	11	32	24	30	3
	08/10	14	32	19	31	5
d. Regulating health insurance companies so that the average person with private insurance will have better consumer protections	03/11	18	42	19	18	4
	08/10	20	38	19	18	5

16. If a state shows that they can create a health reform plan that covers as many people as the national health reform law, and provides them health insurance that is just as comprehensive and affordable, do you think that state should or should not be permitted to substitute their own plan for the federal one?

	03/11
Yes, states should be permitted to substitute own plan	66
No, states should not be permitted to substitute	29
Don't know/Refused	5

17. Would you still favor the idea of states being able to substitute their own plans if some states decided to save money by providing more limited insurance to fewer people than the national health reform law would, or would you then oppose the idea?

*Based on those who think states should be permitted to substitute own plan (n=810)*

	03/11
Yes, would still favor states being able to substitute	40
No, would oppose the idea	54
Don't know/Refused	6

Summary of Q16 and Q17 based on total

	03/11
Still favor states being able to substitute	26
Oppose states being able to substitute	65
Originally	29
Once heard argument	36
Don't know/Refused	9

ROTATE 18/18b WITH 19/19b

18. So far, would you say you and your family have personally benefited from the health reform law, or not?

	03/11	02/11	12/10
Yes, have benefited	13	14	15
No, have not benefited	84	84	81
Don't know/Refused	3	3	4

- 18b. In what ways would you say you have benefited from the health reform law? (OPEN-END.)

*Based on those who have benefited from the health reform law*

	03/11	02/11	12/10
Access to health care/expansion of health insurance/expansion of benefits	39	34	36
Lower health care costs	24	20	19
Extension of dependent coverage	14	21	14
Help for seniors/Medicare/Closing the doughnut hole	6	7	-
Help dealing with pre-existing conditions	5	6	5
My insurance is good/no changes	4	-	-
Other insurance reforms	4	5	6
Health reform will help - general	3	5	7
Other	3	7	6
Don't know/Refused	11	15	17
	(n=144)	(n=155)	(n=157)

*Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.*

19. So far, would you say you and your family have been negatively affected by the health reform law, or not?

	03/11	02/11	12/10
Yes, negatively affected	20	17	20
No, not negatively affected	77	82	76
Don't know/Refused	3	2	4

19b. In what ways would you say you have been negatively affected by the health reform law? (OPEN-END.)

*Based on those who have been negatively affected by health reform law*

	03/11	02/11	12/10
Cost (NET)	58	48	45
The cost of my own health care has increased/can't afford cost of insurance/higher costs	46	32	29
Cost concerns – general	12	10	11
Cost concerns - taxes	1	7	7
Cut to benefits/less options/choices (general)	14	16	15
Don't have/Unable to get/Dropped by insurance	5	11	8
Harm to Medicare/seniors	5	7	3
Bad for businesses/jobs	5	2	7
Haven't seen any changes	4	-	-
Don't want to pay for freeloaders	3	3	-
Declining quality of care	3	2	3
Bad for providers/Providers have quit	3	1	1
Opposed to individual mandate	2	3	-
Angry at process/Congress/government involvement	1	5	-
Other	13	14	14
Don't know/Refused	4	10	18
	(n=240)	(n=205)	(n=255)

*Percentages will add to more than 100 due to multiple responses.*

20. Generally, how confident are you that you have enough money or health insurance to pay for the usual medical costs that you and your family require? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	03/11	05/10	04/05
Very confident	28	29	33
Somewhat confident	41	38	33
Not too confident	16	15	14
Not at all confident	15	16	19
Don't know/Refused	1	2	1

21. How confident are you that you would have enough money or health insurance to pay for a major illness, such as a heart attack, cancer, or a serious injury that required hospitalization? Would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	03/11	05/10	04/05
Very confident	27	27	25
Somewhat confident	35	33	34
Not too confident	16	18	17
Not at all confident	21	20	23
Don't know/Refused	1	2	1

22. For each specific item I name, please tell me whether you are very satisfied with it, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. First, (READ AND RANDOMIZE). How about (NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with (INSERT ITEM)?

		Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/Refused
a. The quality of the health care you receive	03/11	49	38	8	5	1
	08/09 <sup>5</sup>	66	29	3	1	1
	06/08	51	34	7	7	1
b. Your health care costs, including both expenses not covered by insurance, and the cost of your insurance, if any	03/11	23	42	20	12	3
	06/08	22	39	21	15	3
c. Your ability to get the latest, most sophisticated medical treatments	03/11	39	40	10	7	3
	06/08	43	36	8	9	4

23. How would you rate your overall health insurance coverage - excellent, good, not so good or poor?

*Based on those who are insured (n=1,075)*

	03/11	08/09	06/08
Excellent	32	36	32
Good	58	54	55
Not so good	9	5	8
Poor	1	4	3
Don't know/Refused	*	1	1
	(n=1,075)	(n=1,032)	(n=1,096)

24. Thinking about your health insurance premiums – that is, the amount you pay each month for your health insurance coverage. Does it seem to you that your health insurance premiums have been (going up) lately, (going down), or holding steady? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

*Based on those who are insured (n=1,075)*

	03/11
Going up	50
Going down	2
Holding steady	40
Don't pay anything towards premiums (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2

<sup>5</sup> August 2009 trend based on those who are insured (n=1,032).

25. Has this increase been a financial burden for you, or not?

*Based on those whose premiums have gone up (n=590)*

	03/11
Yes	44
No	56
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of Q24 and Q25 based on those who are insured

	03/11
Health insurance premiums going up	50
Has been a financial burden	22
Has not been a financial burden	28
Don't know if it has been a financial burden	*
Health insurance premiums going down	2
Health insurance premiums holding steady	40
Don't pay anything towards premiums (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	2

26. Thinking about your deductible and co-pay – that is, the amount you have to pay for medical services above and beyond what insurance covers. Does it seem to you that your deductible and co-pay expenses have been (going up) lately, (going down), or holding steady? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES IN SAME ORDER AS IN Q24)

*Based on those who are insured (n=1,075)*

	03/11
Going up	40
Going down	3
Holding steady	52
Don't know/Refused	5

27. Has this increase been a financial burden for you, or not?

*Based on those whose out of pocket costs have gone up (n=462)*

	03/11
Yes	48
No	51
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of Q26 and Q27 based on those who are insured

	03/11
Out of pocket costs going up	40
Has been a financial burden	19
Has not been a financial burden	20
Don't know if it has been a financial burden	*
Out of pocket costs going down	3
Out of pocket costs holding steady	52
Don't know/Refused	5

28. Next, I'd like to ask you to think about uninsured Americans – that is, people with no health insurance at all. Would you say that more of them are... (READ AND ROTATE)

	03/11	06/07	4/04	2/03	2/00
Employed people and people from families in which someone is employed	37	44	40	39	39
Unemployed people and people from families in which no one is employed	52	45	49	51	57
Don't know/Refused	11	11	11	11	4

29. In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
03/11	23	77	*
12/10	25	75	*
06/10	21	78	1
03/10	30	69	*
12/09	30	70	1
11/09	31	69	*
09/09	33	67	*
08/09	24	76	*
07/09	21	79	*
06/09	26	73	1
04/09	26	73	1
02/09	22	78	1
10/08	32	68	1
09/06	25	75	*
04/05	23	77	-
04/03 <sup>6</sup>	19	80	*
03/02	21	79	-

30. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (READ AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment			
03/11	21	78	1
12/10	25	74	1
06/10	22	78	*
03/10	28	72	*
12/09	23	76	1
11/09	22	78	*
09/09	28	71	1
07/09	21	78	*
06/09	27	73	1
04/09	27	73	*
02/09	23	77	*
10/08	31	68	*
04/08	23	76	*
04/05	17	82	*
01/00	15	85	-

<sup>6</sup> Slight variations in question wording. In 2003, sample included only adults ages 18-64.

Q30. *continued*

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
b.	Not filled a prescription for a medicine			
	03/11	21	78	*
	12/10	26	73	*
	06/10	20	79	1
	03/10	26	74	*
	12/09	24	76	*
	11/09	26	74	*
	09/09	26	73	*
	07/09	20	80	*
	06/09	26	74	1
	04/09	29	71	1
	02/09	21	78	*
	10/08	27	72	*
	04/08	22	78	*
	04/05	20	79	*
	01/00	13	87	*
c.	Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine			
	03/11	15	85	*
	12/10	20	80	*
	06/10	16	84	1
	03/10	21	79	-
	12/09	18	81	1
	11/09	17	83	*
	09/09	21	78	1
	07/09	15	84	*
	06/09	19	80	1
	04/09	18	81	1
	02/09	15	85	*
	10/08	22	78	*
	04/08	18	81	*
	04/05	16	84	*
d.	Had problems getting mental health care			
	03/11	9	90	1
	12/10	9	90	1
	06/10	9	90	1
	03/10	10	89	1
	12/09	10	89	*
	11/09	6	92	1
	09/09	9	90	1
	07/09	7	92	1
	06/09	8	91	1
	04/09	8	90	2
	02/09	7	92	*
	10/08	12	87	2
	04/08	8	90	2
	04/05	7	93	1
	01/00	4	96	1



Q30. *continued*

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
e.	Put off or postponed getting health care you needed			
	03/11	28	72	*
	12/10	32	67	*
	06/10	26	73	1
	03/10	30	69	1
	12/09	29	71	*
	11/09	30	69	1
	09/09	33	67	*
	07/09	27	72	*
	06/09	31	68	1
	04/09	33	67	*
	02/09	27	72	1
	10/08	36	64	*
	04/08	29	70	1
f.	Skipped dental care or checkups			
	03/11	33	67	*
	12/10	36	63	*
	06/10	31	69	1
	03/10	35	64	1
	12/09	31	69	1
	11/09	34	65	1
	09/09	35	65	*
	07/09	29	71	*
	06/09	35	64	1
	04/09	36	64	*
	02/09	34	66	*
g.	Relied on home remedies or over the counter drugs instead of going to see a doctor			
	03/11	32	68	*
	12/10	37	62	*
	06/10	28	71	1
	03/10	39	61	1
	12/09	34	66	*
	11/09	34	66	1
	09/09	44	56	*
	07/09	33	67	*
	06/09	37	63	1
	04/09	42	57	1
	02/09	35	65	1

Q30. "Yes" to any

03/11	52
12/10	54
06/10	45
03/10	57
12/09	49
11/09	53
09/09	56
07/09	49
06/09	55
04/09	59
02/09	53

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

	03/11
Employed full-time	49
Employed part-time	9
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	1
A student	5
Retired	19
On disability and can't work	5
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	4
Don't know/Refused	*

32. Next, I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and others do not. I'd like you to tell me how worried you are about each of the following things. (First/Next,) how worried are you about... (INSERT – READ AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM AND THEN AS NECESSARY: Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
a. Having to pay more for your health care or health insurance						
	03/11	29	40	15	16	1
	06/10	38	33	14	13	1
	03/10	39	35	12	13	1
	12/09	41	34	13	12	*
	07/09	31	38	17	13	1
	04/09	37	35	16	11	*
	02/09	45	32	14	9	*
	10/08	38	34	13	14	1
	09/08	34	33	15	17	1
	04/08	37	34	11	17	1
	02/08	36	32	17	13	2
	12/07	41	32	13	13	1
	10/07	39	34	13	13	2
	06/07	41	34	14	11	1
	03/07	40	34	11	14	1
	10/06	47	27	13	12	1
	08/06	46	28	10	15	1
	02/06	38	33	11	17	2
	10/05	40	32	12	16	1
	06/05	45	28	12	14	1
	03/05	49	29	9	12	*
	02/05	41	32	11	15	1
	12/04	47	29	10	14	*
	10/04	47	31	9	12	1
	08/04	45	30	8	15	1
	06/04	46	28	12	13	1
	04/04	47	30	9	13	1
	02/04	47	31	10	12	1

Q32. *continued*

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/ Refused
b.	Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need					
	03/11	20	31	23	25	1
	06/10	31	30	19	19	1
	03/10	29	28	19	22	1
	12/09	32	30	17	20	*
	07/09	34	28	21	17	*
	04/09	34	32	20	14	*
	02/09	38	29	18	15	*
	10/08	31	29	17	23	1
	09/08	28	28	20	24	1
	04/08	29	26	19	25	1
	12/07	35	30	15	19	1
	10/07	34	28	17	20	1
	06/07	36	27	19	18	*
	03/07	35	27	16	21	1
	10/06	39	24	17	19	1
	08/06	34	27	16	22	1
	02/06	32	25	18	24	1
	10/05	34	27	15	24	1
	06/05	34	28	16	22	1
	03/05	42	24	13	21	1
	02/05	34	28	16	22	*
	12/04	37	27	15	20	1
	10/04	38	26	16	21	*
	08/04	40	23	14	22	1
	06/04	36	24	19	21	*
	04/04	39	25	14	21	1
	02/04	38	24	18	19	*

Q32. *continued*

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/ Refused
c.	Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you need					
	03/11	16	27	25	31	*
	06/10	26	26	22	25	1
	03/10	28	24	19	28	1
	12/09	27	29	21	24	*
	07/09	27	25	25	22	1
	10/08	25	24	20	31	1
	09/08	27	22	20	31	*
	04/08	27	23	17	32	1
	12/07	31	26	19	24	*
	10/07	31	25	18	26	1
	06/07	33	23	22	22	*
	03/07	33	26	16	24	1
	10/06	37	21	15	26	1
	08/06	31	25	17	27	1
	02/06	28	22	18	30	1
	10/05	32	21	17	30	*
	06/05	35	23	15	27	*
	04/05	35	25	15	25	1
	02/05	31	26	17	25	*
	12/04	35	22	17	26	*
	10/04	35	25	16	23	1
	08/04	38	24	14	23	1
	06/04	34	24	16	26	*
	04/04	37	21	16	25	1
	02/04	36	23	18	22	1

Q32. *continued*

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/ Refused
d. Being the victim of a terrorist attack						
	03/11	13	23	28	35	1
	06/10	20	25	29	25	*
	03/10	21	24	25	29	1
	12/09	16	26	29	28	*
	07/09	20	29	27	23	1
	10/08	19	27	25	29	1
	09/08	18	29	25	27	1
	04/08	18	28	24	30	1
	12/07	22	29	26	23	1
	10/07	22	29	23	25	*
	06/07	25	29	25	19	1
	03/07	23	28	22	25	1
	10/06	23	27	25	24	*
	08/06	21	27	23	28	1
	02/06	21	26	22	30	*
	10/05	18	28	25	29	*
	04/05	19	23	23	34	1
	02/05	17	27	24	31	*
	12/04	22	26	23	29	1
	10/04	23	33	22	21	1
	08/04	20	29	22	28	1
	06/04	23	30	24	23	1
	04/04	20	29	23	27	1
	02/04	20	27	27	26	1

Q32. *continued*

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
e. Your income not keeping up with rising prices					
03/11	32	38	14	15	1
06/10	40	32	15	13	*
03/10	40	33	13	13	1
12/09	40	32	16	12	*
07/09	37	35	17	12	*
04/09	46	32	13	9	*
02/09	53	28	12	8	*
10/08	47	32	10	11	1
09/08	41	32	13	13	1
04/08	43	31	11	14	*
02/08	42	32	15	9	1
12/07	46	28	13	13	*
10/07	41	30	14	14	1
06/07	45	30	12	13	1
03/07	42	31	14	13	1
10/06	45	27	13	14	1
08/06	46	28	11	15	*
02/06	36	32	14	17	1
10/05	40	30	13	16	1
06/05	40	28	15	17	1
03/05	46	27	10	15	1
02/05	40	31	13	17	1
12/04	41	30	13	16	1
10/04	46	25	11	17	*
08/04	42	29	11	17	1
06/04	45	26	14	15	*
04/04	44	27	12	16	1
02/04	40	29	14	16	1

Q32. *continued*

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
f. Not being able to pay your rent or mortgage					
03/11	18	18	24	39	1
06/10	25	22	22	30	1
03/10	25	19	19	36	1
12/09	22	23	21	34	*
07/09	29	25	19	25	2
10/08	25	21	16	36	1
09/08	21	20	21	39	*
04/08	21	18	19	41	1
12/07	27	20	19	33	*
10/07	24	19	19	37	1
06/07	25	19	20	34	1
03/07	27	18	18	36	1
10/06	30	15	20	34	1
08/06	22	20	17	40	1
02/06	23	17	19	41	*
10/05	22	20	19	39	*
06/05	24	16	19	41	*
04/05	29	17	15	37	1
02/05	21	19	19	40	*
12/04	26	16	17	40	1
10/04	27	16	17	39	1
08/04	31	17	14	37	*
06/04	24	18	18	40	1
04/04	28	15	17	39	*
02/04	27	16	19	37	*

Q32. continued

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/ Refused
<i>Item g based on those who are employed (n=686)</i>						
g. Losing your job						
	03/11	15	25	25	34	*
	06/10	24	25	26	25	*
	03/10	24	22	23	31	*
	12/09	26	27	27	20	--
	07/09	28	27	23	22	*
	10/08	27	19	22	32	*
	09/08	21	15	23	41	1
	04/08	21	18	21	40	*
	12/07	23	16	23	38	*
	10/07	19	17	23	40	1
	06/07	19	15	25	41	*
	03/07	18	15	23	44	1
	10/06	24	17	21	38	1
	08/06	17	17	23	43	*
	02/06	20	16	21	43	*
	10/05	16	18	22	43	*
	06/05	17	16	24	43	*
	04/05	23	15	20	42	*
	02/05	15	15	24	45	*
	12/04	21	18	22	39	*
	10/04	18	15	21	46	*
	08/04	25	16	17	41	1
	06/04	20	15	22	43	1
	04/04	23	15	18	44	*
	02/04	21	16	23	40	*



Q32. continued

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
<i>Item h based on those who are employed and insured (n=618)</i>					
h. Having to stay in your current job instead of taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits					
03/11	10	18	27	44	1
06/10	12	18	27	41	1
03/10	14	17	21	47	1
12/09	19	23	24	34	*
10/08	14	17	21	47	1
09/08	16	14	22	47	1
04/08	13	16	19	50	1
12/07	14	15	22	48	1
10/07	14	18	21	46	1
06/07	17	14	24	45	1
03/07	20	14	18	46	1
10/06	16	13	18	52	1
08/06	16	16	20	47	1
02/06	14	15	19	51	1
10/05	12	16	19	51	1
06/05	18	14	21	47	1
04/05	21	14	18	46	2
02/05	15	14	19	52	*
12/04	17	15	22	47	1
10/04	19	13	16	51	1
08/04	22	15	16	46	1
06/04	15	12	21	49	2
04/04	16	14	18	49	2
02/04	17	14	16	51	1

Q32. continued

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
<i>Item i based on those who are insured (n=1,075)</i>						
i.	Losing your health insurance coverage					
	03/11	17	23	26	33	1
	06/10	26	24	26	23	*
	03/10	24	24	18	32	1
	12/09	26	28	20	26	*
	07/09	29	23	24	22	1
	04/09	30	27	22	21	*
	02/09	34	20	22	24	*
	10/08	29	20	19	31	1
	09/08	23	20	22	35	*
	04/08	26	19	19	35	1
	12/07	29	22	21	27	1
	10/07	29	21	19	30	1
	06/07	34	20	20	25	1
	03/07	29	19	19	32	1
	10/06	32	18	16	33	1
	08/06	30	20	19	31	*
	02/06	26	19	21	34	*
	10/05	27	22	19	33	*
	06/05	30	19	18	33	*
	03/05	35	17	17	30	1
	02/05	26	22	19	32	*
	12/04	34	20	19	27	*
	10/04	29	20	18	33	*
	08/04	34	17	16	32	*
	06/04	29	19	20	32	*
	04/04	33	19	17	30	1
	02/04	32	19	19	29	*
j.	Not having enough money for retirement					
	03/11	31	33	16	18	2
	06/10	36	30	15	17	1
	03/10	39	29	14	17	1
	12/09	37	28	17	17	1
	07/09	35	31	17	16	1
	04/09	43	30	14	12	1

33. What's the MAIN reason you do not currently have health insurance? (DO NOT READ LIST) (SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY) (PROBE FOR "MAIN REASON" IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS MORE THAN ONE REASON WHY THEY ARE UNINSURED)

*Based on those who are uninsured (n=126)*

	03/11
Too expensive	48
Not eligible for employer coverage	11
Unemployed/lost job	8
Employer doesn't offer it	6
Can't get it/refused due to poor health, illness, or age	6
Don't need it	5
Don't know how to get it	3
Other (SPECIFY)	9
Don't know/Refused	3

## DEMOGRAPHICS

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

D1.	Record respondent's sex	
	Male	49
	Female	51
D2.	In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?	
	Excellent	18
	Very good	34
	Good	31
	Only fair	13
	Poor	4
	Don't know/Refused	1
D4.	Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?	
	Covered by health insurance	87
	Not covered by health insurance	13
	Don't know/Refused	*
D4a.	Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your or your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?	
	<i>Based on those who are insured (n=1,075)</i>	
	Plan through your/your spouse's employer	54
	Plan you purchased yourself	13
	Medicare	20
	Medicaid/Medi-CAL	4
	Some other government program	5
	Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	4
	Don't know/Refused	*
D5.	What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)	
D6.	Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...	
	18-29	19
	30-49	36
	50-64	25
	65 and older	18
	Don't know/Refused	1

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

Republican	23
Democrat	34
Independent	33
Or what ( <i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here)	6
Don't know/Refused	4

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?

D8/D8a. Combo Table based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	37
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	17

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Democrat	34
Independent Lean Democratic	12
Independent/Don't lean	16
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	23
Undesignated	1

D11. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

None, or grade 1-8	3
High school incomplete (grades 9-11)	8
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	31
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	4
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	24
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	18
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	10
Don't know/Refused	1

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	68
Total non-White	30
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	14
Asian, non-Hispanic	2
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	2
Undesignated	2

D14. Last year – that is, in 2010 – what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	15
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	11
Don't know/Refused	10

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

TREND INFORMATION:

02/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 8-13, 2011)  
01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)  
12/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 1-6, 2010)  
11/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 3-6, 2010)  
10/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 5-10, 2010)  
09/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 14-19, 2010)  
08/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 16-22, 2010)  
07/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 8-13, 2010)  
06/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 17-22, 2010)  
05/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 11-16, 2010)  
04/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 9-14, 2010)  
03/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 10-15, 2010)  
02/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 11-15, 2010)  
01/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (January 7-12, 2010)  
12/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 7-13, 2009)  
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10/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 8-15, 2009)  
09/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 11-18, 2009)  
08/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 4-11, 2009)  
07/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 7-14, 2009)  
06/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 1-8, 2009)  
04/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 2-8, 2009)  
03/09: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health/National Public Radio *The Public and the Health Care Delivery System* (March 12-22, 2009)  
02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)  
10/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 8-13, 2008)  
06/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 3-8, 2008)  
06/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 31-June 5, 2007)  
09/06: ABC News/Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today *Health Care in America 2006 Survey* (September 7-12, 2006)  
04/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 6-11, 2006)  
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