

Topline

Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: August 2013

METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Liz Hamel, Claudia Deane, and Sarah Cho. The survey was conducted August 13-19, 2013, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,503 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (751) and cell phone (752, including 385 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the person who answered the phone. The Kaiser Family Foundation paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2012 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting. Weighted and unweighted values for key demographic variables are shown in the table below.

Sample Demographics	Unweighted	Weighted
Gender		
Male	48.7%	48.5%
Female	51.3%	51.5%
Age		
18-24	8.3%	13.5%
25-34	13.8%	17.6%
35-44	11.4%	16.1%
45-54	16.4%	18.6%
55-64	22.8%	16.6%
65+	27.3%	17.6%
Education		
HS Graduate or Less	29.7%	41.4%
Some College/Assoc. Degree	28.6%	30.7%
College Grad.	41.7%	27.9%
Race/Ethnicity		
White/not Hispanic	75.0%	67.8%
Black/not Hispanic	10.4%	11.4%
Hisp - US born	4.9%	6.9%
Hisp - born outside	4.4%	6.9%
Other/not Hispanic	5.3%	7.0%
Party Identification		
Democrat	32.7%	33.3%
Independent	29.8%	29.7%
Republican	23.4%	21.3%
Other	9.4%	9.8%

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

Methodology for Omnibus Supplement

One additional question (labeled O1 and listed on page 19) was asked on the Princeton Data Source omnibus survey. Different research clients purchase space on the omnibus survey and therefore additional questions covering a wide variety of topics may have preceded or followed the question shown on this topline. The *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll Omnibus Supplement* was conducted August 15-18, 2013, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,000 adults ages 18 and older, living in the continental United States (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (500) and cell phone (500, including 265 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English by Princeton Data Source under the direction of PSRAI.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2012 National Health Interview Survey.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample on the omnibus supplement is plus or minus 4 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margin of sampling errors 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.

Full methodological details, including weighted and unweighted values for key demographic variables and response rates are available upon request.

1. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 ¹	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	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 ²	23	23	10	30	14

¹ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was "As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year..."

² April 2010 trend wording was "[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)"

2. 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? How about (INSERT ITEM)? [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?"] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES ACROSS INTERVIEWS, BUT NOT WITHIN SAME INTERVIEW)

	Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
a. You and your family					
08/13	23	34	37	--	6
06/13	19	33	40	--	8
03/13	21	29	40	--	10
02/13	24	32	36	--	9
10/12	26	32	33	--	9
09/12	31	26	33	--	9
08/12	26	30	37	--	7
07/12	25	32	37	--	6
05/12	23	31	37	--	9
04/12	26	32	34	--	8
03/12	26	33	34	--	7
02/12	27	25	41	--	7
01/12	26	33	35	--	6
12/11	26	31	39	--	5
11/11	23	31	41	--	5
10/11	18	31	44	--	6
09/11	27	32	34	--	7
08/11	24	33	37	--	6
07/11	27	29	39	--	5
06/11	24	34	35	--	7
05/11	28	28	38	--	6
04/11	27	28	37	--	8
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 ³	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

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³ 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?"

Q2 continued

	Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/ Refused
b. The country as a whole					
08/13	34	40	19	--	7
06/13	31	40	20	--	9
02/13	34	38	19	--	9
10/12	34	35	21	--	10
09/12	40	33	17	--	10
08/12	36	37	17	--	10
07/12	35	41	18	--	7
05/12	34	35	20	--	11
04/12	39	38	17	--	6
03/12	37	38	18	--	7
02/12	39	32	22	--	7
01/12	37	36	19	--	8
12/11	37	37	19	--	7
11/11	35	36	22	--	7
10/11	28	36	29	--	7
09/11	38	36	18	--	8
08/11	33	37	21	--	9
07/11	39	35	20	--	6
06/11	35	39	20	--	6
05/11	37	38	19	--	6
04/11	39	35	18	--	9
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

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		Better off	Worse off	Not much difference	(VOL.) Depends	Don't know/Refused
c. The Medicare program						
	08/13	22	36	28	--	14
	09/12	36	30	19	--	15
	11/11	22	32	27	--	19
	07/11	27	37	21	--	15
	06/11	26	37	24	--	14
	04/11	28	31	21	--	20
	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
d. Health insurance companies						
	08/13	28	33	28	--	11
	01/12	33	33	23	--	11

3. Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you and your family, or not?

	08/13	04/13	03/13 ⁴	04/12	03/12	11/11	03/11	04/10
Yes, have enough information	47	49	41	51	39	44	47	43
No, do not have enough information	51	49	57	47	59	55	52	56
Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2

4. Over the past few months, have you tried to seek out more information about the health care law, or not?

	08/13
Yes, tried to seek out more information	36
No, have not tried to seek out more information	63
Don't know/Refused	1

⁴ April 2010 through March 2013 trend wording was "Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?"

5. Where did you go to try to get additional information about the health care law? [OPEN END. RECORD UP TO TWO RESPONSES]

Based on those who tried to seek more information (n=600)

	08/13
Internet, online (general)	55
News media (NET)	23
Newspapers, magazines, articles	10
News (general)	7
TV (includes "watch the news")	4
Radio (includes "listen to the news")	3
Cable network (CNN, Fox, MSNBC)	2
Health insurance company or representative	8
Government website	7
Health care provider, ex. doctor, nurse, pharmacist	6
Other government source (not online)	6
Employer or union	5
Friends or family	3
Non-profit or community organization	3
Books	1
Social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter)	*
Other personal contact (in person, on phone, email)	4
Other	6
Don't know	2

Due to multiple response percentages will add to more than 100.

6. There are many places people are turning to for information about the health care law. For each place I name, tell me how much you would trust information from that source. First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE): how much would you trust information about the health care law from (INSERT)? A lot, some, only a little, or not at all? What about information about the health care law from (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? [IF NECESSARY: Would you trust that information a lot, some, only a little or not at all?]

	A lot	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Don't know/ Refused
a. The news media	8	34	29	28	1
b. Friends and family	18	38	29	13	1
c. Federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services	34	30	17	17	2
d. State agencies such as your state Medicaid office or health insurance marketplace	33	35	19	11	2
e. A health insurance company	15	36	27	21	1
f. An employer	21	37	21	15	6
g. Your doctor or nurse	44	36	11	7	1
h. Your local pharmacist	30	39	19	9	3
i. A non-profit or community organization	20	39	24	14	3
j. Social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter	3	16	28	49	5
k. Your local church or place of worship	21	27	22	24	5

7. Some lawmakers who oppose the health care 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 care law, would you say you approve or disapprove of cutting off funding as a way to stop some or all of the law from being put into place?

	Approve of cutting off funding	Disapprove of cutting off funding	Don't know/ Refused
08/13	36	57	8
04/13	31	58	11
07/12	35	56	8
05/12	32	58	9
05/11	33	63	4
04/11	30	64	6
03/11	30	64	6
02/11	34	61	5
01/11	33	62	5

8. Please tell me if each of the following is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you don't like the idea of using the budget process to stop the health care law from being implemented. First/Next, (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS). READ IF NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you disapprove of using the budget process to stop implementation of the health care law?⁵

Based on those who disapprove of cutting off funding (n=846)

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/ Refused	
a.	The appropriate way to stop a law is to repeal it, or to NOT pass it in the first place. Using the budget process to stop a law is not the way our government should work					
		8/13	69	17	12	3
		2/11 ⁶	59	20	19	2
b.	The health care law will be a good thing for the country and should be implemented as written					
		8/13	49	27	21	3
		2/11	47	28	22	3
c.	Without funding the law will be crippled and won't work as planned, which is not good for its supporters or opponents					
		8/13	56	25	16	3
		2/11	51	25	22	3
d.	We've heard enough about the health care law and it's time to move on to something else					
		8/13	35	25	38	2
		2/11 ⁷	28	30	40	2

NO Q9-Q10

⁵ February 2011 question wording was "I'm going to read some reasons people give for disapproving of cutting off the funding for health care reform. After I read each one, please tell me if it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you yourself disapprove of using the budget process to stop health reform from being implemented."

⁶ February 2011 question wording for item was "The appropriate way to stop a law is by voting to repeal it. Using the budget process to stop a law is just not the way our government should work."

⁷ February 2011 question wording for item was "We've heard enough about health reform and it's time to move on to something else."

READ TO ALL: As you may know, the health care law does create health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits.

11. How much, if anything, have you heard about this new health insurance marketplace, [IF THERE IS A STATE EXCHANGE NAME: also known as (INSERT STATE EXCHANGE NAME)] in your state? Have you heard a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

	08/13	06/13
A lot	12	8
Some	21	14
Only a little	34	34
Nothing at all	33	45
Don't know/Refused	1	*

12. Have you been personally contacted by anyone about the health care law through a phone call, email, text message, or door to door visit, or not?

	08/13
Yes, been contacted about the health care law	10
No, have not been contacted about the health care law	90
Don't know/Refused	*

13. What did that person want to tell you about the health care law? (OPEN END; RECORD FULL RESPONSE)

Based on those who have been contacted (n=149)

	8/13
Information about the law (general)	27
Arguments against the law	11
Arguments in favor of the law	9
Did not listen/hung up	8
Called about a survey/asked me questions	6
Political arguments	4
Tried to sell me insurance	3
Heard from both sides: in favor of and against the law	2
Other	9
Don't remember (VOL.)	6
Don't know	15

READ TO ALL: I'm going to read a list of places where people are hearing about the health care law these days. For each, please tell me whether you have heard anything about the health care law from this source over the past 30 days or so.

14. First (READ AND RANDOMIZE, ALWAYS ASK a AND b TOGETHER WITH a COMING BEFORE b), have you heard anything about the health care law from (ITEM) in the past 30 days, or not? How about (NEXT ITEM)? [READ AS NECESSARY: Have you heard anything about the health care law from (INSERT ITEM) in the past 30 days, or not?

	Yes, heard about from this source	No, have not heard about law from this source	Don't know/ Refused
a. Cable TV news	52	47	1
b. National or local TV news	61	38	1
c. Radio news or talk radio	53	47	*
d. An online news source	37	63	*
e. A newspaper or magazine	45	55	*
f. Friends and family	49	51	*
g. Federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services	16	84	*
h. State agencies such as your state Medicaid office or health insurance marketplace	14	85	1
i. A health insurance company	15	84	*
j. An employer	19	80	1
k. Your doctor or another health care professional	22	78	*
l. A non-profit or community organization	12	87	*
m. A YouTube video or any other online video	9	91	*
n. Social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter	23	77	*
o. An email from an organization whose listserv you are subscribed to	16	84	*
p. A mobile app on your smartphone or tablet	7	93	*
q. Shows like 'The Daily Show with Jon Stewart' or 'The Colbert Report'	19	80	*
r. Letters or brochures you've received in the mail	20	79	1
s. Posters or billboards	15	84	1
t. Someone who came door to door in your neighborhood, or approached you at a supermarket or mall	2	98	*

15. Would you say you are mainly getting information about the health care law from (CNN), (FOX News), (MSNBC), or some other cable TV news channel? [ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES – ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE] [IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE, REPEAT: "Which of those would you say you are MAINLY getting information from"] (Asked of those who say they have gotten any information about the law from cable TV news in the past 30 days)

Summary of Q14a and Q15 based on total

	8/13
Yes, have gotten information from cable TV news	52
Mainly CNN	12
Mainly FOX News	16
Mainly MSNBC	6
Mainly some other cable news channel	11
Don't know/Refused where mainly got information from	7
No, have not gotten information from this source	47
Don't know/Refused	1

NO Q16-Q17

18. Over the past few years, would you say health insurance premiums have been going up (faster) than usual, going up (slower) than usual, or going up about the same amount? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	08/13
Going up faster than usual	52
Going up slower than usual	3
Going up about the same amount	35
Don't know/Refused	10

- 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])?

	08/13
Covered by health insurance	83
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

19. As you may know, the health care law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine. Do you think you will obtain health insurance in 2014, or do you think you will remain uninsured? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE ONCE: We realize there is still some uncertainty, but if you had to guess, do you think you will obtain health insurance in 2014, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)

Based on those who are uninsured (n=182)

	08/13
Will obtain health insurance	58
Will remain uninsured	32
Don't know/Refused	10

- D4a. 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, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,319)

Plan through your employer	37
Plan through your spouse's employer	14
Plan you purchased yourself	8
Medicare	19
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	6
Some other government program	5
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	3
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	8
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary D4 and D4a based on total

Covered by health insurance	83
Employer	30
Spouse's employer	12
Self-purchased plan	7
Medicare	16
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	5
Other government program	4
Somewhere else	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	*
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

20. Have you ever had to compare health insurance policies and decide which one to choose, or not?

	08/13
Yes, had to compare health insurance policies	53
No, have not had to compare health insurance policies	47
Don't know/Refused	*

21. Do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of health insurance companies? GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very [favorable/unfavorable] or somewhat [favorable/unfavorable] opinion? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	08/13	06/13 ⁸
Very favorable	11	12
Somewhat favorable	32	32
Somewhat unfavorable	27	24
Very unfavorable	22	24
Don't know/Refused	8	8

22. Do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of YOUR OWN health insurance company? GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very [favorable/unfavorable] or somewhat [favorable/unfavorable] opinion? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who are insured (n=1,319)

	08/13
Very favorable	35
Somewhat favorable	39
Somewhat unfavorable	13
Very unfavorable	10
Don't know/Refused	3

23. What do you like best about your current health insurance policy? [OPEN END; RECORD FIRST RESPONSE; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

Based on those who are insured (n=1,319)

	8/13
Cost-related (NET)	34
Low or no deductible, co-pay, out of pocket expense	10
Low cost, affordable, not too expensive	8
It's free to me/Someone else pays for it/pays most of the cost	5
Low or no premium	3
Other cost-related	10
Coverage-related (NET)	26
Good benefits and coverage	17
Provider choice	7
Covers prescription drugs, don't pay a lot for drugs	3
Factors related to insurance company (NET)	14
Good communication with, satisfied with insurance company	11
Little paperwork	4
Glad I have coverage/Meets needs (NET)	11
General satisfaction with having insurance	6
Meets my needs	5
Access to health care	3
All my health care is provided in one place	1
Good quality of care	1
Other	6
Nothing	4
Don't know	11

Due to multiple response percentages will add to more than 100.

⁸ June 2013 question was asked as part of a list.

24. What do you like LEAST about your current health insurance policy? [OPEN END; RECORD FIRST RESPONSE; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

Based on those who are insured (n=1,319)

	8/13
Cost-related (NET)	33
Cost (general)	14
Co-pays, deductibles, out of pocket expenses are too high or rising	11
Premiums are too high or going up	8
Cost for a particular benefit is high	1
Other cost-related	2
Bad coverage, doesn't cover a specific benefit, coverage limits	14
Provider issues (NET)	9
Doctor or hospital won't accept insurance, referrals, out of network/ Limited providers	6
Problems getting an appointment/referral/long wait	1
Other provider issues – inconvenient location, rushed appointments	1
Issues related to insurance company (NET)	7
Bad communication, administrative problems, bureaucracy	5
Too much paperwork, billing system complicated/confusing	3
Problems with prescription drugs – cost, coverage, generics	5
Issues related to ACA	1
Other	5
Nothing	12
Don't know	18

Due to multiple response percentages will add to more than 100.

NO Q25-Q26

27. We'd like to know what is important to you in a health insurance plan. [First/What about], (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Is this extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important in a health insurance plan?

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	(VOL.) Not at all important	Don't know/ Refused
a. Having a low monthly premium	34	46	16	2	*	2
b. Having low co-pays when you visit the doctor	33	42	19	4	*	1
c. Having low co-pays when you fill a prescription	35	43	18	4	*	1
d. Having a low annual deductible, that is the amount you have to pay in medical expenses yourself each year before your insurance begins paying	34	43	17	4	*	2
e. Having insurance cover a wide range of services	41	45	10	2	--	1
f. Being able to see the doctors you want to see without paying more	43	43	10	2	*	1
g. Being able to go to the hospital you want without paying more	41	44	12	2	*	1
h. Having a plan that is easy to understand and requires minimal paperwork	38	44	13	4	*	1
i. Having a plan with good customer service	38	45	14	2	*	1

28. Which ONE of the following features you rated as extremely important is MOST important for you in a health insurance plan? [READ ITEMS THAT RECEIVED 'EXTREMELY IMPORTANT' RESPONSE IN Q27 IN SAME ORDER] (Asked of those who said more than one factor was 'extremely important')

Combo table based on Total (Includes those who said only one item is 'extremely important')

	08/13
Being able to see the doctors you want to see without paying more	17
Having insurance cover a wide range of services	12
Having a low monthly premium	8
Having a low annual deductible, that is the amount you have to pay in medical expenses yourself each year before your insurance begins paying	7
Being able to go to the hospital you want without paying more	7
Having a plan that is easy to understand and requires minimal paperwork	5
Having low co-pays when you visit the doctor	5
Having a plan with good customer service	4
Having low co-pays when you fill a prescription	4
None of the above/Something else (VOL.)	1
None of these is extremely important ⁹	28
Don't know/Refused	2

29. Some people buy health insurance on their OWN, that is, not through any employer, union, or government program. In the past three years, have you tried to buy health insurance on your own, either for yourself or for your family?

Based on those who currently do not purchase their own insurance (n=1,390)

	08/13
Yes, have tried to buy insurance on own	20
No, have not tried to buy insurance on own	80
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of D4a and Q29 based on total

	08/13
Tried to buy insurance on own in past 3 years	25
Currently buy insurance on own	7
Tried to buy insurance on own in past 3 years	19
No, have not tried to buy insurance on own	74
Don't know/Refused	*

NO Q30-Q31

32. In general, the term "pre-existing condition" is used by insurance companies to describe an illness or medical condition that a person had before they began looking for insurance. For example, if you were looking to buy health insurance but had a history of asthma, diabetes or high blood pressure, those would be considered pre-existing conditions, along with illnesses such as cancer. Given that definition, would you say that you or someone else in your household would be considered to have a "pre-existing condition" of some sort, or not?

	08/13
Yes, someone in household has pre-existing condition	57
No, no one in household has pre-existing condition	42
Don't know/Refused	1

33. Have you ever used the internet to (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not? (IF YES: Do you do that very often, somewhat often, just occasionally or rarely?)

	Very often	Somewhat often	Just occasionally	Rarely	No, never used	Don't know/Refused
a. Access health information	9	15	25	12	39	*
b. Buy a product online, such as books, music, toys or clothing	17	18	26	11	28	*

⁹ Includes those who said no items are extremely important in Q27.

DEMOGRAPHICS

READ TO ALL: 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	48
Female	52

D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	19
Very good	36
Good	28
Only fair	13
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	*

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	50
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	7
Divorced	9
Separated	3
Never been married	24
Don't know/Refused	1

D2c. Are you the parent of a child between the ages of 18 and 35, or not?

Yes, parent of a child between the ages of 18 and 35	33
No, not a parent of a child between the ages of 18 and 35	67
Don't know/Refused	*

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	11
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	6
Retired	15
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	6
Don't know/Refused	1

D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ LIST)...

18-29	21
30-49	34
50-64	28
65 and older	17
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Republican	21
Democrat	33
Independent	30
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	10
Don't know/Refused	6

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	35
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	19

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Democrat	33
Independent Lean Democratic	13
Independent/Don't lean	18
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	21
Undesignated	1

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	4
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	7
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
Two year associate degree from a college/university	12
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	15
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	12
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

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	66
Total non-White	32
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	14
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	3
Undesignated	2

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Based on Hispanics (n=140)

U.S.	45
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	50
Don't know/Refused	1

D14. Last year—that is, in 2012—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	17
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	9
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	14
Don't know/Refused	9

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

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The following question was fielded on a separate survey from August 15-18, 2013. See methodology section for more details.

O1. As you may know, a health care bill was signed into law in March 2010. As far as you know, which comes closest to describing the current status of the health care law? (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS)

	08/13	04/13
It is still the law of the land and is being implemented	57	59
It has been overturned by the Supreme Court and is no longer law	5	7
It has been repealed by Congress and is no longer law	8	12
Don't know/Refused	31	23

Demographic information for the Omnibus Supplement available upon request.

Trend Information:

06/13: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 4-9, 2013)
04/13: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 15-20, 2013)
03/13: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 5-10, 2013)
02/13: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 14-19, 2013)
01/13: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 113th Congress* (January 3-9, 2013)
11/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 7-10, 2012)
10/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 18-23, 2012)
09/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 13-19, 2012)
08/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 7-12, 2012)
07/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Early Reaction to Supreme Court Decision on the ACA* (July 17-23, 2012)
06/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 28-30, 2012)
05/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 8-14, 2012)
04/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 4-10, 2012)
03/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 29 – March 5, 2012)
02/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 13-19, 2012)
01/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (January 12-17, 2012)
12/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 8-13, 2011)
11/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 10-15, 2011)
10/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 13-18, 2011)
09/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 7-12, 2011)
08/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 10-15, 2011)
07/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 13-18, 2011)
06/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 9-14, 2011)
05/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 12-17, 2011)
04/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 7-12, 2011)
03/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 8-13, 2011)
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)
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12/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 7-13, 2009)
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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 *Delivery System* (March 12 - 22, 2009)
02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)
02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)
10/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (October 8-13, 2008)
09/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (September 8-13, 2008)
04/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (April 3-13, 2008)
02/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (February 7-16, 2008)
12/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (November 28-December 9, 2007)
10/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (October 1-10, 2007)
06/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (May 31-June 5, 2007)
03/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (March 8-13, 2007)

10/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 5-10, 2006)
08/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (August 3-8, 2006)
02/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 2-7, 2006)
10/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 4-9, 2005)
06/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (June 2-5, 2005)
04/05: *USA Today*/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University *Health Care Costs Survey* (April 25-June 9, 2005)
03/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (March 31-April 3, 2005)
02/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 3-6, 2005)
12/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (December 2-5, 2004)
10/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 14-17, 2004)
08/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (August 5-8, 2004)
06/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (June 4-8, 2004)
04/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (April 1-5, 2004)
02/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 5-8, 2004)
07/03: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Insurance Survey* (April 30 – July 20, 2003)



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