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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: December 2009***

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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 and Carolina Gutiérrez. The survey was conducted December 7 through December 13, 2009, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,204 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (801) and cell phone (403, including 111 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error is 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. Which comes closer to describing your own views? Given the serious economic problems facing the country (we cannot afford to take on health care reform right now) OR (it is more important than ever to take on health care reform now)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	<u>Take on now</u>	<u>Cannot afford</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
12/09	54	41	5
11/09 (half sample. n=620)	58	36	6
10/09	55	41	4
09/09	57	39	4
08/09	53	42	6
07/09	56	39	5
06/09	61	35	4
04/09	59	37	4
02/09	62	34	4
12/08	61	37	2
10/08	62	34	5

2. How closely have you been following discussions in Washington about health care reform? Very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not at all?

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>04/09</u>	<u>02/09</u>
Very closely	34	28	34	36	33	27	25	23
Somewhat closely	42	47	44	45	45	46	47	46
Not too closely	16	21	16	15	15	19	21	21
Not at all	7	5	5	4	7	7	6	9
Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	1

3. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE. ALWAYS ASK A and B FIRST) 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? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES) [READ IF NECESSARY: "Would (ITEM) 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?"]

		<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>Wouldn't make much difference</u>	<u>(VOL.) It depends</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. You and your family						
	12/09	35	27	32	3	3
	11/09 (620)	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						
	12/09	45	31	17	4	3
	11/09 (620)	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
c. Seniors, that is those 65 years and older						
	12/09	40	31	21	4	4
	11/09 (620)	43	29	19	4	6
	10/09	44	29	20	2	6
	09/09	46	25	20	3	6

- 4a. Earlier you said you and your family would be better off if health care reform passed. What would you say are the main ways that you and your family would be better off? (OPEN-ENDED)

*Based on those who would be better off if health care reform passed (n=388)*

	<u>12/09</u>
Will lower/control costs/make care affordable	31
<u>Better able to maintain coverage (Net)</u>	26
Because currently uninsured	10
Universal coverage/Everyone will be covered	4
If lose job	3
Because of pre-existing conditions	1
In general (unspecified)	9
Could go to the doctor more/get health care/Would be healthier	13
Country better off/Better off generally	13
Better choice/More benefits	6
Better access to prescription drugs	4
Good for children	2
Good for seniors	2
Morally right thing	2
Good for businesses/self-employed	1
Other/Miscellaneous	4
Don't know/Refused	19

*Note: Table will add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.*

- 4b. Earlier you said you and your family would be worse off if health care reform passed. What would you say are the main ways that you and your family would be worse off? (OPEN-ENDED)

*Based on those who would be worse off if health care reform passed (n=383)*

	<u>12/09</u>
<u>Will cost more (Net)</u>	47
Cost in general/Prices will go up	28
Higher taxes	14
Have to pay more out of pocket to cover the uninsured	5
Will increase federal deficit	4
Will be economically/financially worse off	3
<u>Would harm current care arrangements, access to care or coverage (Net)</u>	33
Less choice/Restricted access/Waiting times	17
Fear decrease in quality of care/service	6
Fear of changing own current situation	5
Satisfied with own insurance/health care situation	4
In general (unspecified)	2
<u>Medicare-related concerns (Net)</u>	11
Will harm Medicare	8
Will harm seniors	4
Already have Medicare	*
Government expansion/Loss of personal freedom/Government is a bad manager	11
Would harm businesses/employers/insurance companies/providers	4
Jobs/economy higher priority	1
Abortion-related concerns	1
Other/Miscellaneous	11
Don't know/Refused	12

*Note: Table will add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.*

5. During the past six months, have you personally done any of the following things in connection with the health care reform issue? First, have you (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. written to, emailed or spoken with your representative or another public official? <sup>1</sup>	12/09	20	79	*
	02/94	9	91	--
	10/93	12	88	--
b. joined or became more active in a health-care related organization?	12/09	10	90	*
	02/94	6	94	--
	10/93	8	92	--
c. written to, emailed or called a newspaper, website, radio or television station? <sup>2</sup>	12/09	13	87	*
	02/94	2	98	--
	10/93	3	97	--
d. tried to influence a friend or family member's opinion?	12/09	37	63	*
	02/94	26	73	1
e. participated in a forum or town meeting having to do with health care reform?	12/09	13	87	--
	02/94	4	96	*
f. personally contributed money to a political candidate or organization because of its positions on health care reform <sup>3</sup>	12/09	12	87	*
	02/94	3	97	*

<sup>1</sup> Trend wording was "Written to or spoken with your representative or another public official". 1993 question asked about "the past 12 months".

<sup>2</sup> Trend wording was "Written a letter to or called a newspaper or television station".

<sup>3</sup> This item was a free standing question in the 1994 survey.

6. 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. The first is (INSERT & RANDOMIZE). Does this describe your own feelings about the health care reform plans being discussed in Washington, or not?

		<u>Describes</u>	<u>Does not describe</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Anxious	12/09	47	52	1
	10/09	49	49	1
	09/09	50	48	2
b. Confused	12/09	48	52	*
	10/09	49	50	1
	09/09	48	51	1
	08/09	46	53	2
c. Hopeful	12/09	59	40	1
	10/09	62	36	2
	09/09	68	31	1
	08/09	63	36	1
d. Optimistic	12/09	50	49	1
	10/09	56	42	2
	09/09	55	43	3
	08/09	50	47	3
e. Frustrated	12/09	57	42	1
	10/09	60	40	1
	09/09	58	41	1
	08/09	57	41	2
f. Angry	12/09	35	64	1
	10/09	40	59	1
	09/09	31	67	1
g. Positive	12/09	48	49	3
	10/09	50	47	3
	09/09	52	45	3



7. In general, are you familiar with the position of each of the following on the issue of health care reform? First, are you familiar with the position of (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. your state's U.S. Senators?				
	12/09	48	51	1
	02/94	32	66	2
	10/93	32	67	1
b. your district's Congressional Representative in the U.S. House?				
	12/09	42	57	1
	02/94	21	78	1
	10/93	25	73	2

8. From what you've seen and heard of the debate over health care reform in Washington, do you think the policy process this time around is working better than it usually does, worse than it usually does, or about the same?

	<u>12/09</u>
Policy process working better than usual	19
Policy process working worse than usual	25
Working about the same	48
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	8

9. One policy change that Congress is debating is whether to create a government-administered public health insurance plan to compete with private plans. As far as you know, would this public plan be open to anyone who wants to buy insurance coverage, or would it only be open to those people who don't get insurance through their jobs?

	<u>12/09</u>
Would be open to anyone	47
Would only be open to those without employer-based coverage	30
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	23

10. During the past seven days, did you see, hear or read any advertisements having to do with proposed changes in the health care system?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
12/09	40	59	1
11/09	45	55	1
10/09	45	54	1
09/09	54	45	1
08/09	45	54	1
07/09	31	68	2
06/09	21	78	1
02/09	20	79	1
09/93	40	58	2

11. As far as you could tell, were those ads (IN FAVOR OF) passing some sort of health care reform this year, or (OPPOSED TO) passing some sort of health care reform this year? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

***Based on those who saw, heard or read ads related to health care reform***

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>
Have seen ads in favor of passing some sort of health care reform this year	34	29	32	35	40	47	62
Have seen ads opposed to passing some sort of health care reform this year	32	37	32	29	32	39	26
Have seen both ads in favor and opposed (VOL.)	28	31	34	33	21	n/a	n/a
Don't know/Refused	5 (507)	3 (588)	2 (590)	3 (674)	7 (590)	14 (403)	12 (265)

10/11. Summary Table based on total

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>
Have seen ads related to health reform	40	45	45	54	45	31	21
In favor of passing some sort of health care reform this year	14	13	14	19	18	14	13
Opposed to passing some sort of health care reform this year	13	17	14	16	15	12	5
Have seen both (VOL.)	11	14	15	18	10	n/a	n/a
Don't know if ads were in favor or opposed to reform	2	1	1	2	3	4	3
Have not seen ads	59	55	54	45	54	68	78
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

12. How would you rate the job the news media are doing in telling you what the different health care proposals mean to you and your family? Would you say excellent, good, only fair or poor?

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>09/93</u>
Excellent	7	7
Good	31	37
Only fair	32	41
Poor	28	11
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	3	4

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

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
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*	19	80	*
03/02	21	79	-

Note: slight variations in question wording

\*Note: in 2003, sample included only adults ages 18-64

14. In the past twelve months, have you or another family member in your household (INSERT. READ AND RANDOMIZE. ITEM “C” SHOULD ALWAYS FOLLOW ITEM “B”) because of medical bills, or not?<sup>4</sup>

*Based on those who had problems paying medical bills in past 12 months*

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>	<u>(N)</u>
a. Used up all or most of your savings	12/09	44	55	1	(322)
	08/09	48	52	1	(259)
	02/09	58	41	1	(237)
b. Been unable to pay for basic necessities like food, heat or housing	12/09	39	61	--	
	08/09	28	72	--	
	02/09	31	67	2	
c. Had difficulty paying other bills	12/09	53	47	--	
	08/09	52	47	*	
	02/09	63	37	1	
d. Borrowed money or gotten a loan or another mortgage on your home	12/09	27	72	1	
	08/09	24	76	*	
	02/09	18	81	1	
e. Been contacted by a collection agency	12/09	51	48	*	
	08/09	45	55	-	
	02/09	57	43	1	
f. Declared bankruptcy	12/09	12	88	--	
	08/09	9	91	-	
	02/09	4	96	-	

<sup>4</sup> Wording has been modified to include “or another family member in your household...”

Q13/14 Combination Table based on total

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>02/09</u>
Had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months	30	24	22
Had difficulty paying other bills because of medical bills	16	12	13
Been contacted by a collection agency because of medical bills	15	11	12
Used up all or most savings because of medical bills	13	11	13
Been unable to pay for basic necessities like food, heat, or housing because of medical bills	12	7	7
Borrowed money or gotten a loan or another mortgage because of medical bills	8	6	4
Declared bankruptcy because of medical bills	4	2	1
Have done any of the above	23	19	19
No problems paying medical bills	70	76	78
Don't know/Refused	1	*	1

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

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment	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	-
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine	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	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	*

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		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
d. Had problems getting mental health care	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
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed	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	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	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

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**“Yes” to any in Q15**

12/09	49
11/09	53
09/09	56
07/09	49
06/09	55
04/09	59
02/09	53

D3. Are you NOW self-employed, working full-time for an employer, working part-time for an employer, are you retired, or are you not employed for pay?

	<u>12/09</u>
Self-employed	9
Full-time for an employer	44
Part-time for an employer	9
Retired	22
Not employed	11
Homemaker (VOL.)	1
Student (VOL.)	2
Disabled (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	*

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])?

	<u>12/09</u>
Covered by health insurance	76
Not covered by health insurance	24
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?

***Based on those who are insured (n=998)***

	<u>12/09</u>
Plan through your/your spouse's employer	54
Plan you purchased yourself	13
Medicare	22
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	4
Some other government program	3
Somewhere else	3
Don't know/Refused	1



16. 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?

		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. Having to pay more for your health care or health insurance						
	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

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	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
b. Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need					
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	*

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		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
c. The quality of health care services you receive getting worse						
	12/09	32	30	19	19	1
	07/09	28	33	18	21	1
	10/08	26	27	21	25	2
	09/08	24	28	22	26	1
	04/08	26	30	18	24	1
	12/07	33	29	17	19	1
	10/07	29	30	18	20	2
	06/07	32	28	19	20	1
	03/07	30	31	16	21	2
	10/06	33	29	18	20	1
	08/06	25	31	18	24	2
	02/06	27	31	16	24	3
	10/05	28	28	18	24	1
	06/05	28	29	18	23	2
	04/05	32	28	15	24	1
	02/05	23	33	19	24	1
	12/04	34	26	18	22	1
	10/04	30	28	16	26	1
	08/04	30	26	14	29	1
	06/04	29	28	18	24	1
	04/04	31	28	18	21	1
	02/04	29	29	19	22	1

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		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
d. Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you need						
	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

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		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
e. Being the victim of a violent crime						
	12/09	17	26	31	26	*
	10/08	18	23	28	30	1
	09/08	17	25	30	28	1
	04/08	18	24	28	29	*
	12/07	21	25	31	22	1
	10/07	20	26	29	25	1
	06/07	21	28	31	20	1
	03/07	23	24	28	24	1
	10/06	23	23	29	25	1
	08/06	16	28	28	27	1
	02/06	17	24	28	30	1
	10/05	16	27	29	28	*
	06/05	17	25	30	28	*
	04/05	18	22	26	33	*
	02/05	15	26	29	30	*
	12/04	21	24	27	28	1
	10/04	19	27	27	27	1
	08/04	17	25	28	29	1
	06/04	18	24	30	27	*
	04/04	17	25	26	31	1
	02/04	19	25	29	26	*
f. Being the victim of a terrorist attack						
	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

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		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
g. Your income not keeping up with rising prices						
	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

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	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
h. Losing your savings in the stock market					
12/09	20	22	18	39	1
07/09	22	22	14	40	1
10/08	32	19	11	36	2
09/08	19	17	18	45	2
04/08	17	18	16	47	2
12/07	21	17	17	42	2
10/07	16	16	18	47	3
06/07	14	13	22	48	3
03/07	18	18	17	44	3
10/06	14	14	21	49	2
08/06	15	17	16	50	2
02/06	15	18	18	47	2
10/05	14	19	16	50	2
06/05	19	17	17	46	1
04/05	20	14	14	52	1
02/05	17	18	15	48	1
12/04	17	15	17	49	2
10/04	22	18	12	46	1
08/04	21	17	14	47	2
06/04	20	18	16	45	1
04/04	18	16	14	50	2
02/04	23	17	15	43	1

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	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
i. Not being able to pay your rent or mortgage					
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	*

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<i>Based on those who are employed (n=748)</i>	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
j. Losing your job					
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	*

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<i>Based on those who are employed and insured (n=612)</i>		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
k. Having to stay in your current job instead of taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits						
	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

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	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
<b><i>Based on those who are insured (n=998)</i></b>					
1. Losing your health insurance coverage					
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	*

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		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
<b>Based on those who are insured (n=998)</b>						
m. Your HEALTH PLAN being more concerned about saving money for the plan than about what is the best treatment for you						
	12/09	28	31	21	18	3
	10/08	27	32	16	23	2
	09/08	24	33	19	23	1
	04/08	28	33	16	21	2
	12/07	33	34	16	14	3
	10/07	32	34	16	16	3
	06/07	31	33	18	16	3
	03/07	30	37	14	16	4
	10/06	36	30	14	20	1
	08/06	32	33	13	18	4
	02/06	27	35	15	21	3
	10/05	30	31	16	20	4
	06/05	36	29	14	19	2
	04/05	38	31	10	19	2
	02/05	29	34	17	18	1
	12/04	37	29	14	17	2
	10/04	33	31	17	17	2
	08/04	36	31	12	19	3
	06/04	35	33	12	18	3
	04/04	37	29	14	17	3
	02/04	35	32	15	15	3
n. Not having enough money for retirement						
	12/09	37	28	17	17	1
	07/09	35	31	17	16	1
	04/09	43	30	14	12	1

(READ) 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	17
Very good	32
Good	32
Only fair	14
Poor	4
Don't know/Refused	*

D5. What is your age? [ENTER AGE] / ASK IF REFUSED:

D6. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ)

18-29	18
30-49	39
50-64	25
65 and older	18
Undesignated	*

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

Republican	24
Democratic	38
Independent	27
Or What? ( <i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here)	6
Don't know/Refused	5

D9. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

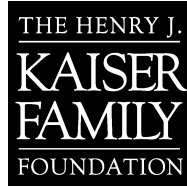
None, or grade 1-8	3
High School incomplete (grade 9-11)	10
High School graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	29
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	7
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	24
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	18
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., towards a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	10
Don't know/Refused	*

D10.	Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?	
	Yes	32
	No	68
	Don't know/Refused	--
D11.	Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?	
D12.	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	70
	Total non-White	29
	Black or African-American	12
	Hispanic	13
	Asian	2
	Other mixed race	1
	Undesignated	1
D13.	Last year -- that is, in 2008 -- 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	13
	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	12
	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14
	\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	8
	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	3
	\$100,000 or more	9
	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	14

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

Trend Information:

- 11/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 5-12, 2009)
- 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)
- 02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)
- 12/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the New President and Congress* (December 4-14, 2008)
- 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)
- 09/06: ABC News/Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today *Health Care in America 2006 Survey* (September 7-12, 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)
- 04/03: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Insurance Survey* (April 30-July 20, 2003)
- 03/02: National Public Radio/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government *National Survey on Health Care* (March 28-May 1, 2002)
- 01/00: *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*/Kaiser Family Foundation *National Survey of the Uninsured* (January 10-February 9, 2000)
- 02/94: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *Kaiser Health Reform Project* (February 17-24, 1994)
- 10/93: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *Survey on Health Care Issues* (September 30 – October 5, 1993)
- 09/93: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *Survey of Public Knowledge and Awareness of Health Reform* (September 30-October 5, 1993)



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