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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 Liz Hamel, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted July 13 through 18, 2011, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,201 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (800) and cell phone (401, including 180 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 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? [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
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 ¹	23	23	10	30	14

- 2a. 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

	07/11	03/11	10/10
Expanding Access (NET)	55	51	55
Expanding access to health insurance	24	28	23
Expanding access to health care	19	14	21
Will help self or family	6	5	8
Will help low income families/the poor	4	3	4
Adult children will be able to get health insurance	3	4	4
Will make health care more affordable/control costs	10	9	7
Country will be better off generally	8	6	8
Reform was needed	5	7	7
Insurance Reform (NET)	5	7	6
Will help people with pre-existing conditions	3	5	4
Insurance reform generally	2	3	2
A step in the right direction	5	4	6
Brings America in line with other advanced countries	3	-	-
General support for the law	2	4	-
Will help seniors	2	4	3
Approve of government role	1	3	2
In favor of the individual mandate	*	1	-
People will have more choice of health insurance coverage	*	2	-
Other reason for a favorable view	3	7	8
Other comment – not related to health reform bill	3	1	1
Don't know/Refused	11	13	13
	(n=474)	(n=498)	(n=495)

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

¹ 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?)”

2b. 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

	07/11	03/11	10/10
Financial and Cost Considerations (NET)	20	20	24
Will cost too much/Not paid for	16	15	11
Health insurance and health care will become more expensive	4	5	10
Taxes will go up	2	1	5
Government-related issues	16	19	10
Against individual mandate (NET)	13	18	11
Don't want to be forced to buy insurance	9	12	7
Unconstitutional	5	6	4
Harm to seniors/Medicare-related concerns	6	3	6
Limits choices and benefits/decreases quality of care	6	4	-
Individuals should pay for their own insurance/People will freeloader/ Inequitable/Unfair	5	6	13
Don't understand law/Don't know enough about it/Confusing	4	3	5
Will not solve problem/Won't work	4	3	-
Opposed to process	4	5	12
General dislike of the law	3	4	-
Concerned about impact on own insurance/already have good insurance	3	2	5
Law is not going to help certain people/law is going to be bad for many	3	3	7
Unfair to people who cannot afford/get health insurance	3	2	-
Hurts small businesses/jobs	2	2	3
Will end up hurting people's existing health care arrangements	2	2	5
Doesn't go far enough to fix the problems	2	2	5
Don't want National Health Care/Doesn't work in other countries	1	-	-
Bad for doctors/health care professionals	1	2	2
Only helps certain/lower class/poor people	1	1	*
Employers will drop/have dropped health insurance	*	-	-
Illegal immigrants will/will not be covered	*	1	1
Abortion	-	-	*
Other reason for an unfavorable view	7	8	10
Other comment – not related to health reform bill	3	2	*
Don't know/Refused	11	9	7
	(n=561)	(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	Depends (VOL.)	Don't know/Refused
a. You and your family	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 ²	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

Q3. continued on next page

² 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	Depends (VOL.)	Don't know/Refused
b. The country as a whole					
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
c. Seniors, that is those ages 65 and older					
07/11	34	37	19	--	10
06/11	31	41	19	--	9
05/11	35	36	22	--	8
02/11	31	42	22	--	5
01/11	32	39	21	--	8
09/10	38	35	18	--	9
07/10	36	36	18	--	10
04/10	36	33	20	--	12
12/09	40	31	21	4	4
11/09	43	29	19	4	6
10/09	44	29	20	2	6
09/09	46	25	20	3	6
d. The Medicare program					
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

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)

	07/11	06/11	05/11	04/11	03/11	02/11	01/11
They should expand the law	33	31	30	33	30	30	28
They should keep the law as is	20	20	21	19	21	20	19
They should repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative	16	19	19	15	18	19	23
They should repeal the law and not replace it	21	19	19	20	21	20	20
Don't know/Refused	10	12	10	14	10	10	10

5. As far as you know, will the health reform law (increase) the federal budget deficit over the next ten years, (decrease) the deficit over the next ten years, or is it not expected to have much impact on the deficit? (ROTATE WORDS IN PARENTHESES)

	07/11	01/11	04/10 ³	03/10 ⁴
Increase the deficit over the next 10 years	51	60	45	55
Decrease the deficit over the next 10 years	15	11	25	15
Is not expected to have much impact on the deficit	25	23	16	20
Don't know/Refused	10	6	13	10

³ April 2010 trend wording was "As far as you know, has the independent Congressional Budget Office which analyzes the cost of legislation said the health reform law will (increase) the federal budget deficit over the next ten years, (decrease) the deficit over the next ten years, or is it not expected to have much impact on the deficit?"

⁴ March 2010 trend wording was "As far as you know, has the independent Congressional Budget Office which analyzes the cost of legislation said the health reform legislation currently being discussed in Congress will (increase) the federal budget deficit over the next ten years, (decrease) the deficit over the next ten years, or is it not expected to have much impact on the deficit?"

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

Items a, b, c based on half sample a (n=603)

Items d, e, f, g based on half sample b (n=598)

		Better	Worse	Will stay about the same	Depends (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused
a.	The quality of your own health care					
	07/11	19	31	45	--	5
	03/11	20	32	45	--	3
	04/10	23	27	43	--	6
	03/10 ⁵	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					
	07/11	21	41	34	--	5
	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					
	07/11	29	31	37	--	3
	03/11	26	25	46	--	3
	04/10	34	19	40	--	7
	03/10	35	22	36	2	5
d.	The quality of health care in the nation					
	07/11	26	41	28	--	5
e.	The cost of health care for the nation as a whole					
	07/11	28	49	18	--	5
f.	Consumer protections for the average person with private health insurance					
	07/11	20	37	37	--	5
g.	Access to health care for the uninsured					
	07/11	49	24	23	--	4

⁵ 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. 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				
	07/11	46	52	2
	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 ⁶	48	52	*
	10/09	49	50	1
	09/09	48	51	1
	08/09	46	53	2
b. Angry				
	07/11	34	65	2
	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				
	07/11	28	70	2
	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

⁶ 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."

ROTATE ORDER OF 8/8b WITH 9/9b

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

	07/11	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Yes, have benefited	15	14	13	14	15
No, have not benefited	83	82	84	84	81
Don't know/Refused	2	4	3	3	4

8b. In what ways would you say you have benefited from the health reform law? (OPEN-END)

Based on those who say they have benefited from the health reform law

	07/11	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Access to health care/expansion of health insurance/expansion of benefits	39	42	39	34	36
Lower health care costs	16	16	24	20	19
Extension of dependent coverage	13	15	14	21	14
Help dealing with pre-existing conditions	7	3	5	6	5
Health reform will help - general	5	5	3	5	7
Help for seniors/Medicare/Closing the doughnut hole	4	4	6	7	-
My insurance is good/no changes	2	2	4	-	-
Other insurance reforms	2	2	4	5	6
Other	6	9	3	7	6
Don't know/Refused	13	16	11	15	17
	(n=157)	(n=151)	(n=144)	(n=155)	(n=157)

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

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

	07/11	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Yes, negatively affected	18	18	20	17	20
No, not negatively affected	78	78	77	82	76
Don't know/Refused	4	4	3	2	4

9b. In what ways would you say you have been negatively affected by the health reform law? (OPEN-END)

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

	07/11	05/11	03/11	02/11	12/10
Cost (NET)	52	55	58	48	45
The cost of my own health care has increased/can't afford cost of insurance/higher costs	39	40	46	32	29
Cost concerns – general	12	7	12	10	11
Cost concerns – taxes	1	9	1	7	7
Cut to benefits/less options/choices (general)	18	19	14	16	15
Don't have/Unable to get/Dropped by insurance	11	7	5	11	8
Declining quality of care	5	4	3	2	3
Harm to Medicare/seniors	4	6	5	7	3
Bad for businesses/jobs	3	2	5	2	7
Bad for providers/Providers have quit	2	4	3	1	1
Angry at process/Congress/government involvement	2	5	1	5	-
Haven't seen any changes yet	2	3	4	-	-
Opposed to individual mandate	2	2	2	3	-
Don't want to pay for freeloaders/non-citizens	1	2	3	3	-
Employers will drop/have dropped health insurance	1				
Other	13	11	13	14	14
Don't know/Refused	10	7	4	10	18
	(n=236)	(n=219)	(n=240)	(n=205)	(n=255)

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10. Has any doctor you have come in contact with during the past 12 months talked to you about the health reform law, or not?

	07/11
Yes	12
No	87
Don't know/Refused	1

11. Did your conversations with this doctor make your opinion of the law (more) favorable, (less) favorable, or did they not have much effect either way? (ROTATE LANGUAGE IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who say they have talked to a doctor about health reform law (n=173)

	07/11
Opinion of law now more favorable	17
Opinion of law now less favorable	39
Conversation did not have much effect	44
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary of Q10 and Q11 based on total

	07/11
Yes, doctor has talked about health reform law	12
Opinion of law now more favorable	2
Opinion of law now less favorable	5
Conversation did not have much effect	5
Don't know/Refused	*
No, doctor has not talked about health reform law	87
Don't know/Refused	1

12. Do you feel you have a better understanding of the health reform law after discussing it with a doctor, or not?

Based on those who say they have talked to a doctor about health reform law (n=173)

	07/11
Yes	60
No	38
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary of Q10 and Q12 based on total

	07/11
Yes, doctor has talked about health reform law	12
Have a better understanding of law	7
Do not have a better understanding of law	5
Don't know/Refused	*
No, doctor has not talked about health reform law	87
Don't know/Refused	1

13. As you may know, some state authorities have filed lawsuits challenging the federal government's right to require all Americans to have health insurance as part of the health reform law. How much would you say you've heard about these lawsuits? A lot, some, only a little or nothing at all?

	07/11
A lot	20
Some	25
Only a little	30
Nothing at all	24
Don't know/Refused	1

14. As far as you know, which comes closest to the current status of the lawsuits filed by state authorities in opposition to the health reform law? (READ LIST, ROTATE 1-3, 3-1).

	07/11
The law has been overturned because of these lawsuits	5
The lawsuit has reached the Supreme Court and is waiting for the Justices to make their decision	13
The lawsuit is making its way through the court system, but has not yet reached the Supreme Court	51
Don't know/Refused	31

READ: On another topic...

15. Thinking about different approaches to reducing the federal budget deficit, I'd like to know how big a role you think each of the following should play in an overall deficit reduction strategy. (First/Next), should (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) play a major role, minor role, or no role at all in reducing the federal budget deficit?

Items a, c based on half sample a (n=603)

Items b, d based on half sample b (n=598)

	Major role	Minor role	No role at all	Don't know/Refused
a. Increasing taxes for all Americans	23	37	36	3
b. Increasing taxes for wealthy Americans	50	29	18	3
c. Closing tax loopholes for wealthy Americans	57	24	15	4
d. Closing tax loopholes for large businesses	64	23	8	5
e. Reducing spending on government programs and services	48	33	14	5

16. If Congress decides to reduce the deficit by reducing federal spending, I'd like to know in which areas you would be willing to see spending reduced. For each area I name, please tell me if you would support major spending reductions, minor spending reductions or no reductions at all as a way to reduce the federal deficit. First, to reduce the deficit would you support major reductions, minor reductions, or no reductions to spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (IF NECESSARY: To reduce the deficit, would you support major reductions, minor reductions, or no reductions to spending on (INSERT))

		Major reductions	Minor reductions	No reductions	Don't know/Refused
a. Medicare, the government health program for people 65 and older and certain people with long-term disabilities ⁷	07/11	10	30	59	1
	05/11 ⁸	10	29	59	2
	04/11	10	32	57	2
	01/11	8	35	56	1
b. Medicaid, the government program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income adults and children ⁷	07/11	14	36	48	2
	05/11	13	30	53	3
	04/11	12	35	50	3
	01/11	13	39	47	1
c. Social Security	07/11	9	28	62	1
	05/11	10	22	66	2
	04/11	9	27	62	1
	01/11	8	27	64	1
d. Defense	07/11	30	37	30	2
	05/11	24	33	40	4
	04/11	22	40	35	3
	01/11 ⁹	21	40	38	1

17. Do you think reductions in MEDICARE spending should be part of any discussion about reducing the federal deficit over the long term, or do you think the country's budgetary problems can be addressed without reductions in Medicare spending?

	07/11	01/11 ¹⁰
Reductions in Medicare should be part of any discussion about the deficit	28	28
Country's budgetary problems can be addressed without reductions in Medicare	67	68
Don't know/Refused	5	3

⁷ May 2011 item did not contain description of Medicare or Medicaid program (the same description was included in a previous question on the May survey).

⁸ May 2011 trend question introduction wording was "In order to reduce the federal budget deficit, Congress may decide to reduce federal spending in certain areas".

⁹ January 2011 item wording was "National defense".

¹⁰ January 2011 trend based on one-half of total respondents (n=749).

READ: On another topic...

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	79
Not covered by health insurance	21
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 say they are insured (n=1,025)

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	54
Plan you purchased yourself	11
Medicare	20
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	4
Some other government program	4
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	5
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Based on those who say they are insured

	07/11	03/11	08/09	06/08
Excellent	37	32	36	32
Good	52	58	54	55
Not so good	6	9	5	8
Poor	3	1	4	3
Don't know/Refused	1	*	1	1
	(n=1,025)	(n=1,075)	(n=1,032)	(n=1,096)

19. 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 say they are insured

	Any insurance 07/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 07/11	Any insurance 03/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 03/11
Going up	52	59	50	54
Going down	1	1	2	2
Holding steady	38	34	40	37
Don't pay anything towards premiums (VOL.)	6	3	6	4
Don't know/Refused	3	2	2	2
	(n=1,025)	(n=592)	(n=1,075)	(n=675)

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

Based on those who say their premiums have gone up

	Any insurance 07/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 07/11	Any insurance 03/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 03/11
Yes	52	52	44	44
No	48	48	56	55
Don't know/Refused	1	*	*	*
	(n=579)	(n=378)	(n=590)	(n=405)

Summary of Q19 and Q20 Based on those who say they are insured

	Any insurance 07/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 07/11	Any insurance 03/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 03/11
Health insurance premiums going up	52	59	50	54
Has been a financial burden	27	31	22	24
Has not been a financial burden	25	28	28	30
Don't know if it has been a financial burden	*	*	*	*
Health insurance premiums going down	1	1	2	2
Health insurance premiums holding steady	38	34	40	37
Don't pay anything towards premiums (VOL.)	6	3	6	4
Don't know/Refused	3	2	2	2
	(n=1,025)	(n=592)	(n=1,075)	(n=675)

21. 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 Q19)

Based on those who say they are insured

	Any insurance 07/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 07/11	Any insurance 03/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 03/11
Going up	43	51	40	42
Going down	2	2	3	2
Holding steady	50	44	52	53
Don't know/Refused	5	2	5	3
	(n=1,025)	(n=592)	(n=1,075)	(n=675)

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

Based on those who say their out of pocket costs have gone up

	Any insurance 07/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 07/11	Any insurance 03/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 03/11
Yes	58	57	48	45
No	41	43	51	55
Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	-
	(n=448)	(n=305)	(n=462)	(n=317)

Summary of Q21 and Q22 Based on those who say they are insured

	Any insurance 07/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 07/11	Any insurance 03/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 03/11
Out of pocket costs going up	43	51	40	42
Has been a financial burden	25	29	19	19
Has not been a financial burden	18	22	20	23
Don't know if it has been a financial burden	*	*	*	-
Out of pocket costs going down	2	2	3	2
Out of pocket costs holding steady	50	44	52	53
Don't know/Refused	5	2	5	3
	(n=1,025)	(n=592)	(n=1,075)	(n=675)

23. Thinking about your own health care costs, which of the following do you find to be the greatest financial burden? Is it paying for:
(READ LIST, ROTATE 1-3. THEN 4, READ 5 LAST)

Based on those who say they are insured (n=1,025)

	Any insurance 07/11	Ages 18-64 with private insurance 07/11
Your health insurance premiums	21	25
The deductible you pay before insurance kicks in	16	19
Co-pays for doctor visits and prescription drugs	19	15
Some other health care cost	4	4
Or is paying for health care and health insurance not a financial burden for you?	32	31
All equally (VOL.)	6	5
Don't know/Refused	2	1
	(n=1,025)	(n=592)

24. A number of factors have been suggested as possible reasons for rising health care costs. For each of the following, please tell me if you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why health care costs are growing so rapidly (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) (READ AS NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, minor reason, or not at a reason why health care costs are growing so rapidly?)

Items a, c, e, g, i, k based on half sample a (n=603)

Items b, d, f, h, j, l based on half sample b (n=598)

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/Refused
a. Insurance companies make too much money	63	19	14	3
b. Drug companies make too much money	71	18	8	3
c. The cost of defending against medical malpractice lawsuits	56	26	14	4
d. There is too much fraud and waste in the health care system	71	21	5	3
e. The population is aging	47	29	20	4
f. Advances in drugs, treatments and new medical technologies are often very expensive	52	35	10	3
g. Most people with health insurance have little incentive to look for lower-priced doctors and services	28	41	26	4
h. Doctors are paid too much	29	36	31	4
i. Hospitals are paid too much	44	29	23	4
j. People getting more tests and services than they really need	45	34	19	2
k. The health reform law passed in 2010	35	32	26	7
l. The cost of everything in general is rising	63	28	8	2

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	24
Very good	29
Good	31
Only fair	11
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Employed full-time	48
Employed part-time	10
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	3
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	6
Retired	18
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
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	18
30-49	35
50-64	28
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Republican	22
Democrat	34
Independent	34
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	35
Democrat/Lean Democratic	47
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	18

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Democrat	34
Independent Lean Democratic	13
Independent/Don't lean	17
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	22
Undesignated	*

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	22
Moderate	39
Conservative	34
Don't know/Refused	6

D8c. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes, supporter of Tea Party movement	21
No, not a supporter of Tea Party movement	72
Don't know/Refused	7

D9. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Yes	81
No	18
Don't know/Refused	1

D10. How often would you say you vote...always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

Based on registered voters (n=1,041)

Always	56
Nearly always	28
Part of the time	10
Seldom	5
Never vote (Vol.)	1
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know/Refused	*

Summary of D9 and D10 based on total

Yes, registered to vote	81
Always vote	46
Nearly always vote	23
Vote part of the time	8
Seldom vote	4
Never vote (Vol.)	1
Other (Vol.)	*
Don't know how often	*
No, not registered	18
Don't know/Refused	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)	9
High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	30
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	6
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	23
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)	11
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	13
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	3
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	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	15
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	12
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	6
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	11
Don't know/Refused	13

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

Trend Information:

- 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)
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- 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)
- 06/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 3-8, 2008)



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