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Kaiser Family Foundation/NBC News Survey Questions

September 2013

METHODOLOGY

The Kaiser Family Foundation/NBC News survey questions were asked as part of the September 2013 Kaiser Health Tracking Poll. The survey was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Liz Hamel, Claudia Deane, and Sarah Cho. The survey was conducted September 12-18, 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 (752) and cell phone (751, including 410 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. KFF 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.

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 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.

The full questionnaire and results for the September 2013 Kaiser Health Tracking Poll are available at <http://kff.org/health-reform/poll-finding/kaiser-health-tracking-poll-september-2013/>

**KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION/NBC NEWS SURVEY QUESTIONS
ASKED AS PART OF SEPTEMBER 2013 KAISER HEALTH TRACKING POLL**

Notes: Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100. An asterisk () indicates values less than 0.5%.*

QUESTIONS 1-4 RELEASED SEPARATELY

[As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010.]

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

	Describes	Does not describe	Don't know/ Refused
a. Confused			
KFF/NBC 09/13	49	49	2
KFF 10/12	41	54	5
KFF 03/12	47	51	2
KFF 07/11	46	52	2
KFF 03/11	53	47	*
KFF 02/11	50	49	1
KFF 12/10	43	55	2
KFF 11/10	52	46	2
KFF 10/10	47	50	4
KFF 09/10	53	45	2
KFF 08/10	45	55	1
KFF 07/10	43	55	2
KFF 06/10	42	57	1
KFF 05/10	44	54	2
KFF 04/10	55	45	1
KFF 12/09 ¹	48	52	*
KFF 10/09	49	50	1
KFF 09/09	48	51	1
KFF 08/09	46	53	2

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¹ 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."

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	Describes	Does not describe	Don't know/Refused
b. Angry			
KFF/NBC 09/13	29	69	2
KFF 10/12	28	67	5
KFF 03/12	31	67	3
KFF 07/11	34	65	2
KFF 03/11	34	66	*
KFF 02/11	34	65	1
KFF 12/10	30	68	2
KFF 11/10	32	67	1
KFF 10/10	28	68	4
KFF 09/10	32	66	2
KFF 08/10	31	67	1
KFF 07/10	28	70	2
KFF 06/10	31	67	2
KFF 05/10	30	69	2
KFF 04/10	30	69	1
KFF 12/09	35	64	1
KFF 10/09	40	59	1
KFF 09/09	31	67	1
c. Enthusiastic			
KFF/NBC 09/13	24	73	3
KFF 10/12	29	65	6
KFF 03/12	25	71	4
KFF 07/11	28	70	2
KFF 03/11	27	72	1
KFF 02/11	31	67	2
KFF 12/10	33	64	3
KFF 11/10	35	62	4
KFF 10/10	30	66	3
KFF 09/10	30	67	3
KFF 08/10	30	69	1
d. Worried			
KFF/NBC 09/13	51	48	2

QUESTIONS 6-14 RELEASED SEPARATELY.

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

		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
a.	Having to pay more for your health care or health insurance					
	KFF/NBC 09/13	43	27	11	17	1
	KFF 05/12	33	31	13	22	1
	KFF 03/11	29	40	15	16	1
	KFF 06/10	38	33	14	13	1
	KFF 03/10	39	35	12	13	1
	KFF 12/09	41	34	13	12	*
	KFF 07/09	31	38	17	13	1
	KFF 04/09	37	35	16	11	*
	KFF 02/09	45	32	14	9	*
	KFF 10/08	38	34	13	14	1
	KFF 09/08	34	33	15	17	1
	KFF 04/08	37	34	11	17	1
	KFF 02/08	36	32	17	13	2
	KFF 12/07	41	32	13	13	1
	KFF 10/07	39	34	13	13	2
	KFF 06/07	41	34	14	11	1
	KFF 03/07	40	34	11	14	1
	KFF 10/06	47	27	13	12	1
	KFF 08/06	46	28	10	15	1
	KFF 02/06	38	33	11	17	2
	KFF 10/05	40	32	12	16	1
	KFF 06/05	45	28	12	14	1
	KFF 03/05	49	29	9	12	*
	KFF 02/05	41	32	11	15	1
	KFF 12/04	47	29	10	14	*
	KFF 10/04	47	31	9	12	1
	KFF 08/04	45	30	8	15	1
	KFF 06/04	46	28	12	13	1
	KFF 04/04	47	30	9	13	1
	KFF 02/04	47	31	10	12	1

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		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/ Refused
b.	Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need					
	KFF/NBC 09/13	33	27	19	20	1
	KFF 05/12	25	23	19	32	*
	KFF 03/11	20	31	23	25	1
	KFF 06/10	31	30	19	19	1
	KFF 03/10	29	28	19	22	1
	KFF 12/09	32	30	17	20	*
	KFF 07/09	34	28	21	17	*
	KFF 04/09	34	32	20	14	*
	KFF 02/09	38	29	18	15	*
	KFF 10/08	31	29	17	23	1
	KFF 09/08	28	28	20	24	1
	KFF 04/08	29	26	19	25	1
	KFF 12/07	35	30	15	19	1
	KFF 10/07	34	28	17	20	1
	KFF 06/07	36	27	19	18	*
	KFF 03/07	35	27	16	21	1
	KFF 10/06	39	24	17	19	1
	KFF 08/06	34	27	16	22	1
	KFF 02/06	32	25	18	24	1
	KFF 10/05	34	27	15	24	1
	KFF 06/05	34	28	16	22	1
	KFF 03/05	42	24	13	21	1
	KFF 02/05	34	28	16	22	*
	KFF 12/04	37	27	15	20	1
	KFF 10/04	38	26	16	21	*
	KFF 08/04	40	23	14	22	1
	KFF 06/04	36	24	19	21	*
	KFF 04/04	39	25	14	21	1
	KFF 02/04	38	24	18	19	*

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		Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
c.	Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you need					
	KFF/NBC 09/13	30	22	19	28	1
	KFF 05/12	20	20	21	39	1
	KFF 03/11	16	27	25	31	*
	KFF 06/10	26	26	22	25	1
	KFF 03/10	28	24	19	28	1
	KFF 12/09	27	29	21	24	*
	KFF 07/09	27	25	25	22	1
	KFF 10/08	25	24	20	31	1
	KFF 09/08	27	22	20	31	*
	KFF 04/08	27	23	17	32	1
	KFF 12/07	31	26	19	24	*
	KFF 10/07	31	25	18	26	1
	KFF 06/07	33	23	22	22	*
	KFF 03/07	33	26	16	24	1
	KFF 10/06	37	21	15	26	1
	KFF 08/06	31	25	17	27	1
	KFF 02/06	28	22	18	30	1
	KFF 10/05	32	21	17	30	*
	KFF 06/05	35	23	15	27	*
	KFF 04/05	35	25	15	25	1
	KFF 02/05	31	26	17	25	*
	KFF 12/04	35	22	17	26	*
	KFF 10/04	35	25	16	23	1
	KFF 08/04	38	24	14	23	1
	KFF 06/04	34	24	16	26	*
	KFF 04/04	37	21	16	25	1
	KFF 02/04	36	23	18	22	1

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	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
d. Your income not keeping up with rising prices					
KFF/NBC 09/13	44	29	13	13	1
KFF 06/13	46	30	13	10	1
KFF 05/12	38	31	11	18	1
KFF 03/11	32	38	14	15	1
KFF 06/10	40	32	15	13	*
KFF 03/10	40	33	13	13	1
KFF 12/09	40	32	16	12	*
KFF 07/09	37	35	17	12	*
KFF 04/09	46	32	13	9	*
KFF 02/09	53	28	12	8	*
KFF 10/08	47	32	10	11	1
KFF 09/08	41	32	13	13	1
KFF 04/08	43	31	11	14	*
KFF 02/08	42	32	15	9	1
KFF 12/07	46	28	13	13	*
KFF 10/07	41	30	14	14	1
KFF 06/07	45	30	12	13	1
KFF 03/07	42	31	14	13	1
KFF 10/06	45	27	13	14	1
KFF 08/06	46	28	11	15	*
KFF 02/06	36	32	14	17	1
KFF 10/05	40	30	13	16	1
KFF 06/05	40	28	15	17	1
KFF 03/05	46	27	10	15	1
KFF 02/05	40	31	13	17	1
KFF 12/04	41	30	13	16	1
KFF 10/04	46	25	11	17	*
KFF 08/04	42	29	11	17	1
KFF 06/04	45	26	14	15	*
KFF 04/04	44	27	12	16	1
KFF 02/04	40	29	14	16	1

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	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/ Refused
<i>Item e based on those who are employed and insured (n=694)</i>					
e. Having to stay in your current job instead of taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits					
KFF/NBC 09/13	18	12	18	50	2
KFF 05/12	12	11	19	56	2
KFF 03/11	10	18	27	44	1
KFF 06/10	12	18	27	41	1
KFF 03/10	14	17	21	47	1
KFF 12/09	19	23	24	34	*
KFF 10/08	14	17	21	47	1
KFF 09/08	16	14	22	47	1
KFF 04/08	13	16	19	50	1
KFF 12/07	14	15	22	48	1
KFF 10/07	14	18	21	46	1
KFF 06/07	17	14	24	45	1
KFF 03/07	20	14	18	46	1
KFF 10/06	16	13	18	52	1
KFF 08/06	16	16	20	47	1
KFF 02/06	14	15	19	51	1
KFF 10/05	12	16	19	51	1
KFF 06/05	18	14	21	47	1
KFF 04/05	21	14	18	46	2
KFF 02/05	15	14	19	52	*
KFF 12/04	17	15	22	47	1
KFF 10/04	19	13	16	51	1
KFF 08/04	22	15	16	46	1
KFF 06/04	15	12	21	49	2
KFF 04/04	16	14	18	49	2
KFF 02/04	17	14	16	51	1

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	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Don't know/Refused
<i>Item f based on those who are insured (n=1,291)</i>					
f. Losing your health insurance coverage					
KFF/NBC 09/13	26	17	19	38	1
KFF 06/13	31	19	23	26	*
KFF 05/12	20	21	20	38	*
KFF 03/11	17	23	26	33	1
KFF 06/10	26	24	26	23	*
KFF 03/10	24	24	18	32	1
KFF 12/09	26	28	20	26	*
KFF 07/09	29	23	24	22	1
KFF 04/09	30	27	22	21	*
KFF 02/09	34	20	22	24	*
KFF 10/08	29	20	19	31	1
KFF 09/08	23	20	22	35	*
KFF 04/08	26	19	19	35	1
KFF 12/07	29	22	21	27	1
KFF 10/07	29	21	19	30	1
KFF 06/07	34	20	20	25	1
KFF 03/07	29	19	19	32	1
KFF 10/06	32	18	16	33	1
KFF 08/06	30	20	19	31	*
KFF 02/06	26	19	21	34	*
KFF 10/05	27	22	19	33	*
KFF 06/05	30	19	18	33	*
KFF 03/05	35	17	17	30	1
KFF 02/05	26	22	19	32	*
KFF 12/04	34	20	19	27	*
KFF 10/04	29	20	18	33	*
KFF 08/04	34	17	16	32	*
KFF 06/04	29	19	20	32	*
KFF 04/04	33	19	17	30	1
KFF 02/04	32	19	19	29	*

QUESTIONS 16-26 RELEASED SEPARATELY

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	49
Female	51

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

Excellent	19
Very good	32
Good	30
Only fair	13
Poor	6
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Married	51
Living with a partner	7
Widowed	6
Divorced	9
Separated	2
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?

Based on age 30 or older or refused age (n=1,284)

Yes, parent of a child between the ages of 18 and 35	42
No, not a parent of a child between the ages of 18 and 35	57
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	16
On disability and can't work	6
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	6
Don't know/Refused	*

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	22
30-49	35
50-64	26
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	31
Independent	33
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	9
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	45
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	20

Five-Point Party ID

Democrat	31
Independent Lean Democratic	14
Independent/Don't lean	19
Independent Lean Republican	14
Republican	21
Undesignated	1

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

Liberal	21
Moderate	37
Conservative	36
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	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	69
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	10

D9. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

Yes	78
No	22
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	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)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	32
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	20
Two year associate degree from a college/university	12
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	17
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	9
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	9
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	65
Total non-White	33
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	14
Asian, non-Hispanic	3
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	2

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

Based on Hispanics (n=162)

U.S.	45
Puerto Rico	3
Another country	51
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	18
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	14
Don't know/Refused	10

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

Trend Information:

10/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 18-23, 2012)
05/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 8-14, 2012)
03/12: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 29 – March 5, 2012)
07/11: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 13-18, 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)
12/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 1-6, 2010)
11/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 3-6, 2010)
10/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 5-10, 2010)
09/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 14-19, 2010)
08/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 16-22, 2010)
07/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 8-13, 2010)
06/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 17-22, 2010)
05/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 11-16, 2010)
04/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 9-14, 2010)
03/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 10-15, 2010)
12/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 7-13, 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)
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)
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)



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