



2014 Pennsylvania Health Care Policy Survey

Frequency Report

Sample – 432 Adult Pennsylvanians

Sampling Procedure and Frame – Random telephone survey of land lines and cell phones in PA

Interviewing Type – Live Interviewer

Fielding Dates: April 1 to April 15, 2014

Margin of Error = +/- 6% at 95% Level of Confidence

Data Weighted by Age, Race, Educational Attainment and Gender

Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Q1: Thank you. In which of the following age categories does your current age fall. READ LIST _____

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
18-29	15%	18%	18%
30-49	29%	31%	28%
50-65	31%	29%	30%
Or Over 65	25%	22%	23%

Q2: What county do you currently reside in? (Coded by Region)

Southeastern	43%
Southwest	18%
Remainder of State	39%

Q3: 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 very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable view of this law?

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Very Favorable	13%	12%
Somewhat Favorable	31%	27%
Somewhat Unfavorable	13%	18%
Very Unfavorable	28%	29%
Neither Favorable/ Unfavorable	5%	4%
Not Sure	10%	11%

Q4: Do you think you and your family are better off or worse off under the health reform law, or don't you think it has made much difference?

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Better Off	28%	15%
Worse Off	38%	31%
No Difference	23%	48%
Not Sure	12%	6%

Q5: How about the country as a whole? (READ IF NECESSARY) Is the country better off or worse off under the health reform law, or don't you think it has made much difference?

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Better Off	39%	32%
Worse Off	44%	40%
No Difference	8%	12%
Not Sure	9%	16%

Q6: Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you and your family, or not?

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Enough Information	43%	59%
Not Enough Information	54%	36%
Not Sure	3%	5%

Q7: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the issue of health care?

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Approve	45%	33%
Disapprove	45%	58%
Not Sure	10%	9%

Q8: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Congress is handling the issue of health care?

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Approve	14%	8%
Disapprove	75%	80%
Not Sure	11%	12%

Q9: Regardless of how you usually vote, who do you think has better ideas about reforming the health care system: Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Barack Obama	43%	36%
Republicans	21%	31%
Equally Good	3%	1%
Neither	26%	25%
Not Sure	7%	8%

Q10: Thinking about health care in the country as a whole, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or strongly dissatisfied with the quality of health care in this country?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Strongly Satisfied	15%	11%
Somewhat Satisfied	43%	38%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	22%	28%
Strongly Dissatisfied	17%	19%
Not Sure	2%	4%

Q11. Next I would like to ask some questions about the issue of obesity. Some people say obesity is a private issue that people need to deal with on their own. Others say that it is a public health issue that society needs to help solve. Which comes closer to how you feel?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Private	52%	54%
Public	43%	37%
Not Sure	6%	9%

Q12. Now we'd like to ask you some general questions about government policies. Please tell me if you would strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each of the following. First, Putting a special tax on junk food—that is things like soda, chips, and candy—and using the money for programs to fight obesity.

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Strongly Support	21%	25%
Somewhat Support	18%	21%
Somewhat Oppose	14%	22%
Strongly Oppose	46%	30%
Not Sure	2%	2%

Q13. Making a law requiring fast food restaurants to list nutrition information—such as calorie count—for all items on their menus.

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Strongly Support	53%	58%
Somewhat Support	23%	21%
Somewhat Oppose	7%	8%
Strongly Oppose	15%	11%
Not Sure	2%	1%

Q14. Requiring warning labels on packaged food about the health risks of being overweight, just like there are warning labels on cigarettes about the health risks of smoking.

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Strongly Support	34%	34%
Somewhat Support	18%	23%
Somewhat Oppose	17%	19%
Strongly Oppose	28%	23%
Not Sure	3%	2%

Q15. Government-funded advertising campaigns that promote eating right and exercising.

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Strongly Support	31%	41%
Somewhat Support	33%	27%
Somewhat Oppose	10%	13%
Strongly Oppose	25%	16%
Not Sure	2%	3%

Q 16. Next I would like to ask a few questions about issues related to firearms. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict or kept as they are now?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
More Strict	47%	49%
Less Strict	6%	13%
Kept The Same	44%	36%
Not Sure	3%	3%

Q17 Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring background checks on all potential gun buyers?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Favor	89%	89%
Oppose	9%	9%
Not Sure	3%	2%

Q18. How much do you think stricter gun laws would do to help prevent gun violence? Would laws help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
A Lot	20%	21%
Some	30%	31%
Not Much	20%	16%
Not At All	28%	31%
Not Sure	1%	2%

Q19: How much do you think better mental health screening and treatment would do to help prevent gun violence? Would better mental health screening and treatment help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
A Lot	45%	45%
Some	36%	34%
Not Much	11%	8%
Not At All	7%	10%
Not Sure	1%	3%

Q20: Next, I would like to ask you a few questions about marijuana. First, do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose the complete legalization of the use of marijuana for any purpose?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Favor	33%	38%
Oppose	40%	35%
Neither Favor Or Oppose	24%	22%
Not Sure	3%	4%

Q21. Should the regulations of marijuana be more strict than those for alcohol, the same as those for alcohol, or less strict as those for alcohol?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
More Strict	28%	33%
The Same	60%	53%
Less Strict	5%	11%
Not Sure	4%	3%

Q22: If the sale and possession of marijuana were made legal, do you think it would increase crime, reduce crime, or have no effect on crime?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Increase Crime	27%	22%
Reduce Crime	32%	28%
No Effect On Crime	33%	42%
Not Sure	8%	7%

Q23: If the sale and possession of marijuana were made legal, do you think it would mostly improve the health of people, mostly harm the health of people, or have no effect on the health of people?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Improve Health	14%	12%
Harm Health	41%	41%
No Effect On People	37%	35%
Not Sure	9%	11%

Q24: If the sale and possession of marijuana were made legal, do you think it would lead more people to use more serious drugs such as heroin and cocaine, lead fewer people to use more serious drugs, or have no effect on how many people use more serious drugs?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
More Serious Drug Use	37%	34%
Less Serious Drug Use	7%	6%
No Effect	43%	49%
Not Sure	11%	10%

Q25. How much benefit do you think that vaccinations provide the society as a whole. Would you say vaccinations provide major benefits, minor benefits or no benefits to society?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Major Benefits	81%	83%
Minor Benefits	13%	10%
No Benefits	2%	3%
Not Sure	4%	4%

Q26. How much risk to society as a whole do vaccinations pose? Would you say vaccinations pose a major risk, a minor risk or no risk to society?

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Major Risks	10%	5%
Minor Risks	58%	62%
No Risks	27%	28%
Not Sure	5%	5%

Q27: Please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements. First, the chances of a child getting autism are increased if they receive the recommended childhood immunizations.

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Strongly Agree	5%	8%
Somewhat Agree	13%	13%
Somewhat Disagree	22%	21%
Strongly Disagree	35%	39%
Not Sure	26%	19%

Q28: Because most people get immunized for major infectious diseases it isn't necessary for me to get immunized to be protected from those diseases.

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Strongly Agree	12%	11%
Somewhat Agree	9%	12%
Somewhat Disagree	15%	14%
Strongly Disagree	60%	57%
Not Sure	5%	6%

Q29: In general, children in the United States receive too many immunizations.

	Spring 2013	Spring 2014
Strongly Agree	8%	12%
Somewhat Agree	9%	10%
Somewhat Disagree	20%	22%
Strongly Disagree	53%	47%
Not Sure	10%	9%

Q30. Finally, I have a few questions about yourself. First, what is your current marital status?

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Single	21%	23%	21%
Married	62%	57%	60%
Separated	1%	3%	1%
Divorced	7%	6%	6%
Widowed	7%	10%	10%
Partnered	1%	1%	3%
Not sure	1%	0%	0%

Q31. What is your highest level of education? Is it (READ LIST)?

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Less Than High School	4%	3%	2%
High School Graduate	31%	29%	32%

Some College Or Technical School	25%	25%	23%
College Graduate (4 Yr Only)	24%	28%	25%
Graduate Or Professional Degree	14%	15%	18%
Not Sure	1%	1%	0%

Q32. Which of the following categories best describes your racial identity? (READ LIST)

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
White/Caucasian	79%	75%	78%
African-American	9%	11%	9%
Hispanic	3%	9%	6%
Latino	3%	3%	2%
Asian	1%	0%	2%
Native American	0%	2%	<1%
Mixed Race	1%	0%	2%
Or Other	1%	0%	1%
Not Sure	3%	0%	<1%

Q33: Which of the following categories best describes your current voting status? Are you registered as a (READ LIST)?

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Democrat	39%	45%	42%
Republican	34%	32%	36%
Independent	14%	17%	11%
Other Party	1%	3%	2%
Or Not Registered To Vote In Pennsylvania	8%	3%	9%
Not Sure	3%	1%	0%

Q34. Which of the following categories best describes your religious affiliation? Are you (READ LIST)?

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Catholic	31%	36%	35%

Protestant	42%	41%	37%
Jewish	2%	2%	3%
Muslim	0%	0%	<1%
Hindu	0%	0%	1%
Other Religion (Including Agnostic)	18%	18%	19%
Atheist	4%	2%	5%
Not Sure	5%	1%	1%

Q35. How many children do you have under 18? _____

	Spring 2014
Has Children Under 18	25%
No Children Under 18	75%

Q36: Which of the following best describes your health care insurance status. Are you primarily insured:

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
By A Plan Provided By Your Employer	46%	52%	52%
By A Plan That You Purchase Individually	16%	13%	17%
By Medicaid Coverage	4%	5%	4%
By Medicare Coverage	19%	20%	18%
Uninsured	10%	5%	5%
Other	3%	5%	5%
Not Sure	2%	1%	<1%

Q37. Which of the following categories best describes your family income? (READ LIST)

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Under \$20,000	10%	12%	12%
\$20,000-\$40,000	19%	25%	21%

\$40,000-\$60,000	13%	20%	21%
\$60,000-\$80,000	9%	14%	14%
\$80,000-\$100,000	9%	13%	12%
Over \$100,000	11%	13%	17%
Not Sure	4%	3%	3%

Q38. Gender of respondent

	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Male	48%	49%	49%
Female	52%	51%	51%