

Sample 2000 Internet Using Adults (18+)
Conducted September 02 – 13, 2021
Margin of Error ±2.4%

1. From what you've read and heard, does the United States have a health care system run by the government, a free-market health care system, or a mix of both?

The U.S. has a government-run health care system 13%
The U.S. has a free-market health care system 20%
The U.S. health care system is a mix of both 66%

2. Health care system is run by the government if the government controls:

25% 39%
50% 22%
75% 23%
All spending 11%
None of the above - Not a government-run system 6%

3. Would you say the health care system is run by the government if the government controls 25% of health care spending?

Yes, this would be a government-run system 39%
No, this would not be a government-run system 61%

4. Would you say the health care system is run by the government if the government controls 50% of health care spending?

Yes, this would be a government-run system 35%
No, this would not be a government-run system 65%

5. Would you say the health care system is run by the government if the government controls 75% of health care spending?

Yes, this would be a government-run system 58%
No, this would not be a government-run system 42%

6. Would you say the health care system is run by the government if the government controls all health care spending?

Yes, this would be a government-run system	66%
No, this would not be a government-run system	34%

7. From what you've read and heard, in which of the following countries does government control a larger share of health care spending than in the others?

Canada	39%
Denmark	17%
United Kingdom	23%
United States	22%

8. Now thinking about employers who provide health insurance to their workers. From what you've read and heard, about how large do you think is the average payment U.S. employers make each year toward health insurance premiums for employees with self-only coverage? The employer pays about...

Nothing, only the worker makes premium payments	28%
\$1,000	19%
\$3,000	23%
\$6,000	18%
\$10,000	12%

9. What about for family health insurance plans? From what you've read and heard, about how large do you think is the average payment U.S. employers make each year toward health insurance premiums for employees with family coverage? The employer pays about..

Nothing, only the worker makes premium payments	29%
\$5,000	27%
\$10,000	21%
\$16,000	12%
\$20,000	10%

10. Typically, employers who provide health insurance for their workers pay a portion of the insurance premium. From what you've read and heard, where do U.S. employers get the money to pay that portion of the health insurance premium? Employers get the money by reducing...

Company profits	30%
Executive compensation	6%
Workers' salaries and wages	51%
Somewhere else	13%

11. From what you've read and heard, about how much money do you think U.S. employers in the aggregate pay toward employees' health insurance premiums each year? Employers pay about...

\$1 billion	39%
\$10 billion	32%
\$100 billion	20%
\$1 trillion	9%

12. As you may know, Congress does not make workers pay taxes on the money employers spend to provide them health benefits, but it does make workers pay taxes on that money if employers give that money directly to workers as cash. Would you favor or oppose removing that tax?

Strongly favor	36%
Somewhat favor	32%
Somewhat oppose	20%
Strongly oppose	11%

13. As you may know, unlike workers with employer-sponsored health insurance, workers whose employers don't offer health insurance have to pay taxes on the money they use to purchase health insurance. Would you favor or oppose removing this tax on workers whose employers do not offer health insurance?

Strongly favor	50%
Somewhat favor	30%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	7%

14. How much have you heard of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)?

A great deal	13%
A moderate amount	26%
A little	29%
Nothing at all	33%

15. A health savings account is a personal savings account that can be used to pay for health care expenses on a pre-tax basis. These accounts can be taken with you from job to job and rolled over into the following year. This is not the same thing as a Flexible Spending Account or a Health Reimbursement Arrangement. Do you participate in a Health Savings Account through your/your spouse's employer, or not?

Yes	14%
No	76%
Don't know	10%

16. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)?

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	54%
Somewhat unfavorable	23%
Very unfavorable	7%

17. Employers who provide health insurance for their employees pay about \$6,000 per individual and \$16,000 per family for health insurance premiums per year. A proposal has been made to let workers control that money without penalty by allowing workers to put it in a tax-free health savings account to purchase health insurance and medical care. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Strongly favor	27%
Somewhat favor	49%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	8%

18. Here are some reasons people give why Congress should change the law so that employers can give that \$6,000 or \$16,000 directly to workers without penalty and allow them to put it in a tax-free health savings account to purchase health insurance and medical care. Do these statements make you more or less favorable toward the proposal?

	A lot more favor	Some what more favor	A little more favor	Feel neutral about it	A little less favor	Some what less favor	A lot less favor	Total favor	Total unfavor
Because workers have a right control their money	26%	21%	17%	24%	5%	2%	5%	64%	12%
Because workers deserve to control their money	27%	19%	17%	27%	4%	3%	4%	63%	10%
Because it is unfair that employers get to control their workers' money	15%	14%	15%	42%	5%	3%	6%	44%	14%
Because employers are controlling \$16,000 of workers' money	18%	13%	15%	36%	8%	4%	7%	46%	18%
Because it's unfair employers are controlling \$16,000 of workers' money	18%	15%	14%	36%	8%	4%	7%	46%	18%
Because workers have a right to choose their health insurance plan	34%	17%	17%	24%	3%	2%	3%	68%	8%
Because workers can choose the health insurance plan they want	28%	20%	21%	24%	3%	2%	3%	68%	8%
Because workers have a right to fire their health insurance company	30%	17%	19%	26%	3%	2%	3%	66%	8%
Because workers should be able to fire their health insurance company	29%	17%	20%	26%	3%	1%	3%	66%	7%

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	A lot more favor	Some what more favor	A little more favor	Feel neutral about it	A little less favor	Some what less favor	A lot less favor	Total favor	Total unfavor
Because workers have a right to choose how much of their money to spend on their health plan	30%	15%	17%	26%	6%	2%	4%	63%	11%
Because workers can choose how much of their money to spend on their health plan	26%	18%	18%	25%	6%	4%	3%	62%	13%
Workers deserve a \$6,000 to \$16,000 increase in wages	24%	12%	13%	32%	7%	5%	7%	48%	19%
Workers could get a \$6,000 to \$16,000 increase in wages	23%	13%	15%	33%	6%	4%	7%	51%	16%
Because workers will demand lower prices from insurers	24%	17%	14%	34%	4%	2%	5%	55%	12%
Because it will make health insurance companies better serve consumer	27%	18%	17%	28%	3%	3%	4%	62%	10%
Because workers are better able to choose their health plan than their employers	27%	18%	16%	27%	5%	3%	5%	61%	12%
Because people know their health care needs better than their employer or the government	30%	17%	18%	24%	4%	3%	5%	65%	11%
Because it is unfair to push workers into a health plan they don't like	32%	16%	17%	25%	4%	3%	3%	65%	10%

20. Here are some reasons people give why Congress should change the law so that employers can give that \$6,000 or \$16,000 directly to workers without penalty and allow them to put it in a tax-free health savings account to purchase health insurance and medical care. Do these statements make you more or less favorable toward the proposal?

	A lot more favor	Some what more favor	A little more favor	Feel neutral about it	A little less favor	Some what less favor	A lot less favor	Total favor	Total unfavor
Because it's unfair to only give tax breaks for buying health insurance to people who get insurance through their employers	25%	16%	16%	31%	5%	2%	4%	58%	11%
Because workers will demand lower prices when they control that money than they do when employers control it	24%	15%	16%	32%	5%	3%	5%	55%	13%
Because giving workers that money would force health insurance companies and health care providers to respond to the needs of consumers rather than employers	30%	17%	17%	26%	4%	2%	4%	64%	10%
Because workers would be free to buy plans that would not disappear whenever a big change happens in their life (job loss, a pandemic, divorce, retirement, etc.)	34%	18%	16%	25%	3%	1%	3%	69%	7%

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Because when employers control that money it causes health care prices and insurance premiums to rise	21%	13%	12%	35%	9%	4%	6%	46%	19%
Because workers need to see the full cost of their health insurance	31%	17%	17%	26%	4%	2%	3%	65%	9%
Because it will improve access to higher quality health care	26%	15%	18%	30%	3%	2%	4%	60%	10%
Because currently law disproportionately penalizes Blacks and Hispanics, who less often have employer-sponsored insurance	20%	12%	13%	36%	5%	4%	10%	46%	19%
Because currently law disproportionately penalizes low-income workers, who less often have employer-sponsored insurance	22%	13%	14%	36%	5%	3%	7%	50%	15%

22. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

Yes	41%
No	59%

23. Which of these statements best describes you?

Immigrant Citizen	7%
Immigrant non-citizen	3%
First generation	12%
Second generation	20%
Third generation	59%

24. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	1%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	4%
Single	33%
Domestic partnership	6%

25. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	22%
No	78%

26. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	37%
Part-time	10%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	20%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	8%
Student	6%
Other	2%