

2011 SURVEY OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN IDAHO AGE 30 TO 64 ABOUT HEALTH CARE



AARP's Idaho State Office commissioned this survey to explore the views of registered voters in Idaho, age 30 to 64 years, on their experiences and opinions about their health care.

RDD Field Services conducted this survey December 13-16, 2011, and completed a total of 703 interviews. A sample of this size has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percent at a 95 percent confidence level. Survey responses were weighted to reflect the actual distribution of age and gender of Idaho registered voters age 30-64. Interviewing was completed with a final response rate of 3.35 percent, a cooperation rate of 70.49 percent, and a refusal rate of 4.55 percent. The response, cooperation, and refusal rates were calculated according to AAPOR standards RR3, COOP3, and REF3.

2011 Idaho Telephone Survey on Health Tradeoffs & the Health Insurance Exchange Survey of Idaho Registered Voters Age 30 to 64 Years of Age (Weighted n=703)

M-1. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance or government plans such as Medicare or Medicaid?

	<u>Total</u>
Yes	87.2%
No [SKIP TO QUESTION M-4]	12.3%
Not sure [DO NOT READ], SKIP TO M-3	0.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ], SKIP TO M-3	0.1%

M-2. ASK IF M-1=YES. And are you covered.....[INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT GIVES NAME OF INSURER OR SPECIFIC COMPANY NAME, ASK WHETHER THEY PAY FOR THE POLICY ON THEIR OWN OR IF IT IS PAID EITHER FULLY OR PARTIALLY BY AN EMPLOYER/PREVIOUS EMPLOYER AND RECORD APPROPRIATELY] (n=613)

	<u>Total</u>
Through your current employer	45.2%
Through your spouse's employer	30.8%
On your own, through an individually purchased insurance policy	25.8%
Through a previous employer [MAY BE RETIREMENT BENEFIT]	10.8%
Through a spouse's previous employer [MAY BE RETIREMENT BENEFIT]	6.3%
Through Veterans or military benefits	6.9%
Through Medicaid or other state paid plan	6.0%
Through Medicare	6.7%
Through some other way: [PLEASE SPECIFY: _____]	9.7%

M-3. During the past 2 years, that is all of 2010 and 2011, was there a time that you, [IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER, ADD "OR YOUR SPOUSE" OR "OR YOUR PARTNER", ACCORDINGLY], [IF CHILDREN, ADD "OR YOUR DEPENDENT CHILDREN"], did not have any health insurance or coverage? (n=616)

	<u>Total</u>
Yes	12.7%
No [SKIP TO QUESTION M-5]	87.3%
Not sure [SKIP TO QUESTION M-5] [DO NOT READ]	0.0%
Refused [SKIP TO QUESTION M-5] [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

M-4. [IF M-1=NO, ASK: "What is the reason you, [IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER, ADD "OR YOUR SPOUSE" OR "OR YOUR PARTNER", ACCORDINGLY], [IF CHILDREN, ADD "OR YOUR DEPENDENT CHILDREN"], are without health care coverage?"] [DO NOT READ LIST. CODE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE ACCORDING TO WHETHER OR NOT RESPONDENT IS CURRENTLY UNINSURED OR WAS UNINSURED.] (n=87; **Those without health insurance**)

	<u>Total</u>
I lost my job and health benefits	4.7%
I am unemployed	5.8%
I am self-employed and cannot afford health insurance	13.5%
Health benefits not offered through my employer	8.8%
Health benefits offered through my employer but cannot afford the premiums	8.1%
I cannot afford to purchase health insurance	29.8%
No health insurance is available because of a pre-existing medical condition	1.2%
It is less expensive to pay for medical care out of pocket than through insurance	3.5%
I can get free medical care at the hospital	0.0%
Other [Specify: _____]	21.1%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.2%

M-4a. What was the main reason you, [IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER, ADD "OR YOUR SPOUSE" OR "OR YOUR PARTNER", ACCORDINGLY], [IF CHILDREN, ADD "OR YOUR DEPENDENT CHILDREN"], were without health care coverage? [DO NOT READ LIST. CODE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE ACCORDING TO WHETHER OR NOT RESPONDENT IS CURRENTLY UNINSURED OR WAS UNINSURED.] (n=78; **Those currently with health insurance who were without health insurance within the last 2 years**)

	<u>Total</u>
I lost my job and health benefits	15.6%
I was unemployed	13.0%
I was self-employed and could not afford health insurance	10.4%
Health benefits not offered through my employer	2.6%
Health benefits offered through my employer but could not afford the premiums	2.6%
I could not afford to purchase health insurance	33.9%
No health insurance was available because of a pre-existing medical condition	2.6%
It was less expensive to pay for medical care out of pocket than through insurance	2.6%
I could get free medical care at the hospital	0.0%
Other [Specify: _____]	16.8%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

M-5. About how much do you typically pay each month in out-of-pocket medical expenses including prescription drugs, insurance premiums, deductibles, and co-pays? Would you say you pay ...? [READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]

	Total
Less than \$50 per month	17.4%
\$50 but less than \$100 per month	15.5%
\$100 but less than \$200 per month	16.4%
\$200 but less than \$500 per month	25.0%
\$500 but less than \$1000 per month	12.5%
\$1000 or more per month	3.8%
Typically pay nothing	4.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	3.5%

M-6. How difficult is it for you to pay for these monthly out-of-pocket medical expenses? Is it....?

	Total
Extremely difficult	11.7%
Very difficult	10.5%
Somewhat difficult	30.4%
Not very difficult	23.2%
Not at all difficult	22.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.5%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.2%

M-7. In the past 2 years, that is all of 2010 and 2011, have you [IF MARRIED, ADD "OR YOUR SPOUSE" OR "OR YOUR PARTNER", ACCORDINGLY], [IF CHILDREN, ADD "OR YOUR DEPENDENT CHILDREN"], taken any of the following actions because of the cost of your health care? [RANDOMIZE A-E; THEN F-H].

	Total
a. Scheduled fewer routine check-ups or physicals with a doctor	38.6%
b. Delayed seeing a doctor or nurse when not feeling well	40.4%
c. Cut back on items such as food, clothing, and housing	33.0%
d. Delayed or declined any prescribed physical therapy	17.8%
e. Delayed or declined any mental health treatments	7.8%
f. Took less medication than prescribed to make it last longer	17.7%
g. Delayed getting a prescription filled	22.1%
h. Purchased a generic drug	78.2%

M-8. How worried are you about....? [RANDOMIZE A-K] Are you extremely worried, very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried, or not at all worried....?

a. Having to pay more for your health care

	Total
Extremely worried	26.5%
Very worried	26.5%
Somewhat worried	27.2%
Not very worried	10.1%
Not at all worried	8.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.2%

b. Being able to afford the health care services you think you will need

	Total
Extremely worried	17.1%
Very worried	22.4%
Somewhat worried	29.6%
Not very worried	16.5%
Not at all worried	13.3%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.1%

c. Having a major medical problem and not being able to afford the care needed

	Total
Extremely worried	22.0%
Very worried	19.5%
Somewhat worried	26.5%
Not very worried	18.0%
Not at all worried	13.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.1%

d. Having access to health care services that you need

	Total
Extremely worried	11.8%
Very worried	14.2%
Somewhat worried	26.8%
Not very worried	24.4%
Not at all worried	22.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.5%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

e. Being able to afford the prescription drugs that you need

	Total
Extremely worried	12.4%
Very worried	13.9%
Somewhat worried	27.6%
Not very worried	25.5%
Not at all worried	20.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

f. The quality of the health care services that you or your family receives

	<u>Total</u>
Extremely worried	9.7%
Very worried	13.1%
Somewhat worried	26.2%
Not very worried	24.6%
Not at all worried	24.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.8%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.3%

g. Your [INSERT AS APPROPRIATE: CURRENT, SPOUSE'S, PREVIOUS, SPOUSE'S PREVIOUS] employer dropping your health care insurance. (n=473)

	<u>Total</u>
Extremely worried	7.6%
Very worried	9.0%
Somewhat worried	18.0%
Not very worried	26.9%
Not at all worried	36.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.5%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.5%

h. Your [INSERT AS APPROPRIATE: CURRENT, SPOUSE'S, PREVIOUS, SPOUSE'S PREVIOUS] employer increasing the cost of your health care insurance. (n=473)

	<u>Total</u>
Extremely worried	14.3%
Very worried	20.4%
Somewhat worried	30.4%
Not very worried	16.6%
Not at all worried	15.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.7%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.0%

i. [IF HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE FROM EMPLOYER] Not being able to change jobs or retire in order to keep your health insurance benefits (n=284)

	<u>Total</u>
Extremely worried	11.4%
Very worried	19.8%
Somewhat worried	27.9%
Not very worried	16.7%
Not at all worried	21.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.1%

j. [IF HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE FROM SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER] Your Spouse not being able to change jobs or retire in order to keep your health insurance benefits. (n=195)

	Total
Extremely worried	16.7%
Very worried	16.2%
Somewhat worried	22.9%
Not very worried	20.8%
Not at all worried	17.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	4.2%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.8%

k. [IF HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE] An increase in the insurance premiums you pay (n=612)

	Total
Extremely worried	22.8%
Very worried	25.4%
Somewhat worried	30.9%
Not very worried	9.6%
Not at all worried	10.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.5%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.3%

M-9. A health insurance marketplace is a place where individuals and small businesses can purchase health insurance. Such a marketplace may help individuals and small businesses get more competitive prices for their health insurance and more variety in their health insurance options. Idaho's Governor and the state legislature are considering setting up a health insurance marketplace. Do you support or oppose Idaho establishing a health insurance marketplace that would help individuals and small businesses get more competitive prices and more variety in health insurance options? Do you ...? [READ OPTIONS]

	Total
Strongly support	44.6%
Somewhat support	27.5%
Neither support or oppose	10.4%
Somewhat oppose	3.3%
Strongly oppose	6.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	6.6%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.1%

M-10. How important is it that Idaho develop this type of health insurance marketplace? Is it ...? [READ OPTIONS]

	Total
Extremely important	29.2%
Very important	28.8%
Somewhat important	22.5%
Not very important	4.5%
Not at all important	6.3%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	7.3%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1.4%

M-11. Who should oversee this type of health insurance marketplace? Should it be ...? [READ ALL OPTIONS BEFORE GETTING AN ANSWER SO RESPONDENT CAN HEAR ALL OPTIONS]

	<u>Total</u>
A state government agency	27.2%
A federal government agency	8.8%
A representative group of consumers, insurance companies, small businesses, and government	50.2%
Any other groups [PROBE AND RECORD VERBATIMS]	25.7%

M-12. How important is it that this type of health insurance marketplace put the needs of individuals and small businesses before the needs of health insurance companies?

	<u>Total</u>
Extremely important	40.7%
Very important	32.9%
Somewhat important	16.3%
Not very important	1.9%
Not at all important	2.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	3.8%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.1%

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

D-1. Record gender

	<u>Total</u>
Male	50.0%
Female	50.0%

D-2. What is your age as of your last birthday?

	<u>Total</u>
30 to 39 years	18.3%
40 to 49 years	25.2%
50 to 59 years	37.2%
60 to 64 years	18.3%
Refused	1.0%

D-3. What is the highest level of education that you completed? [READ OPTIONS, IF NECESSARY]

	<u>Total</u>
0-12th grade (no diploma)	2.2%
High school graduate (or equivalent)	20.8%
Post-high school education (no degree)	13.1%
2-year college degree	20.6%
4-year college degree	24.6%
Post-graduate study (no degree)	4.6%
Graduate or professional degree(s)	11.7%
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	0.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.0%

D-4. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

	Total
Yes	3.8%
No	93.4%
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	0.5%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2.3%

D-5. Which of the following best describes your race? READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

	Total
White or Caucasian	91.9%
Black or African American	0.1%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1.1%
Asian	0.6%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Or are you some other race?	2.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3.2%

D-6. What is your 5-digit ZIP Code?

D-7. Do you consider yourself to be a [INSERT A-C IN RANDOM ORDER, THEN ADD OR SOMETHING ELSE AT END]?

	Total
a. Democrat	14.8%
b. Republican	42.8%
c. Independent	26.0%
Something else	11.2%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3.8%

D-8. In general, would you describe your political views as very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

	Total
Very conservative	24.9%
Somewhat conservative	32.7%
Moderate	21.4%
Somewhat liberal	10.3%
Very liberal	4.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	2.4%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3.8%

D-9. We realize income is a private matter and so rather than ask you anything specific about your income, I'd like to ask you to please stop me when I get to the category that your includes your household's income before taxes in 2010. Was it...[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

	Total
Less than \$10,000	3.9%
\$10,000 to less than \$20,000	4.6%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	8.6%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11.7%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	12.6%
\$50,000 to less than \$60,000	12.3%
\$60,000 to less than \$75,000	12.5%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	12.2%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	8.1%
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	2.1%
\$200,000 or more	1.6%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.9%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	7.9%

S-6. What is your current marital status? Are you? [READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

	Total
Married	85.5%
Living with your partner or significant other	0.7%
Separated	1.1%
Divorced	4.7%
Widowed	1.9%
Or are you currently single and never married	5.9%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	0.0%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.1%

S-7. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? [READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]

	Total
Self-employed full-time	12.9%
Self-employed part-time	5.9%
Employed full-time	37.6%
Employed part-time	11.2%
Retired and not working at all	10.4%
Unemployed and looking for work	6.4%
Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons	14.5%
Not sure [DO NOT READ]	1.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ]	0.0%

S-8. Do you have any children? [INTERVIEW NOTE: IF MENTION IS MADE ABOUT STEP-CHILDREN OR OTHERS THEY CONSIDER AS THEIR CHILDREN, PLEASE INCLUDE AS YES]

	<u>Total</u>
Yes, GO TO QUESTION S-9	86.5%
No, SKIP TO QUESTION M-1	13.4%
Not sure [DO NOT READ], SKIP TO QUESTION M-1	0.1%
Refused [DO NOT READ], SKIP TO QUESTION M-1	0.0%

S-9. Are any of your children ...? [READ ITEMS A THROUGH C BELOW] (n=609)

	<u>Total</u>
a. Under the age of 18 and living with you?	48.6%
b. 18 years of age or older and living with you?	22.2%
c. Away at college?	22.3%

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