

2019 Prescription Drug Survey: Survey Instrument

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Survey conducted by



Screening Questions

S1. Are you registered to vote?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
- No

S2. Thinking about elections at both the state and national level in the past 10 years, which of the following best describes your voting behavior?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Always vote
- Vote most of the time (i.e., miss an election once in a while)
- Rarely vote
- Never vote

Main Questionnaire

Q1.

How would you rate your overall health?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Excellent
 - Very Good
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor
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Q2.

If you were voting for a Congress member or state legislator right now, which of the following items would be the top three issues you would consider when making your voting decision?

- Lowering healthcare costs
 - Strengthening and reforming Social Security
 - Reducing prescription prices
 - Strengthening and reforming Medicare
 - Helping older people and the disabled live independently
 - Improving our national security
 - Supporting family caregivers
 - Helping people save for retirement
 - Jobs and the economy
 - Immigration
 - Lowering taxes
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Q3.

Do you currently take prescription medication on a regular basis, for example daily, weekly, or monthly?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q4.

Does a family member in your household currently take prescription medication on a regular basis, for example daily, weekly, or monthly?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q5.

Have you or a family member in your household taken any prescription medication in the past two years?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q6. How often do you take prescription medication on a regular basis?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Daily
 - Weekly
 - Bi-weekly
 - Monthly
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Q7.

Approximately how many prescriptions do you take on a regular basis?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1
 - 2 to 3
 - 4 to 5
 - 6 to 10
 - 11 or more
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Q8.

Have you ever purchased or are you aware of the cost of some of the prescription medications family member(s) in your household take on a regular basis?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q9.

How often does your family member in your household take prescription medication? If you have more than one family member in your household that takes prescriptions, respond for the oldest.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Daily
 - Weekly
 - Bi-weekly
 - Monthly
 - Not sure
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Q10.

Using your best guess, approximately how many prescriptions does this family member in your household take on a regular basis?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1
 - 2 to 3
 - 4 to 5
 - 6 to 10
 - 11 or more
 - Not sure
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Q11.

A family caregiver is someone who provides UNPAID care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This unpaid care may include assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, or managing finances or medical care.

Are you currently a family caregiver providing UNPAID care to an adult loved one?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q12. In the past twelve months, have you ever had to spend any of your own money to help pay for the cost of prescription drugs for the person you are caring for?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q13.

Using a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is reasonable and 5 is unreasonable, how reasonable or unreasonable are the prices of prescription medications?

You may select any number 1 through 5.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 - Reasonable
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5 - Unreasonable
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Q14.

In the last <u>two years</u>, did you ever decide <u>not</u> to fill a prescription that your doctor had given you?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q15.

What were the reasons you didn't fill your prescription?

<i>Please select all that apply.</i>

RESPONSE OPTIONS, RANDOMIZE:

- Cost of the drug
 - Thought drug wouldn't help much
 - Side effects of drug
 - Drug did not help in the past
 - [I; You] don't like taking prescription drugs
 - [I; You] am already taking too many prescription drugs
 - Condition improved
 - Something [I; You] read or heard about the drug
 - Confused about the drug
 - Used/Looked into other methods of treatment
 - Another doctor said not to take it
 - Didn't think [I; You] needed it
 - Other (please specify):
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Q16.

What was the <u>one</u> MAIN reason you didn't fill your prescription?

RESPONSE OPTIONS, DISPLAY IN SAME ORDER AS Q15:

- Cost of the drug
 - Thought drug wouldn't help much
 - Side effects of drug
 - Drug did not help in the past
 - You don't like taking prescription drugs
 - You are already taking too many prescription drugs
 - Condition improved
 - Something you read or heard about the drug
 - Confused about the drug
 - Used/Looked into other methods of treatment
 - Another doctor said not to take it
 - Didn't think you needed it
 - Other (please specify):
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Q17.

Thinking about the next few years, how concerned are you about being able to afford the cost of prescription medication you or a family member may need?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Very concerned
 - Somewhat concerned
 - Not too concerned
 - Not at all concerned
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Q18.

Many people face difficult decisions when buying prescription drugs. In the past 12 months, have you or someone in your household...

GRID ITEMS, RANDOMIZE:

- Not gotten a prescription filled because you didn't have enough money to pay for it?
- Taken less medicine than your doctor prescribed to make it last longer?
- Delayed getting a prescription filled because you didn't have enough money to pay for it?
- Cut back on necessities like food, fuel, and electricity to be able to afford a prescription drug?
- Shopped online at either a U.S. or Canadian pharmacy for a lower price on your prescription?
- Purchased an over-the-counter medicine instead of a prescription to treat a condition?
- Skipped a prescription dose to save money?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Yes
 - No
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Q19.

Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. "If prescription costs continue to rise, as [I;you] get older, there may come a time when..."

GRID ITEMS, RANDOMIZE:

- You may not get a prescription filled because you don't have enough money to pay for it.
- You may take less medicine than my doctor prescribed to make it last longer.
- You may have to delay getting a prescription filled because I;you don't have enough money to pay for it.
- You may have to cut back on necessities like food, fuel, and electricity to be able to afford a prescription drug.
- You may have to shop online at either a U.S. or Canadian pharmacy for a lower price on prescription drugs.
- You may have to purchase an over-the-counter medicine instead of a prescription to treat a condition.
- You may have to skip a prescription dose to save money.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
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Drug Prices

Q20.

Who/What do you think is most responsible for rising health care costs in this country?

RESPONSE OPTIONS, RANDOMIZE:

- Drug companies charging too much for their products
 - Health care insurance companies
 - Doctors, hospitals and other providers taking advantage of the system
 - The cost of marketing and advertising
 - Unnecessary treatments and over-testing
 - The cost of medical research
 - Lawsuits against drug companies
 - The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare
 - An aging U.S. population
 - Government not stepping in to regulate, negotiate, or control costs
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Q21.

And who/what do you think is second most responsible for rising health care costs in this country?

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- Drug companies charging too much for their products
 - Health care insurance companies
 - Doctors, hospitals and other providers taking advantage of the system
 - The cost of marketing and advertising
 - Unnecessary treatments and over-testing
 - The cost of medical research
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Q22.

From what you may know, or had to guess, do consumers in the United States pay more, the same or less for the same drugs than consumers in other developed countries?

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RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Definitely Pay More
 - Probably Pay More
 - Pays the Same
 - Probably Pay Less
 - Definitely Pay Less
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Q23.

On balance, do you think prescription drug advertising is mostly a good thing, or mostly a bad thing?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Mostly a good thing
 - Mostly a bad thing
 - Neither/Both
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Q24.

Do you think pharmaceutical or drug companies spend too much, too little, or about the right amount of money on marketing their products to the public?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Too much
 - Too little
 - About the right amount
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Q25.

Do you think prescription drugs developed over the past 20 years have generally made the lives of people in the US better, worse, or haven't they made much difference?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Better
 - Worse
 - Haven't made much of a difference
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Q26.

In general, do you think pharmaceutical or drug companies make too much profit, not enough profit, or about the right amount of profit?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Too much profit
 - Too little profit
 - About the right amount of profit
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Q27.

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Pharmaceutical or drug companies are too concerned about making profits, and not concerned enough about helping people
 - Drug companies are equally concerned about profit and helping people
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Q28.

The following are proposals that have been made to lower the costs of prescription drugs. Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose each. If you are unsure, please indicate that.

GRID ITEMS, RANDOMIZE:

- Allow consumers in the U.S. to purchase prescription drugs from other countries if they can be purchased safely and less expensively than here in the U.S.
- Making it easier for generic drugs to come to market
- Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices.
- Close loopholes that allow drug companies to extend the time before other companies can make generic versions of their prescription drugs.
- Require drug companies to publicly disclose how prices are set
- Cap how much Americans have to pay out of pocket for their prescriptions
- Protect the deal Congress made to require drug companies pay more to lower drug costs for seniors with the highest drug costs
- Allow states to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices.

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Strongly Favor
 - Somewhat Favor
 - Somewhat Oppose
 - Strongly Oppose
 - Unsure
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Political Affiliations/Leanings & Prescription Drug Companies' Influence

Q29.

With which political party are you affiliated?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Republican
 - Democrat
 - Independent
 - Other
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Q30.

How would you describe your political views? Would you say they are...

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Very conservative
 - Somewhat conservative
 - Moderate
 - Somewhat liberal
 - Very liberal
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Q31.

Regardless of how you feel now, in the recent election for president, who did you vote for?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Donald Trump
 - Hillary Clinton
 - Gary Johnson
 - Jill Stein
 - Voted for someone else
 - Did not cast a vote for President
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Q32.

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Strongly approve
 - Somewhat approve
 - Somewhat disapprove
 - Strongly disapprove
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Q33.

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the <u>Republicans</u> in Congress are doing?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Strongly approve
 - Somewhat approve
 - Somewhat disapprove
 - Strongly disapprove
-

Q34.

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job the <u>Democrats</u> in Congress are doing?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Strongly approve
 - Somewhat approve
 - Somewhat disapprove
 - Strongly disapprove
-

Q35.

Who do you trust to do a better job addressing prescription drug cost issues?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Republican
 - Democrat
 - Neither
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Q36.

How much influence do you think prescription drug companies have over the following? If you are unsure, please indicate that.

GRID ITEMS, RANDOMIZE:

- The President
- Republican members of Congress
- Democratic members of Congress
- Republican state legislators in your state
- Democratic state legislators in your state
- The governor of your state
- News/Media
- Doctors
- Hospitals/Healthcare facilities
- Pharmacists/Pharmacies

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- A lot
 - Some
 - Only a little
 - None at all
 - Unsure
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