

**Table 1. How confident are you that if you become seriously ill you will be able to afford the care you need?**

*Base: Adults ages 19–64 who were very or somewhat confident*

|  | Apr.–June 2014 | Mar.–May 2015 | Feb.–Apr. 2016 | Mar.–June 2017 | Feb.–Mar. 2018 |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Percent  | 67.5%          | 69.0%         | 67.3%          | 65.3%          | 62.4%          |
| Age  |                |               |                |                |                |
| 19–34  | 68             | 69            | 63             | 67             | 63             |
| 35–49  | 67             | 66            | 67             | 65             | 61             |
| 50–64  | 67             | 72            | 72             | 65             | 63             |
| Gender   |                |               |                |                |                |
| Men  | 70             | 70            | 68             | 66             | 66             |
| Women  | 65             | 68            | 67             | 65             | 59             |
| Race/Ethnicity   |                |               |                |                |                |
| Non-Hispanic White   | 70             | 71            | 69             | 69             | 64             |
| Black  | 68             | 70            | 73             | 64             | 67             |
| Hispanic   | 60             | 60            | 53             | 52             | 52             |
| Poverty status   |                |               |                |                |                |
| Less than 250% poverty   | 57             | 60            | 57             | 55             | 51             |
| 250% poverty or more   | 79             | 80            | 78             | 75             | 73             |
| Health status  |                |               |                |                |                |
| No health problem  | 73             | 74            | 72             | 71             | 70             |
| Fair/Poor health status, or any chronic condition or disability <sup>^</sup> | 62             | 65            | 62             | 60             | 56             |
| Insurance status   |                |               |                |                |                |
| Uninsured  | 25             | 24            | 27             | 23             | 24             |
| Employer   | 82             | 80            | 79             | 77             | 75             |
| Medicare   | 63             | 69            | 73             | 60             | 59             |
| Medicaid   | 61             | 67            | 59             | 64             | 53             |
| Individual   | 67             | 67            | 62             | 64             | 60             |
| Region   |                |               |                |                |                |
| Northeast  | 67             | 75            | 68             | 68             | 63             |
| Midwest  | 71             | 71            | 70             | 70             | 71             |
| South  | 65             | 66            | 67             | 62             | 60             |
| West   | 69             | 67            | 64             | 65             | 59             |
| Political affiliation  |                |               |                |                |                |
| Democrat   | 70             | 73            | 70             | 65             | 66             |
| Republican   | 73             | 75            | 72             | 76             | 65             |
| Independent  | 68             | 66            | 68             | 65             | 66             |
| Voter registration status  |                |               |                |                |                |
| Registered   | 71             | 73            | 73             | 70             | 67             |
| Not registered   | 57             | 58            | 59             | 57             | 55             |
| Deductible amount  |                |               |                |                |                |
| No deductible  | 72             | 77            | 70             | 72             | 69             |
| \$1,000 or more  | 72             | 66            | 70             | 70             | 65             |
| \$3,000 or more  | 68             | 53            | 62             | 67             | 61             |

<sup>^</sup> At least one of the following chronic conditions: hypertension or high blood pressure; heart disease; diabetes; asthma, emphysema, or lung disease; or high cholesterol.

Data: Commonwealth Fund Affordable Care Act Tracking Surveys, Apr.–June 2014, Mar.–May 2015, Feb.–Apr. 2016, Mar.–June 2017, Feb.–Mar. 2018.

**Table 2. How confident are you that your health insurance will help you afford the health care you need this year?**  
**Base: Insured adults ages 19–64**

|  | Very confident | Somewhat confident | Very or somewhat confident | Not too confident | Not at all confident | Not too or not at all confident |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Percent distribution   | 50%            | 36%                | 86%                        | 8%                | 5%                   | 12%                             |
| <b>Age</b>   |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| 19–34  | 51             | 36                 | 87                         | 9                 | 4                    | 12                              |
| 35–49  | 46             | 40                 | 86                         | 9                 | 5                    | 13                              |
| 50–64  | 52             | 35                 | 86                         | 7                 | 6                    | 12                              |
| <b>Gender</b>  |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| Men  | 55             | 31                 | 87                         | 8                 | 4                    | 12                              |
| Women  | 45             | 41                 | 86                         | 8                 | 5                    | 13                              |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| Non-Hispanic White   | 51             | 37                 | 88                         | 7                 | 4                    | 11                              |
| Black  | 48             | 35                 | 84                         | 10                | 6                    | 16                              |
| Hispanic   | 49             | 36                 | 85                         | 8                 | 5                    | 13                              |
| <b>Poverty status</b>  |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| Less than 250% poverty   | 41             | 39                 | 80                         | 12                | 6                    | 18                              |
| 250% poverty or more   | 57             | 34                 | 91                         | 5                 | 3                    | 9                               |
| <b>Health status</b>   |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| No health problem  | 55             | 34                 | 90                         | 7                 | 3                    | 9                               |
| Fair/Poor health status, or any chronic condition or disability <sup>^</sup> | 45             | 38                 | 84                         | 9                 | 6                    | 15                              |
| <b>Insurance status</b>  |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| Employer   | 55             | 34                 | 89                         | 6                 | 4                    | 10                              |
| Medicare   | 44             | 32                 | 76                         | 12                | 12                   | 24                              |
| Medicaid   | 41             | 39                 | 80                         | 15                | 5                    | 19                              |
| Individual   | 31             | 51                 | 82                         | 10                | 5                    | 15                              |
| <b>Region</b>  |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| Northeast  | 50             | 39                 | 89                         | 8                 | 3                    | 10                              |
| Midwest  | 54             | 36                 | 89                         | 5                 | 5                    | 10                              |
| South  | 53             | 30                 | 83                         | 9                 | 7                    | 16                              |
| West   | 43             | 44                 | 87                         | 9                 | 2                    | 12                              |
| <b>Political affiliation</b>   |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| Democrat   | 49             | 39                 | 88                         | 7                 | 4                    | 11                              |
| Republican   | 52             | 34                 | 87                         | 8                 | 4                    | 11                              |
| Independent  | 51             | 37                 | 89                         | 6                 | 6                    | 11                              |
| <b>Voter registration status</b>   |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| Registered   | 52             | 36                 | 88                         | 7                 | 5                    | 11                              |
| Not registered   | 45             | 37                 | 83                         | 10                | 5                    | 15                              |
| <b>Deductible amount</b>   |                |                    |                            |                   |                      |                                 |
| No deductible  | 53             | 33                 | 86                         | 8                 | 5                    | 13                              |
| \$1,000 or more  | 42             | 42                 | 83                         | 10                | 7                    | 16                              |
| \$3,000 or more  | 36             | 42                 | 77                         | 13                | 9                    | 22                              |

<sup>^</sup> At least one of the following chronic conditions: hypertension or high blood pressure; heart disease; diabetes; asthma, emphysema, or lung disease; or high cholesterol.

Data: Commonwealth Fund Affordable Care Act Tracking Survey, Feb.–Mar. 2018.

**Table 3. Thinking back over the past 12 months, would you say that your health care, including prescription drugs, has become harder for you to afford, easier to afford, or has there been no change?**

**Base: Adults ages 19–64**

|  | Harder to afford | Easier to afford | No change |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Percent distribution   | 24%              | 8%               | 66%       |
| Age  |                  |                  |           |
| 19–34  | 18               | 10               | 68        |
| 35–49  | 30               | 6                | 64        |
| 50–64  | 26               | 7                | 66        |
| Gender   |                  |                  |           |
| Men  | 22               | 7                | 68        |
| Women  | 27               | 8                | 64        |
| Race/Ethnicity   |                  |                  |           |
| Non-Hispanic White   | 26               | 7                | 66        |
| Black  | 19               | 9                | 70        |
| Hispanic   | 25               | 10               | 60        |
| Poverty status   |                  |                  |           |
| Less than 250% poverty   | 29               | 10               | 58        |
| 250% poverty or more   | 20               | 5                | 73        |
| Health status  |                  |                  |           |
| No health problem  | 20               | 6                | 71        |
| Fair/Poor health status, or any chronic condition or disability <sup>^</sup> | 28               | 9                | 61        |
| Insurance status   |                  |                  |           |
| Uninsured  | 41               | 5                | 48        |
| Employer   | 21               | 6                | 72        |
| Medicare   | 32               | 7                | 60        |
| Medicaid   | 13               | 14               | 72        |
| Individual   | 34               | 12               | 53        |
| Region   |                  |                  |           |
| Northeast  | 18               | 11               | 68        |
| Midwest  | 26               | 6                | 67        |
| South  | 25               | 7                | 65        |
| West   | 26               | 7                | 64        |
| Political affiliation  |                  |                  |           |
| Democrat   | 21               | 7                | 70        |
| Republican   | 25               | 7                | 66        |
| Independent  | 26               | 7                | 65        |
| Voter registration status  |                  |                  |           |
| Registered   | 24               | 6                | 68        |
| Not registered   | 28               | 6                | 65        |
| Deductible amount  |                  |                  |           |
| No deductible  | 15               | 12               | 72        |
| \$1,000 or more  | 32               | 5                | 62        |
| \$3,000 or more  | 34               | 4                | 62        |

<sup>^</sup> At least one of the following chronic conditions: hypertension or high blood pressure; heart disease; diabetes; asthma, emphysema, or lung disease; or high cholesterol.

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**Table 4. If you were to experience an unexpected medical event in 2018 that left you with a bill for \$1,000, would you have the money to pay the bill within 30 days?**

*Base: Adults ages 19–64*

|  | Yes | No  |
|--|-----|-----|
| Percent distribution   | 52% | 46% |
| Age  |     |     |
| 19–34  | 56  | 42  |
| 35–49  | 49  | 50  |
| 50–64  | 52  | 47  |
| Gender   |     |     |
| Men  | 61  | 37  |
| Women  | 44  | 55  |
| Race/Ethnicity   |     |     |
| Non-Hispanic White   | 59  | 40  |
| Black  | 35  | 63  |
| Hispanic   | 39  | 59  |
| Poverty status   |     |     |
| Less than 250% poverty   | 31  | 67  |
| 250% poverty or more   | 72  | 26  |
| Health status  |     |     |
| No health problem  | 64  | 34  |
| Fair/Poor health status, or any chronic condition or disability <sup>^</sup> | 42  | 57  |
| Insurance status   |     |     |
| Uninsured  | 31  | 67  |
| Employer   | 67  | 32  |
| Medicare   | 20  | 78  |
| Medicaid   | 20  | 78  |
| Individual   | 59  | 39  |
| Region   |     |     |
| Northeast  | 55  | 44  |
| Midwest  | 55  | 43  |
| South  | 50  | 49  |
| West   | 53  | 46  |
| Political affiliation  |     |     |
| Democrat   | 53  | 46  |
| Republican   | 63  | 36  |
| Independent  | 55  | 44  |
| Voter registration status  |     |     |
| Registered   | 56  | 42  |
| Not registered   | 35  | 63  |
| Deductible amount  |     |     |
| No deductible  | 40  | 59  |
| \$1,000 or more  | 66  | 34  |
| \$3,000 or more  | 66  | 34  |

<sup>^</sup> At least one of the following chronic conditions: hypertension or high blood pressure; heart disease; diabetes; asthma, emphysema, or lung disease; or high cholesterol.

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**Table 5. What would you say is your *greatest* personal financial concern today?****Base: Adults ages 19–64**

|  | Health care | Mortgage or rent | Food | Taxes | College or college loans | Retirement | Something else | No financial concerns |
|--|-------------|------------------|------|-------|--------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Percent distribution   | 14%         | 23%              | 7%   | 5%    | 17%                      | 17%        | 8%             | 6%                    |
| <b>Age</b>   |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| 19–34  | 7           | 27               | 7    | 3     | 30                       | 7          | 8              | 6                     |
| 35–49  | 17          | 23               | 6    | 5     | 16                       | 18         | 7              | 5                     |
| 50–64  | 18          | 19               | 8    | 7     | 6                        | 26         | 8              | 6                     |
| <b>Gender</b>  |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| Men  | 13          | 24               | 6    | 6     | 15                       | 17         | 8              | 8                     |
| Women  | 15          | 22               | 7    | 4     | 19                       | 18         | 7              | 4                     |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| Non-Hispanic White   | 15          | 21               | 5    | 5     | 16                       | 22         | 8              | 4                     |
| Black  | 9           | 27               | 9    | 4     | 25                       | 11         | 5              | 7                     |
| Hispanic   | 14          | 26               | 8    | 4     | 13                       | 9          | 9              | 11                    |
| <b>Poverty status</b>  |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| Less than 250% poverty   | 14          | 27               | 12   | 3     | 19                       | 7          | 7              | 5                     |
| 250% poverty or more   | 14          | 19               | 2    | 7     | 16                       | 26         | 8              | 7                     |
| <b>Health status</b>   |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| No health problem  | 13          | 23               | 4    | 5     | 20                       | 18         | 7              | 8                     |
| Fair/Poor health status, or any chronic condition or disability <sup>^</sup> | 15          | 23               | 9    | 5     | 15                       | 16         | 8              | 4                     |
| <b>Insurance status</b>  |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| Uninsured  | 25          | 29               | 12   | 5     | 5                        | 6          | 8              | 5                     |
| Employer   | 12          | 20               | 2    | 5     | 22                       | 23         | 8              | 6                     |
| Medicare   | 14          | 26               | 20   | 1     | 3                        | 14         | 11             | 8                     |
| Medicaid   | 9           | 29               | 14   | 1     | 20                       | 5          | 9              | 6                     |
| Individual   | 17          | 25               | 8    | 9     | 10                       | 18         | 6              | 6                     |
| <b>Region</b>  |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| Northeast  | 12          | 26               | 6    | 8     | 16                       | 17         | 6              | 5                     |
| Midwest  | 16          | 15               | 7    | 5     | 19                       | 17         | 11             | 7                     |
| South  | 14          | 24               | 7    | 4     | 15                       | 17         | 8              | 8                     |
| West   | 14          | 26               | 6    | 3     | 20                       | 17         | 7              | 4                     |
| <b>Political affiliation</b>   |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| Democrat   | 10          | 25               | 6    | 5     | 21                       | 18         | 8              | 5                     |
| Republican   | 18          | 20               | 4    | 5     | 14                       | 24         | 6              | 8                     |
| Independent  | 15          | 22               | 7    | 6     | 17                       | 18         | 7              | 5                     |
| <b>Voter registration status</b>   |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| Registered   | 13          | 19               | 6    | 6     | 18                       | 21         | 8              | 6                     |
| Not registered   | 14          | 31               | 12   | 3     | 12                       | 9          | 8              | 7                     |
| <b>Deductible amount</b>   |             |                  |      |       |                          |            |                |                       |
| No deductible  | 7           | 25               | 12   | 4     | 16                       | 11         | 11             | 10                    |
| \$1,000 or more  | 22          | 19               | 1    | 4     | 20                       | 23         | 7              | 3                     |
| \$3,000 or more  | 21          | 21               | 0    | 6     | 16                       | 26         | 4              | 4                     |

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