The share of adults who feel confident they can afford the health care they need is falling

Percent of adults ages 19–64 who were very or somewhat confident they would be able to afford the care they need if they became seriously ill


Adults with employer coverage are more confident their insurance will help them afford health care than those with other coverage.

You said you currently have health insurance. How confident are you that this insurance will help you afford the health care you need this year? Would you say you are . . . ?

Percent of adults ages 19–64 who were very or somewhat confident

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One-third of adults with individual coverage report their health care has become harder to afford over the past 12 months.

Thinking back over the past 12 months, would you say that (your/your family’s) health care, including prescription drugs, has become harder for you to afford, easier to afford, or has there been no change?

Percent of adults ages 19–64 who said “harder to afford”

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Nearly half of working-age adults say they would not have the money to pay an unexpected $1,000 medical bill within 30 days.

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?

Percent of adults ages 19–64 who responded “no”

Fourteen percent of adults say health care is their greatest personal financial concern

What would you say is your greatest personal financial concern today — being able to pay for . . . ?

Percent of adults ages 19–64

- Mortgage or rent: 23%
- College or college loans: 17%
- Retirement: 17%
- Health care: 14%
- Food: 7%
- Taxes: 5%
- Something else: 8%
- No financial concerns: 6%
- Don't know/Refused: 4%
