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**The Impact of the Economic Downturn on Health and Healthcare:  
Perspectives from People with Heart Disease, Diabetes or Cancer**

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Knowledge Networks fielded this study on behalf of the Harvard Opinion Research Program (HORP) at the Harvard School of Public Health. Interviews were collected from October 27 to 31, 2010 among a national sample of people with chronic illnesses (cancer, diabetes or heart disease) on KnowledgePanel®. A total of 1,520 respondents were eligible and completed the survey. Of the total eligible respondents, 506 had cancer, 508 had heart disease, and 506 had diabetes, and these groups are the focus of this topline summary.

The following tables show the weighted results of each survey question. The population benchmarks for people with each of the chronic illnesses were developed from Knowledge Networks panelists who responded to this survey. The tables show the unweighted bases for each survey question. The margin of error is +/-6% for the total group of respondents at the 95% confidence level.

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| --- | --- |
| ***Chronic Illness*** | ***Margin of Error*** |
| *Cancer* | *+/-5.8%* |
| *Heart Disease* | *+/-6.0%* |
| *Diabetes* | *+/-5.7%* |

Note: Percentages of responses for given questions may not total 100% due to rounding.

Impact of Economic Downturn on Health

Q1. As you may know, many experts think the nation has been in an economic downturn since 2007. How has the economic downturn impacted your personal financial situation? Has it:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Made your personal financial situation worse | 69 | 73 | 70 | 63 |
| Made your personal financial situation better | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Not made an impact on your personal financial situation | 30 | 26 | 29 | 36 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | 0 | <0.5 |

The next questions ask about the way the economic downturn may or may not have affected your health and the care you need for your [CONDITION].

Q2. In your view, has the economic downturn had a negative impact on your overall health today with respect to your [CONDITION], or hasn’t it?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Economic downturn has had a negative impact | 32 | 35 | 39 | 21 |
| Economic downtown has not had a negative impact | 68 | 65 | 61 | 79 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 1 |

Q3. Is that negative impact a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all for you?

Q2/Q3. Combination Table [Total Respondents]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Economic downturn has had a negative impact | 32 | 35 | 39 | 21 |
| Major problem | 15 | 16 | 20 | 9 |
| Minor problem | 16 | 18 | 18 | 11 |
| Not a problem at all | 1 | 1 | 1 | <0.5 |
| Economic downtown has not had a negative impact | 68 | 65 | 61 | 79 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 1 |

Q4. In your view, will the economic downturn have a negative impact on your overall health in the future with respect to your [CONDITION], or won’t it?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Economic downturn will have a negative impact | 41 | 47 | 48 | 27 |
| Economic downtown will not have a negative impact | 59 | 53 | 52 | 72 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | <0.5 | <0.5 |

Q5. Do you think that negative impact will be a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all for you?

Q4/Q5. Combination Table [Total Respondents]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Economic downturn will have a negative impact | 41 | 47 | 48 | 27 |
| Major problem | 22 | 23 | 27 | 17 |
| Minor problem | 18 | 23 | 20 | 10 |
| Not a problem at all | 1 | 1 | 1 | <0.5 |
| Economic downtown will not have a negative impact | 59 | 53 | 52 | 72 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | <0.5 |

Q5a. Has the economic downturn made it more stressful for you to manage your [CONDITION], or hasn’t it?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Economic downturn has made it more stressful | 35 | 43 | 42 | 21 |
| Economic downtown has not made it more stressful | 65 | 56 | 58 | 79 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | <0.5 | <0.5 |

Q5b. Is that much more stressful or just a little more stressful?

Q5a/Q5b. Combination Table [Total Respondents]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Economic downturn has made it more stressful | 35 | 43 | 42 | 21 |
| Much more stressful | 19 | 23 | 24 | 11 |
| A little more stressful | 16 | 20 | 17 | 10 |
| Economic downtown has not made it more stressful | 65 | 56 | 58 | 79 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | <0.5 |

Q6. Has the economic downturn had a negative impact on any of these specific areas related to your [CONDITION], or hasn’t it? [ROTATE ITEMS EXCEPT E]

1. Your ability to see your doctor or health care provider about your [CONDITION] because of co-payments or other medical fees

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 22 | 30 | 23 | 12 |
| No | 65 | 63 | 70 | 63 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 12 | 7 | 6 | 24 |
| Refused | 1 | <0.5 | 1 | 2 |

1. Your ability to purchase the medicines or monitoring devices you need for your [CONDITION], including prescription or over-the-counter drugs

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 23 | 29 | 31 | 7 |
| No | 56 | 62 | 61 | 45 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 21 | 9 | 8 | 46 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | <0.5 | 1 |

1. Your ability to follow your health care provider’s recommendations for your [CONDITION] at home, including following a specific medical diet or exercise routine, because of the cost

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 22 | 29 | 30 | 7 |
| No | 57 | 59 | 63 | 47 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 21 | 10 | 7 | 45 |
| Refused | 1 | 2 | <0.5 | 1 |

1. Your ability to purchase medical devices you need due to your [CONDITION], including wheelchairs or wigs

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 9 | 10 | 12 | 5 |
| No | 40 | 42 | 44 | 34 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 51 | 48 | 44 | 61 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

1. [ALWAYS LAST] Your ability to pay for medical care for health issues other than your [CONDITION] – this might include things like flu-shots, hearing aids, or regular preventive screenings

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 29 | 35 | 32 | 20 |
| No | 59 | 56 | 60 | 62 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 11 | 8 | 8 | 18 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

The next questions ask about your experiences in more detail.

Q7. Please indicate whether or not you have delayed or skipped any of the following medical care related to your [CONDITION] because of the economic downturn? Have you delayed or skipped…

1. Doctor or nurse appointments

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, have delayed or skipped | 15 | 21 | 19 | 6 |
| No | 6 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 1 | <0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 77 | 88 |

1. Surgery

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, have delayed or skipped | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| No | 10 | 16 | 8 | 6 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 8 | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | <0.5 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 77 | 88 |

1. Physical, occupational, or speech therapy sessions

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, have delayed or skipped | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| No | 7 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 12 | 15 | 13 | 7 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | <0.5 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 77 | 88 |

1. Home medical care services provided by a nurse or home health aide

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, have delayed or skipped | 2 | 3 | 2 | <0.5 |
| No | 7 | 10 | 8 | 4 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 13 | 17 | 13 | 8 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | <0.5 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 77 | 88 |

1. A recommended diagnostic or lab test

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, have delayed or skipped | 12 | 16 | 15 | 6 |
| No | 7 | 11 | 5 | 5 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 77 | 88 |

Q8. Please indicate whether or not you have done any of the following things related to your medical care for your [CONDITION] because of the economic downturn. Have you…

1. Not filled prescriptions for medications that treat your [CONDITION] or treat related issues including side effects like nausea, bloating or pain

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 11 | 15 | 15 | 3 |
| No | 10 | 13 | 14 | 3 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 0 | <0.5 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 69 | 93 |

1. Skipped doses of medicines that treat your [CONDITION] or treat related issues including side effects like nausea, bloating or pain in order to make the supply last longer

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 12 | 18 | 16 | 2 |
| No | 9 | 10 | 13 | 3 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 1 | <0.5 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 69 | 93 |

1. Taken only part of a dose of medicine that treats your [CONDITION] or treats related issues including side effects like nausea, bloating or pain in half in order to make the supply last longer

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 10 | 15 | 14 | 2 |
| No | 10 | 13 | 14 | 3 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 1 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 69 | 93 |

1. [IF DIABETES] Tested your blood sugar less often than you are supposed to

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 8 | - | 23 | - |
| No | 2 | - | 7 | - |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | <0.5 | - | <0.5 | - |
| Refused | <0.5 | - | 1 | - |
| Not asked | 90 | 100 | 69 | 100 |

Q9. Please indicate whether or not you have experienced any of the following things related to your medical care for your [CONDITION] as a result of the economic downturn. Have you…

1. Not been able to follow the diet your doctor or health care provider recommends

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 13 | 18 | 18 | 3 |
| No | 8 | 10 | 10 | 3 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 70 | 93 |

1. Not been able to follow the exercise regimen your doctor or health care provider recommends

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 10 | 14 | 13 | 2 |
| No | 10 | 12 | 14 | 3 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 70 | 93 |

1. Not been able to hire professional help with things you do at home like bathe, dress or eat

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 4 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| No | 7 | 8 | 10 | 2 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 11 | 13 | 16 | 5 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 0 | <0.5 | 0 |
| Not asked | 78 | 71 | 70 | 93 |

Q10. Please indicate whether or not the economic downturn has prevented you from purchasing medical devices you may need to handle your [CONDITION] because of the cost.

1. Wigs/hats/hair accessories

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| No | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Refused | 0 | - | - | 0 |
| Not asked | 99 | 100 | 100 | 95 |

1. Prosthetics or artificial limbs

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 1 | <0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| No | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 6 | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Not asked | 91 | 91 | 88 | 95 |

1. Medical devices to help you move around – including wheelchairs, walkers, or canes

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| No | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Not asked | 91 | 91 | 88 | 95 |

1. Medical devices to help you with things you do at home like bathe, dress or eat

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 1 | 2 | 1 | <0.5 |
| No | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Not asked | 91 | 91 | 88 | 95 |

Q11. Please indicate whether the economic downturn has prevented you from getting the following kinds of medical care or treatment unrelated to your [CONDITION].

* 1. Glasses

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 16 | 17 | 21 | 11 |
| No | 11 | 16 | 9 | 8 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 0 | <0.5 | 0 |
| Not asked | 71 | 65 | 68 | 80 |

* 1. Hearing aids

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| No | 8 | 11 | 9 | 5 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 14 | 17 | 16 | 10 |
| Refused | 1 | <0.5 | 2 | <0.5 |
| Not asked | 71 | 65 | 68 | 80 |

* 1. Routine physical exam

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 12 | 13 | 17 | 6 |
| No | 16 | 21 | 14 | 13 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 0 | 0 | <0.5 |
| Not asked | 71 | 65 | 68 | 80 |

* 1. Flu shot or other vaccine

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 7 | 7 | 11 | 4 |
| No | 19 | 25 | 18 | 14 |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Not asked | 71 | 65 | 68 | 80 |

* 1. [IF HEART DISEASE OR DIABETES ]

Mammogram, colonoscopy or other cancer screening tool

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes, downturn has prevented me | 8 | 9 | 14 | - |
| No | 10 | 19 | 12 | - |
| Does not apply to me/Not something I need | 4 | 7 | 6 | - |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | - |
| Not asked | 78 | 65 | 68 | 100 |

Q12. In order to deal with medical bills, co-payments or other fees related to your condition, has the economic downturn caused you to do any of the following, or hasn’t it? [RANDOMIZE LIST]

* 1. Use up most or all of your savings

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 30 | 35 | 34 | 22 |
| No | 69 | 65 | 65 | 78 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

* 1. Take out a loan or another mortgage on your home

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 7 | 8 | 8 | 5 |
| No | 92 | 91 | 91 | 94 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

* 1. Declare bankruptcy

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 |
| No | 94 | 95 | 91 | 96 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | <0.5 | 1 |

* 1. Borrow money from friends or relatives

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 18 | 21 | 23 | 11 |
| No | 81 | 78 | 77 | 88 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

* 1. Seek the aid of a charity or public assistance

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 16 | 19 | 19 | 10 |
| No | 83 | 80 | 80 | 89 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | <0.5 | 1 |

* 1. Go into credit card debt

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 23 | 25 | 26 | 19 |
| No | 76 | 74 | 73 | 81 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

* 1. Skip paying other bills, such as rent, mortgage, or utilities

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 16 | 16 | 23 | 9 |
| No | 83 | 83 | 76 | 91 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

* 1. Begin working an extra job

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 9 | 12 | 11 | 6 |
| No | 90 | 88 | 89 | 93 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

* 1. Take money out of a retirement fund or college savings fund

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 20 | 25 | 18 | 18 |
| No | 79 | 74 | 82 | 81 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | <0.5 | 1 |

As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. .

Q13. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you think you will be better off or worse off under the new (2010) health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Better off | 11 | 11 | 13 | 9 |
| Worse off | 35 | 33 | 34 | 38 |
| Won’t make much difference | 25 | 22 | 20 | 31 |
| Don’t know | 30 | 33 | 34 | 22 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | 0 | 0 |

Q14. If you had to guess, would you say better off, worse off or won’t it make much difference?

Q13/Q14. Combination Table [Total Respondents]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Better off | 13 | 14 | 14 | 11 |
| Worse off | 41 | 41 | 38 | 43 |
| Won’t make much difference | 34 | 34 | 29 | 38 |
| Don’t know | 12 | 11 | 19 | 8 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | <0.5 | 0 |

II. Demographics

Q15. In general, would you say your physical health is…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Excellent | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Very good | 14 | 10 | 10 | 22 |
| Good | 40 | 32 | 42 | 46 |
| Fair | 34 | 43 | 36 | 21 |
| Poor | 11 | 14 | 11 | 8 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 1 | 0 | <0.5 |

Q16. Below is a list of the different kinds of health plans or health insurance people have, including those provided by the government.

Please indicate whether or not you are currently covered by each type of insurance or not. [DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

* + - * 1. Health insurance through your or someone else’s employer or union

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Covered | 48 | 45 | 47 | 50 |
| Not covered | 49 | 52 | 48 | 47 |
| Not sure | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

1. Medicare, a government plan that pays health care bills for people aged 65 or older and for some disabled people

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Covered | 55 | 61 | 50 | 55 |
| Not covered | 41 | 36 | 45 | 42 |
| Not sure | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

1. Medicaid or any other state medical assistance plan for those with lower incomes

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Covered | 13 | 15 | 15 | 8 |
| Not covered | 79 | 77 | 76 | 83 |
| Not sure | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Refused | 4 | 4 | 2 | 7 |

1. Health insurance that you bought directly

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Covered | 22 | 26 | 15 | 24 |
| Not covered | 72 | 67 | 79 | 69 |
| Not sure | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

1. Health insurance from some other source

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Covered | 10 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| Not covered | 80 | 79 | 82 | 80 |
| Not sure | 5 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Refused | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 |

Q17. Does this mean you personally have NO health insurance now that would cover your doctor or hospital bills?

Q17/Q18. Combination Table [Total Respondents]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Insured all year | 88 | 91 | 81 | 92 |
| Insured now, but insured within year | 6 | 3 | 11 | 5 |
| Uninsured now | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| Refused | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 | <0.5 |

Q18. In the past year, was there ever a time when you did NOT have any health insurance?

**[Base: Currently covered by some insurance**]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1467* | *n=489* | *n=480* | *n=498* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Yes | 7 | 4 | 12 | 5 |
| No | 93 | 96 | 88 | 95 |
| Refused | <0.5 | 0 | <0.5 | <0.5 |

Age Group

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| 18-24 | 1 | 1 | 2 | <0.5 |
| 25-34 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| 35-44 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| 45-54 | 13 | 11 | 17 | 11 |
| 55-64 | 30 | 30 | 31 | 30 |
| 65-74 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 26 |
| 75+ | 22 | 25 | 16 | 24 |

Education

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Some college or less (net) | 77 | 76 | 84 | 70 |
| Less than high school | 17 | 16 | 24 | 12 |
| High school | 31 | 31 | 33 | 29 |
| Some college | 28 | 30 | 27 | 28 |
| Bachelor’s degree or higher | 23 | 24 | 16 | 30 |

Race/Ethnicity

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| White, non-Hispanic | 78 | 80 | 66 | 87 |
| Non-White (net) | 22 | 20 | 34 | 13 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 10 | 8 | 16 | 6 |
| Other, non-Hispanic | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Hispanic | 9 | 8 | 14 | 4 |
| 2+ Races, non-Hispanic | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Gender

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Male | 49 | 54 | 51 | 43 |
| Female | 51 | 46 | 49 | 57 |

Income

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Less than 35K | 39 | 45 | 43 | 31 |
| 35K-74.9K | 38 | 35 | 38 | 41 |
| 75K+ | 22 | 20 | 19 | 28 |

Region (Based on state of residence)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total** | **Heart Disease** | **Diabetes** | **Cancer** |
| Unweighted Base | *n=1520* | *n=508* | *n=506* | *n=506* |
|  | % | % | % | % |
| Northeast | 17 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| Midwest | 26 | 27 | 26 | 24 |
| South | 37 | 36 | 38 | 37 |
| West | 20 | 20 | 20 | 21 |