

Topline

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The Episcopal Health Foundation *Texas Health Policy Survey 2* was conducted by telephone January 3 – January 25, 2019 among a random representative sample of 1,210 adults age 18 and older living in the state of Texas (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Interviews were administered in English and Spanish, combining random samples of both landline (345) and cellular telephones (865, including 652 who had no landline telephone). Sampling, data collection, weighting and tabulation were managed by SSRS in close collaboration with Episcopal Health Foundation researchers. Episcopal Health Foundation paid for the costs of the survey fieldwork and worked with SSRS to design the survey and analyze the results. The questionnaire was mostly based on the Episcopal Health Foundation/Kaiser Family Foundation 2018 *Texas Health Policy Survey*. Topline results are compared below to the 2018 data.

The dual frame cellular and landline phone sample was generated by Marketing Systems Group (MSG) using random digit dial (RDD) procedures. All respondents were screened to verify that they resided in Texas. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the qualifying adult who answered the phone.

A multi-stage weighting design was applied to ensure an accurate representation of the Texas adult population. The first stage of weighting involved corrections for sample design. In the second weighting stage, demographic adjustments were applied to account for systematic non-response along known population parameters. Population parameters included gender, age, race, marital status, Hispanicity (broken down by nativity), educational attainment, phone status (cell phone only or reachable by landline), and state region. Weighting parameters were based on estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau's March 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS), with the exception of population density of the respondent's county of residence which was based on the 2010 Census, and telephone use (cell phone-only, landline-only, dual-user) which was based on data from the January-June 2016 National Health Interview Survey.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. SSRS is an independent public opinion research firm and is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- "Vol." indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

RSEX. Are you male or female?

	01/19	05/18
Male	49	48
Female	50	51
Other (Vol.)	*	-
Don't know/Refused	*	*

GENDER VARIABLE

	01/19	05/18
Male	49	49
Female	50	51
Other (Vol.)	*	-

Q1. As you know, the Texas state government has many competing spending priorities. Thinking about priorities in the state budget, do you think the state legislature should (increase) or (decrease) spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or keep it about the same? How about (INSERT ITEM)? (IF NECESSARY: Should the state legislature (increase) or (decrease) spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or keep it about the same?) (scramble items a-f) (rotate items in parentheses)

Item a: Based on total

Items b, c, f: Based on half sample A

Items d, e: Based on half sample B

	Increase spending	Decrease spending	Keep it about the same	Don't know/Refused	N
a. Health care programs					
01/19	54	13	27	6	n=1,210
05/18	54	12	28	5	n=1,367
b. Public education					
01/19	69	5	21	5	n=599
05/18	71	5	21	3	n=712
c. Infrastructure, such as maintaining roads and bridges					
01/19	53	4	38	4	n=599
05/18	55	5	38	2	n=712
d. Welfare programs					
01/19	33	17	43	7	n=611
05/18	29	23	43	5	n=655
e. Transportation					
01/19	39	11	44	6	n=611
05/18	36	9	49	5	n=655
f. Public safety, such as police and fire prevention services					
01/19	54	4	40	2	n=599
05/18	52	3	41	3	n=712

Q2. I'm going to read you some different things the Texas state legislature might do when it comes to health care. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Should that be a top priority for the Texas legislature, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Should that be a top priority for the Texas legislature, important but not a top priority, not too important, or should it not be done?) (scramble items a-j)

Items h, j: Based on total

Items a, c, e, g: Based on half sample A

Items b, d, f, i: Based on half sample B

	Top/ Important Priority (NET)	Top priority	Important but not a top priority	Not Too Important /Should Not Be Done (NET)	Not too important	Should not be done	Don't know/Refused	N
a. Dealing with the prescription painkiller addiction epidemic								
01/19	80	42	39	16	8	8	3	n=599
05/18	80	41	39	18	11	7	2	n=712
b. Lowering the amount individuals pay for health care								
01/19	87	59	28	11	5	6	2	n=611
05/18	89	61	28	10	4	6	1	n=655
c. Lowering the cost of prescription drugs								
01/19	88	60	28	11	8	3	1	n=599
05/18	88	56	32	10	6	4	2	n=712
d. Increasing funding for mental health programs								
01/19	91	53	38	8	3	5	1	n=611
05/18	92	54	38	7	6	1	1	n=655
e. Increasing women's access to family planning services and contraception								
01/19	76	40	36	21	9	12	3	n=599
05/18	74	36	38	23	13	11	3	n=712
f. Increasing access to health insurance								
01/19	85	57	28	12	6	6	2	n=611
05/18	87	55	32	12	6	6	1	n=655
g. Improving access to hospitals for people in rural areas								
01/19	86	46	39	11	8	3	3	n=599
05/18	86	38	48	11	8	3	3	n=712
h. Decreasing state government spending on health care								
01/19	54	26	28	42	10	32	4	n=1,210
05/18	54	24	30	44	11	33	2	n=1,367

Q2 Continued

i. Reducing the number of women who die from

causes related to pregnancy and childbirth

01/19	87	51	37	11	5	6	2	<i>n=611</i>
05/18	88	59	30	8	4	4	4	<i>n=655</i>

j. Expanding Medicaid to cover more low-income Texans

01/19	78	46	32	20	10	10	1	<i>n=1,210</i>
05/18	79	46	33	19	9	10	1	<i>n=1,367</i>

Q3. Do you think the Texas state government is doing ENOUGH or NOT doing enough to make sure (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) can get the health care they need? How about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AT LEAST FIRST TWO TIMES AND THEN AS NECESSARY: Is the Texas state government doing ENOUGH or NOT doing enough to make sure (INSERT ITEM) can get the health care they need?) (scramble items a-d)

	Doing enough	Not doing enough	Doing too much (Vol.)	Don't know/Refused
a. Low-income adults				
01/19	32	59	2	7
05/18	32	64	1	4
b. Children				
01/19	45	47	1	7
05/18	50	45	*	5
c. Pregnant women				
01/19	46	38	2	14
05/18	50	38	1	11
d. Immigrants				
01/19	37	42	9	13
05/18	42	41	7	11

Q4. As far as you know, is the share of the population that does NOT have health insurance (higher) or (lower) in Texas compared to the average in other states, or is it about the same? (INTERVIEWER: DON'T PROBE 'DON'T KNOW' RESPONSES HERE) (rotate items in parentheses)

	01/19	05/18
Higher in Texas compared to other states	28	31
Lower in Texas compared to other states	20	19
About the same	37	34
Don't know	15	16
Refused	*	*

Q5. When it comes to making the health care system work well, do you think the federal government should play a major role, a minor role, or no role?

	01/19	05/18
Major role	57	54
Minor role	25	31
No role	15	14
Don't know/Refused	2	1

Q6. What about state governments? When it comes to making the health care system work well, do you think state governments should play a major role, a minor role, or no role?

	01/19	05/18
Major role	67	67
Minor role	24	28
No role	8	5
Don't know/Refused	2	1

Q7. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?) (rotate response options 1-4/4-1)

	01/19	05/18
Favorable (NET)	47	48
Very favorable	25	22
Somewhat favorable	22	26
Unfavorable (NET)	46	47
Somewhat unfavorable	15	19
Very unfavorable	31	28
Don't know/Refused	7	5

Q7a. In general, do you think that health insurance companies should be required to provide insurance to people with pre-existing health conditions, or should they not be required to do this? (INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THAT IT DEPENDS, PROBE FOR GENERALITY: Just in general)

	01/19
Should be required	88
Should not be required	10
Don't know/Refused	2

READ TO ALL: Now thinking specifically about Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children.

Q8. In general, do you have (a favorable) or (an unfavorable) opinion of Medicaid? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK:) Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion? (rotate response options 1-4/4-1)

	01/19	05/18
Favorable (NET)	72	71
Very favorable	35	34
Somewhat favorable	36	37
Unfavorable (NET)	22	26
Somewhat unfavorable	12	17
Very unfavorable	10	8
Don't know/Refused	6	4

Q9. Would you say the current MEDICAID program is working well for most low-income people covered by the program in Texas, or not?

	01/19	05/18
Yes, working well	59	60
No, not working well	29	33
Don't know	11	7
Refused	*	*

Q10. As you may know, under the health care law, states have the option of expanding their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults. As far as you know, has Texas expanded its Medicaid program, or not? (INTERVIEWER: DON'T PROBE 'DON'T KNOW' RESPONSES HERE)

	01/19	05/18
Yes, has expanded	18	19
No, has not expanded	47	51
Don't know	35	31
Refused	*	*

READ TO THOSE WHO SAY THAT TEXAS HAS EXPANDED ITS MEDICAID PROGRAM: Though not everyone is aware, Texas has not expanded Medicaid under the health care law.

Q11. For states that expand their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults, the federal government pays for at least 90 percent of the costs of this expansion. Do you think Texas should (keep Medicaid as it is today) or (expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people)? (rotate items in parentheses)

	01/19	05/18
Keep Medicaid as it is today	31	34
Expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people	64	64
Other/Neither (Vol.)	1	1
Don't know/Refused	4	1

Q12. How important is Medicaid for you and your family? Is it very important for you and your family, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	01/19	05/18
Important (NET)	59	60
Very important	43	41
Somewhat important	16	19
Not important (NET)	40	40
Not too important	12	13
Not at all important	28	27
Don't know/Refused	1	1

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

Q17. In general, how (easy) or (difficult) is it for you and your family to afford [INSERT AND RANDOMIZE] – (very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult)/(very difficult, somewhat difficult, somewhat easy or very easy) How about to afford (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (READ IF NECESSARY: Is it (very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult)/(very difficult, somewhat difficult, somewhat easy or very easy) for you and your family to afford this?) (IF R SAYS “I DON’T HAVE RENT/MORTGAGE”, CODE AS 5 – NOT APPLICABLE) (scramble items a-e) (rotate response options 1-4/4-1)

	Easy (NET)	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Difficult (NET)	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Not applicable (Vol.)	Don't know/ Refused
a. Food								
01/19	66	33	32	34	24	10	*	*
05/18	64	29	35	36	27	9	*	*
b. Health care								
01/19	44	21	23	55	27	27	1	1
05/18	43	18	25	55	31	25	1	1
c. Gasoline or other transportation costs								
01/19	64	33	31	34	22	12	1	1
05/18	62	25	37	37	26	11	*	1
d. Your rent or mortgage								
01/19	52	23	29	40	25	15	6	1
05/18	47	19	28	45	32	13	8	1
e. Your monthly utilities, like electricity, heat, and phone bills								
01/19	60	29	32	38	24	14	1	1
05/18	57	22	34	42	29	13	*	*

Q18. In the past 12 months, did you or anyone in your household have problems paying or an inability to pay any medical bills, such as bills for doctors, dentists, medication, or home care? (IF NECESSARY: This includes bills you have had problems paying over the past 12 months, even if the initial bill was incurred more than 12 months ago.)

	01/19	05/18
Yes	39	38
No	61	61
Don't know/Refused	*	1

Q19. Overall, how much of an impact have these medical bills had on you and your family? Have they had a major impact, a minor impact, or no real impact?

Based on those who said they had problems paying medical bills

	01/19	05/18
Major impact	57	60
Minor impact	36	38
No real impact	7	3
Don't know/Refused	*	-
N	n=411	n=501

Q18/Q19 Combo Table

Based on total

	01/19	05/18
Yes, had problems paying medical bills	39	38
Major impact	22	23
Minor impact	14	14
No impact	3	1
Don't know/Refused impact	*	-
No, did not have problems paying medical bills	61	61
Don't know/Refused if had problems	*	1

Q20. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE READ "BECAUSE OF THE COST" AFTER EACH ITEM.) (scramble items a-f)

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment			
01/19	33	67	*
05/18	36	64	*
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine			
01/19	31	69	*
05/18	31	69	*
c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine			
01/19	22	78	1
05/18	21	78	*
d. Had problems getting mental health care			
01/19	15	84	1
05/18	14	84	2
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed			
01/19	41	59	*
05/18	42	58	*
f. Skipped dental care or checkups			
01/19	43	57	*
05/18	44	56	*

Q20 Summary Table – Yes to any

	01/19	05/18
Experienced any problems	60	61
Experienced no problems	40	39
Don't know/Refused	*	-

Q21. Now thinking about your medical care, is there a place that you USUALLY go to when you are sick or need advice about your health, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY HAVE A DOCTOR OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, CODE AS "1")

	01/19	05/18
Yes	76	78
No`	24	21
Don't know/Refused	1	*

Q22. What kind of place is it that you usually go? Is it...? (READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY) (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY GO TO MORE THAN ONE, ASK ABOUT THE PLACE THEY GO TO MOST OFTEN) (scramble response options 1-5)

Based on those who have a usual place for medical care

	01/19	05/18
A clinic or health center	25	26
A doctor's office or HMO	55	56
A hospital emergency room	7	7
An urgent care center	6	6
A hospital outpatient department	4	3
Military/VA (Vol.)	2	1
Some other place (SPECIFY)	1	1
Don't know/Refused	*	*
<i>N</i>	<i>n=970</i>	<i>n=1,126</i>

Q21/Q22 Combo Table

Based on total

	01/19	05/18
Yes, have a usual place for medical care	76	78
A clinic or health center	19	20
A doctor's office or HMO	42	44
A hospital emergency room	5	5
An urgent care center	5	5
A hospital outpatient department	3	3
Military/VA (Vol.)	1	1
Some other place	1	1
Don't know/Refused where	*	*
No, do not have a usual place for medical care	24	21
Don't know/Refused if have usual place	1	*

Q23. How easy or difficult is it for you to travel to the place where you receive your medical care? Is it...? (READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY.) (rotate items 1-4/4-1)

Based on those who have a usual place for medical care

	01/19	05/18
Easy (NET)	83	84
Very easy	60	61
Somewhat easy	23	23
Difficult (NET)	16	16
Somewhat difficult	11	13
Very difficult	6	3
Don't know	*	*
Refused	1	*
<i>N</i>	<i>n=970</i>	<i>n=1,126</i>

Q21/Q23 Combo Table

Based on total

	01/19	05/18
Yes, have a usual place for medical care	76	78
Easy (NET)	63	66
Very easy	45	48
Somewhat easy	18	18
Difficult (NET)	12	12
Somewhat difficult	8	10
Very difficult	4	2
Don't know/Refused easy/difficult	*	*
No, do not have a usual place for medical care	24	21
Don't know/Refused if have usual place	1	*

READ TO ALL: Moving on...

AGE. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)

AGE2. (ASK IF REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are... (READ LIST)

RECAGE2 VARIABLE

	01/19	05/18
18-29	22	22
30-49	37	37
50-64	24	25
65+	17	17
Refused	*	*

COVERAGE. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	01/19	05/18
Covered by health insurance	73	75
Not covered by health insurance	26	25
Don't know/Refused	*	*

AGECOV VARIABLE

	01/19	05/18
Insured less than 65	69	71
Uninsured less than 65	31	29

COVTYPE. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare, Medicaid or STAR Medicaid, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF R SAYS THEY GOT INSURANCE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV, OBAMACARE, OR A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE/EXCHANGE, CODE AS 3.)

Based on those who are insured

	01/19	05/18
Plan through your employer	41	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	10	11
Plan you purchased yourself	11	12
Medicare	19	18
Medicaid or STAR Medicaid	8	9
From military/VA (Vol.)	3	3
Somewhere else (SPECIFY)	4	2
Plan through your parents/mother/father (Vol.)	3	6
Don't know/Refused	1	1
<i>N</i>	<i>n=957</i>	<i>n=1,149</i>

COVERAGE/COVTYPE. Combo Table

Based on total

	01/19	05/18
Covered by health insurance	73	75
Employer	30	28
Spouse's employer	8	8
Self-purchased plan	8	9
Medicare	14	14
Medicaid or STAR Medicaid	6	6
From military/VA (Vol.)	2	2
Somewhere else	3	2
Plan through parents/mother/father (Vol.)	2	5
Don't know/Refused	1	1
Not covered by health insurance	26	25
Don't know/Refused	*	*

Q24. How would you rate your overall health insurance coverage – excellent, good, not so good or poor? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance

	01/19	05/18
Excellent/Good (NET)	81	79
Excellent	30	25
Good	52	54
Not so good/Poor (NET)	15	20
Not so good	10	16
Poor	5	5
Don't know/Refused	4	1
<i>N</i>	<i>n=469</i>	<i>n=524</i>

Q25. How long have you been covered by your CURRENT health insurance plan? Have you had this plan for less than 12 months, or for 12 months or more?

Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance

	01/19	05/18
Less than 12 months	25	30
12 months or more	74	70
Don't know/Refused	1	-
<i>N</i>	<i>n=469</i>	<i>n=524</i>

Q26. I'm going to read you a list of problems some people experience with their health insurance plan. Please tell me if you have had any of these problems in the past 12 months, or not. How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Has this happened to you in the past 12 months, or not?) (scramble items a-e)

Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance

	Yes, have	No, have not	Not applicable/haven't used services yet (Vol.)	Don't know/Refused	<i>N</i>
a. You were surprised to find out that your plan would not pay anything for care you or a family member received, that you thought was covered					
01/19	21	76	1	2	<i>n=469</i>
05/18	24	74	1	*	<i>n=524</i>
b. Your plan paid less than you expected for a bill you received from a doctor, hospital, or lab					
01/19	38	59	1	2	<i>n=469</i>
05/18	43	56	1	*	<i>n=524</i>
c. A particular doctor you wanted to see was not covered by your plan					
01/19	20	77	1	2	<i>n=469</i>
05/18	25	74	1	*	<i>n=524</i>
d. A particular hospital you wanted to visit was not covered by your plan					
01/19	10	86	2	2	<i>n=469</i>
05/18	11	87	2	*	<i>n=524</i>
e. Your plan would not cover a prescription drug or required a very expensive copay for a drug that a doctor prescribed					
01/19	31	66	1	2	<i>n=469</i>
05/18	35	64	1	*	<i>n=524</i>

Based on total 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance and who had their plan for 12+ months

	Yes, have	No, have not	Not applicable/haven't used services yet (Vol.)	Don't know/Refused	N
a. You were surprised to find out that your plan would not pay anything for care you or a family member received, that you thought was covered					
01/19	24	76	-	*	n=352
05/18	26	74	1	*	n=372
b. Your plan paid less than you expected for a bill you received from a doctor, hospital, or lab					
01/19	41	59	-	*	n=352
05/18	46	54	*	*	n=372
c. A particular doctor you wanted to see was not covered by your plan					
01/19	16	83	1	*	n=352
05/18	23	76	*	*	n=372
d. A particular hospital you wanted to visit was not covered by your plan					
01/19	9	89	2	*	n=352
05/18	11	88	1	*	n=372
e. Your plan would not cover a prescription drug or required a very expensive copay for a drug that a doctor prescribed					
01/19	30	69	*	*	n=352
05/18	35	65	*	*	n=372

Q27. As far as you know, if you receive an unexpected bill for health care services you received that were not covered by your insurance, does the state offer any assistance programs you can turn to for help in settling the bill, or are you not aware of such a program?

Based on those ages 18-64 who have employer-sponsored insurance or non-group insurance

	01/19	05/18
State offers an assistance program	7	8
Not aware of such a program	89	90
Don't know	2	2
Refused	2	-
N	n=469	n=524

Q28. How long have you been uninsured – less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	01/19	05/18
Less than a year (NET)	26	28
Less than 3 months	11	9
3 months to less than a year	16	19
1 year or longer (NET)	73	70
1 year to less than 2 years	13	15
2 years or more	60	55
Don't know/Refused	*	2
N	n=238	n=201

COVERAGE/Q28 Combo Table

Based on those ages 18-64

	01/19	05/18
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Covered by health insurance	69	71
Not covered by health insurance	31	29
Less than a year (NET)	8	8
Less than 3 months	3	3
3 months to less than a year	5	5
1 year or longer (NET)	23	20
1 year to less than 2 years	4	4
2 years or more	19	16
Don't know/Refused how long	*	*
Don't know/Refused insurance status	*	*
N	n=864	n=1,001

Q29. What's the MAIN reason you do not currently have health insurance?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	01/19	05/18
Too expensive/can't afford	53	50
Employment (NET)	15	15
Unemployed/lost job	6	9
Employer doesn't offer it	2	2
Waiting period for job	3	2
Not eligible for employer coverage	*	*
Other employment related	4	2
Don't need it/want it	2	7
Citizenship/residency issues	6	7
Missed the deadline/haven't gotten around to it/too busy	2	6
Not eligible/not eligible for government help	6	4
Difficulty applying	2	1
Can't get it/refused due to poor health, illness or age	1	*
Didn't have enough information	*	*
In process of signing up	-	NA
Against government requirement/Against ACA	2	NA
Don't know how to get it	1	NA
Other	8	6
Don't know/Refused	2	3
N	n=238	n=201

Q30. Have you tried to get health insurance for yourself in the past 6 months, or not?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	01/19	05/18
Yes, have tried to get insurance	32	33
No, have not tried to get insurance	68	67
Don't know/Refused	1	-
N	n=238	n=201

READ IF NOT CURRENTLY COVERED BY MEDICAID: Thinking again about Medicaid, the government health insurance and long-term care program for certain low-income adults and children.

Q31. Have you personally EVER (INSERT), or not? (IF FEMALE, INSERT “pregnancy-related care,”)

Items EverMcdINS, EverMcdCARE: Based on those who are not currently covered by Medicaid

Item EverMcdMCR: Based on those who are currently covered by Medicare

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused	N
EverMcdINS. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program				
01/19	21	78	1	n=1,131
05/18	22	76	1	n=1,175
EverMcdCARE. Received (pregnancy-related care,) home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid				
01/19	11	87	1	n=1,131
05/18	12	88	1	n=1,175
EverMcdMCR. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums				
01/19	9	86	6	n=243
05/18	12	82	6	n=272

EverMcdChild. Do you now or have you ever had a child get health insurance through Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program, also known as CHIP, or not?

Based on those who have never been covered by Medicaid

	01/19	05/18
Yes	21	16
No	77	82
Don't know/Refused	1	1
N	n=891	n=916

Q33. To the best of your knowledge, have any of your close friends or family members ever [INSERT], or not?

Based on those who have never been covered by Medicaid

	Yes	No	Don't know/Refused	N
EverMcdINSFam. Received health insurance through the Medicaid program				
01/19	49	43	9	n=891
05/18	49	46	5	n=916
EverMcdCAREFam. Received pregnancy-related care, home health care, or nursing home care that was paid for in part by Medicaid				
01/19	33	60	7	n=891
05/18	33	61	6	n=916
EverMcdMCRFam. Gotten help from Medicaid to pay your Medicare premiums				
01/19	17	69	14	n=891
05/18	18	69	13	n=916

CXNMEDI VARIABLE

	01/19	05/18
Any personal connection to Medicaid	72	71
Self ever covered by Medicaid	30	31
Child ever covered by Medicaid	15	11
Friends or family ever covered by Medicaid	27	29
No connection to Medicaid/Don't know/Refused	28	29

Demographics

READ TO ALL: Now I have a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

HEALTH. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

	01/19	05/18
Excellent/Very good/Good (NET)	72	73
Excellent	14	14
Very good	28	28
Good	31	30
Only fair/Poor (NET)	27	27
Only fair	20	20
Poor	7	7
Don't know/Refused	*	*

Q35. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

	01/19	05/18
Yes	23	26
No	76	74
Don't know/Refused	*	*

MARITAL. Are you... (READ LIST) (IF REFUSED, PROBE ONCE: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

	01/19	05/18
Single, that is never married	21	20
Single, living with a partner	7	7
Married	52	53
Separated	5	4
Widowed, or	5	6
Divorced	10	10
Refused	1	1

CHILD. Are you the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 18 living in your household?

	01/19	05/18
Yes	34	36
No	66	64
Don't know/Refused	-	*

EMPLOY. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ LIST IN ORDER)

	01/19	05/18
Employed (NET)	61	54
Employed full-time	50	45
Employed part-time	11	9
Unemployed (NET)	9	8
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	7	6
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2	2
A student	3	5
Retired	14	14
On disability and can't work	7	10
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5	8
Don't know/Refused	1	*

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: (Republican), (Democrat), an Independent, or what? (rotate items in parentheses)

	01/19	05/18
Republican	28	26
Democrat	29	26
Independent	25	31
Or what? (INTERVIEWER: INCLUDE 'OTHER' AND 'NONE' HERE)	12	10
Don't know/Refused	6	7

PARTYLEAN. Do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in the same order as party)

Based on those who say they are Independent party, other, or don't know/refused

Summary PARTY and PARTYLEAN based on total

	01/19	05/18
Republican/Lean Republican	37	38
Democrat/Lean Democratic	43	40
Pure Independent	15	16
Undesignated	5	5

Five-Point Party ID

	01/19	05/18
Democrat	29	26
Independent Lean Democratic	13	14
Independent/Don't lean	13	14
Independent Lean Republican	10	13
Republican	28	26
Undesignated	7	7

RVOTE. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	01/19	05/18
Yes	70	71
No	29	28
Don't know/Refused	1	1

EDUC. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	01/19	05/18
HS grad or less (NET)	41	42
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	7	7
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	8	9
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	25	25
Some college (NET)	31	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	18	18
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12	12
College grad + (NET)	28	28
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)	18	18
Some postgraduate or professional school, no postgraduate degree	1	2
Post-graduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical, or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)	9	8
Don't know/Refused	1	*

HISPANIC. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	01/19	05/18
Yes	35	35
No	64	64
Don't know/Refused	1	1

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic? CODE AS WHITE (1) OR BLACK (2). IF RESPONDENTS REFUSED TO PICK WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC, RECORD HISPANIC AS "OTHER," CODE 97)

	01/19	05/18
White	67	71
Black or African-American	13	14
Asian	3	4
Hispanic/Latino (Vol.)	8	6
Other or mixed race (SPECIFY)	5	3
Don't know/Refused	3	2

NATIVITY. Were you born in the United States (, on the island of Puerto Rico), or in another country? (IF HISPANIC, INSERT ", on the island of Puerto Rico")

	01/19	05/18
Native born (NET)	80	79
U.S.	80	79
Puerto Rico	*	*
Another country	20	21
Don't know	*	-
Refused	*	*

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

Based on total

	01/19	05/18
White, non-Hispanic	46	46
Total non-White (NET)	53	53
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11	12
Hispanic	35	35
Asian, non-Hispanic	3	4
Other/Mixed Race, non-Hispanic	4	2
Undesignated	2	1

Q36. How many dependent children do you have, if any? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks to clarify what “dependent children” means, say “Any child who is dependent on you for support, or who you claim as a dependent on your tax return”) (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

	01/19	05/18
1	14	13
2	15	16
3	9	10
4	3	4
5	1	1
6 or more	2	1
None	56	54
Don’t know/Refused	*	*

Q37. Besides yourself, how many people are in your family, meaning your spouse and any dependent children? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks to clarify what “dependent children” means, say “Any child who is dependent on you for support, or who you claim as a dependent on your tax return”] (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially) (Record exact number 1-15)

Based on those who refused to answer marital status, or didn’t know or refused to answer how many dependent children they have

Q38. Does anyone else, such as a parent, claim you as a dependent on their tax return? (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

Based on those who are under age 31, not married, have no dependent children, and are not employed

Q39. Is the parent or person who claims you as a dependent married, or not? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If R says their parents are married but not to each other, code as “1: Married”) (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If the R is not claimed by their parent, ask about the person claiming them as a dependent) (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially)

Based on those who are claimed as a dependent

Q40. Besides yourself, how many other dependent children (do/does) your (parents/parent) have? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If the R is not claimed by their parent, ask about the person claiming them as a dependent) (IF REFUSED: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially) (Record exact number 1-15) (IF PERSON WHO CLAIMS RESPONDENTS AS A DEPENDENT IS MARRIED, INSERT “do/parents”; IF PERSON WHO CLAIMS RESPONDENT AS A DEPENDENT IS NOT MARRIED OR RESPONDENT DIDN’T KNOW OR REFUSED TO SAY, INSERT “does/parent”))

FAMILYSIZE VARIABLE

	01/19	05/18
1	31	28
2	30	29
3	13	12
4	14	17
5	6	8
6	3	3
7	*	1
8	1	1
9	1	*
10	-	-
11	*	-
12 or more	-	*

AMOUNTS USED FOR Q41 (BASED ON PERCENTAGES OF 2018 FPL GUIDELINES ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND) ¹

	100%	AMT1 (138%)	AMT2 (250%)	AMT3 (400%)
Family Size	Poverty guideline			
1	\$12,000	\$17,000	\$30,000	\$49,000
2	\$16,000	\$23,000	\$41,000	\$66,000
3	\$21,000	\$29,000	\$52,000	\$83,000
4	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$63,000	\$100,000
5	\$29,000	\$41,000	\$74,000	\$118,000
6	\$34,000	\$47,000	\$84,000	\$135,000
7	\$38,000	\$53,000	\$95,000	\$152,000
8	\$42,000	\$58,000	\$106,000	\$170,000
9	\$47,000	\$64,000	\$117,000	\$187,000
10	\$51,000	\$70,000	\$128,000	\$204,000
11	\$55,000	\$76,000	\$138,000	\$221,000
12	\$60,000	\$82,000	\$149,000	\$239,000

¹ The 2018 FPL Guidelines were used for the *Texas Health Policy Survey Wave 2*. For May 2015 trend (*Wave 1*), the 2017 FPL Guidelines were used.

Q41. To help us describe the people who took part in our study, it would be helpful to know which category best describes your (personal/family) income last year before taxes. [Family income only includes income from you yourself, (AND your spouse), (and your dependent children) (AND your spouse and/or any dependent children), (AND your {parents/parent}), (AND any other dependent children of your {parents/parent}), (AND/OR any other dependent children of your {parents/parent})]. Was your total (personal/family) income in 2018 from all sources, and before taxes, less than (138%), at least (138%) but less than (250%), at least (250%) but less than (400%), or (400%) or more? [INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT REFUSES: Your responses are strictly confidential and are not attached to any identifying information. It is important for us to know this information to help us describe people who took part in our study.] (INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE NOT SURE, PROBE ONCE: Can you estimate?) (IF FAMILYSIZE=1, INSERT FIRST VERBIAGE IN PARENS "PERSONAL" AND DO NOT INSERT BRACKETS) (IF MARITAL=3 OR Q37=1+ OR Q38=1+ OR Q36=1 OR Q40=1+ (MARRIED OR HAS CHILDREN OR IS A DEPENDENT), INSERT SECOND VERBIAGE IN PARENS "FAMILY" AND INSERT BRACKETS) (IF MARITAL=3 (married) AND Q37 NE 2-17,98,99, INSERT "AND your spouse") (IF Q36=1+ AND Q37 NE 2-17,98,99 (any dependent children), INSERT "and your dependent children") (IF Q37=2-17,98,99, INSERT "AND your spouse and/or any dependent children") (IF Q38=1 (claimed) AND Q40 NE 98,99, INSERT "AND your {parents/parent}") (IF Q40=1+ (parents have other children), INSERT "AND any other dependent children of your {parents/parent}") (IF Q40=98,99 (don't know), INSERT "AND your {parents/parent} AND/OR any other dependent children of your {parents/parent}") (IF Q39=1, THEN INSERT FIRST VERBIAGE IN "{") (IF Q39=2, 8, 9, THEN INSERT SECOND VERBIAGE IN "{")

	01/19	05/18
Under 250% (NET)	51	53
Less than 138%	30	34
At least 138% but less than 250%	21	19
250% or more (NET)	41	41
At least 250% but less than 400%	14	15
400% or more	27	26
Don't know/Refused	8	6



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