

State health insurance exchanges are a provision of the new health law passed by Congress in 2010. States can establish and run their own state health insurance exchange or the exchange will be developed and run by the federal government. The Governor negotiated a bill with the New York State Senate and Assembly to establish the framework for a New York exchange. The bill passed the Assembly in June of this year. The Senate adjourned in June without passing the bill they negotiated with Governor and Assembly.

In its continued efforts to be a strong voice for all consumers of health care, particularly those ages 50 and older, AARP in New York commissioned a survey of residents ages 50 to 64 to gauge health coverage status as well as awareness and opinion of a state health insurance exchange. There are over 2.3 million uninsured New Yorkers ages 19-64 and approximately 337,300 are ages 50 to 64.<sup>1</sup> This telephone survey was fielded September 21 - 24, 2011 and 601 interviews were completed yielding a margin of error of ±4.0 percent. An annotated survey begins on page 4.

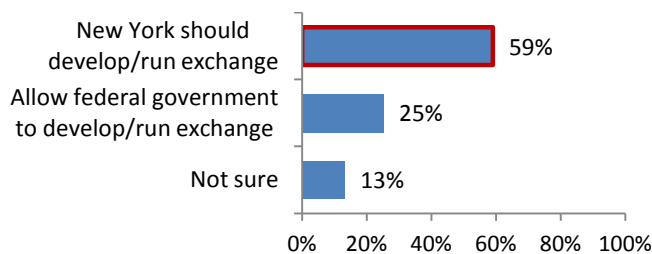
**Survey-In-Brief:**

- Nearly 1 in 10 (8%) New Yorkers ages 50 to 64 responding to this survey say they currently do not have any kind of health care coverage. Additionally, over one in five (22%) indicate that during the past two years there was a time when they or their spouse or partner or dependent children did not have any health insurance coverage.
- Most New Yorkers ages 50 to 64 are concerned they won't be able to maintain their current health care coverage over the next five years, with half saying they are extremely (27%) or very (22%) concerned.
- Respondents indicate they or a family member, have taken risky measures to afford health care expenses: about a third scheduled fewer routine check-ups with a doctor (33%) or delayed seeing a doctor or nurse when not feeling well (30%); a quarter cut back on items like food, fuel or utilities (26%); and about one in five took less medication than prescribed (20%), delayed physical therapy or mental health treatments (17%), or getting a prescription filled (22%).
- While most New Yorkers ages 50 to 64 consider themselves to be very (13%) or somewhat knowledgeable (47%) about the new health care law, most (81%) acknowledge they have not heard, read, or seen anything about a state health insurance exchange. After hearing context, over half (59%) indicate New York should develop and run its own health insurance exchange rather than allow an exchange to be developed and run by the federal government (25%).
- New Yorkers ages 50 to 64 feel strongly about the Governor and legislature working to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to quality, affordable health care coverage – two-thirds strongly agree (67%) and another one in five somewhat (20%) agree. Furthermore, over two-thirds (68%) indicate it should be a top or high priority for the State Senate to pass this bill if it returns to Albany this fall.

**New York State Health Insurance Exchange:**

**State or Federal Developed and Run**

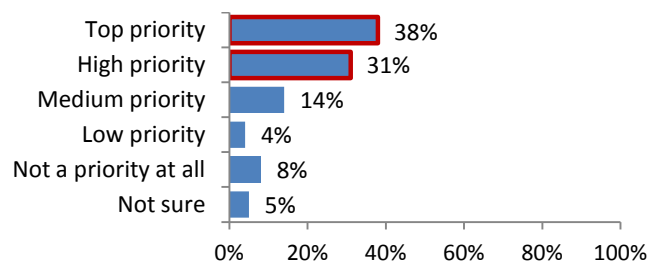
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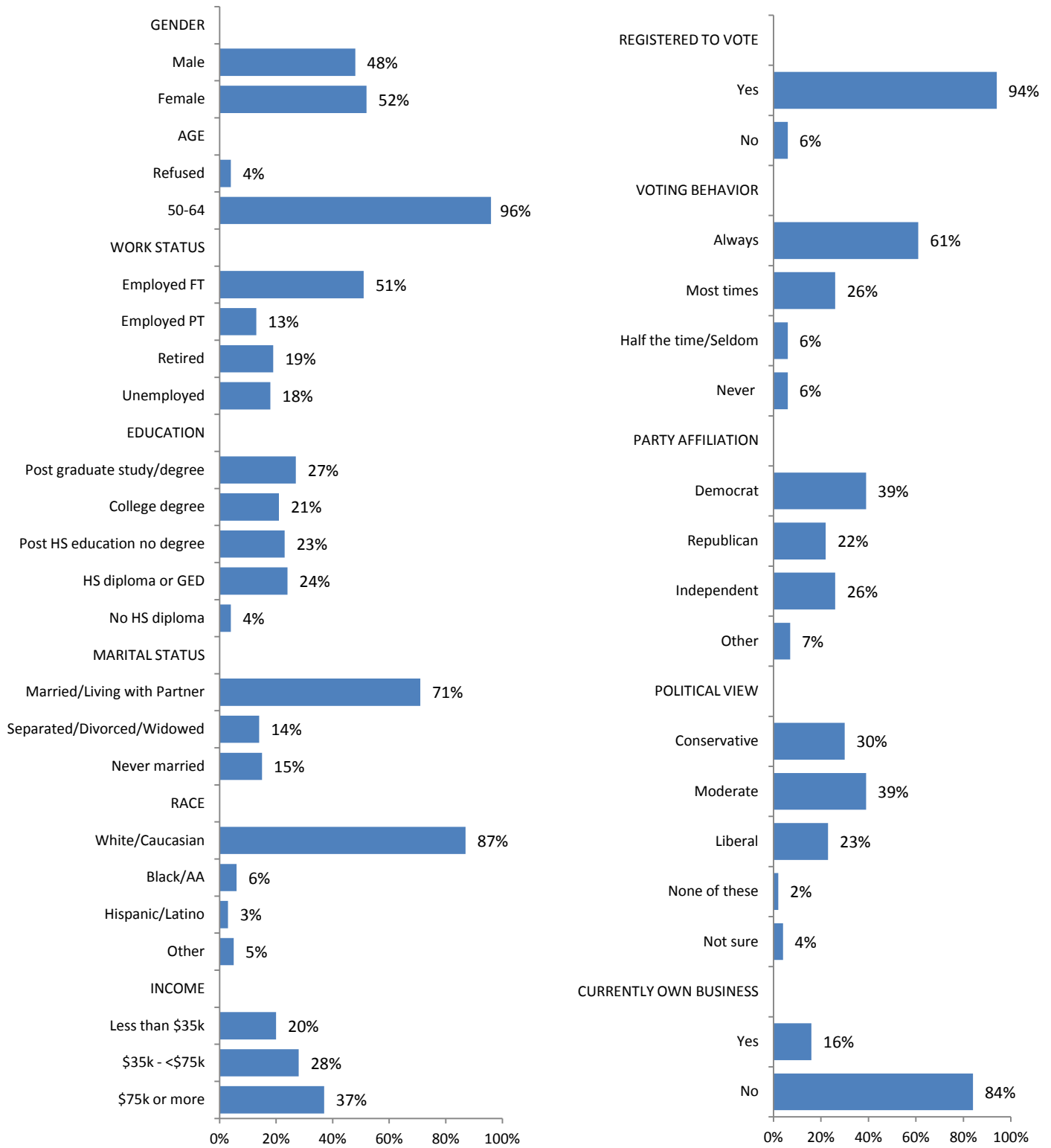
**For State Senate to Pass Bill in Fall 2011**

(weighted n=601 New Yorkers 50-64)



<sup>1</sup> 2009 American Community Survey.

## DEMOGRAPHICS OF RESPONDENTS



## **FULL METHODOLOGY**

The AARP Health Care Survey in New York obtained telephone interviews with a random sample of 601 respondents aged 50-64 drawn at random from the state. The interviews were conducted in English by Woelfel Research, Inc. from September 21 to September 24, 2011. The results from the study were weighted by age and gender. The margin of error for the complete set of data is  $\pm 4.0\%$ .

The sample of 50-64 year old New York residents was drawn at random from a list of the New York adult population aged 50-64 in New York. The telephone sample was provided by Accudata, Inc. according to WRI specifications. The sample was a “listed” sample of households containing telephone numbers with a high probability of having an occupant falling within the ages of 50-64. The population of numbers from which the sample was drawn is contained in public records. These records include credit card information, drivers’ license information, automobile registration information, county deed information, and other proprietary sources. Each record is double verified, at a minimum, in order to be on the file. Accudata estimates that the population of 50-64 on their file with phone numbers represents 75% of the population of aged 50-64 in New York State.

The questionnaire was developed by AARP staff. In order to improve the quality of the data, the questionnaire was pretested with a small number of respondents. The pretest interviews were monitored by WRI and AARP staff

The response rate for this study was 18 percent and was measured using AAPOR’s response rate 3 method. The cooperation rate was 92 percent as measured using AAPOR’s cooperation rate 3 method.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Calculated using AAPOR’s Outcome Rate Calculator Version 2.1, May 2003

**2011 AARP New York Health Insurance Exchange Survey**  
 (n=601 State Residents Age 50-64 years old; margin of error = ±4.0%)

Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from Woelfel Research, Inc. a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We would like to find out your opinions on some important issues concerning health care in New York. Your views are important and we would greatly appreciate your participation. All your responses will be kept entirely confidential.

**Screener**

QS1. Are you between the ages of 18 and 49, 50 and 64 or are you 65 years of age or older?

1.	18-49	[ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE AGE 50-64]
2.	50-64	
3.	65 or Older	[ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE AGE 50-64]
4.	UNDER 18	[ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE AGE 50]
5.	REFUSED	[ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE AGE 50]

QS2. And, are you a resident of New York?

1.	Yes	[CONTINUE]
2.	No	[THANK AND TERMINATE]
3.	Refused	[THANK AND TERMINATE]

QS3. What is your current marital status? Are you....[READ OPTIONS]

Base: Total Respondents	NY
	N=601
	%
Married	68
Not married, living with your partner or significant other	3
Separated	2
Divorced	9
Widowed	3
Currently single <u>and</u> never Married	15
Not Sure	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

D6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Self-employed full-time	8
Self-employed part-time	3
Employed full-time	43
Employed part-time	10
Retired and not working at all [SKIP TO D7]	19
Unemployed and looking for work [SKIP TO D7]	5
Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons [SKIP TO D7]	13
Don't know [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO D7]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO D7]	<0.5

D6a. And to the best of your knowledge, do you work for a company with:

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Fewer than 20 employees	25
Fewer than 50 employees	9
Fewer than 100 employees	7
Fewer than 500 employees	13
Or with 500 or more employees	45
Not sure [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO D7]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ] [SKIP TO D7]	1

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## Health Insurance Coverage

1. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the Governor and State Legislators should work to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to quality, affordable health care coverage? Do you.....

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Strongly agree	67
Somewhat agree	20
Somewhat disagree	4
Strongly disagree	7
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

2. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance or government plans such as Medicare or Medicaid?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	91
No [SKIP TO Q5]	8
Not Sure [SKIP TO Q5] [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [SKIP TO Q5] [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

3. [ASK IF Q2=YES] And are you covered.....  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER EXCLUDING DK AND REFUSED] [READ AND RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH] [MULTIPLE RESPONSE]**

**[INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT GIVES NAME OF INSURER OR SPECIFIC COMPANY NAME, ASK WHETHER THEY PAY FOR THE POLICY ON THEIR OWN OR IF IT IS PAID FOR BY AN EMPLOYER /PREVIOUS EMPLOYER AND RECORD APPROPRIATELY]**

**Through current employer**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY N=549
	%
Yes	42
No	55
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

**Through your spouse's employer**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY N=549
	%
Yes	27
No	69
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

**On your own, through an individually purchased insurance policy**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY N=549
	%
Yes	15
No	81
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

**Through a previous employer [MAY BE RETIREMENT BENEFIT]**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY
	N=549
	%
Yes	14
No	82
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

**Through a spouse's previous employer [MAY BE RETIREMENT BENEFIT]**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY
	N=549
	%
Yes	8
No	88
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

**Through Veterans or military benefits**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY
	N=549
	%
Yes	3
No	94
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

**Through Medicaid or other state paid plan such as Family Health Plus**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY
	N=549
	%
Yes	9
No	87
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4

**Through Medicare**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY
	N=549
	%
Yes	9
No	88
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

**Through some other way**

Base: Have health care coverage	NY N=549
	%
Yes	4
No	93
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4

4. How concerned are you that you won't be able to maintain your current health care coverage for yourself, your **[INSERT SPOUSE OR PARTNER DEPENDING ON MARITAL STATUS]**, or your dependent children at a cost you can afford over the next five years? Are you....?

Base: Have health care coverage	NY N=549
	%
Extremely concerned	27
Very concerned	22
Somewhat concerned	23
Not very concerned	12
Not at all concerned	16
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

5. About how much do you currently pay in out-of-pocket medical expenses including prescription drugs [IF FOR Q2=YES, ALSO READ: insurance premiums, deductibles, and co-pays] each month? **[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Less than \$50 per month	20
\$50 but less than \$100 per month	15
\$100 but less than \$200 per month	17
\$200 but less than \$500 per month	24
\$500 but less than \$1000 per month	10
\$1000 or more per month	5
Nothing; do not currently pay any out-of-pocket medical expenses [SKIP TO Q7]	4
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1



6. How difficult is it to pay for these monthly out-of-pocket medical expenses? Is it....?

Base: Currently pay out-of-pocket medical expenses	NY N=578
	%
Extremely difficult	12
Very difficult	13
Somewhat difficult	27
Not very difficult	23
Not at all difficult	24
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

7. During the past 2 years, was there a time that you **[IF Q2=NO, INSERT your [SPOUSE/PARTNER] your [INSERT SPOUSE OR PARTNER DEPENDING ON MARITAL STATUS],** or your dependent children did not have any health insurance or coverage?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	22
No[ <b>SKIP TO Q9</b> ]	77
Not Sure [ <b>SKIP TO Q9</b> ] [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [ <b>SKIP TO Q9</b> ] [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**[ASK Q8 IF Q7=YES and/or Q2=NO]**

8. What was the main reason you, your **[INSERT SPOUSE OR PARTNER DEPENDING ON MARITAL STATUS],** or your dependent children were without health care coverage during that time? **[IF RESPONDENTS ANSWER NO TO QUESTION 2 INTERVIEWER READS: "What is the reason you, your spouse, or your dependent children are without health care coverage?"]** **[DO NOT READ LIST. CODE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE ACCORDING TO WHETHER OR NOT RESPONDENT IS CURRENTLY UNINSURED OR WAS UNINSURED. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.]**

Base: During the past 2 years, a time did not have any health insurance or coverage and/or currently no health care coverage	NY N=153
	%
I lost my job and health benefits	13
I am/was unemployed	17
I am/was self-employed and cannot/could not afford health insurance	4
Health benefits not offered through my employer	6
Health benefits offered through my employer but cannot/could not afford the premiums	3
I cannot/could not afford to purchase health insurance	16
No health insurance is/was available because of a pre-existing medical condition	1
It is/was less expensive to pay for medical care out of pocket than through insurance	1
I can/could get free medical care at the hospital	-
Other [Specify: _____]	32
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

9. Many people face difficult health care decisions. In the past 2 years, have you or your spouse/partner, or dependent children taken any of the following measure to afford health care expenses:

[RANDOMIZE a – h]

**a. Scheduled fewer routine check-ups or physicals with a doctor**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	33
No	67
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**b. Delayed seeing a doctor or nurse when not feeling well**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	30
No	70
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**c. Cut back on items such as food, fuel, utilities**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	26
No	73
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**d. Took less medication than prescribed to make it last longer**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	20
No	80
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**e. Delayed or declined any physical therapy or mental health treatments**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	17
No	83
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**f. Delayed getting a prescription filled**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Yes	22
No	77
Not Sure [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

10. I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and other people do not and ask you how worried you are about them. How worried are you about....? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER] [READ AND RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH]**  
Are you extremely worried, very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried, or not at all worried....?

**a. Having to pay more for you or your family's health care**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Extremely worried	27
Very worried	25
Somewhat worried	27
Not very worried	11
Not at all worried	9
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

**c. Not being able to afford the health care services you think you or your family will need**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Extremely worried	24
Very worried	21
Somewhat worried	25
Not very worried	17
Not at all worried	13
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**d. Having a major, medical problem and not being able to afford the care for this problem**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Extremely worried	27
Very worried	18
Somewhat worried	24
Not very worried	15
Not at all worried	16
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

**g. Having access to health care services that you or your family need**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Extremely worried	18
Very worried	19
Somewhat worried	24
Not very worried	21
Not at all worried	18
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

**h. Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you or your family need**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Extremely worried	20
Very worried	19
Somewhat worried	24
Not very worried	21
Not at all worried	17
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

**i. The quality of the health care services you or your family receive**

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Extremely worried	16
Very worried	17
Somewhat worried	24
Not very worried	22
Not at all worried	21
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**e1. [IF Q2=YES AND (Q3\_1 OR Q3\_2 OR Q3\_4 OR Q3\_5 = YES)]**

**Your current/previous employer dropping health care insurance {or Your Spouse's/Ex-Spouse's/Partner's}**

Base: Have health insurance through current/previous employer or spouse's current/previous employer	NY N=435 %
Extremely worried	16
Very worried	8
Somewhat worried	19
Not very worried	25
Not at all worried	31
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

**e2 . [IF Q2=YES AND (Q3\_1 OR Q3\_2 OR Q3\_4 or Q3\_5 = YES)]**

**Your current/previous employer increasing your cost of health care and insurance  
{or Your Spouse's/Ex-Spouse's/Partner's}**

Base: Have health insurance through current/previous employer or spouse's current/previous employer	NY N=435
	%
Extremely worried	20
Very worried	24
Somewhat worried	31
Not very worried	13
Not at all worried	12
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

**j . [IF Q2=YES AND (Q3\_1 OR Q3\_2 OR Q3\_4 or Q3\_5 = YES)]**

**Not being able to change jobs or retire in order to keep your health insurance benefits  
{or Your Spouse/Ex-Spouse/Partner not being able to change jobs or retire in order to keep your health insurance benefits.}**

Base: Have health insurance through current/previous employer or spouse's current/previous employer	NY N=435
	%
Extremely worried	20
Very worried	17
Somewhat worried	23
Not very worried	10
Not at all worried	15
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-
Already retired	13

**f . [IF Q2=YES] An increase in the insurance premiums you pay**

Base: Have health insurance	NY N=549
	%
Extremely worried	25
Very worried	25
Somewhat worried	27
Not very worried	11
Not at all worried	11
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

11. As you know, last year Congress passed a new healthcare law that makes changes to the nation’s health care system. In general, how knowledgeable are you about the new health care law – would you say you are very knowledgeable, somewhat knowledgeable, not too knowledgeable, or not at all knowledgeable?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Very knowledgeable	13
Somewhat knowledgeable	47
Not too knowledgeable	26
Not at all knowledgeable	14
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

12. In the past 12 months, have you heard, read, or seen anything about a New York Health Insurance Exchange?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	18
No	81
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

13. One provision of the new health care law requires each state to set up an insurance exchange – a kind of marketplace where individuals without health insurance or with insufficient or costly insurance can shop for health insurance and access public programs and subsidies for which they are eligible. Small businesses can also purchase health insurance for their employees through the exchange. Those who are satisfied with their current health insurance can keep it and nothing changes. States can choose to run their own health insurance exchange or the exchange will be developed and run by the federal government. Which statement best reflects your opinion: [ALTERNATE a and b]

- a. New York should develop and run its own state health insurance exchange, OR
- b. New York should allow the state health insurance exchange to be developed and run by the federal government

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
New York should develop and run its own state health insurance exchange	59
New York should allow the state health insurance exchange to be developed and run by the federal government	25
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	13
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4

14. In June, the New York State Assembly passed a bill allowing the state to propose a framework for its own exchange. The Governor supported the bill. The bill now awaits a vote by the state Senate this fall. How much of a priority should it be for the New York State Senate to pass this bill if it returns to Albany this fall? Should it be a top priority, a high priority, a medium priority, a low priority, or not a priority at all?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Top priority	38
High priority	31
Medium priority	14
Low priority	4
Not a priority at all	8
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

## Demographics

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S GENDER. ASK ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY

NECESSARY: "To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?"

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Male	48
Female	52

D2. What is your age as of your last birthday \_\_\_\_\_ ? (in years)

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
50-64	96
Not Sure[DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4

D4. [IF D3 = married ASK: "Are you or your spouse or partner currently a member of A-A-R-P?" IF D1 = living with partner ASK: "Are you or your partner currently a member of A-A-R-P?" OTHERWISE ASK: "Are you currently a member of A-A-R-P?"]

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601
	%
Yes	39
No	60
Don't know[DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

D5. What is the highest level of education that you completed? [READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
0 to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, but with no diploma	4
High school graduate or equivalent	24
Post high school education, but with no degree	11
2 year degree	12
4 year degree	21
Post graduate study, but with no degree	7
Graduate or professional degree	20
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

D7. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Yes	3
No	96
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

D8. What is your race? Are you....[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
White or Caucasian	87
Black or African American	6
Native American or Alaskan Native	1
Asian	1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	<0.5
Or are you some other race? [Please Specify: _____]	3
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2

D9. Are you registered to vote in New York?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Yes	94
No	6
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	-
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5



D10. Thinking about your state elections for New York Governor and Legislators in the last 10 years, which of the following best describes your voting behavior? Would you say you vote always, most of the time, about half of the time, seldom, or would you say you never vote?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Always	61
Most of the time	26
About half of the time	4
Seldom	2
Never	6
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	<0.5

D11. Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Democrat	39
Republican	22
Independent	26
Other	7
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	3

D12. How would you characterize your political views? Would you say you are....[READ AND RANDOMIZE EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Conservative	30
Moderate	39
Liberal	23
None of the above	2
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	4
Refused [DO NOT READ]	2

D13. Do you currently own your own business?

Base: Total Respondents	NY N=601 %
Yes	16
No	84
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	<0.5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

D14. What is your 5-digit zip code? \_\_\_\_ \_

D15. We realize income is a private matter and so rather than ask you anything specific about your income, I'd like to ask you to please stop me when I get to the category that your includes your household's income before taxes in 2010. Was it....[READ EACH ANSWER CATEGORY]?

Base: Total Respondents	NY
	N=601
	%
Less than \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to less than \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to less than \$35,000	8
\$35,000 to less than \$50,000	12
\$50,000 to less than \$60,000	7
\$60,000 to less than \$75,000	9
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	16
\$100,000 or more	21
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	14

**That was our last question for tonight. Thanks you very much for taking the time to help us out. Have a great day/night!**

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