

I-MAK National Survey

Topline Report



INTRODUCTION QUESTIONS

UStrk. All in all, do you think things in the United States are generally headed in the RIGHT DIRECTION, or do you feel that things are off on the WRONG TRACK?

33%	Right direction
59%	Wrong track
8%	Do not know

MIPFam. What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM facing YOU and YOUR FAMILY TODAY?

48%	Unemployment, economy, finances
13%	Government, politicians
10%	Health care, insurance
3%	Taxes
3%	Personal illness/health problems
3%	Civil liberties
2%	Housing and real estate
1%	Elder issues, social security
1%	Education, school
1%	Personal family Issues
1%	Immigration/illegal immigrants
1%	Crime, drugs, violence, guns
1%	Social issues
1%	Values and morality
5%	Other
8%	Do not know

HS1. How well does the current healthcare system meet the needs of you and your family: very well, pretty well, not too well, not at all?

16%	Very well
46%	Pretty well
25%	Not too well
11%	Not at all
2%	Do not know

HS2. [IF not too well or not at all] Why is the current healthcare system NOT meeting your needs?

n=260	
51%	Cost/too expensive in general
14%	Accessibility to care
11%	Insurance cost
10%	Doctors/quality of care
8%	Insurance coverage
2%	Drug cost
3%	Other
1%	Do not know

HS3. Do you think the country's healthcare system works pretty well and needs only minor changes to work better, or do you think the country's healthcare system has so many problems that it needs major reforms?

26%	Works pretty well and needs only minor changes to work better
69%	Has so many problems that it needs major reforms
4%	Do not know

HS4. [IF needs major reforms] What reform would you most like to see?

n=500

28%	More affordable/less expensive
23%	Universal health care/health care for all
10%	Insurance companies reform
10%	Better access/less wait times
7%	Better quality healthcare
6%	Lower prescription drug costs
5%	Medicare for all/single payer healthcare system
3%	Preventative care
1%	More/less government involvement
8%	Other
4%	Do not know

HS5. Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?

15%	Excellent
31%	Very good
31%	Fair
16%	Poor
6%	Do not know

INSURANCE COVERAGE

IN1. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare?

92%	Yes
8%	No health insurance coverage

[IF INSURED]

IN2. Which is it, health insurance from employer, private health insurance, a prepaid plan such as an HMO, a state or federal health exchange, Medicaid, Medicare, or something else?

n=668

49%	Health insurance from employer
14%	Medicare
9%	Private health insurance
9%	Medicare and insurance you purchased yourself
7%	Medicaid
4%	A state or federal health exchange
2%	Employer and Medicare
1%	Employer and insurance you purchased yourself
1%	VA Veteran's' benefits
1%	Insurance company/provider named, unspecified type
1%	A prepaid plan such as an HMO
1%	Other
1%	Do not know

IN3. Do you have a high deductible health plan?

n=573

38%	Yes
50%	No
12%	Do not know

IN4. Has your current insurance provider ever denied a request from your doctor for you to undergo a specific test, procedure, or treatment?

n=573

29%	Yes
66%	No
5%	Do not know

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USE / EXPERIENCES

PD1. At any time in the past 12 months, did you take prescription medication?

71%	Yes
29%	No

PD2. During the past 12 months, was there any time when you needed prescription medication, but did not get it because of cost?

26%	Yes
74%	No
1%	Do not know

[IF PD1 = YES] PDInt. During the past 12 months, did any of the following apply to you: (n=510)

	Yes	No	Do not know
I purchased an over-the-counter medicine instead of a prescription to treat a condition.	31%	67%	1%
I delayed filling a prescription to save money.	30%	69%	1%
I did not get a prescription filled because I didn't have enough money to pay for it.	28%	72%	0%
I requested that my doctor prescribe a specific drug by name.	27%	73%	1%
I took less medication to save money.	27%	73%	0%
My insurance co-pays for my prescription drugs created a financial hardship.	26%	73%	1%
I skipped medication doses to save money.	22%	77%	0%
I cut back on necessities like food, fuel, and electricity to be able to afford a prescription drug.	17%	83%	0%
I shopped online at a U.S. or Canadian pharmacy for a lower price on my prescription.	16%	84%	1%

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

PDC1. Thinking about the prices of prescription medication, using a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is reasonable and 5 is unreasonable, how reasonable or unreasonable are the prices of prescriptions?

Mean=3.75 (SD=1.31)

- 10% 1=reasonable
- 6% 2
- 20% 3
- 21% 4
- 37% 5=unreasonable
- 7% Do not know

PDC2. [IF PDC1 = 4 or 5] What is the main reason you believe prescription medications are so expensive?

- n=418
- 33% Greed/profit in general
- 28% Big pharma/big pharma greed
- 8% Gave example of drug cost
- 5% Other countries less expensive/US is charged more
- 5% Insurance companies' greed/profit
- 4% No government regulation
- 2% Research and development
- 1% Marketing/advertising cost
- 1% Manufacturing costs
- 5% Other
- 9% Do not know

PDC3. As far as you know, do consumers in the United States pay more, about the same, or less for the same drugs than consumers in other developed countries?

82%	Pay more
3%	About the same
2%	Less
14%	Do not know

PDC4. Do you think that pharmaceutical companies in the United States make too much profit, about the right amount of profit, or too little profit?

84%	Too much profit
6%	About the right amount of profit
1%	Too little profit
9%	Do not know

PRESCRIPTION DRUG REGULATION

PDC5. When it comes to government regulation over **making sure prescription drugs are safe to use**, is there...

14%	Too much regulation
32%	About the right amount of regulation, or
40%	Not as much regulation as there should be in this area?
14%	Do not know

PDC6. When it comes to government regulation over **limiting the price of prescription drugs**, is there...

12%	Too much regulation
9%	About the right amount of regulation, or
65%	Not as much regulation as there should be in this area?
14%	Do not know

PDCInt2. The following are proposals that have been made to lower the costs of prescription drugs. Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose each. If you are unsure, please indicate that.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
Requiring drug companies to publicly disclose how they set their prices.	80%	11%	3%	2%	3%
Allowing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices on more drugs.	77%	13%	3%	2%	4%
Making it easier for generic drugs to come to market.	70%	23%	2%	2%	3%
Allowing consumers in the U.S. to purchase prescription drugs from other countries if they can be purchased safely and less expensively than here in the U.S.	62%	24%	5%	7%	3%
Closing loopholes on patent laws that let drug companies extend the length of time needed before other companies can make generic versions of their prescription drugs.	60%	17%	7%	9%	8%

PDC12. Those who study the costs of prescription drugs sometimes talk about the issue of patent thickets, which is a strategy that drug companies use to get multiple patents for different aspects of a single drug product or technological innovation beyond just the active ingredient. For instance, they might also get a patent for the drug’s manufacturing process or a patent for a method of using the drug to treat a particular disease. This means that a drug company applies for and receives more than one patent after their drug is approved, which prevents or hinders other companies from producing generic or biosimilar versions of a drug to bring prices down. Would you favor or oppose reforming the patent process for prescription drugs: is that strongly or somewhat [favor/oppose]?

- 63% Strongly favor
- 17% Somewhat favor
- 6% Somewhat oppose
- 5% Strongly oppose
- 9% Do not know

GLP-1 EXPERIENCES

GLP1. How much have you heard, if anything, about a new class of GLP-1 drugs being used for weight loss, such as Ozempic, Wegovy, and Mounjaro?

- 53% A lot
- 25% Some
- 10% A little
- 10% Nothing
- 3% Do not know

GLP2. Are you currently or have you ever used a prescription drug to lose weight? This does not include any over-the-counter medications or supplements.

14%	Yes
86%	No
1%	Do not know

GLPint. Do you think that health insurance should cover the cost of prescription weight loss drugs for:

GLP3. Anyone who wants to take them to lose weight?

29%	Yes, definitely
23%	Yes, probably
24%	No, probably not
16%	No, definitely not
8%	Do not know

GLP4. Adults who have been diagnosed as overweight or obese?

54%	Yes, definitely
24%	Yes, probably
11%	No, probably not
7%	No, definitely not
5%	Do not know

GLP5. Do you think you could afford to use a weight loss drug if you wanted to?

18%	Yes, definitely
17%	Yes, probably
24%	No, probably not
27%	No, definitely not
15%	Do not know

GLP6. What is the main reason GLP-1 weight loss medications are so expensive?

25%	High demand
17%	Greed/profit
5%	New drug
5%	Patent issue/protection
3%	Manufacturing cost
3%	Other
2%	Insurance company won't cover cost
1%	Advertising/marketing
40%	Do not know

STANDARD DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

22%	Under 35
36%	36-54
42%	55 and over

HHS. Including yourself, how many adults 18 years of age or older currently live in your household?

31%	One
58%	2-3
8%	4 or more
1%	Do not know

CG1. Some people play the role of caregiver as part of their daily lives, which means they are responsible for meeting the physical and psychological needs of others. Do you act as an unpaid caregiver for another ADULT, such as a spouse, sibling, aunt, uncle, parent, or grandparent?

18%	Yes
82%	No

CG2. [IF CG1 = Yes] Do you care for someone regularly, on a daily basis?

n=129	
73%	Yes
27%	No

EDUC. What was the highest level of schooling you have completed?

3%	Non High school graduate
17%	High school or GED
28%	Some college
16%	Associate's degree or technical degree
21%	Bachelor's degree
15%	Postgraduate degree (Master's degree, Doctorate, or other professional degree)

MAR. What is your current marital status?

48%	Married
25%	Single (never married)
14%	Divorced
8%	Widowed
4%	A member of an unmarried couple
1%	Separated

IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

14%	Extremely liberal
15%	Slightly liberal
28%	Moderate
17%	Slightly conservative
16%	Extremely conservative
11%	Do not know

PARTY. Regardless of how you are registered in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

22%	Strong Republican
7%	Republican
11%	Lean Republican
11%	Independent
14%	Lean Democrat
8%	Democrat
22%	Strong Democrat
5%	Do not know

RACE What is your race or ethnicity (select all that apply)?

67%	White
16%	Hispanic or Latino
12%	Black or African-American
5%	Other

WORK. Which best describes your current employment status? Are you working full-time, part-time, unemployed (looking for work), retired, disabled, going to school, or something else?

53%	Full-time
26%	Retired
7%	Something else
6%	Part-time
4%	Disabled
2%	Going to school
2%	Unemployed and looking for work
1%	Don't know

INC Just for statistical purposes, is your total family income...

10%	Under \$25,000
11%	\$25,000-\$35,000
10%	\$35,000-50,000
17%	\$50,000-\$75,000
17%	\$75,000-\$100,000
13%	\$100,000-\$150,000
20%	Over \$150,000
3%	Do not know

INC2. How often do you worry about not having enough money—a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or not at all?

36%	A lot
26%	A moderate amount
23%	A little
16%	Not at all

DONE. How do you describe yourself?

49%	Male
51%	Female