

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:  
HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE**

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 5-19, 2020 with a random sample of **~1,018** adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2019 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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On a different topic,

8. *(Asked of a half sample)* What would you say is the most urgent health problem facing this country at the present time? [OPEN-ENDED]

BASED ON –572 – RESPONDENTS IN FORM B; ±5 PCT PTS

	Flu/Viruses	Cancer	Cost	Obesity	Access	Heart disease	Mental Illness	Diabetes	Government Interference	Drug/alcohol abuse	Finding cures for diseases	AIDS	Bioterrorism	Other	No opinion
2020 Nov 5-19	69	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	*	--	--	6	3
2018 Nov 1-11	*	10	25	7	22	1	2	2	1	10	1	1	--	10	8
2017 Nov 2-8	*	11	16	7	24	1	3	2	1	14	*	*	--	10	9
2016 Nov 9-13	2	12	27	8	20	2	3	3	*	3	1	*	--	8	11
2015 Nov 4-8	1	14	22	15	20	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	--	7	12
2014 Nov 6-9	18	10	19	10	18	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	--	3	10
2013 Nov 7-10	--	10	23	13	16	2	2	2	9	1	1	1	--	6	13
2012 Nov 15-18	--	13	19	16	23	2	*	2	2	*	1	1	*	6	15
2011 Nov 3-6	*	13	20	14	27	1	*	1	3	*	*	1	--	4	15
2010 Nov 4-7	1	12	20	14	24	2	*	1	10	1	1	1	--	5	9
2009 Nov 5-8	16	9	17	8	27	2	*	1	5	--	*	1	--	3	10
2008 Nov 13-16	--	11	25	12	29	2	*	2	1	*	1	2	--	5	10
2007 Nov 11-14	1	14	26	10	29	1	--	2	1	1	1	2	--	4	9
2006 Nov 9-12	1	14	26	8	22	4	1	1	1	1	1	6	*	5	9
2005 Nov 7-10	10	15	23	9	17	4	1	1	*	1	1	6	*	3	7
2004 Nov 7-10	2	9	29	7	27	2	*	*	1	*	5	5	*	4	8
2003 Nov 3-5	*	13	27	7	24	3	*	1	*	1	*	8	1	8	6
2002 Nov 11-14	1	21	24	7	13	5	1	1	*	*	1	8	1	6	9
2001 Nov 8-11	1	19	13	4	8	6	1	1	*	1	2	7	22	6	8
2000 Sep 11-13	--	20	24	3	13	3	1	1	*	2	1	18	--	6	7
1999 Feb 8-9	--	23	13	1	1	5	*	--	--	2	--	33	--	16	6
1997 Oct 3-5	--	15	9	*	13	3	--	--	--	6	--	29	--	20	5
1992 Mar 26-29	--	5	30	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	41	--	18	4
1991 Nov 14-17	--	6	20	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	55	--	14	3
1991 May 2-5	--	16	10	1	2	2	--	--	--	5	--	45	--	15	4
1987 Oct 23-26 ^	--	9	1	3	--	5	--	--	--	2	--	62	--	14	4
1987 Oct 23-26 †	--	14	1	3	--	7	--	--	--	4	--	68	--	9	3

^ First mention only.

† Total mentions

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**Q8: What would you say is the most urgent health problem facing this country at the present time? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	572	281	291	400	160	110	140	309	259	183	125	168	219	177	210	182	163
	Weighted n	565	264	301	372	187	156	166	230	198	156	207	169	225	165	200	174	170
NET: Flu/Viruses		388	169	219	244	140	99	112	168	144	100	141	94	157	133	122	115	134
		69%	64%	73%	66%	75%	64%	67%	73%	73%	64%	68%	56%	70%	81%	61%	66%	79%
COVID-19/Coronavirus		378	162	216	237	137	97	109	163	143	98	134	91	151	132	116	112	132
		67%	61%	72%	64%	74%	62%	66%	71%	72%	63%	65%	53%	67%	80%	58%	65%	78%
Ebola virus		6	5	1	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	1	5	0	2	3	1
		1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%
Flu		3	1	2	3	-	-	-	3	-	1	2	2	1	-	3	-	-
		1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	-	-
Viruses		1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	0	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	-	-
NET: Other		58	31	27	39	18	20	16	18	16	16	24	31	18	9	30	15	13
		10%	12%	9%	11%	9%	13%	10%	8%	8%	10%	12%	18%	8%	5%	15%	9%	8%
Cancer		25	12	13	18	6	10	9	6	5	3	15	18	6	2	16	8	2
		4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	7%	5%	3%	3%	2%	7%	10%	2%	1%	8%	5%	1%
Mental Illness		7	4	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	5	-	3	4	-	3	2	2
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	-	2%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%
Heart Disease		7	6	1	5	1	2	1	3	3	3	1	3	3	1	2	3	2
		1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Diabetes		6	3	3	3	3	-	2	2	-	3	3	3	-	3	3	-	3
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	-	2%	2%	-	2%
Education/Educating Public about Health Care		6	2	3	5	1	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	4	1	2	1	3
		1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Government Interference in Health Care		4	2	1	4	-	-	1	2	2	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	-
		1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	-	2%	-	-
Immunization/Vaccination		2	1	2	1	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	0	1	1
		0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Disease/Funding cures for disease		1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
		0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	1%	-	0%	-	-	-	-	0%

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NET: Cost		23	13	10	15	8	5	9	10	12	9	3	9	8	6	12	9	2
		4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	6%	6%	1%	6%	4%	3%	6%	5%	1%
Affordable Health care		14	6	8	11	3	3	5	7	7	7	1	6	3	5	7	5	2
		3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%
Affordable Health Insurance		5	5	1	2	4	0	3	2	4	2	-	2	3	0	2	3	0
		1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Affordable prescription drugs		3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	-	-	-
		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	-	-
NET: Obesity		23	20	3	18	5	12	8	3	4	4	15	9	12	2	10	8	4
		4%	7%	1%	5%	3%	8%	5%	1%	2%	3%	7%	5%	5%	1%	5%	5%	2%
Obesity		23	20	3	18	5	12	8	3	4	4	15	9	12	2	10	8	4
		4%	7%	1%	5%	3%	8%	5%	1%	2%	3%	7%	5%	5%	1%	5%	5%	2%
NET: Access		21	7	14	20	1	4	7	10	9	7	5	7	9	5	9	6	6
		4%	3%	5%	5%	1%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%
Access to/Availability of Health Care		15	6	9	14	1	3	7	5	5	7	2	5	9	2	6	6	2
		3%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Universal health coverage		6	1	5	6	-	1	-	5	3	-	2	2	-	3	2	-	3
		1%	0%	2%	2%	-	1%	-	2%	2%	-	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	-	2%
Pre-existing conditions		1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-
NET: Drug/Alcohol Abuse		3	1	2	3	1	-	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	-	1	2	-
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	-
Drug Abuse		3	1	2	3	1	-	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	-	1	2	-
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	-
OTHER		32	14	18	22	9	6	11	13	10	14	8	12	12	7	10	13	7
		6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	4%	7%	6%	5%	9%	4%	7%	5%	4%	5%	7%	4%
DON'T KNOW		16	8	7	10	6	9	1	6	3	5	7	5	7	4	6	5	4
		3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	6%	0%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
REFUSED		1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
		0%	1%	-	0%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-