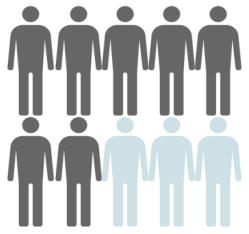


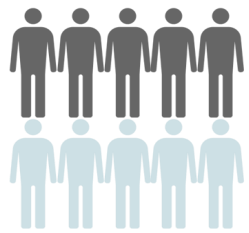
Massachusetts Respondents Struggle to Afford Health Care:

Selected Results from the Consumer Health Care Experience State Survey (CHESS)



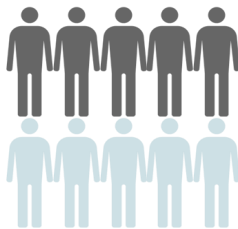
74%

reported being "worried" or "very worried" about affording some aspect of health care in the future.



51%

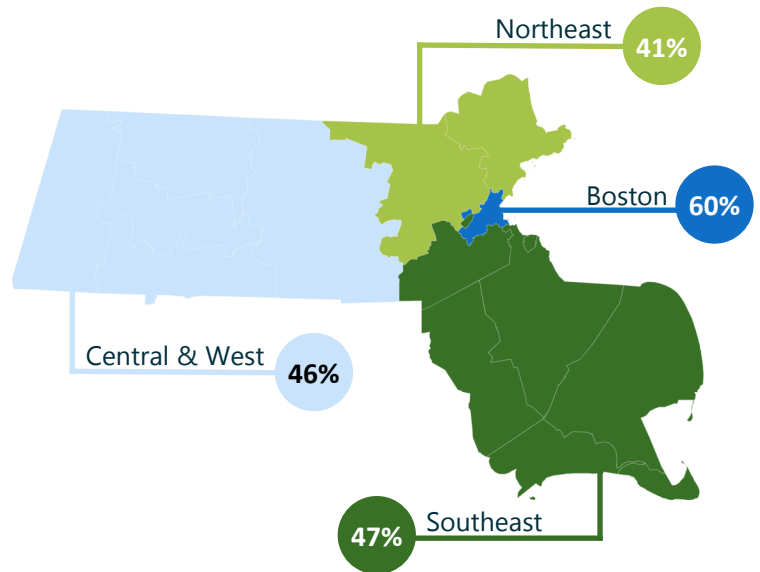
experienced at least one health care affordability burden in the past year.



46%

reported delaying or going without care due to cost in the past twelve months.

Percent who **went without care due to cost** in the past twelve months, by region:



89% of respondents said that they believe the government should require drug companies to provide advance notice of price increases and information to justify those increases, including 88% of Republican respondents, 90% of Democrat respondents, and 88% of unaffiliated respondents.

89% of respondents agreed that the government should expand health insurance options so that everyone can afford quality coverage, including 79% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 88% of unaffiliated respondents.

90% of respondents said that they believe the government should cap require hospitals and doctors to provide upfront cost estimates to consumers, including 90% of Republican respondents, 88% of Democrat respondents, and 91% of unaffiliated respondents.

88% of respondents said that they believe the government should set standard prices for prescription drugs to make them affordable, including 83% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 85% of unaffiliated respondents.

91% of respondents said that they believe the government should show what a fair price would be for specific procedures, including 87% of Republican respondents, 92% of Democrat respondents, and 91% of unaffiliated respondents.