Rhode Island Respondents Struggle to Afford Health Care: Selected Results from the Consumer Health Care Experience State Survey (CHESS)



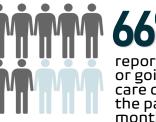


82% reported being "worried" or "very worried" about

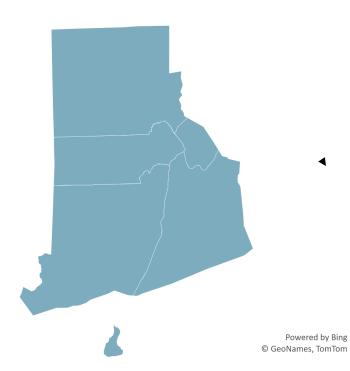
affording some aspect of health care in the future.



69% experienced at least one health care affordability burden in the past year.



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



92% 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 89% of Republican respondents, 95% of Democrat respondents, and 90% of unaffiliated respondents.

91% of respondents agreed that the government should require hospitals and doctors to provide up front patient cost estimates, including 93% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 88% of unaffiliated respondents.

90% of respondents said that they believe the government should cap out-of-pocket costs for life-saving medications, such as insulin, including 85% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 89% of unaffiliated respondents.

90% of respondents said that they believe the government should set standard prices for prescription drugs to make them affordable, including 86% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 89% of unaffiliated respondents.

90% of respondents said that they believe the government should authorize the Attorney General to take legal action to prevent price gouging or unfair prescription drug price hikes, including 87% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 89% of unaffiliated respondents.