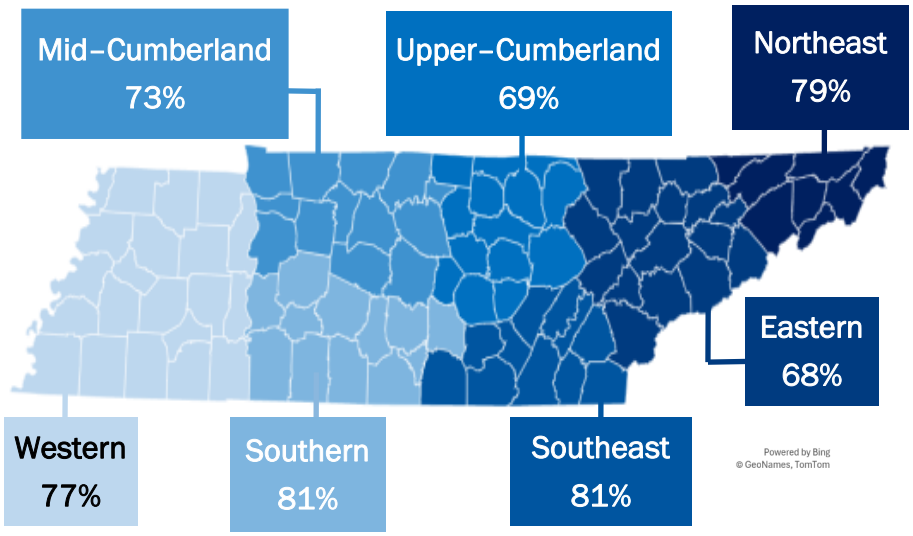
TENNESSEE RESPONDENTS STRUGGLE TO AFFORD HEALTH CARE:

Selected results from the Consumer Health Experience Survey (CHESS)

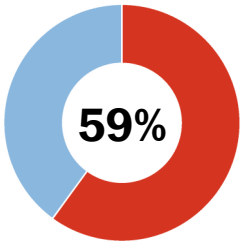
September 2025



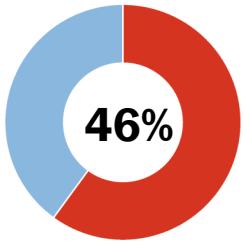
Percent of Tennesseans who reported experiencing any health care affordability worry in the past year, by region.

74%

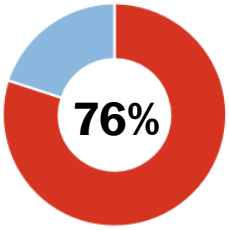
Percent of respondents who experienced at least one healthcare affordability burden in the past 12 months.



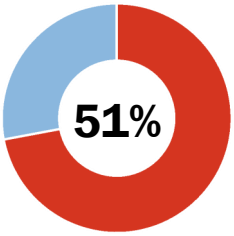
Percent of respondents who received a medical bill they did not expect in the past 12 months.



Percent of respondents who did not get medical care due to lack of trust in or respect by their provider.



Percent of respondents worried about affording health care in the future.



Percent of respondents "somewhat" or "very worried" they cannot afford the prescription drugs they need.

Top Three Health Priorities Tennesseans Believe the Federal or State Government should Work Toward Fixing:

1. Address high health care costs, including prescription drugs
2. Getting health insurance to those who cannot afford coverage.
3. Improve Medicare coverage.

HEALTHCARE VALUE HUB

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