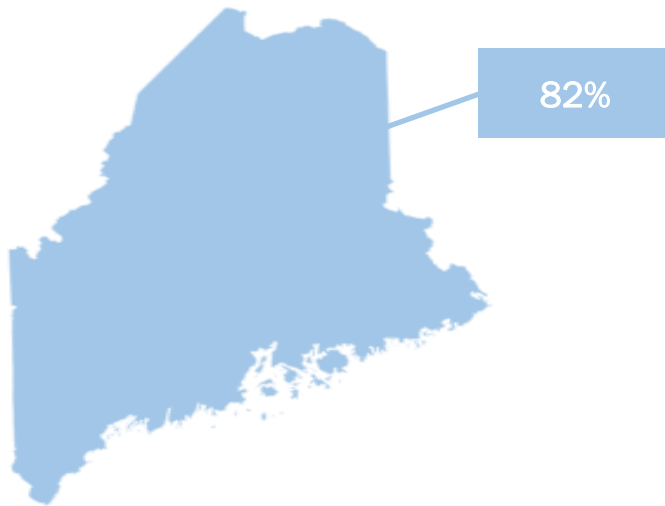


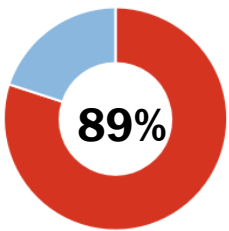
MAINE RESPONDENTS STRUGGLE TO AFFORD HEALTH CARE:

Selected results from the Consumer Health Experience Survey (CHES)

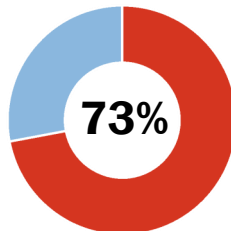
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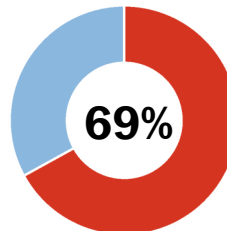
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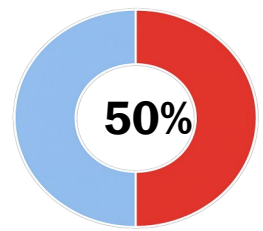
Percent of respondents who believe it is moderately or extremely important for Maine to continue supporting Medicaid.



Percent of respondents who believe the health care system is unaffordable.



Percent of respondents are not confident they have enough money to cover cost of a major illness or injury.



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

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

1

Health Care Cost

2

Affordable Housing

3

Economy/ Joblessness