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Q.1. Which of the following would you say best describes your family's financial situation? Select one.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Getting ahead	16	18
Having just enough to get by	56	56
Falling behind	27	25
Not sure/refused	1	1

Q.2. Do you think the standard of living for the next generation will be better than today, worse than today or about the same? Select one.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Better than today	5	6
Worse than today	84	81
Same as today	11	12
Not sure/refused	-	1

Q.4. Thinking about health care in America overall, are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with (READ ITEM)?

the cost of health care in our country

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Satisfied	4	4
Dissatisfied	95	95
Not sure/refused	1	1

the quality of health care in our country

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Satisfied	35	34
Dissatisfied	64	65
Not sure/refused	1	1

Q.5a. Do you and your family have health care coverage?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Yes	77	80
No	6	4
Some family members in the household do, some do not	16	16
Not sure/refused	1	-

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY "YES" Q.5a)

Q.5b. Do you and your family have health care coverage?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Coverage provided through employer (yours, spouse's, partner's or parents)	78	87
Medicare	20	19
Coverage purchased by you or someone in your family	15	13
Other	9	6
Not sure/refused	3	3

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY “NO,” “SOME FAMILY MEMBERS DO” OR “NOT SURE” Q.5a)

Q.5c. Who does not have coverage?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Self	36	37
Spouse/Partner	21	10
Children younger than 18	9	8
Children ages 18-24	21	21
Children ages 24 and older	27	37
Other relatives (parent, sister, brother, etc.)	21	26
Not sure/refused	7	4

Q.6a. Does your health insurance cover all the care you need at a price you can afford?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Yes	42	49
No	52	45
Not sure/refused	6	6

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY “NO” Q.6a)

Q.6b. What is not covered or not affordable?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Prescription drugs	46	47
Preventive care and checkups	36	36
Tests	40	36
Specialists	43	42
Other	35	32
Not sure/refused	8	9

Q.7. If you have employer-provided health coverage, how have your costs for it changed in the past couple years? Select one.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Stayed about the same	20	24
Improved	2	2
Gotten worse	61	62
Not sure/refused	17	12

Q.8. How much did you and your family spend out of pocket for health care in the past year (include premium costs you pay, co-pays, deductibles and prescription costs)?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Nothing	2	2
\$1-\$100	4	4
\$100-\$1,000	30	33
\$1,000-\$5,000	46	42
More than \$5,000	17	17
Not sure/refused	1	2

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Q.9. In the past year, did you or a family member experience any of the following?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Did not visit doctor when sick because of cost	31	24
Skipped medical test, treatment or follow-up recommended by doctor because of cost	33	25
Did not fill a prescription or skipped doses because of cost	29	24
Had serious problems paying or were unable to pay medical bills	23	19
Ran up credit card or other debt you're still paying off due to medical costs	22	20
Considered or filed for personal bankruptcy because of medical debt	5	4
Had to choose between paying for medical care or prescriptions and other essential needs (rent or mortgage, utilities, etc.)	24	20
Not sure/refused	38	45

Q.10. In the past year, has an insurance company initially refused to cover a medical treatment for you or a family member that should have been covered?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Yes	32	37
No	65	60
Not sure/refused	3	3

Q.11. Have you or has a family member stayed in a job to maintain health benefits when you would have preferred changing jobs?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Yes	48	52
No	49	44
Not sure/refused	3	4

Q.12. Overall, what do you think about today's health care system? Choose one.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
It works pretty well. Only minor changes are needed	4	5
Fundamental changes are needed	43	46
It should be completely rebuilt	52	48
Not sure/refused	1	1

Q.13. Looking ahead over the next few years, are you concerned about affording health insurance?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Not concerned	4	4
Somewhat concerned	22	24
Very concerned	73	71
Not sure/refused	1	1

Q.14. Are you concerned about losing health coverage because you may lose your job or change jobs?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Not concerned	24	20
Somewhat concerned	26	28
Very concerned	46	48
Not sure/refused	4	4

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Q.15. How important is health care to you as a voting issue in the 2008 elections?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Very important	79	80
One of many serious issues but not top tier	19	18
Not important	1	1
Not sure/refused	1	1

Q.16. How much have you heard about health care proposals from the presidential candidates?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
A lot	20	18
Some	69	66
Nothing	10	15
Not sure/refused	1	1

Q.18. Below are some of the changes that have been suggested by candidates for office. For each one, choose whether you think it is a good idea that will help you and people like you or whether it is a bogus solution.

Offer choice of health insurance plans with benefits at least as generous as members of Congress receive

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Good idea	85	87
Not a good idea	12	10
Not sure/refused	3	3

Require employers to provide health care coverage or contribute to its cost

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Good idea	76	83
Not a good idea	19	12
Not sure/refused	5	5

Cover preventive care at little or no cost

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Good idea	93	93
Not a good idea	5	4
Not sure/refused	2	3

Set rules and establish a watchdog on insurance companies to reduce costs

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Good idea	87	88
Not a good idea	9	8
Not sure/refused	4	4

Use technology to increase efficiency and reduce paperwork

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Good idea	85	85
Not a good idea	10	9
Not sure/refused	5	6

Establish a watchdog on drug companies to reduce costs

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Good idea	90	92
Not a good idea	7	5
Not sure/refused	3	3

Q.19. Which of the two following statements do you most agree with?

Health care reform should be based on the current private insurance market. If we let the market do its job, companies will compete for customers and that will control costs and quality. People who don't have health coverage now should get tax incentives to help them pay for insurance.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
	13	15

Health care reform should control costs and ensure everyone gets health care at least as good as what they have now. It should let people choose their own doctor and establish government as a watchdog on quality and costs.

	83	81
Not sure/refused	4	4

Q.20. What steps would you be willing to take to improve health care?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Write a letter to the editor of a magazine or newspaper	39	41
Write to or visit an elected official	61	62
Actively volunteer for a political party or candidate	31	28
Sign a petition	90	91
Attend a rally/demonstration	45	44
Talk to family/friends about the issue	71	69
Send an e-mail to friends or elected officials on the issue	72	76
Not sure/refused	3	2

Q.21. Are you?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Currently employed	70	73
Retired	20	17
Not currently employed and not retirement age	9	9
Not sure/refused	1	1

Q.22. What is your age?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
18-29 years	5	4
30-39 years	12	12
40-49 years	21	24
50-64 years	49	49
65 years or older	12	11
Not sure/refused	1	-

Q.23. What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
First-11th grade	1	1
High school graduate	11	17
Non-college post-high school (technical school, for example)	8	7
Some college	29	27
College graduate	27	26
Post-graduate school	24	22
Not sure/refused	-	-

Q.24. Are you?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
White/Caucasian, non-Hispanic	86	82
African American, non-Hispanic	5	7
Hispanic/Latino	4	5
Asian Pacific American/East Asian	1	2
Native American	1	-
Biracial/multiracial	2	1
Not sure/refused	1	3

Q.25. Please check all that describe you:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Student	7	6
Have children younger than 18 living with me	22	22
Married	57	60
Domestic partner	8	5
LGBT	4	3
Union member	57	62
Someone in my family or household is a union member	18	20
Not sure/refused	9	6

Q.26. Are you registered to vote?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Yes	97	96
No	2	4
Not sure/refused	1	-

Q.27. Are you planning to vote in the November 2008 elections?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Yes	97	97
No	2	2
Not sure/refused	1	1