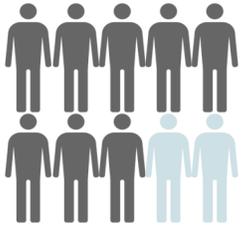


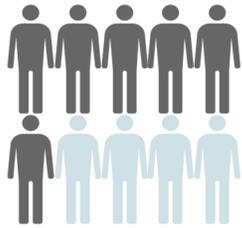
# Maryland Respondents Struggle to Afford Health Care: Selected Results from the Consumer Health Care Experience State Survey (CHESS)



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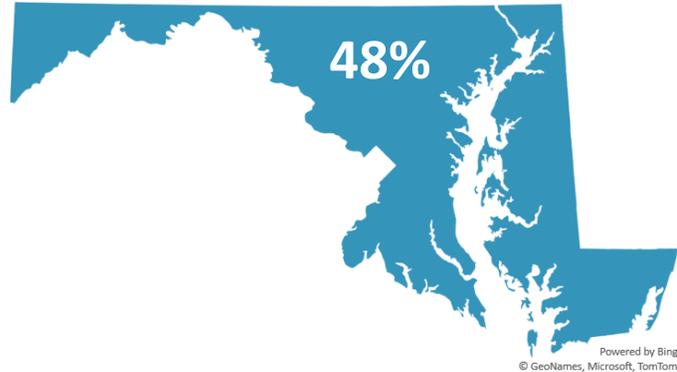
reported being “worried” or “very worried” about affording medical costs from a serious illness or accident.

Percent Who Went Without Care Due to Cost in the Last Year

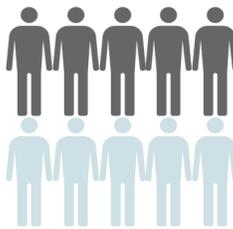


**55%**

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



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**48%**

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

**90% 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 85% of Republican respondents, 92% of Democrat respondents, and 90% of unaffiliated respondents.**

**92% of respondents agreed that the government should require insurers to provide up-front cost estimates to consumers, including 90% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 91% of unaffiliated respondents.**

**91% of respondents agreed that the government should show what a fair price would be for a specific procedure, including 88% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 91% of unaffiliated respondents.**

**90% of respondents agreed that the government should authorize the Attorney General to take legal action to prevent price gouging or unfair prescription drug price hikes, including 83% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 88% of unaffiliated respondents.**

**90% of respondents agreed that the government should ensure patients can't be charged out-of-network prices if they encounter an out-of-network provider through no fault of their own, including 85% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 88% of unaffiliated respondents.**