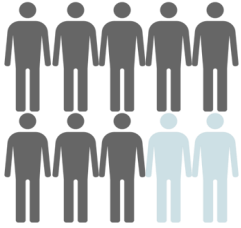
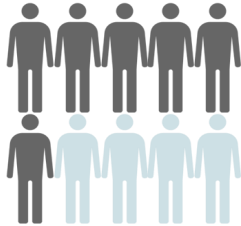


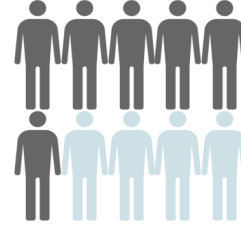
# West Virginia and Surrounding Appalachian Counties Respondents Struggle to Afford Health Care: Selected Results from the Consumer Health Care Experience State Survey (CHESS)



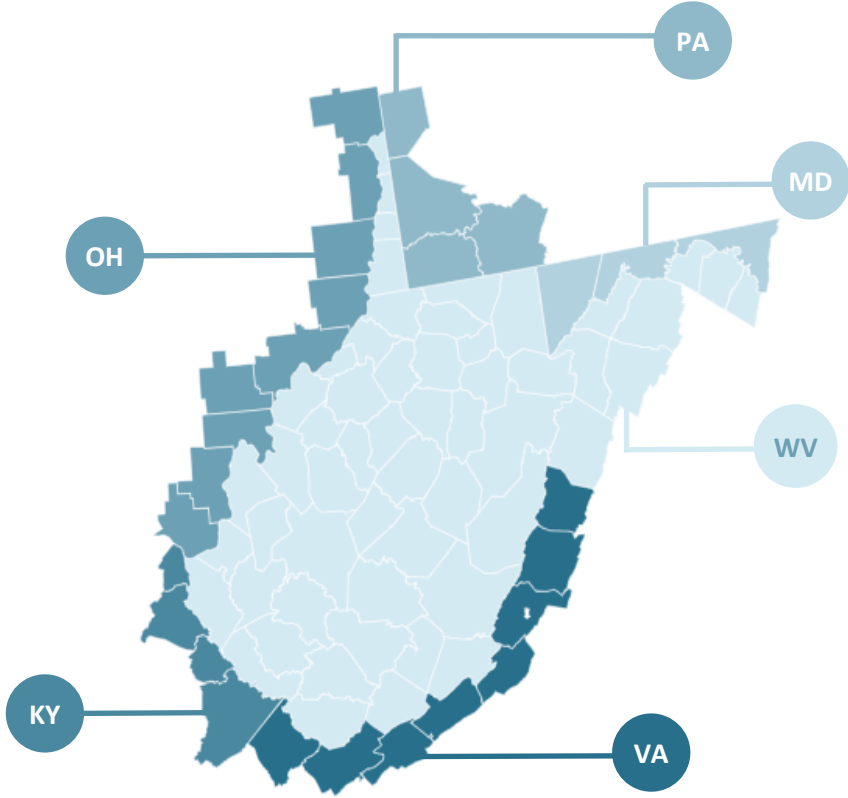
**84%** reported being "worried" or "very worried" about affording some aspect of health care in the future.



**64%** experienced at least one health care affordability burden in the past year.



**57%** reported delaying or going without care due to cost in the past twelve months.



**89%** 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 90% of Republican respondents, 88% of Democrat respondents, and 89% of unaffiliated respondents.

**89%** of respondents agreed that the government should expand health insurance options so that everyone can afford quality coverage, including 86% of Republican respondents, 90% of Democrat respondents, and 90% 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 89% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 89% of unaffiliated respondents.

**91%** of respondents said that they believe the government should require insurers to provide up-front cost estimates to consumers, including 91% of Republican respondents, 91% of Democrat respondents, and 91% of unaffiliated respondents.

**89%** of respondents said that they believe 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 88% of Republican respondents, 90% of Democrat respondents, and 89% of unaffiliated respondents.