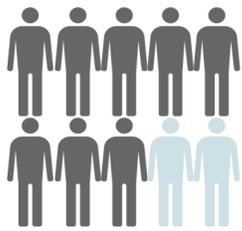
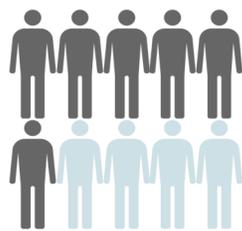


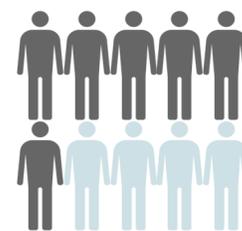
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81% reported being “worried” or “very worried” about affording some aspect of health care in the future.

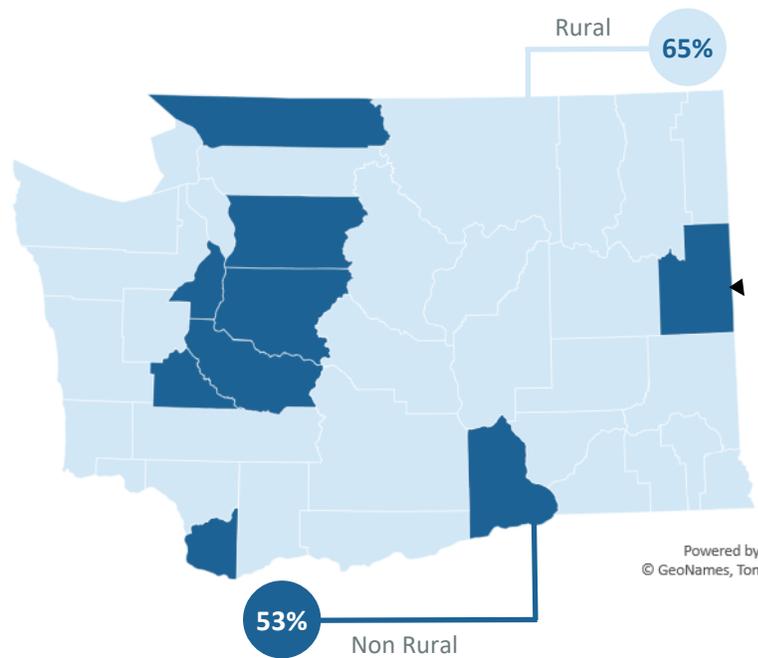


62% experienced at least one health care affordability burden in the past year.



56% reported delaying or going without care due to cost in the past twelve months.

Percent who went without care due to cost in the past twelve months, by region



92% of respondents said that they believe the government should require insurers to provide up-front cost estimates to consumers, including 89% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 92% of unaffiliated respondents.

90% of respondents agreed that the government should require hospitals and doctors to provide up-front cost estimates to consumers, including 87% of Republican respondents, 91% of Democrat respondents, and 91% of unaffiliated respondents.

87% of respondents said that they believe the government should impose price controls on contracts between insurers and healthcare providers, including 81% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 84% of unaffiliated respondents.

90% 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 89% of Republican respondents, 92% of Democrat respondents, and 89% of unaffiliated respondents.

87% of respondents said that they believe the government should strengthen policies to drive more competition in health care markets in order to improve choice and access, including 88% of Republican respondents, 89% of Democrat respondents, and 85% of unaffiliated respondents.