

**NATIONAL SURVEY OF SENIORS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR
THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT
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Hello, this is _____ with Ayres, McHenry & Associates, a public opinion research company. We're talking with seniors throughout America today for just a few minutes about some health care issues. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE).

A. Are you under the age of 65, or are you 65 or older?

UNDER AGE 65 GO TO QUESTION B
65 OR OLDER..... GO TO QUESTION 1
REFUSED..... THANK AND CLOSE

B. Is there anyone else in your household age 65 or older?

YES May I speak with that person please? GO TO INTRO
NO..... THANK AND CLOSE

1. Have you signed up, or do you plan to sign up, for the new Medicare prescription drug benefit?

YES/ALREADY HAVE SIGNED UP 100% GO TO Q. 2
YES/PLAN TO SIGN UP 0% THANK AND CLOSE
NO 0% THANK AND CLOSE
NEED TO KNOW MORE (VOLUNTEERED)..... 0% THANK AND CLOSE
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 0% THANK AND CLOSE

2. Does your new Medicare prescription drug benefit plan cover the drugs you need?

YES 82%
NO..... 7%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 11%

3. Before now, about how much have you been spending out-of-pocket every month for prescription drugs?

\$20 OR LESS..... 19%
\$21-\$50..... 12%
\$51-\$100..... 13%
\$101-\$200 12%
MORE THAN \$200 24%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 20%

4. Do you think your new Medicare prescription drug benefit plan will save you money over what you currently pay?

YES 51%
NO..... 28%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION 21%

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding. Results are based on 401 residents age 65 and older who have signed up for the Medicare prescription drug benefit (margin of error ±4.89 percent).

5. Given the benefits you will receive, was the time and effort you put into evaluating the many drug plans worth it or not?

WORTH IT.....	57%
NOT WORTH IT.....	16%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	27%

6. Given your experience signing up for the new benefit, would you recommend that other seniors sign up or not?

YES, WOULD RECOMMEND.....	56%
NO, WOULD NOT RECOMMEND.....	9%
IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED).....	24%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION.....	11%

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

7. Did you use the Internet to help you decide on the right prescription drug benefit plan, either personally or with the assistance of someone else?

YES, PERSONALLY.....	15%
YES, WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S HELP.....	13%
NO.....	71%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	2%

8. Did you attend any organized seminars to help you decide on the right prescription drug benefit plan?

YES.....	25%
NO.....	74%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	1%

9. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an Independent, or a Democrat)?

REPUBLICAN.....	29%
INDEPENDENT.....	21%
DEMOCRAT.....	37%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	13%

10. What was the last year of school you completed?

LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL.....	12%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE.....	37%
SOME COLLEGE.....	18%
COLLEGE GRADUATE.....	22%
POST-COLLEGE.....	6%
REFUSED.....	5%

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11. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

65 TO 69.....	24%
70 TO 74.....	26%
75 TO 79.....	22%
80 TO 84.....	15%
85 TO 89.....	7%
90 OR OLDER.....	2%
REFUSED.....	4%

12. What would you say is your main racial or ethnic heritage?

WHITE	86%
BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN.....	7%
HISPANIC	2%
ASIAN.....	1%
OTHER.....	0%
REFUSED.....	4%

13. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

\$15,000 OR LESS.....	20%
\$15,000 TO \$30,000	19%
\$30,000 TO \$50,000	16%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000	7%
\$75,000 OR MORE	6%
REFUSED.....	33%

14. Gender (from observation)

MALE	42%
FEMALE	58%

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

15. WRITE IN STATE FIPS CODE: _____

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