

WH48B: Thinking about the last 12 months, have you or a family member skipped a prescribed pill, dose, or other type of medication in order to save money?

October 2021

	TOTAL	65+
TOTAL	5291	1407
YES	18%	11%
NO	82%	89%

	TOTAL	BLACK 65+	HISPANIC 65+	WHITE 65+
TOTAL	5291	167	107	1115
YES	18%	11%	18%	10%
NO	82%	89%	82%	90%

WH206: Do you think the cost of prescription drugs in America, is higher than it should be, lower than it should be or about right?

October 2021

	TOTAL	65+
TOTAL	6602	1738
HIGHER THAN IT SHOULD BE	94%	94%
LOWER THAN IT SHOULD BE	2%	1%
ABOUT RIGHT	4%	5%

	TOTAL	BLACK 65+	HISPANIC 65+	WHITE 65+
TOTAL	6602	207	131	1377
HIGHER THAN IT SHOULD BE	94%	94%	88%	94%
LOWER THAN IT SHOULD BE	2%	1%	3%	1%
ABOUT RIGHT	4%	5%	9%	5%

WH22: How concerned are you that your household will be unable to pay for needed prescription drugs in the next 12 months?

October 2021

	TOTAL	65+
TOTAL	6648	1763
EXTREMELY CONCERNED	8%	7%
CONCERNED	22%	27%
NOT VERY CONCERNED	38%	37%
NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	32%	29%

	TOTAL	BLACK 65+	HISPANIC 65+	WHITE 65+
TOTAL	6648	210	132	1398
EXTREMELY CONCERNED	8%	10%	9%	6%
CONCERNED	22%	32%	22%	26%
NOT VERY CONCERNED	38%	35%	36%	38%
NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	32%	24%	33%	30%

WH13a: Has there been a time in the last three months when you or a member of your household has been unable to pay for medicine or drugs that a doctor had prescribed for you because you did not have enough money to pay for them?

March 2021

	TOTAL	65+
TOTAL	3899	1188
YES	6%	3%
NO	92%	95%
DON'T KNOW	2%	1%

June 2021

	TOTAL	65+
TOTAL	3406	1149
YES	7%	4%
NO	93%	96%

October 2021

	TOTAL	65+
TOTAL	6655	1760
YES	14%	9%
NO	86%	91%

	TOTAL	BLACK 65+	HISPANIC 65+	WHITE 65+
TOTAL	6655	209	133	1395
YES	14%	13%	12%	8%
NO	86%	87%	88%	92%

WH205: Over the last year, have you used more or less prescription or over-the-counter medications compared to previous years?

October 2021

	TOTAL	65+
TOTAL	6641	1758
MORE OFTEN	29%	29%
LESS OFTEN	12%	7%
ABOUT THE SAME	59%	64%

	TOTAL	BLACK 65+	HISPANIC 65+	WHITE 65+
TOTAL	6641	209	133	1393
MORE OFTEN	29%	34%	31%	29%
LESS OFTEN	12%	8%	6%	6%
ABOUT THE SAME	59%	57%	62%	65%

Source

West Health and Gallup, March 2021 Healthcare Survey March 15-21, 2021, Source: Gallup Panel, Sample Size: n=3,870

West Health and Gallup, June 2021 Healthcare Survey, June 14-20, 2021, Source: Gallup Panel, Sample Size: n=3,411

Methodology for 2021 Healthcare in America Report

West Health and Gallup, Sept. 27-30 and Oct. 18-21, [2021 Healthcare in America Report](#), Source Gallup Panel, Sample Size: n=6,663

Results are based on combined data from successive field periods of Sept. 27-30 and Oct. 18-21, 2021 (n=6,663) with adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia as a part of the [Gallup Panel](#). For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error (MOE) at the 95% confidence level is +2.2 percentage points for response percentages around 50% and is +1.3 percentage points for response percentages around 10% or 90%, design effect included. For reported sub-groups, the MOE will be larger. For all respondents aged 65 and above, the MOE ranges from ± 3.0 to ± 1.8 percentage points, respectively. For White respondents aged 65 and above, the MOE ranges from ± 3.3 to ± 2.0 percentage points. For Black respondents aged 65 and above, the MOE ranges from ± 8.5 to ± 5.1 percentage points. For Hispanic respondents aged 65 and above, the MOE ranges from ± 10.7 to ± 6.4 percentage points.

The Gallup Panel is a probability-based panel of U.S. adults whom Gallup selects using address-based sampling methods and random-digit-dial phone interviews that cover landlines and cellphones. The data for this study were weighted through an iterative, proportionate method to correct for nonresponse and were matched to the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education and region. Demographic weighting targets were based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population.