

NORC AmeriSpeak Omnibus Survey: As Presidential Campaign Continues, Awareness of Medicare-for-All Has Increased

Interview Dates

Wave One: December 13–16, 2018

Wave Two: June 13–17, 2019

Wave Three: December 19–23, 2019

Nationally representative sample of 1,021, 1,059, and 1,002 English-speaking adults age 18 and over, respectively, conducted using the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago.

Of the 3,082 respondents over three waves, 302 completed the survey by phone and 2,780 via the web.

The self-funded poll was conducted during three monthly omnibus surveys. It included 1,021 (Dec. 2018), 1,059 (June 2019), and 1,002 (Dec. 2019) interviews with a nationally representative sample—margin of error +/- 4.26 percent (Dec. 2018), 4.13 percent (June 2019), and 4.13 percent (Dec. 2019)—of adult Americans age 18+ using the AmeriSpeak® Panel.

AmeriSpeak® is NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

NOTE: All results show percentages among respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Q1. How much have you heard about a policy proposal called “Medicare-for-All”?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
A lot	13	17	26
Some	40	43	52
Not at all	46	39	22
Don't know	*	*	*
Skipped	1	1	*

Q2. When you think about a “Medicare-for-All” plan, who do you think would be eligible to participate?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
All Americans	51	56	66
Only Americans age 50 and older	23	16	13
Only Americans who don't have access to other sources of insurance	23	25	20
Don't know	*	*	1
Skipped	3	2	1

Q3. When you imagine a “Medicare-for-All” plan, do you expect that enrollment would be...

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Optional	55	58	60
Mandatory	41	41	40
Don't know	*	*	*
Skipped	3	1	*

Q4. Under a “Medicare-for-All” plan, do you believe you would be able to keep your current health insurance?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Yes	52
No	46
Don’t know	2
Skipped	*

Q5. How do you believe a “Medicare-for-All” plan would impact each of the following aspects of the U.S. health care system?

Q5A. Overall amount the U.S. spends on health care?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Reduce overall U.S. health care spending	29	28	31
No change	21	22	15
Increase overall U.S. health care spending	47	47	52
Don’t know	1	*	1
Skipped	2	2	*

Q5B. Patient out-of-pocket costs?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Reduce patient out-of-pocket costs	49	52	51
No change	22	20	17
Increase patient out-of-pocket costs	26	26	30
Don’t know	*	1	1
Skipped	2	1	*

Q5C. Quality of care?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Improve quality	28	24	29
No change	38	40	35
Reduce quality	30	34	34
Don't know	*	*	1
Skipped	2	2	1

Q5D. The number of people with health insurance coverage?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Increase the number of people with health insurance coverage	69	73	78
No change	19	18	11
Decrease the number of people with health insurance coverage	8	7	9
Don't know	1	*	1
Skipped	3	2	1
Refused	*	*	*

Q5E. Access to doctors and hospitals

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Improve access to doctors and hospitals	42	43	47
No change	30	32	22
Reduce access to doctors and hospitals	24	24	29
Don't know	1	*	*
Skipped on web	4	2	1

Q5F. Coverage for health care services, such as procedures, lab tests, and prescription drugs?

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Expand coverage for health care services	44	45	46
No change	23	25	16
Put limits on the health care services that people can receive	29	28	36
Don't know	*	1	*
Skipped	2	2	1

Demographics

Gender

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Male	48	48	48
Female	52	52	52

Age

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
18-29	21	21	21
30-44	25	27	25
45-59	26	23	24
60+	29	29	29

Race/Ethnicity

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
White, non-Hispanic	63	63	63
Black, non-Hispanic	12	12	12
Other, non-Hispanic	2	2	2
Hispanic	16	16	16
2+, non-Hispanic	3	4	4
Asian, non-Hispanic	3	3	3

Education

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Less than a high school diploma	11	10	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29	28	28
Some college	28	28	28
College graduate or above	32	33	33

Marital Status

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Married	48	46	48
Widowed	4	6	6
Divorced	15	10	11
Separated	2	1	2
Never married	24	27	23
Living with partner	6	9	10

Employment Status

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Working – as a paid employee	52	48	47
Working – self-employed	9	8	8
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1	1	1
Not working – looking for work	7	7	6
Not working – retired	19	19	18
Not working – disabled	8	8	10
Not working – other	6	8	10

Household Income

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Under \$10,000	7	7	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8	10	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13	14	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8	11	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10	7	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17	16	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15	13	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14	13	11
\$150,000 or more	8	9	9

Region

AmeriSpeak	Dec. 2018 (N=1021)	June 2019 (N=1059)	Dec. 2019 (N=1002)
Northeast	18	18	17
Midwest	21	21	21
South	38	38	38
West	24	24	24