





The U.S. Healthcare Cost Crisis

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The financial toll of healthcare cost in America

AMERICANS REPORTED

\$88 billion

borrowed

\$126 billion

sacrificed from retirement
and other long-term
savings dreams

...to pay for healthcare in the past
12 months alone



GALLUP PANEL MEMBER

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I'm a 61-year-old male married 40 years, no children. Both my wife and I are heavily considering our retirement and one of the **biggest hurdles is our healthcare.**

We're hoping something positive will happen in our healthcare system, so we can **enjoy our retirement.**

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The physical toll of healthcare cost in America



AMERICANS REPORTED

1 in 4

Americans had a health problem and didn't seek care due to cost

48 million

Americans were unable to pay for a medication prescribed to them

...in the past
12 months alone

GALLUP PANEL MEMBER

“ My brother died because he didn’t have access to healthcare. He didn’t go to the doctor because he couldn’t afford it and he had prostate cancer. I think he got Medicare, but then **when he went to the doctor, it was too late.** ”



Americans' angst over increasing cost and its effects

76%



of Americans, relative to the quality of care, feel they are **paying too much** for the care they receive.

77%



of Americans are concerned or extremely concerned **rising healthcare costs will result in significant and lasting damage to the U.S. economy.**

2 in 5



Americans are concerned or extremely **concerned that a major health event will lead to bankruptcy.**

The Great Disconnect

AMERICANS' PERCEPTIONS OF QUALITY

1 in 2

Americans said **the U.S. healthcare system is the best or among the best** in the world.

U.S. Ranking Among
OECD Countries

28th

Life Expectancy

31st

Infant Mortality

...out of 36 countries

The future looks bleak unless things change

3 in 4



Americans say
**government is not doing
enough to ensure**
prescription drugs, and
**healthcare in general,
are affordable.**

1%



of Americans feel extremely
**confident that elected
Republicans and Democrats
will be able to achieve
bipartisan legislation** to
reduce healthcare costs.

The healthcare cost crisis doesn't see red or blue

36%

REPUBLICANS

41%

DEMOCRATS

Reported **forgoing a visit to the emergency room** due to cost in the past 12 months.

21%

REPUBLICANS

27%

DEMOCRATS

Have taken drastic measures, such as **deferring care**, to offset high healthcare costs.

70%

REPUBLICANS

67%

DEMOCRATS

Not at all confident elected Republicans and Democrats will be able to achieve **bipartisan legislation to reduce costs**.

Summary



45%

Fear a major health event will end in bankruptcy.

1 in 4

Skipped medical treatment due to cost.

\$88 B

Borrowed to pay for healthcare in past 12 months.

3 in 4

Say government is not doing enough to control costs.