



Health Coverage, Access, and Affordability Amid Federal Instability

Assembly and Senate Health Informational Hearing

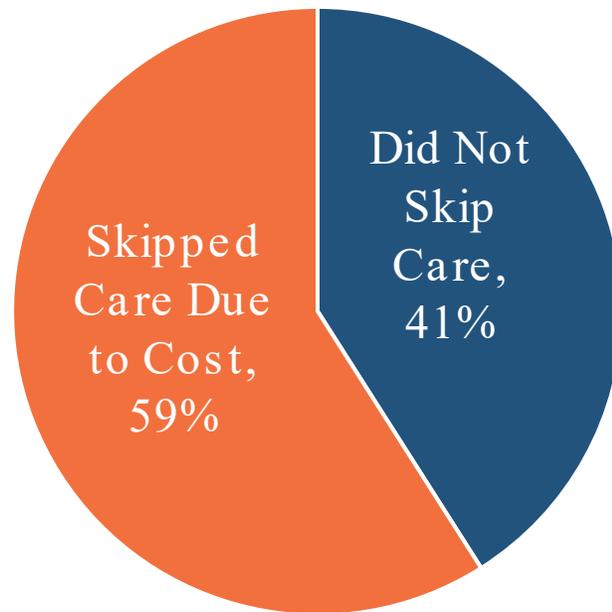
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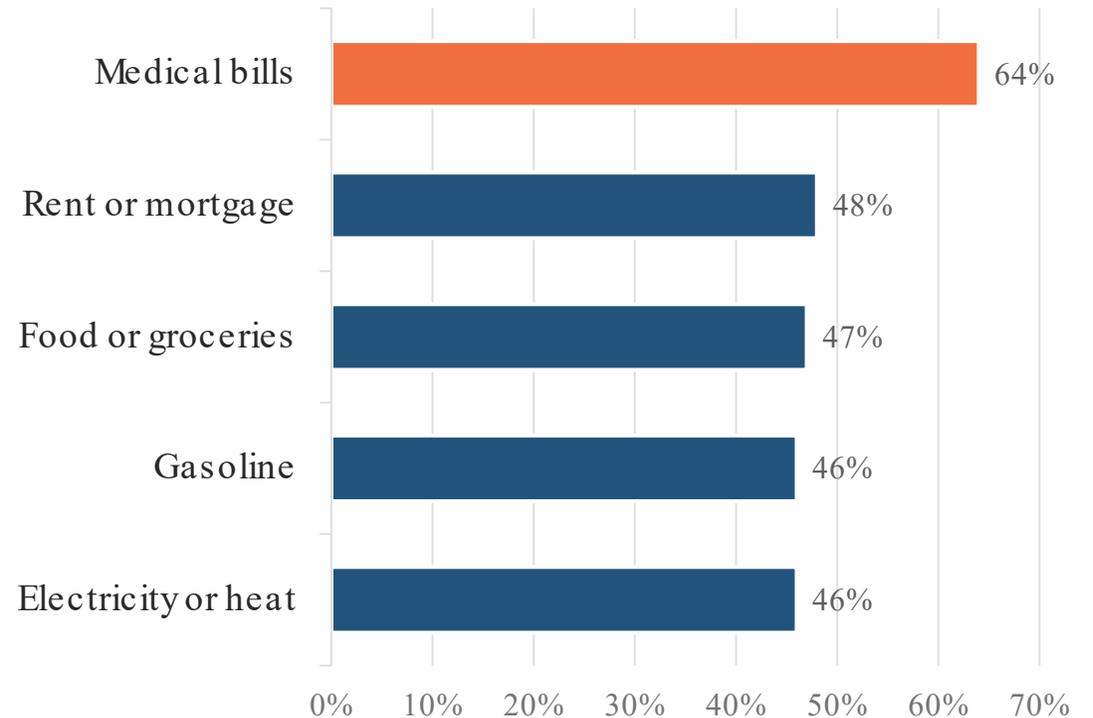
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Health Care Costs Causing Economic Hardship for Large Majority of Californians

Six in 10 Californians Skipped or Delayed Care Due to Cost Last Year

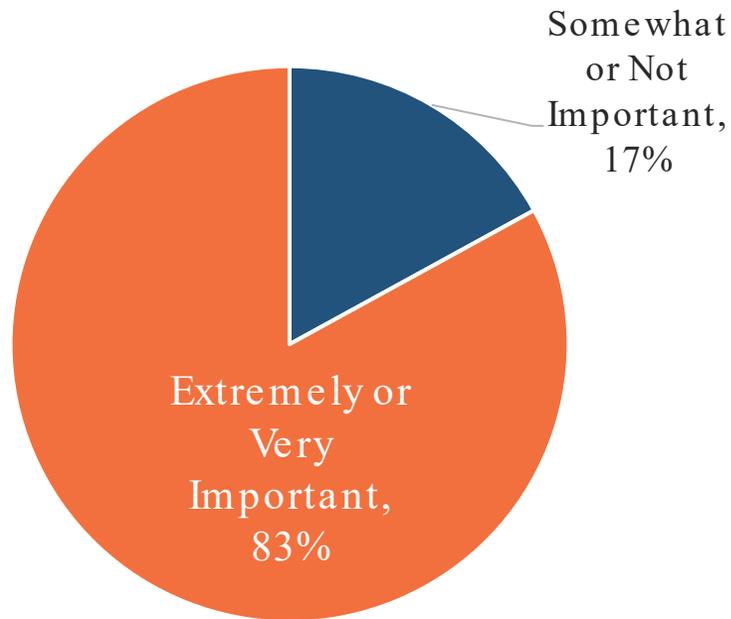


Health Care Costs are Californians' #1 Worry

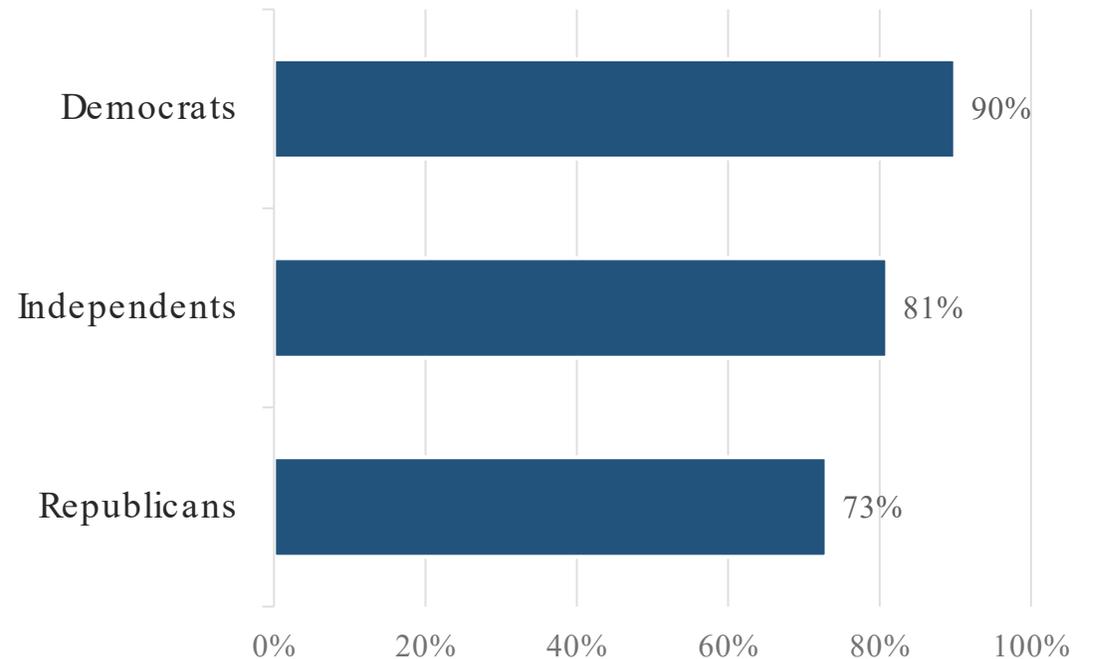


Health Care Affordability is Californians' Top Policy Priority for the Legislature and Governor in 2026

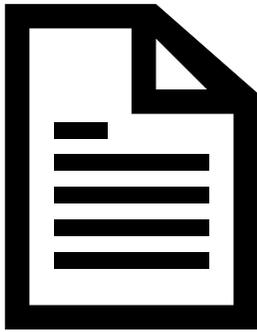
Eight in 10 Californians Say Health Care Affordability is an Important Priority



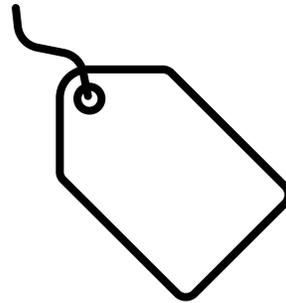
Health Care Affordability Important to Republicans, Independents, and Democrats



System-Level Drivers of the Affordability Crisis



Paperwork
(Administrative
Complexity)
28-35%



Prices
(No Competition)
26-30%



Prevention
(Not Enough
Primary Care)
14-18%