

2024 New Hampshire Prescription Drug Survey: Annotated Questionnaire

**STUDY
POPULATION:**

New Hampshire residents ages 18 and older

FIELD DATES:

June 20 through June 24, 2024

**DATA
COLLECTION
VENDOR:**

The University of New Hampshire Survey Center

**TOTAL SAMPLE
SIZE (and breakout
of any subgroups):**

Granite State panel members; n=1,104 total

**MOE or
appropriate
estimate of error:**

± 2.9 pct pts for total

NOTES:

- Data are weighted to the latest American Community Survey (ACS) estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau by age, gender, region of the state, and level of education. The data are also weighted by party registration based on the latest registration numbers provided by the New Hampshire Secretary of State and to 2020 election results in New Hampshire.
- Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding



Main Questionnaire

1. Approximately how many different prescription medications do you take regularly? (READ LIST)

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,103</i>
None	24
One prescription medication	15
Two to three prescription medications	31
Four to five prescription medications	16
Six or more prescription medications	15

2. Approximately how much do you spend out of your own pocket for prescription drugs in a typical month? (READ LIST)

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,104</i>
Nothing/ \$0	30
More than \$0 but less than \$10 per month	16
\$10 to less than \$50 per month	26
\$50 to less than \$100 per month	14
\$100 to less than \$200 per month	8
\$200 to less than \$500 per month	3
\$500 to less than \$1,000 per month	---
More than \$1,000 per month	---
Don't know /not sure	3

3. How concerned are you about being able to afford the cost of needed prescription drugs over the next two years? (READ LIST)

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,096</i>
Extremely concerned	10
Very concerned	14
Somewhat concerned	29
Not very concerned	24
Not at all concerned	21
Don't know	3



4. In the past 12 months, have you [ITEM]? [RANDOMIZE] Yes/No?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,103
Delayed getting a prescription filled because of the cost	12
Taken less medicine than prescribed to make it last longer	11
Cut back on such items as food, fuel, or electricity to afford prescription drugs	6
Decided not to fill a prescription because of the cost of the drug	11
Traveled to Canada or another country to purchase prescription drugs because they cost less	1
Decided not to go to a doctor or specialist when needed because of the cost	20
Gone to the emergency room instead of your primary physician	7
None of these	62

5. Currently, U.S. law largely prohibits people from importing prescription drugs from other countries like Canada. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose allowing American citizens to purchase drugs in Canada and bring them back to the United States? (And is that strongly or somewhat?)

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,104
Strongly support	60
Somewhat support	24
Neutral	10
Somewhat oppose	3
Strongly oppose	2
Don't know/not sure	2

6. Generally speaking, how reasonable are the prices of prescription drugs?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,103
Extremely reasonable	1
Very reasonable	3
Somewhat reasonable	13
Not very reasonable	34
Not at all reasonable	42
Don't know/not sure	8



7. To the best of your knowledge, would you support or oppose the following proposals to lower the cost of prescription drugs? **[MATRIX]** **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neutral	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
<i>Unweighted n=1,103</i>						
Establish a state-run program to import drugs from Canada	37	25	14	8	9	7
Establish upper payment limits on certain high-cost prescription drugs in New Hampshire	58	22	8	2	4	7
Allow New Hampshire to work with other states to combine their buying power and achieve a lower price on prescription drugs	69	23	4	1	2	1
Establish a state-run program to help certain individuals pay for their prescription drugs	47	21	12	8	9	3

8. New Hampshire has established a Prescription Drug Affordability Board to analyze government spending on prescription drugs, set drug spending targets for public health plans, and recommend ways to lower spending while still ensuring that patients have access to needed medications. Before today, how much, if at all, had you heard about the Prescription Drug Affordability Board?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,104</i>
A lot	---
Some	6
Not very much	14
Nothing at all	80
Don't know/not sure	---



9. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the existence of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board in New Hampshire? Is that strongly or somewhat?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,104</i>
Strongly support	33
Somewhat support	26
Somewhat oppose	21
Strongly oppose	3
Don't know	4
Refused	13

10. Generally speaking, do you think that the cost of prescription drugs in the United States is higher or lower than in other countries?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,103</i>
Much higher	72
Somewhat higher	18
About the same	1
Somewhat lower	1
Much lower	---
Don't know/not sure	8

11. Some say that drug prices in the U.S. can be lowered without harming innovation of new medicines, while others say that attempts to lower prices will result in drug companies producing fewer medicines. Generally speaking, do you think that lowering prescription drug prices will result in drug companies producing fewer medicines?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,102</i>
Definitely	5
Probably	17
Probably not	37
Definitely not	35
Don't know/not sure	6



Demographic Characteristics

We have a few final questions.

TOWN_NH: In which town or city do you live? _____

REGVOTE1. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,102</i>
Yes	95
No	4
Don't know/not sure	1

REGVOTE2. And what are you registered as?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,069</i>
Registered Democrat	32
Registered Independent/Unaffiliated/Undeclared	38
Registered Republican	29
Registered Other	---
Refused	<1%

D1. Are you now or have you been a family caregiver?

(A family caregiver is someone who provides UNPAID care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This UNPAID care may include assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, or managing finances or medical care.)

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,097</i>
Yes, I am now	11
Yes, I was a family caregiver but not right now	24
No, I am not now and have never been a caregiver	65

D2. Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from participating fully in work, school, household, or other activities?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	<i>1,100</i>
Yes	16
No	80
Don't know/refused	4



D3. Which of the following best describes your gender?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	678
Woman	53
Man	46
Transgender	---
Gender expressive	---
Prefer not to say	<1%

D4. Do you identify as LGBTQ?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,098
Yes	11
No	85
Not sure	2
Prefer not to say	2

D5. What is your current age? (Please enter a number only)

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,068
18-34	24
35-44	15
45-54	17
55-64	20
65-74	17
75 or older	7

D6. Which of the following ethnic or racial groups do you identify with? [Check all that apply]

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	676
Native American, Inuit, or Aleut	<1
Asian American/Pacific Islander	<1
African American/Black/Caribbean American	<1
Caucasian/White	96
Latino/Hispanic	<1
Other (Please specify)	3
Prefer not to say	1



D7. Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	661
Married	57
Widowed	4
Divorced	7
Separated	1
Never married	21
Living together	9

D8. What is the highest grade in school or level of education that you've completed and gotten credit for?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	676
8 th grade or less	---
Some high school	1
High school graduate (includes G.E.D.)	25
Technical school	5
Some college	28
College graduate	24
Post-graduate work	17

D9. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you ...?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	655
Employed full-time	57
Employed part-time	9
Retired or not working	28
Unemployed	4
Student	3

D10. What type of health insurance coverage do you have? (Check all that apply)

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,101
Medicare	25
Through your current employer	38
Individually purchased health insurance	14
Medicaid	5
Retiree benefit from your former employer	5
Through your spouse's current employer	13
Veterans' Administration / Military	5
Retiree benefit from your spouse's former employer	5
Other	6
You do not have health insurance	3



D11. How much total income did you and your family receive in 2023, not just from wages or salaries but from all sources, that is, before taxes and other deductions were made?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,101
Less than \$15,000	25
\$15,000-\$29,999	38
\$30,000-\$44,999	14
\$45,000-\$59,999	5
\$60,000-\$74,999	5
\$75,000-\$99,999	13
\$100,000-\$149,999	5
\$150,000-\$199,999	5
\$200,000 and over	6
Don't know/Not sure	3
Prefer not to say	8

D12. Are you currently or have you ever been a member of the U.S. Armed Forces?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,069
Yes, I currently serve in the U.S. Armed Forces	<1
Yes, I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	12
No	88

D13a. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? [ROTATE]

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,095
Democrat	31
Independent	36
Republican	27
Other party	5
Don't know/not sure	2

D13b. Would you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	430
Strong Democrat	74
Not very strong Democrat	26



D13c. Which party do you think of yourself as closer to? [ROTATE]

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	455
Democratic Party	32
Republican Party	29
Neither	36
Don't know/not sure	3

D13d. Would you consider yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	200
Strong Republican	75
Not very strong Republican	25

D14. And which of the following best describes your political ideology?

	Total (%)
<i>Unweighted n</i>	1,095
Socialist	6
Progressive	14
Liberal	12
Moderate	28
Conservative	26
Libertarian	7
Other	2
Don't know/not sure	6