

2009 Great American Physician Survey

1. My gender is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Male	54.5% (138)	58.6% (218)	59.5% (275)	78.3% (249)	86.3% (126)	64.9% (1,006)
Female	45.5% (115)	41.4% (154)	40.5% (187)	21.7% (69)	13.7% (20)	35.1% (545)
answered question	253	372	462	318	146	1,551
skipped question						26

2. My age is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
35 years old or younger	100.0% (257)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	16.3% (257)
36-45 years old	0.0% (0)	100.0% (375)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	23.8% (375)
46-55 years old	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (467)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	29.6% (467)
56-64 years old	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (326)	0.0% (0)	20.7% (326)
65 or older	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (152)	9.6% (152)
answered question	257	375	467	326	152	1,577
skipped question						0

3. My specialty is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Allergy & Immunology	0.8% (2)	1.3% (5)	1.1% (5)	1.9% (6)	0.7% (1)	1.2% (19)
Anesthesiology	0.4% (1)	0.8% (3)	0.7% (3)	0.3% (1)	1.3% (2)	0.6% (10)
Cardiology	1.6% (4)	1.1% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (3)	1.3% (2)	0.8% (13)
Dermatology	1.2% (3)	0.3% (1)	0.2% (1)	0.9% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (8)
Endocrinology	0.8% (2)	1.6% (6)	0.9% (4)	0.3% (1)	2.0% (3)	1.0% (16)
Family/General Practice	26.3% (67)	19.4% (72)	20.3% (92)	15.0% (48)	18.1% (27)	19.7% (306)
Geriatrics	0.0% (0)	0.8% (3)	0.7% (3)	0.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (8)
Internal Medicine	17.6% (45)	21.0% (78)	16.7% (76)	11.6% (37)	9.4% (14)	16.1% (250)
Neurology	0.8% (2)	0.8% (3)	0.4% (2)	1.3% (4)	2.0% (3)	0.9% (14)
Obstetrics/Gynecology	0.8% (2)	1.3% (5)	3.1% (14)	3.1% (10)	1.3% (2)	2.1% (33)
Oncology	3.5% (9)	5.6% (21)	2.2% (10)	3.8% (12)	3.4% (5)	3.7% (57)
Orthopedics	0.0% (0)	1.1% (4)	1.3% (6)	2.5% (8)	0.7% (1)	1.2% (19)
Otolaryngology	2.0% (5)	0.5% (2)	0.9% (4)	0.9% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (14)
Pediatrics	22.4% (57)	18.5% (69)	19.2% (87)	12.5% (40)	14.8% (22)	17.7% (275)
Psychiatry	7.1% (18)	9.9% (37)	20.3% (92)	28.4% (91)	37.6% (56)	19.0% (294)
	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%

	(2)	(0)	(1)	(1)	(0)	(4)
Surgery	0.0% (0)	2.7% (10)	2.9% (13)	3.8% (12)	0.7% (1)	2.3% (36)
Urology	0.0% (0)	0.8% (3)	0.2% (1)	0.6% (2)	1.3% (2)	0.5% (8)
Other	14.1% (36)	12.4% (46)	8.8% (40)	11.3% (36)	5.4% (8)	10.7% (166)
answered question	255	372	454	320	149	1,550
skipped question						27

4. My geographic region is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Northeast	29.2% (75)	30.9% (116)	29.4% (137)	26.1% (85)	32.5% (49)	29.3% (462)
Southeast	19.1% (49)	21.3% (80)	22.3% (104)	23.3% (76)	20.5% (31)	21.6% (340)
South	13.6% (35)	11.2% (42)	8.8% (41)	8.3% (27)	6.6% (10)	9.8% (155)
Midwest	19.8% (51)	17.3% (65)	18.2% (85)	20.6% (67)	16.6% (25)	18.6% (293)
West	18.3% (47)	19.2% (72)	21.2% (99)	21.8% (71)	23.8% (36)	20.6% (325)
answered question	257	375	466	326	151	1,575
skipped question						2

5. My practice is located in:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
An urban setting	45.7% (117)	40.2% (148)	33.4% (154)	37.9% (122)	53.4% (79)	39.9% (620)
A suburban setting	35.5% (91)	48.6% (179)	51.0% (235)	47.8% (154)	33.8% (50)	45.6% (709)
A rural setting	18.8% (48)	11.1% (41)	15.6% (72)	14.3% (46)	12.8% (19)	14.5% (226)
answered question	256	368	461	322	148	1,555
skipped question						22

6. I am:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
A partner/co-owner of a private practice	12.8% (33)	31.8% (119)	41.1% (191)	44.0% (143)	30.5% (46)	33.8% (532)
An employed physician in a private practice	20.2% (52)	21.7% (81)	13.1% (61)	12.9% (42)	15.2% (23)	16.5% (259)
An employed physician of a hospital or other institution	44.4% (114)	33.4% (125)	28.2% (131)	28.3% (92)	22.5% (34)	31.6% (496)
Employed in a non-clinical profession (for example, as an administrator)	5.1% (13)	2.1% (8)	4.1% (19)	1.8% (6)	4.0% (6)	3.3% (52)
Working in a clinical setting that is not identified above	16.7% (43)	9.4% (35)	12.5% (58)	11.4% (37)	13.9% (21)	12.3% (194)
Retired	0.8% (2)	1.6% (6)	1.1% (5)	1.5% (5)	13.9% (21)	2.5% (39)
answered question	257	374	465	325	151	1,572
skipped question						5

7. Including me, my practice/institution has:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
No other physicians; I work solo	10.6% (25)	23.0% (82)	26.3% (115)	35.6% (110)	45.1% (55)	26.5% (387)
Between 2 and 5 physicians	29.4% (69)	30.6% (109)	34.0% (149)	26.9% (83)	27.0% (33)	30.3% (443)
Between 6 and 10 physicians	14.0% (33)	13.2% (47)	12.3% (54)	10.4% (32)	6.6% (8)	11.9% (174)
Between 11 and 20 physicians	10.6% (25)	9.6% (34)	7.8% (34)	6.5% (20)	6.6% (8)	8.3% (121)
Between 21 and 50 physicians	9.8% (23)	7.3% (26)	6.6% (29)	6.1% (19)	5.7% (7)	7.1% (104)
Between 51 and 100 physicians	5.1% (12)	3.1% (11)	4.1% (18)	4.2% (13)	1.6% (2)	3.8% (56)
More than 100 physicians	20.4% (48)	13.2% (47)	8.9% (39)	10.4% (32)	7.4% (9)	12.0% (175)
answered question	235	356	438	309	122	1,460
skipped question						117

8. My practice uses hospitalist physicians to care for hospitalized patients.						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
True	62.4% (141)	60.9% (213)	56.7% (247)	51.8% (160)	50.4% (60)	57.0% (821)
False	37.6% (85)	39.1% (137)	43.3% (189)	48.2% (149)	49.6% (59)	43.0% (619)
answered question	226	350	436	309	119	1,440
skipped question						137

9. My practice employs non-physician clinical providers (*sometimes called physician extenders*) to help reduce physician work load without turning patients away.

		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
True		54.2% (123)	52.9% (185)	51.1% (223)	44.5% (138)	48.8% (59)	50.4% (728)
False		45.8% (104)	47.1% (165)	48.9% (213)	55.5% (172)	51.2% (62)	49.6% (716)
answered question		227	350	436	310	121	1,444
skipped question							133

10. Concerning Medicare, my practice:

		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Accepts Medicare but is considering dropping it in the next few years		3.5% (8)	9.7% (34)	11.7% (51)	8.8% (27)	10.7% (13)	9.2% (133)
Accepts Medicare and will keep doing so for the foreseeable future		70.9% (161)	67.5% (237)	58.9% (256)	63.3% (195)	64.8% (79)	64.3% (928)
Does not accept Medicare		12.3% (28)	12.8% (45)	16.3% (71)	16.9% (52)	17.2% (21)	15.0% (217)
Is closed to new Medicare patients but we still see our pre-existing Medicare patients		2.6% (6)	4.6% (16)	7.6% (33)	6.2% (19)	4.1% (5)	5.5% (79)
Not sure		10.6% (24)	5.4% (19)	5.5% (24)	4.9% (15)	3.3% (4)	6.0% (86)
answered question		227	351	435	308	122	1,443
skipped question							134

11. The <u>single-most</u> important factor in my selection of specialty was: (check one only)						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
I found it clinically stimulating	67.2% (154)	74.6% (265)	77.0% (342)	83.5% (263)	79.9% (115)	76.6% (1,139)
I liked the hours	16.2% (37)	10.4% (37)	5.9% (26)	3.2% (10)	2.8% (4)	7.7% (114)
I liked the income potential	3.9% (9)	3.9% (14)	2.5% (11)	0.3% (1)	2.1% (3)	2.6% (38)
The most important factor was something else entirely (please specify):	12.7% (29)	11.0% (39)	14.6% (65)	13.0% (41)	15.3% (22)	13.2% (196)
answered question	229	355	444	315	144	1,487
skipped question						90

12. To what extent do you agree with the following statements:							
		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
I like being a physician.	5 Strongly Agree	49.6% (113)	48.7% (172)	50.6% (222)	56.5% (177)	66.4% (95)	
	4	32.0% (73)	30.9% (109)	32.3% (142)	25.9% (81)	22.4% (32)	
	3	11.4% (26)	13.9% (49)	9.3% (41)	13.7% (43)	9.1% (13)	
	2	5.3% (12)	4.8% (17)	4.3% (19)	2.9% (9)	0.7% (1)	
	1 Strongly Disagree	1.8% (4)	1.7% (6)	3.4% (15)	1.0% (3)	1.4% (2)	
		228	353	439	313	143	1,476
I'm fairly happy with my selection of a specialty.	5 Strongly	47.8% (107)	45.6% (159)	44.3% (192)	53.8% (157)	60.3% (79)	

	Agree						
	4	34.8% (78)	33.8% (118)	31.6% (137)	26.7% (78)	24.4% (32)	
	3	10.3% (23)	15.2% (53)	14.1% (61)	13.0% (38)	9.9% (13)	
	2	5.4% (12)	3.4% (12)	4.4% (19)	4.1% (12)	3.1% (4)	
	1 Strongly Disagree	1.8% (4)	2.0% (7)	5.5% (24)	2.4% (7)	2.3% (3)	
		224	349	433	292	131	1,429
answered question		229	354	444	315	143	1,485
skipped question							92

13. Whether I currently enjoy being a physician or not, given the chance to go back in time and pick another career path, I would: (check one only)							
	My age is:					Response Totals	
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older		
Do everything roughly the way I did it the first time - I would not change much, if anything	64.2% (147)	55.2% (195)	55.3% (245)	61.4% (194)	66.0% (95)	59.0% (876)	
Choose some other career in healthcare as a nonphysician	5.2% (12)	6.5% (23)	3.6% (16)	1.9% (6)	2.8% (4)	4.1% (61)	
Choose a career in a profession other than healthcare	17.0% (39)	19.8% (70)	16.5% (73)	16.8% (53)	12.5% (18)	17.0% (253)	
Still choose to become a physician, but would select a different specialty. Specialty:	13.5% (31)	18.4% (65)	24.6% (109)	19.9% (63)	18.8% (27)	19.9% (295)	
answered question	229	353	443	316	144	1,485	
skipped question							92

14. If I had to pick one reason above all others for not becoming a physician, it is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
The compensation is not high enough	17.3% (9)	11.6% (11)	14.1% (13)	13.6% (8)	9.1% (2)	13.4% (43)
The hours are too long	17.3% (9)	11.6% (11)	10.9% (10)	8.5% (5)	0.0% (0)	10.9% (35)
The stress is too high	28.8% (15)	35.8% (34)	37.0% (34)	18.6% (11)	22.7% (5)	30.9% (99)
It is simply not as personally/professionally rewarding as I thought it would be	25.0% (13)	18.9% (18)	20.7% (19)	44.1% (26)	36.4% (8)	26.3% (84)
Other Please specify:	11.5% (6)	22.1% (21)	17.4% (16)	15.3% (9)	31.8% (7)	18.4% (59)
answered question	52	95	92	59	22	320
skipped question						1,257

15. If my own son or daughter expressed an interest in medicine and asked my opinion, I would:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Encourage them to consider becoming a physician	34.1% (78)	32.2% (114)	39.0% (173)	37.9% (119)	39.9% (57)	36.5% (541)
Encourage them to consider a different career in medicine other than becoming a physician	8.7% (20)	11.6% (41)	9.9% (44)	8.9% (28)	6.3% (9)	9.6% (142)
Discourage them from seeking a career in healthcare	7.4% (17)	14.4% (51)	11.3% (50)	11.8% (37)	10.5% (15)	11.5% (170)
Try to answer their questions without encouraging or discouraging them from any particular career choice.	49.8% (114)	42.1% (149)	39.9% (177)	41.4% (130)	43.4% (62)	42.6% (632)
answered question	229	354	444	314	143	1,484
skipped question						93

16. Please check the statement most appropriate to you:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
I'm the first person from my immediate family to become a doctor (Neither my parents nor siblings are/were physicians)	71.1% (162)	69.0% (238)	71.7% (317)	73.2% (229)	77.1% (108)	71.8% (1,054)
At least one of my parents was a physician.	16.2% (37)	17.1% (59)	12.4% (55)	13.7% (43)	12.9% (18)	14.4% (212)
Although neither of my parents were physicians, I have at least one sibling/close family member who is/was a doctor	12.7% (29)	13.9% (48)	15.8% (70)	13.1% (41)	10.0% (14)	13.8% (202)
answered question	228	345	442	313	140	1,468
skipped question						109

17. Most weeks, I work:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Less than 40 hours	14.1% (32)	14.5% (51)	13.3% (59)	17.5% (55)	41.0% (57)	17.2% (254)
Between 41-50 hours	38.3% (87)	37.3% (131)	35.7% (158)	32.8% (103)	31.7% (44)	35.5% (523)
Between 51-60 hours	26.4% (60)	25.6% (90)	27.3% (121)	30.6% (96)	18.7% (26)	26.7% (393)
Between 61-70 hours	7.9% (18)	11.7% (41)	14.4% (64)	12.1% (38)	3.6% (5)	11.3% (166)
Between 71-80 hours	9.7% (22)	5.4% (19)	5.9% (26)	4.1% (13)	2.2% (3)	5.6% (83)
More than 80 hours	3.5% (8)	5.4% (19)	3.4% (15)	2.9% (9)	2.9% (4)	3.7% (55)
answered question	227	351	443	314	139	1,474
skipped question						103

18. I wish I worked:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
More hours per week	4.0% (9)	3.7% (13)	2.3% (10)	4.2% (13)	7.1% (10)	3.8% (55)
Fewer hours per week	49.3% (111)	53.7% (187)	53.3% (234)	50.8% (159)	25.0% (35)	49.6% (726)
I'm happy with my current schedule most of the time	46.7% (105)	42.5% (148)	44.4% (195)	45.0% (141)	67.9% (95)	46.7% (684)
answered question	225	348	439	313	140	1,465
skipped question						112

19. Please check the statement most applicable to you:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
I would be willing to take a pay reduction of as much as 10 percent if my hours were reduced by 10 percent.	17.1% (37)	13.4% (45)	12.5% (54)	11.1% (33)	16.0% (21)	13.4% (190)
I would be willing take a pay reduction of as much as 20 percent if my hours were reduced by 20 percent.	12.0% (26)	11.0% (37)	9.5% (41)	8.1% (24)	10.7% (14)	10.0% (142)
I would be willing take a pay reduction of as much as 50 percent if my hours were reduced by 50 percent.	4.6% (10)	1.5% (5)	2.8% (12)	2.7% (8)	1.5% (2)	2.6% (37)
I can't or won't take a pay reduction	66.4% (144)	74.1% (249)	75.2% (324)	78.2% (233)	71.8% (94)	73.9% (1,044)
answered question	217	336	431	298	131	1,413
skipped question						164

20. Please indicate your agreement with the following statement:

I often wish I could change jobs/employers

	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Agree	32.4% (73)	38.1% (133)	32.9% (146)	30.4% (95)	18.0% (25)	32.1% (472)
Disagree	67.6% (152)	61.9% (216)	67.1% (298)	69.6% (217)	82.0% (114)	67.9% (997)
answered question	225	349	444	312	139	1,469
skipped question						108

21. The main reason I would prefer to work somewhere else is (please check only one):

	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
To get more time for my personal life	22.7% (17)	25.2% (34)	24.3% (35)	29.2% (28)	11.1% (3)	24.5% (117)
To make more money	20.0% (15)	17.8% (24)	16.7% (24)	18.8% (18)	25.9% (7)	18.4% (88)
To advance my career or partnership prospects	12.0% (9)	11.9% (16)	9.0% (13)	6.3% (6)	3.7% (1)	9.4% (45)
To live in a different geographic area	8.0% (6)	4.4% (6)	7.6% (11)	13.5% (13)	18.5% (5)	8.6% (41)
To get away from the unhealthy culture of my current workplace	32.0% (24)	32.6% (44)	31.9% (46)	19.8% (19)	25.9% (7)	29.4% (140)
Other (please specify)	5.3% (4)	8.1% (11)	10.4% (15)	12.5% (12)	14.8% (4)	9.6% (46)
answered question	75	135	144	96	27	477
skipped question						1,100

22. Under certain circumstances, I would consider switching to a so-called “concierge” practice, in which a small number of patients would pay an annual fee in exchange for extensive access to me and my practice.						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
I'm considering/have considered something like that already, or I'm already working in such a practice model	5.9% (13)	8.6% (30)	6.9% (30)	6.1% (19)	3.6% (5)	6.7% (97)
It might be worth a try, but only if it made sense economically	39.1% (86)	40.5% (141)	33.8% (146)	30.4% (94)	21.7% (30)	34.3% (497)
Such a practice is not right for me but I don't mind if other physicians do it	37.3% (82)	38.2% (133)	42.6% (184)	45.0% (139)	47.8% (66)	41.7% (604)
I think concierge practices are bad for the healthcare system, or unethical	17.7% (39)	12.6% (44)	16.7% (72)	18.4% (57)	26.8% (37)	17.2% (249)
<i>answered question</i>	220	348	432	309	138	1,447
<i>skipped question</i>						130

23. Under certain circumstances, I would consider switching to a fee-for-service-only practice that does not accept insurance.						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
I'm considering/have considered something like that already, or I'm already working in such a practice model	9.9% (22)	13.0% (45)	14.1% (61)	12.3% (38)	10.8% (15)	12.5% (181)
It might be worth a try, but only if it made sense economically	42.3% (94)	58.2% (202)	45.9% (199)	40.3% (125)	35.3% (49)	46.1% (669)
Such a practice is not right for me but I don't mind if other physicians do it	33.3% (74)	21.0% (73)	31.6% (137)	33.5% (104)	31.7% (44)	29.8% (432)
I think practices that don't accept insurance are bad for patients, or unethical	14.4% (32)	7.8% (27)	8.5% (37)	13.9% (43)	22.3% (31)	11.7% (170)
<i>answered question</i>	222	347	434	310	139	1,452
<i>skipped question</i>						125

24. I think the largest barrier to good healthcare for my patients is (please check only one):						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
A lack of adequate insurance coverage	38.5% (85)	45.8% (159)	44.1% (190)	51.3% (159)	51.1% (71)	45.9% (664)
I don't have enough time to educate them properly	26.2% (58)	21.0% (73)	17.4% (75)	13.5% (42)	14.4% (20)	18.5% (268)
They do not schedule regular preventative checkups/physicals	10.0% (22)	10.7% (37)	10.2% (44)	6.1% (19)	9.4% (13)	9.3% (135)
They don't follow my advice	16.3% (36)	11.0% (38)	13.5% (58)	8.4% (26)	6.5% (9)	11.5% (167)
Other (please specify)	9.0% (20)	11.5% (40)	14.8% (64)	20.6% (64)	18.7% (26)	14.8% (214)
answered question	221	347	431	310	139	1,448
skipped question						129

25. I am:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Married	75.4% (169)	82.7% (287)	82.3% (359)	85.1% (263)	90.0% (126)	82.7% (1,204)
Single, with a partner	9.8% (22)	6.3% (22)	6.0% (26)	4.9% (15)	5.0% (7)	6.3% (92)
Single, no partner	14.7% (33)	11.0% (38)	11.7% (51)	10.0% (31)	5.7% (8)	11.1% (161)
answered question	224	347	436	309	140	1,456
skipped question						121

26. My spouse or significant other is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
A physician (working or retired)	23.7% (45)	17.9% (55)	15.5% (60)	12.2% (34)	9.7% (13)	16.0% (207)
A nonphysician healthcare professional	17.4% (33)	23.1% (71)	27.7% (107)	32.0% (89)	31.3% (42)	26.4% (342)
Employed in a field unrelated to healthcare	39.5% (75)	33.1% (102)	32.9% (127)	28.8% (80)	16.4% (22)	31.3% (406)
A full-time homemaker	19.5% (37)	26.0% (80)	23.8% (92)	27.0% (75)	42.5% (57)	26.3% (341)
answered question	190	308	386	278	134	1,296
skipped question						281

27. Number of children in my household:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
0	48.2% (108)	23.7% (82)	22.3% (97)	41.0% (127)	64.1% (91)	34.7% (505)
1	20.5% (46)	18.2% (63)	17.2% (75)	15.8% (49)	7.0% (10)	16.7% (243)
2	22.3% (50)	37.3% (129)	34.3% (149)	22.6% (70)	16.2% (23)	28.9% (421)
3	6.3% (14)	15.6% (54)	16.8% (73)	11.3% (35)	9.2% (13)	13.0% (189)
4	2.2% (5)	3.5% (12)	6.2% (27)	7.1% (22)	3.5% (5)	4.9% (71)
5 or more	0.4% (1)	1.7% (6)	3.2% (14)	2.3% (7)	0.0% (0)	1.9% (28)
answered question	224	346	435	310	142	1,457
skipped question						120

28. Please check off the appropriate answer to this statement: *I plan/hope to have or adopt children someday.*

		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
True		63.9% (69)	28.6% (24)	7.9% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.1% (1)	19.9% (102)
False		13.0% (14)	40.5% (34)	79.2% (80)	96.9% (123)	97.8% (90)	66.6% (341)
Not sure yet		23.1% (25)	31.0% (26)	12.9% (13)	3.1% (4)	1.1% (1)	13.5% (69)
<i>answered question</i>		108	84	101	127	92	512
<i>skipped question</i>							1,065

29. Please check off the appropriate answer to this statement: *I plan/hope to have or adopt more children someday.*

		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
True		44.0% (51)	17.4% (46)	3.8% (13)	1.6% (3)	0.0% (0)	11.8% (113)
False		37.9% (44)	64.8% (171)	90.6% (307)	95.1% (174)	100.0% (52)	78.4% (748)
Not sure yet		18.1% (21)	17.8% (47)	5.6% (19)	3.3% (6)	0.0% (0)	9.7% (93)
<i>answered question</i>		116	264	339	183	52	954
<i>skipped question</i>							623

30. I don't have as much time for my personal life as I think I should have:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
True	61.7% (137)	69.4% (240)	71.7% (309)	66.2% (204)	45.6% (62)	66.0% (952)
False	38.3% (85)	30.6% (106)	28.3% (122)	33.8% (104)	54.4% (74)	34.0% (491)
<i>answered question</i>	222	346	431	308	136	1,443
<i>skipped question</i>						134

31. In a typical work week (Monday through Friday), I spend:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Fewer than 6 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	23.7% (53)	23.1% (80)	24.0% (104)	25.3% (78)	16.5% (23)	23.3% (338)
Between 7 and 10 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	29.5% (66)	36.4% (126)	35.1% (152)	30.5% (94)	29.5% (41)	33.0% (479)
More than 10 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	46.9% (105)	40.5% (140)	40.9% (177)	44.2% (136)	54.0% (75)	43.7% (633)
<i>answered question</i>	224	346	433	308	139	1,450
<i>skipped question</i>						127

32. In a typical work week, I eat dinner with my spouse and most or all of my minor children:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Just about every night	36.7% (80)	29.4% (100)	29.7% (127)	34.4% (105)	54.4% (74)	34.1% (486)
At least 5 nights	15.6% (34)	18.2% (62)	12.9% (55)	13.4% (41)	14.7% (20)	14.9% (212)
3 or 4 nights	25.2% (55)	26.5% (90)	27.4% (117)	23.9% (73)	14.7% (20)	24.9% (355)
1 or 2 nights	13.8% (30)	17.4% (59)	18.3% (78)	16.1% (49)	10.3% (14)	16.1% (230)
Hardly ever	8.7% (19)	8.5% (29)	11.7% (50)	12.1% (37)	5.9% (8)	10.0% (143)
answered question	218	340	427	305	136	1,426
skipped question						151

33. I exercise:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
At least 5 times a week	10.4% (23)	13.6% (47)	17.5% (76)	23.4% (72)	23.7% (33)	17.3% (251)
At least 3 times a week	32.6% (72)	23.8% (82)	30.0% (130)	33.1% (102)	33.1% (46)	29.9% (432)
At least once a week	20.4% (45)	26.1% (90)	21.2% (92)	16.9% (52)	19.4% (27)	21.1% (306)
I don't get much exercise	36.7% (81)	36.5% (126)	31.3% (136)	26.6% (82)	23.7% (33)	31.7% (458)
answered question	221	345	434	308	139	1,447
skipped question						130

34. The types of physical activity I regularly engage in include (check all that apply):

	My age is:					Response Totals
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	
Running/jogging	36.6% (79)	29.7% (101)	19.5% (84)	16.3% (50)	10.0% (14)	22.9% (328)
Walking	31.5% (68)	35.9% (122)	48.6% (209)	53.1% (163)	60.7% (85)	45.2% (647)
Cycling	13.9% (30)	16.5% (56)	18.1% (78)	17.3% (53)	15.7% (22)	16.7% (239)
Swimming	3.2% (7)	12.1% (41)	12.3% (53)	8.5% (26)	5.7% (8)	9.4% (135)
Weightlifting	29.2% (63)	24.7% (84)	23.5% (101)	23.1% (71)	19.3% (27)	24.1% (346)
Aerobic machines (ex: tread mill)	25.9% (56)	21.5% (73)	29.3% (126)	32.2% (99)	31.4% (44)	27.8% (398)
Aerobics/exercise classes	10.2% (22)	7.4% (25)	7.9% (34)	5.5% (17)	5.7% (8)	7.4% (106)
Yoga	7.9% (17)	7.9% (27)	7.9% (34)	8.8% (27)	1.4% (2)	7.5% (107)
Competitive sports (basketball, tennis, etc.)	12.0% (26)	9.1% (31)	8.1% (35)	4.6% (14)	2.1% (3)	7.6% (109)
I don't engage regularly in physical activity outside of work	19.9% (43)	22.1% (75)	21.6% (93)	17.6% (54)	17.1% (24)	20.2% (289)
Other (please specify)	3.7% (8)	8.8% (30)	8.1% (35)	12.1% (37)	9.3% (13)	8.6% (123)
answered question	216	340	430	307	140	1,433
skipped question						144

35. I have a regular primary-care physician.							
		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
True		53.6% (119)	54.0% (187)	65.1% (282)	69.7% (214)	82.9% (116)	63.4% (918)
False		46.4% (103)	46.0% (159)	34.9% (151)	30.3% (93)	17.1% (24)	36.6% (530)
answered question		222	346	433	307	140	1,448
skipped question							129

36. Please check off the appropriate answer to these three statements:							
		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
I get routine check-ups and follow my doctor's advise, at least most of the time	True	51.8% (115)	51.5% (176)	61.1% (266)	64.9% (196)	83.3% (115)	
	False	48.2% (107)	48.5% (166)	38.9% (169)	35.1% (106)	16.7% (23)	
		222	342	435	302	138	1,439
I eat right most of the time	True	74.3% (165)	71.9% (243)	73.7% (316)	80.3% (240)	87.3% (117)	
	False	25.7% (57)	28.1% (95)	26.3% (113)	19.7% (59)	12.7% (17)	
		222	338	429	299	134	1,422
I smoke cigarettes	True	1.4% (3)	4.4% (15)	2.3% (10)	2.7% (8)	3.0% (4)	
	False	98.6% (218)	95.6% (325)	97.7% (420)	97.3% (290)	97.0% (130)	
		221	340	430	298	134	1,423
answered question		222	342	436	303	138	1,441
skipped question							136

37. My body-mass index/body-fat percentage is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Just right	53.8% (120)	38.0% (130)	29.9% (130)	28.9% (88)	35.5% (49)	35.9% (517)
A little higher than it should be	32.7% (73)	44.4% (152)	48.0% (209)	50.3% (153)	46.4% (64)	45.1% (651)
Much higher than it should be	6.7% (15)	10.5% (36)	15.9% (69)	17.8% (54)	10.9% (15)	13.1% (189)
A little lower than it should be	3.1% (7)	3.5% (12)	3.7% (16)	1.3% (4)	2.9% (4)	3.0% (43)
Much lower than it should be	1.3% (3)	0.3% (1)	0.2% (1)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (6)
I don't what know what my BMI/body-fat percentage is	2.2% (5)	3.2% (11)	2.3% (10)	1.3% (4)	4.3% (6)	2.5% (36)
answered question	223	342	435	304	138	1,442
skipped question						135

38. Please indicate your agreement with the following statement: <i>I consider it a professional responsibility to maintain an appearance of physical health.</i>						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Agree: It's important that I set an example for my patients	93.2% (206)	92.4% (316)	88.9% (385)	88.8% (270)	87.8% (122)	90.3% (1,299)
Disagree: My clinical abilities are unrelated to my waistline	6.8% (15)	7.6% (26)	11.1% (48)	11.2% (34)	12.2% (17)	9.7% (140)
answered question	221	342	433	304	139	1,439
skipped question						138

39. Physically, here's how I would describe how I feel most of time:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Terrific. I have lots of energy and rarely feel run-down	18.5% (41)	17.5% (60)	14.5% (63)	17.0% (52)	18.7% (26)	16.8% (242)
Not bad. I'd say I feel better than most people my age	35.1% (78)	35.4% (121)	40.5% (176)	49.5% (151)	58.3% (81)	42.1% (607)
Fair. I'm a bit tired and stressed, but that's to be expected	39.6% (88)	38.0% (130)	31.5% (137)	21.6% (66)	15.8% (22)	30.7% (443)
Poor. I'm exhausted much of the time, and I have other symptoms that concern me	5.0% (11)	5.3% (18)	6.7% (29)	6.2% (19)	0.0% (0)	5.3% (77)
Very poor. Let's just say I wish you hadn't asked	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	1.1% (5)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (7)
I have a diagnosed chronic illness, but I'm getting treated and feel about the way I should under the circumstances.	1.4% (3)	3.5% (12)	4.6% (20)	4.3% (13)	5.8% (8)	3.9% (56)
I have a diagnosed chronic illness, and the treatment is not going well, or I'm not getting any.	0.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.1% (5)	1.0% (3)	1.4% (2)	0.8% (11)
answered question	222	342	435	305	139	1,443
skipped question						134

40. Emotionally, here's how I would describe how I feel most of time:

	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Terrific. I almost couldn't be happier.	16.8% (37)	11.2% (38)	8.1% (35)	8.6% (26)	14.5% (20)	10.9% (156)
Not bad. I think I'm happier and better-adjusted than most people	43.6% (96)	46.2% (156)	44.5% (192)	47.8% (144)	58.7% (81)	46.8% (669)
About average. I have ups and downs like most people.	27.7% (61)	29.9% (101)	29.7% (128)	30.2% (91)	21.0% (29)	28.7% (410)
A little below average. I feel sad or run-down more often than I probably should	9.1% (20)	11.5% (39)	13.5% (58)	9.3% (28)	5.1% (7)	10.6% (152)
Poor. I feel sad or run-down much more often than I probably should	2.7% (6)	1.2% (4)	4.2% (18)	4.0% (12)	0.7% (1)	2.9% (41)
<i>answered question</i>	220	338	431	301	138	1,428
<i>skipped question</i>						149

41. Asked to characterize how happy I am, on a 1-10 scale (10 being extremely happy, 1 being very depressed), I would say:

		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Level of happiness	Happy 10	12.7% (28)	5.4% (18)	3.3% (14)	8.0% (24)	5.8% (8)	
	9	21.4% (47)	20.2% (67)	19.7% (83)	18.4% (55)	32.1% (44)	
	8	29.5% (65)	29.3% (97)	33.6% (142)	33.1% (99)	37.2% (51)	
	7	17.3% (38)	23.3% (77)	16.6% (70)	17.7% (53)	13.9% (19)	
	6	8.2% (18)	9.4% (31)	8.1% (34)	8.4% (25)	5.1% (7)	
	5	5.9% (13)	6.9% (23)	6.9% (29)	3.3% (10)	2.2% (3)	
	4	2.7% (6)	3.6% (12)	6.2% (26)	5.7% (17)	2.2% (3)	
	3	1.4% (3)	1.5% (5)	4.0% (17)	3.7% (11)	0.0% (0)	
	2	0.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.2% (5)	0.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	
	1 Depressed	0.5% (1)	0.3% (1)	0.5% (2)	1.0% (3)	1.5% (2)	
rating average		7.72 (220)	7.44 (331)	7.18 (422)	7.38 (299)	7.94 (137)	7.44 (1,409)
answered question		220	331	422	299	137	1,409
skipped question						168	

42. The happiest time in my life was/is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Right now	32.9% (72)	28.3% (96)	23.7% (102)	25.7% (78)	29.5% (41)	27.2% (389)
Earlier in my career	5.5% (12)	9.4% (32)	17.7% (76)	25.7% (78)	29.5% (41)	16.7% (239)
During medical school or residency	7.8% (17)	10.3% (35)	8.6% (37)	5.9% (18)	2.2% (3)	7.7% (110)
When I was in college	16.0% (35)	15.3% (52)	11.4% (49)	10.9% (33)	5.8% (8)	12.4% (177)
When I was in high school	4.1% (9)	4.4% (15)	4.7% (20)	4.3% (13)	1.4% (2)	4.1% (59)
When I was a child	6.8% (15)	6.2% (21)	4.2% (18)	2.6% (8)	0.0% (0)	4.3% (62)
I'm hoping some future time in my life will be happy	7.3% (16)	6.5% (22)	6.7% (29)	3.6% (11)	2.2% (3)	5.7% (81)
I've always been pretty happy	19.6% (43)	19.5% (66)	23.0% (99)	21.4% (65)	29.5% (41)	21.9% (314)
answered question	219	339	430	304	139	1,431
skipped question						146

43. In last year's presidential election, I voted for:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Barack Obama, Democrat	50.2% (110)	47.6% (161)	46.6% (198)	52.2% (155)	54.0% (74)	49.3% (698)
John McCain, Republican	23.3% (51)	36.1% (122)	40.2% (171)	38.0% (113)	36.5% (50)	35.8% (507)
A different candidate	1.4% (3)	0.6% (2)	2.1% (9)	1.7% (5)	2.9% (4)	1.6% (23)
I did not vote	25.1% (55)	15.7% (53)	11.1% (47)	8.1% (24)	6.6% (9)	13.3% (188)
answered question	219	338	425	297	137	1,416
skipped question						161

44. For Congress, I voted:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Mainly Democrat	35.9% (79)	37.6% (126)	36.2% (154)	42.6% (127)	48.1% (65)	39.0% (551)
Mainly Republican	26.8% (59)	34.3% (115)	35.5% (151)	34.9% (104)	28.9% (39)	33.1% (468)
A mix of each	9.5% (21)	12.2% (41)	16.9% (72)	13.4% (40)	15.6% (21)	13.8% (195)
I voted for other parties' candidates	0.9% (2)	0.3% (1)	0.5% (2)	0.3% (1)	1.5% (2)	0.6% (8)
I did not vote	26.8% (59)	15.5% (52)	10.8% (46)	8.7% (26)	5.9% (8)	13.5% (191)
answered question	220	335	425	298	135	1,413
skipped question						164

45. In general, I'd characterize my political views as:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Very liberal	8.1% (18)	5.7% (19)	5.6% (24)	9.7% (29)	7.3% (10)	7.1% (100)
Liberal	20.8% (46)	14.4% (48)	14.1% (60)	16.4% (49)	16.8% (23)	16.0% (226)
Moderately liberal/center-left	14.9% (33)	17.1% (57)	15.3% (65)	15.4% (46)	21.9% (30)	16.3% (231)
Middle-of-the-road; I don't lean left or right	12.7% (28)	15.3% (51)	13.1% (56)	12.4% (37)	11.7% (16)	13.3% (188)
Moderately conservative/center-right	9.5% (21)	13.2% (44)	16.4% (70)	13.4% (40)	13.9% (19)	13.7% (194)
Conservative	10.0% (22)	17.7% (59)	14.3% (61)	16.7% (50)	18.2% (25)	15.3% (217)
Very conservative	5.0% (11)	5.1% (17)	6.3% (27)	5.4% (16)	4.4% (6)	5.4% (77)
I consider myself liberal on social issues but fiscally conservative.	14.5% (32)	9.6% (32)	13.6% (58)	10.7% (32)	5.8% (8)	11.4% (162)
I consider myself liberal on economic issues but socially conservative.	4.5% (10)	1.8% (6)	1.2% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.5% (21)
<i>answered question</i>	221	333	426	299	137	1,416
<i>skipped question</i>						161

46. I am a registered:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Democrat	33.0% (71)	29.0% (97)	34.8% (147)	40.1% (120)	33.3% (45)	34.2% (480)
Republican	23.7% (51)	31.4% (105)	33.2% (140)	29.4% (88)	31.9% (43)	30.4% (427)
Independent	22.8% (49)	23.7% (79)	22.0% (93)	24.1% (72)	26.7% (36)	23.4% (329)
Green	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	0.7% (1)	0.1% (2)
Libertarian	0.9% (2)	0.9% (3)	1.2% (5)	0.7% (2)	2.2% (3)	1.1% (15)
I'm not registered to vote	19.5% (42)	15.0% (50)	8.8% (37)	5.4% (16)	5.2% (7)	10.8% (152)
<i>answered question</i>	215	334	422	299	135	1,405
<i>skipped question</i>						172

47. Concerning the outcome of the recent elections for president and Congress, I would describe myself as:

	My age is:					Response Totals
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	
Overjoyed	21.4% (47)	21.6% (73)	19.3% (82)	18.5% (56)	22.5% (31)	20.3% (289)
Generally pleased, but with reservations	40.0% (88)	31.1% (105)	28.9% (123)	35.1% (106)	28.3% (39)	32.4% (461)
Not sure; I'm taking a wait-and-see attitude	23.2% (51)	22.2% (75)	24.7% (105)	20.9% (63)	24.6% (34)	23.0% (328)
Generally displeased, but with room for optimism	9.1% (20)	11.5% (39)	12.7% (54)	9.9% (30)	13.8% (19)	11.4% (162)
Deeply disappointed	6.4% (14)	13.6% (46)	14.4% (61)	15.6% (47)	10.9% (15)	12.9% (183)
<i>answered question</i>	220	338	425	302	138	1,423
<i>skipped question</i>						154

48. I would describe my level of political activity as:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Very active. I usually volunteer on campaigns/raise or give money to candidates/organize political events	3.2% (7)	3.0% (10)	5.6% (24)	6.0% (18)	4.3% (6)	4.6% (65)
Somewhat active. I have occasionally volunteered time or donated money to a political candidate or organization. Sometimes I attend political rallies.	15.9% (35)	18.3% (62)	25.1% (107)	25.8% (77)	21.7% (30)	21.9% (311)
Moderately involved. I pay attention, and I vote. But otherwise I leave the politicking to others.	49.5% (109)	55.6% (188)	55.2% (235)	52.5% (157)	60.9% (84)	54.4% (773)
Not very involved. I usually just vote for whomever my party has nominated and don't pay much attention beyond that.	15.0% (33)	13.3% (45)	5.6% (24)	10.0% (30)	7.2% (10)	10.0% (142)
Hardly at all. I usually don't vote.	16.4% (36)	9.8% (33)	8.5% (36)	5.7% (17)	5.8% (8)	9.1% (130)
<i>answered question</i>	220	338	426	299	138	1,421
<i>skipped question</i>						156

49. Please rank these issues in terms of importance to you:

		My age is:					
		35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Iraq/Afghanistan	5 Extremely Important	19.3% (42)	26.5% (88)	32.4% (135)	48.5% (145)	43.2% (60)	
	4	36.7% (80)	38.6% (128)	36.7% (153)	34.4% (103)	41.0% (57)	
	3	27.5% (60)	20.8% (69)	24.0% (100)	12.0% (36)	9.4% (13)	
	2	10.6% (23)	9.9% (33)	5.0% (21)	4.7% (14)	2.9% (4)	
	1 Not at all important	6.0% (13)	4.2% (14)	1.9% (8)	0.3% (1)	3.6% (5)	
		218	332	417	299	139	1,405
Terrorism	5 Extremely Important	25.6% (56)	33.3% (110)	42.8% (179)	55.6% (165)	56.2% (77)	
	4	32.0% (70)	34.2% (113)	31.1% (130)	26.6% (79)	27.0% (37)	
	3	26.9% (59)	23.0% (76)	17.5% (73)	11.8% (35)	12.4% (17)	
	2	11.9% (26)	7.6% (25)	6.5% (27)	5.7% (17)	4.4% (6)	
	1 Not at all important	3.7% (8)	1.8% (6)	2.2% (9)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	
		219	330	418	297	137	1,401
The economy	5 Extremely Important	71.7% (157)	80.5% (269)	85.7% (361)	90.0% (269)	91.4% (127)	
	4	21.9% (48)	15.3% (51)	10.7% (45)	8.0% (24)	6.5% (9)	
		5.0%	4.2%	3.3%	2.0%	2.2%	

		(11)	(14)	(14)	(6)	(3)	
	2	0.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	
	1 Not at all important	0.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	
		219	334	421	299	139	1,412
Healthcare reform	5 Extremely Important	68.5% (150)	66.4% (221)	61.4% (258)	65.7% (197)	68.1% (92)	
	4	21.5% (47)	23.1% (77)	22.4% (94)	22.0% (66)	22.2% (30)	
	3	7.8% (17)	6.9% (23)	12.4% (52)	8.7% (26)	7.4% (10)	
	2	1.4% (3)	2.7% (9)	2.4% (10)	2.7% (8)	2.2% (3)	
	1 Not at all important	0.9% (2)	0.9% (3)	1.4% (6)	1.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	
		219	333	420	300	135	1,407
Education reform	5 Extremely Important	46.3% (100)	44.6% (148)	31.7% (133)	34.7% (103)	31.4% (43)	
	4	32.4% (70)	33.1% (110)	36.3% (152)	35.7% (106)	43.8% (60)	
	3	15.3% (33)	15.7% (52)	23.2% (97)	19.2% (57)	19.0% (26)	
	2	4.2% (9)	5.1% (17)	5.7% (24)	7.4% (22)	3.6% (5)	
	1 Not at all important	1.9% (4)	1.5% (5)	3.1% (13)	3.0% (9)	2.2% (3)	
		216	332	419	297	137	1,401
Preserving or altering laws on abortion	5 Extremely Important	16.5% (36)	19.0% (63)	24.9% (104)	27.9% (83)	27.3% (36)	
	4	21.6% (47)	25.4% (84)	17.5% (73)	20.8% (62)	25.8% (34)	

	3	28.0% (61)	26.3% (87)	26.1% (109)	25.8% (77)	18.9% (25)	
	2	14.7% (32)	14.8% (49)	14.6% (61)	12.8% (38)	15.2% (20)	
	1 Not at all important	19.3% (42)	14.5% (48)	16.8% (70)	12.8% (38)	12.9% (17)	
		218	331	417	298	132	1,396
Preserving or altering laws on civil marriage	5 Extremely Important	14.7% (32)	17.6% (58)	18.7% (78)	22.0% (65)	14.2% (19)	
	4	19.4% (42)	22.1% (73)	17.5% (73)	16.2% (48)	26.9% (36)	
	3	29.0% (63)	23.6% (78)	25.8% (108)	29.7% (88)	20.9% (28)	
	2	17.1% (37)	15.8% (52)	14.8% (62)	17.9% (53)	13.4% (18)	
	1 Not at all important	19.8% (43)	20.9% (69)	23.2% (97)	14.2% (42)	24.6% (33)	
		217	330	418	296	134	1,395
Preserving or altering laws on gun- control	5 Extremely Important	17.4% (38)	22.4% (74)	26.1% (109)	32.2% (96)	32.1% (43)	
	4	26.5% (58)	26.9% (89)	27.0% (113)	23.2% (69)	21.6% (29)	
	3	30.6% (67)	28.1% (93)	23.7% (99)	28.5% (85)	24.6% (33)	
	2	14.2% (31)	11.8% (39)	10.5% (44)	10.4% (31)	11.9% (16)	
	1 Not at all important	11.4% (25)	10.9% (36)	12.7% (53)	5.7% (17)	9.7% (13)	
		219	331	418	298	134	1,400
Environment/Global warming	5 Extremely Important	27.9% (61)	33.0% (109)	30.5% (127)	33.2% (99)	39.4% (54)	

	4	32.0% (70)	28.8% (95)	31.2% (130)	27.5% (82)	27.0% (37)	
	3	25.1% (55)	21.8% (72)	17.7% (74)	18.1% (54)	13.9% (19)	
	2	8.2% (18)	7.6% (25)	10.8% (45)	9.7% (29)	9.5% (13)	
	1 Not at all important	6.8% (15)	8.8% (29)	9.8% (41)	11.4% (34)	10.2% (14)	
		219	330	417	298	137	1,401
Crime	5 Extremely Important	25.8% (56)	33.5% (110)	34.3% (141)	42.7% (126)	41.6% (57)	
	4	38.7% (84)	40.2% (132)	37.0% (152)	30.2% (89)	32.1% (44)	
	3	28.1% (61)	21.6% (71)	22.4% (92)	19.3% (57)	23.4% (32)	
	2	6.0% (13)	3.7% (12)	4.9% (20)	7.5% (22)	2.2% (3)	
	1 Not at all important	1.4% (3)	0.9% (3)	1.5% (6)	0.3% (1)	0.7% (1)	
		217	328	411	295	137	1,388
Other (please specify)		4	15	28	28	13	88
answered question		220	335	422	300	139	1,416
skipped question							161

50. Concerning healthcare, I think America's current system is:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
In need of fundamental reform	55.4% (118)	55.6% (183)	55.3% (234)	58.4% (174)	61.2% (85)	56.6% (794)
In some trouble, but could be fixed without a major overhaul	27.2% (58)	23.7% (78)	24.1% (102)	24.5% (73)	18.0% (25)	24.0% (336)
In some trouble, but any changes should be made by the marketplace, without government intervention	15.5% (33)	19.5% (64)	19.9% (84)	16.8% (50)	20.9% (29)	18.5% (260)
Just fine the way it is; don't change a thing	1.9% (4)	1.2% (4)	0.7% (3)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (12)
answered question	213	329	423	298	139	1,402
skipped question						175

51. If it were up to me, I'd like the American healthcare system to be:						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
A government-run single-payer system like Canada's, without private health insurers of any kind.	16.8% (36)	14.1% (46)	14.0% (59)	15.7% (47)	28.1% (39)	16.2% (227)
A system in which all citizens are required to have insurance. Employer-based insurance plans would be obsolete; everyone would have their own health plan, either through an existing government plan (like Medicare), or through a private plan, with premiums paid for primarily by the government.	24.3% (52)	21.4% (70)	21.6% (91)	25.8% (77)	23.7% (33)	23.1% (323)
A system in which all citizens are required to have private insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. People who get insurance through work would keep it; those who don't could qualify for government subsidies, depending on their income.	30.4% (65)	30.9% (101)	31.5% (133)	28.8% (86)	23.0% (32)	29.8% (417)
A system in which all citizens are encouraged to have insurance but not required to. People who don't have insurance could qualify for government subsidies.	11.7% (25)	15.3% (50)	12.3% (52)	12.4% (37)	8.6% (12)	12.6% (176)

A system that uses tax incentives and market-based reforms to widen insurance coverage, but otherwise leaves the system as-is.	6.5% (14)	9.5% (31)	13.0% (55)	11.7% (35)	7.9% (11)	10.4% (146)
Our current system; I wouldn't change a thing.	2.8% (6)	0.6% (2)	0.7% (3)	0.7% (2)	1.4% (2)	1.1% (15)
None of the above	7.5% (16)	8.3% (27)	6.9% (29)	5.0% (15)	7.2% (10)	6.9% (97)
answered question	214	327	422	299	139	1,401
skipped question						176

52. Other healthcare reforms I'd like to see include (check all that apply):						
	My age is:					Response Totals
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	
Financial incentives/loan forgiveness to young doctors, to encourage more people to enter medical school	68.5% (146)	67.2% (215)	51.3% (215)	51.9% (154)	57.7% (79)	58.4% (809)
Tort reform to reduce malpractice lawsuits	82.2% (175)	85.0% (272)	90.7% (380)	89.6% (266)	81.0% (111)	86.9% (1,204)
Quality-of-care initiatives to reduce medical errors, hospital infection rates, etc.	55.9% (119)	55.3% (177)	59.2% (248)	57.2% (170)	66.4% (91)	58.1% (805)
Other (please specify)	9.9% (21)	11.6% (37)	16.9% (71)	19.9% (59)	14.6% (20)	15.0% (208)
answered question	213	320	419	297	137	1,386
skipped question						191

53. Here's what I would like to tell [_____] about the life and work of a modern physician						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
my spouse	12.5% (17)	7.1% (17)	4.7% (14)	4.2% (9)	3.1% (3)	6.1% (60)
my kids	16.2% (22)	17.0% (41)	15.2% (45)	9.3% (20)	12.4% (12)	14.2% (140)
my patients	16.9% (23)	18.3% (44)	14.9% (44)	7.0% (15)	10.3% (10)	13.8% (136)
politicians	16.2% (22)	17.4% (42)	23.3% (69)	33.6% (72)	13.4% (13)	22.2% (218)
the general public	34.6% (47)	36.5% (88)	34.1% (101)	39.7% (85)	43.3% (42)	36.9% (363)
other physicians	3.7% (5)	3.7% (9)	7.8% (23)	6.1% (13)	17.5% (17)	6.8% (67)
Here's what i'd like to say about the life of a modern physician (list the good and the bad and your overall assessment).	116	226	293	210	99	944
answered question	136	241	296	214	97	984
skipped question						593

54. Here's what I would like to tell [_____] about the life and work of a modern physician						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
my spouse	12.3% (9)	12.3% (20)	11.0% (23)	7.3% (11)	4.7% (3)	10.0% (66)
my kids	16.4% (12)	16.7% (27)	13.3% (28)	14.0% (21)	12.5% (8)	14.6% (96)
my patients	16.4% (12)	17.9% (29)	16.2% (34)	15.3% (23)	12.5% (8)	16.1% (106)
politicians	17.8% (13)	22.2% (36)	24.3% (51)	28.0% (42)	29.7% (19)	24.4% (161)
the general public	27.4% (20)	20.4% (33)	23.8% (50)	25.3% (38)	25.0% (16)	23.8% (157)
other physicians	9.6% (7)	10.5% (17)	11.4% (24)	10.0% (15)	15.6% (10)	11.1% (73)
Here's what i'd like to say about the life of a modern physician (list the good and the bad and your overall assessment).	62	154	198	148	66	628
answered question	73	162	210	150	64	659
skipped question						918

55. Here's what I would like to tell [_____] about the life and work of a modern physician						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
my spouse	3.8% (2)	9.8% (12)	11.8% (16)	10.1% (11)	11.3% (6)	9.9% (47)
my kids	9.4% (5)	14.8% (18)	12.5% (17)	18.3% (20)	5.7% (3)	13.3% (63)
my patients	18.9% (10)	15.6% (19)	16.2% (22)	16.5% (18)	18.9% (10)	16.7% (79)
politicians	26.4% (14)	26.2% (32)	20.6% (28)	15.6% (17)	15.1% (8)	20.9% (99)
the general public	30.2% (16)	10.7% (13)	27.2% (37)	20.2% (22)	34.0% (18)	22.4% (106)
other physicians	11.3% (6)	23.0% (28)	11.8% (16)	19.3% (21)	15.1% (8)	16.7% (79)
Here's what i'd like to say about the life of a modern physician (list the good and the bad and your overall assessment).	43	113	132	110	54	452
answered question	53	122	136	109	53	473
skipped question						1,104

56. Would you be willing to be contacted by a writer to be interviewed for the article that will accompany the data we publish?						
	My age is:					
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	Response Totals
Yes	36.0% (68)	49.5% (142)	54.4% (199)	63.0% (160)	55.3% (63)	52.2% (632)
No	64.0% (121)	50.5% (145)	45.6% (167)	37.0% (94)	44.7% (51)	47.8% (578)
answered question	189	287	366	254	114	1,210
skipped question						367

57. Thank you for your participation! To enter the drawing to win a \$500 Visa gift card, please provide us with your contact information below.

	My age is:					Response Totals
	35 years old or younger	36-45 years old	46-55 years old	56-64 years old	65 or older	
Name:	99.5% (198)	99.3% (300)	99.7% (372)	100.0% (263)	100.0% (115)	99.7% (1,248)
Company:	48.7% (97)	55.3% (167)	55.0% (205)	54.0% (142)	55.7% (64)	53.9% (675)
Address:	95.5% (190)	98.3% (297)	98.4% (367)	100.0% (263)	99.1% (114)	98.3% (1,231)
Address 2:	22.1% (44)	20.9% (63)	16.6% (62)	22.4% (59)	13.0% (15)	19.4% (243)
City/Town:	96.5% (192)	99.7% (301)	98.4% (367)	100.0% (263)	98.3% (113)	98.7% (1,236)
State:	97.5% (194)	99.7% (301)	98.7% (368)	100.0% (263)	97.4% (112)	98.9% (1,238)
ZIP/Postal Code:	97.5% (194)	99.7% (301)	98.7% (368)	100.0% (263)	97.4% (112)	98.9% (1,238)
Country:	93.0% (185)	91.4% (276)	92.5% (345)	96.6% (254)	95.7% (110)	93.5% (1,170)
Email Address:	98.0% (195)	97.4% (294)	96.2% (359)	97.0% (255)	99.1% (114)	97.2% (1,217)
Phone Number:	81.4% (162)	88.1% (266)	89.5% (334)	94.3% (248)	93.0% (107)	89.2% (1,117)
<i>answered question</i>	199	302	373	263	115	1,252
<i>skipped question</i>						325