

2009 Great American Physician Survey

1. My gender is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Male	100.0% (1,013)	0.0% (0)	64.9% (1,013)
Female	0.0% (0)	100.0% (547)	35.1% (547)
<i>answered question</i>	1,013	547	1,560
<i>skipped question</i>			0

2. My age is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
35 years old or younger	13.7% (138)	21.1% (115)	16.3% (253)
36-45 years old	21.7% (218)	28.3% (154)	24.0% (372)
46-55 years old	27.3% (275)	34.3% (187)	29.8% (462)
56-64 years old	24.8% (249)	12.7% (69)	20.5% (318)
65 or older	12.5% (126)	3.7% (20)	9.4% (146)
<i>answered question</i>	1,006	545	1,551
<i>skipped question</i>			9

3. My specialty is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Allergy & Immunology	1.0% (10)	1.7% (9)	1.2% (19)
Anesthesiology	0.9% (9)	0.2% (1)	0.7% (10)
Cardiology	1.1% (11)	0.4% (2)	0.8% (13)
Dermatology	0.1% (1)	1.3% (7)	0.5% (8)
Endocrinology	1.0% (10)	1.1% (6)	1.0% (16)
Family/General Practice	20.0% (199)	19.5% (105)	19.8% (304)
Geriatrics	0.6% (6)	0.4% (2)	0.5% (8)
Internal Medicine	16.0% (159)	16.3% (88)	16.1% (247)
Neurology	0.9% (9)	0.9% (5)	0.9% (14)
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1.7% (17)	3.5% (19)	2.3% (36)
Oncology	4.3% (43)	2.4% (13)	3.7% (56)
Orthopedics	1.7% (17)	0.4% (2)	1.2% (19)
Otolaryngology	1.2% (12)	0.4% (2)	0.9% (14)
Pediatrics	13.7% (136)	24.5% (132)	17.5% (268)
Psychiatry	21.5% (214)	14.1% (76)	18.9% (290)
Radiology	0.4% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (4)

Surgery	2.8% (28)	1.5% (8)	2.3% (36)
Urology	0.8% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (8)
Other	10.2% (101)	11.5% (62)	10.6% (163)
answered question	994	539	1,533
skipped question			27

4. My geographic region is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Northeast	29.7% (301)	28.5% (156)	29.3% (457)
Southeast	23.4% (237)	19.2% (105)	21.9% (342)
South	9.0% (91)	11.9% (65)	10.0% (156)
Midwest	17.3% (175)	20.3% (111)	18.3% (286)
West	20.6% (208)	20.1% (110)	20.4% (318)
answered question	1,012	547	1,559
skipped question			1

5. My practice is located in:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
An urban setting	40.6% (408)	38.5% (205)	39.9% (613)
A suburban setting	45.1% (453)	47.1% (251)	45.8% (704)
A rural setting	14.3% (144)	14.4% (77)	14.4% (221)
answered question	1,005	533	1,538
skipped question			22

6. I am:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
A partner/co-owner of a private practice	36.8% (372)	29.1% (158)	34.1% (530)
An employed physician in a private practice	15.3% (155)	18.4% (100)	16.4% (255)
An employed physician of a hospital or other institution	32.9% (333)	29.1% (158)	31.6% (491)
Employed in a non-clinical profession (for example, as an administrator)	2.5% (25)	4.8% (26)	3.3% (51)
Working in a clinical setting that is not identified above	10.4% (105)	15.7% (85)	12.2% (190)
Retired	2.2% (22)	2.9% (16)	2.4% (38)
answered question	1,012	543	1,555
skipped question			5

7. Including me, my practice/institution has:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
No other physicians; I work solo	27.5% (262)	24.6% (122)	26.5% (384)
Between 2 and 5 physicians	28.8% (274)	33.5% (166)	30.4% (440)
Between 6 and 10 physicians	12.6% (120)	10.5% (52)	11.9% (172)
Between 11 and 20 physicians	8.4% (80)	8.1% (40)	8.3% (120)
Between 21 and 50 physicians	6.7% (64)	7.9% (39)	7.1% (103)
Between 51 and 100 physicians	4.0% (38)	3.6% (18)	3.9% (56)
More than 100 physicians	12.0% (114)	11.7% (58)	11.9% (172)
<i>answered question</i>	952	495	1,447
<i>skipped question</i>			113

8. My practice uses hospitalist physicians to care for hospitalized patients.			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
True	56.2% (527)	57.6% (283)	56.7% (810)
False	43.8% (410)	42.4% (208)	43.3% (618)
<i>answered question</i>	937	491	1,428
<i>skipped question</i>			132

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

	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
True	51.5% (484)	48.3% (237)	50.4% (721)
False	48.5% (456)	51.7% (254)	49.6% (710)
<i>answered question</i>	940	491	1,431
<i>skipped question</i>			129

10. Concerning Medicare, my practice:

	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Accepts Medicare but is considering dropping it in the next few years	10.7% (101)	6.4% (31)	9.2% (132)
Accepts Medicare and will keep doing so for the foreseeable future	65.0% (612)	62.9% (307)	64.3% (919)
Does not accept Medicare	13.7% (129)	17.6% (86)	15.0% (215)
Is closed to new Medicare patients but we still see our pre-existing Medicare patients	5.5% (52)	5.9% (29)	5.7% (81)
Not sure	5.1% (48)	7.2% (35)	5.8% (83)
<i>answered question</i>	942	488	1,430
<i>skipped question</i>			130

11. The <u>single-most</u> important factor in my selection of specialty was: (check one only)				
		My gender is:		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
I found it clinically stimulating		78.1% (760)	73.4% (367)	76.5% (1,127)
I liked the hours		7.4% (72)	8.4% (42)	7.7% (114)
I liked the income potential		2.9% (28)	2.0% (10)	2.6% (38)
The most important factor was something else entirely (please specify):		11.6% (113)	16.2% (81)	13.2% (194)
answered question		973	500	1,473
		skipped question		87

12. To what extent do you agree with the following statements:				
		My gender is:		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
I like being a physician.	5 Strongly Agree	52.8% (511)	51.7% (256)	
	4	29.3% (283)	30.9% (153)	
	3	11.6% (112)	12.1% (60)	
	2	4.1% (40)	3.4% (17)	
	1 Strongly Disagree	2.2% (21)	1.8% (9)	
		967	495	1,462
I'm fairly happy with my selection of a specialty.	5 Strongly Agree	49.0% (458)	47.5% (229)	

	4	29.9% (280)	33.4% (161)	
	3	12.8% (120)	13.9% (67)	
	2	4.6% (43)	3.1% (15)	
	1 Strongly Disagree	3.6% (34)	2.1% (10)	
		935	482	1,417
answered question		973	497	1,470
			skipped question	90

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 gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Do everything roughly the way I did it the first time - I would not change much, if anything	58.6% (571)	59.3% (294)	58.8% (865)
Choose some other career in healthcare as a nonphysician	2.9% (28)	6.7% (33)	4.1% (61)
Choose a career in a profession other than healthcare	19.2% (187)	12.9% (64)	17.1% (251)
Still choose to become a physician, but would select a different specialty. Specialty:	19.3% (188)	21.2% (105)	19.9% (293)
answered question	974	496	1,470
			skipped question
			90

14. If I had to pick one reason above all others for not becoming a physician, it is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
The compensation is not high enough	16.5% (36)	7.0% (7)	13.5% (43)
The hours are too long	8.7% (19)	16.0% (16)	11.0% (35)
The stress is too high	28.0% (61)	37.0% (37)	30.8% (98)
It is simply not as personally/professionally rewarding as I thought it would be	28.0% (61)	23.0% (23)	26.4% (84)
Other Please specify:	18.8% (41)	17.0% (17)	18.2% (58)
<i>answered question</i>	218	100	318
<i>skipped question</i>			1,242

15. If my own son or daughter expressed an interest in medicine and asked my opinion, I would:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Encourage them to consider becoming a physician	37.0% (360)	34.2% (170)	36.1% (530)
Encourage them to consider a different career in medicine other than becoming a physician	8.2% (80)	12.1% (60)	9.5% (140)
Discourage them from seeking a career in healthcare	13.0% (126)	8.9% (44)	11.6% (170)
Try to answer their questions without encouraging or discouraging them from any particular career choice.	41.9% (407)	44.9% (223)	42.9% (630)
<i>answered question</i>	972	497	1,469
<i>skipped question</i>			91

16. Please check the statement most appropriate to you:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
I'm the first person from my immediate family to become a doctor (Neither my parents nor siblings are/were physicians)	72.4% (699)	71.0% (347)	71.9% (1,046)
At least one of my parents was a physician.	14.7% (142)	13.9% (68)	14.4% (210)
Although neither of my parents were physicians, I have at least one sibling/close family member who is/was a doctor	12.8% (124)	15.1% (74)	13.6% (198)
<i>answered question</i>	965	489	1,454
<i>skipped question</i>			106

17. Most weeks, I work:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Less than 40 hours	14.9% (144)	22.2% (109)	17.3% (253)
Between 41-50 hours	34.1% (330)	38.2% (188)	35.5% (518)
Between 51-60 hours	28.5% (276)	23.0% (113)	26.6% (389)
Between 61-70 hours	12.7% (123)	8.5% (42)	11.3% (165)
Between 71-80 hours	5.5% (53)	5.7% (28)	5.5% (81)
More than 80 hours	4.3% (42)	2.4% (12)	3.7% (54)
<i>answered question</i>	968	492	1,460
<i>skipped question</i>			100

18. I wish I worked:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
More hours per week	4.0% (39)	3.3% (16)	3.8% (55)
Fewer hours per week	47.9% (462)	53.4% (260)	49.7% (722)
I'm happy with my current schedule most of the time	48.1% (464)	43.3% (211)	46.5% (675)
<i>answered question</i>	965	487	1,452
<i>skipped question</i>			108

19. Please check the statement most applicable to you:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	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.	12.6% (117)	15.4% (73)	13.6% (190)
I would be willing take a pay reduction of as much as 20 percent if my hours were reduced by 20 percent.	9.1% (84)	11.6% (55)	9.9% (139)
I would be willing take a pay reduction of as much as 50 percent if my hours were reduced by 50 percent.	1.8% (17)	4.0% (19)	2.6% (36)
I can't or won't take a pay reduction	76.5% (709)	68.9% (326)	73.9% (1,035)
<i>answered question</i>	927	473	1,400
<i>skipped question</i>			160

20. Please indicate your agreement with the following statement:

I often wish I could change jobs/employers

	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Agree	31.3% (302)	34.9% (171)	32.5% (473)
Disagree	68.7% (663)	65.1% (319)	67.5% (982)
answered question	965	490	1,455
skipped question			105

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

	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
To get more time for my personal life	23.4% (71)	26.4% (46)	24.5% (117)
To make more money	18.4% (56)	18.4% (32)	18.4% (88)
To advance my career or partnership prospects	10.9% (33)	6.9% (12)	9.4% (45)
To live in a different geographic area	7.9% (24)	10.3% (18)	8.8% (42)
To get away from the unhealthy culture of my current workplace	29.9% (91)	28.2% (49)	29.3% (140)
Other (please specify)	9.5% (29)	9.8% (17)	9.6% (46)
answered question	304	174	478
skipped question			1,082

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 gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
I'm considering/have considered something like that already, or I'm already working in such a practice model	7.3% (69)	5.6% (27)	6.7% (96)
It might be worth a try, but only if it made sense economically	34.8% (330)	33.2% (161)	34.2% (491)
Such a practice is not right for me but I don't mind if other physicians do it	40.9% (388)	44.1% (214)	42.0% (602)
I think concierge practices are bad for the healthcare system, or unethical	17.1% (162)	17.1% (83)	17.1% (245)
<i>answered question</i>	949	485	1,434
<i>skipped question</i>			126

23. Under certain circumstances, I would consider switching to a fee-for-service-only practice that does not accept insurance.			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
I'm considering/have considered something like that already, or I'm already working in such a practice model	12.7% (121)	12.0% (58)	12.4% (179)
It might be worth a try, but only if it made sense economically	47.1% (449)	44.6% (216)	46.2% (665)
Such a practice is not right for me but I don't mind if other physicians do it	28.9% (276)	31.8% (154)	29.9% (430)
I think practices that don't accept insurance are bad for patients, or unethical	11.3% (108)	11.6% (56)	11.4% (164)
<i>answered question</i>	954	484	1,438
<i>skipped question</i>			122

24. I think the largest barrier to good healthcare for my patients is (please check only one):			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
A lack of adequate insurance coverage	47.9% (455)	42.4% (205)	46.0% (660)
I don't have enough time to educate them properly	17.9% (170)	20.2% (98)	18.7% (268)
They do not schedule regular preventative checkups/physicals	9.3% (88)	9.5% (46)	9.3% (134)
They don't follow my advice	10.7% (102)	12.6% (61)	11.4% (163)
Other (please specify)	14.2% (135)	15.3% (74)	14.6% (209)
<i>answered question</i>	950	484	1,434
<i>skipped question</i>			126

25. I am:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Married	87.4% (834)	73.2% (357)	82.6% (1,191)
Single, with a partner	5.8% (55)	7.6% (37)	6.4% (92)
Single, no partner	6.9% (66)	19.3% (94)	11.1% (160)
<i>answered question</i>	954	488	1,442
<i>skipped question</i>			118

26. My spouse or significant other is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
A physician (working or retired)	12.4% (110)	24.1% (95)	16.0% (205)
A nonphysician healthcare professional	32.8% (291)	11.1% (44)	26.1% (335)
Employed in a field unrelated to healthcare	20.2% (179)	56.5% (223)	31.3% (402)
A full-time homemaker	34.7% (308)	8.4% (33)	26.6% (341)
<i>answered question</i>	888	395	1,283
<i>skipped question</i>			277

27. Number of children in my household:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
0	33.5% (320)	36.4% (178)	34.5% (498)
1	16.0% (153)	18.8% (92)	17.0% (245)
2	28.4% (271)	29.7% (145)	28.8% (416)
3	13.4% (128)	11.9% (58)	12.9% (186)
4	6.1% (58)	2.5% (12)	4.9% (70)
5 or more	2.5% (24)	0.8% (4)	1.9% (28)
<i>answered question</i>	954	489	1,443
<i>skipped question</i>			117

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

	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
True	17.8% (58)	24.6% (44)	20.2% (102)
False	71.8% (234)	56.4% (101)	66.3% (335)
Not sure yet	10.4% (34)	19.0% (34)	13.5% (68)
<i>answered question</i>	326	179	505
<i>skipped question</i>			1,055

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

	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
True	10.9% (69)	13.5% (42)	11.7% (111)
False	79.1% (502)	77.6% (242)	78.6% (744)
Not sure yet	10.1% (64)	9.0% (28)	9.7% (92)
<i>answered question</i>	635	312	947
<i>skipped question</i>			613

30. I don't have as much time for my personal life as I think I should have:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
True	64.5% (611)	69.2% (334)	66.1% (945)
False	35.5% (336)	30.8% (149)	33.9% (485)
answered question	947	483	1,430
skipped question			130

31. In a typical work week (Monday through Friday), I spend:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Fewer than 6 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	22.0% (209)	26.5% (129)	23.5% (338)
Between 7 and 10 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	34.9% (332)	29.4% (143)	33.1% (475)
More than 10 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	43.1% (409)	44.0% (214)	43.4% (623)
answered question	950	486	1,436
skipped question			124

32. In a typical work week, I eat dinner with my spouse and most or all of my minor children:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Just about every night	34.7% (326)	32.6% (154)	34.0% (480)
At least 5 nights	15.0% (141)	14.8% (70)	14.9% (211)
3 or 4 nights	24.8% (233)	25.2% (119)	24.9% (352)
1 or 2 nights	16.6% (156)	14.8% (70)	16.0% (226)
Hardly ever	8.8% (83)	12.7% (60)	10.1% (143)
<i>answered question</i>	939	473	1,412
<i>skipped question</i>			148

33. I exercise:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
At least 5 times a week	18.4% (174)	15.4% (75)	17.4% (249)
At least 3 times a week	30.1% (285)	29.0% (141)	29.7% (426)
At least once a week	20.9% (198)	21.8% (106)	21.2% (304)
I don't get much exercise	30.6% (290)	33.9% (165)	31.7% (455)
<i>answered question</i>	947	487	1,434
<i>skipped question</i>			126

34. The types of physical activity I regularly engage in include (check all that apply):			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Running/jogging	24.0% (225)	20.7% (100)	22.9% (325)
Walking	44.1% (413)	47.2% (228)	45.2% (641)
Cycling	19.1% (179)	11.4% (55)	16.5% (234)
Swimming	9.7% (91)	9.1% (44)	9.5% (135)
Weightlifting	26.5% (248)	19.7% (95)	24.2% (343)
Aerobic machines (ex: tread mill)	27.9% (261)	27.3% (132)	27.7% (393)
Aerobics/exercise classes	4.2% (39)	13.5% (65)	7.3% (104)
Yoga	4.1% (38)	14.3% (69)	7.5% (107)
Competitive sports (basketball, tennis, etc.)	10.4% (97)	2.5% (12)	7.7% (109)
I don't engage regularly in physical activity outside of work	19.3% (181)	21.9% (106)	20.2% (287)
Other (please specify)	8.8% (82)	8.1% (39)	8.5% (121)
<i>answered question</i>	936	483	1,419
<i>skipped question</i>			141

35. I have a regular primary-care physician.				
		My gender is:		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
	True	64.1% (608)	62.8% (305)	63.7% (913)
	False	35.9% (340)	37.2% (181)	36.3% (521)
answered question		948	486	1,434
			skipped question	126

36. Please check off the appropriate answer to these three statements:				
		My gender is:		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
I get routine check-ups and follow my doctor's advise, at least most of the time	True	57.9% (544)	65.0% (316)	
	False	42.1% (396)	35.0% (170)	
		940	486	1,426
I eat right most of the time	True	76.1% (706)	76.3% (366)	
	False	23.9% (222)	23.8% (114)	
		928	480	1,408
I smoke cigarettes	True	2.5% (23)	3.8% (18)	
	False	97.5% (906)	96.2% (460)	
		929	478	1,407
answered question		941	486	1,427
			skipped question	133

37. My body-mass index/body-fat percentage is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Just right	32.4% (305)	42.5% (207)	35.9% (512)
A little higher than it should be	50.2% (472)	35.9% (175)	45.3% (647)
Much higher than it should be	12.0% (113)	15.0% (73)	13.0% (186)
A little lower than it should be	2.6% (24)	3.9% (19)	3.0% (43)
Much lower than it should be	0.4% (4)	0.4% (2)	0.4% (6)
I don't what know what my BMI/body-fat percentage is	2.4% (23)	2.3% (11)	2.4% (34)
answered question	941	487	1,428
skipped question			132

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 gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Agree: It's important that I set an example for my patients	89.7% (842)	91.6% (445)	90.3% (1,287)
Disagree: My clinical abilities are unrelated to my waistline	10.3% (97)	8.4% (41)	9.7% (138)
answered question	939	486	1,425
skipped question			135

39. Physically, here's how I would describe how I feel most of time:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Terrific. I have lots of energy and rarely feel run-down	16.5% (155)	17.0% (83)	16.7% (238)
Not bad. I'd say I feel better than most people my age	45.1% (425)	35.5% (173)	41.8% (598)
Fair. I'm a bit tired and stressed, but that's to be expected	30.4% (286)	32.4% (158)	31.1% (444)
Poor. I'm exhausted much of the time, and I have other symptoms that concern me	4.4% (41)	7.4% (36)	5.4% (77)
Very poor. Let's just say I wish you hadn't asked	0.4% (4)	0.6% (3)	0.5% (7)
I have a diagnosed chronic illness, but I'm getting treated and feel about the way I should under the circumstances.	2.5% (24)	6.4% (31)	3.8% (55)
I have a diagnosed chronic illness, and the treatment is not going well, or I'm not getting any.	0.7% (7)	0.6% (3)	0.7% (10)
<i>answered question</i>	942	487	1,429
<i>skipped question</i>			131

40. Emotionally, here's how I would describe how I feel most of time:				
		My gender is:		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
Terrific. I almost couldn't be happier.		11.1% (103)	10.1% (49)	10.7% (152)
Not bad. I think I'm happier and better-adjusted than most people		47.8% (445)	44.7% (216)	46.7% (661)
About average. I have ups and downs like most people.		29.6% (276)	27.7% (134)	29.0% (410)
A little below average. I feel sad or run-down more often than I probably should		8.9% (83)	14.1% (68)	10.7% (151)
Poor. I feel sad or run-down much more often than I probably should		2.6% (24)	3.3% (16)	2.8% (40)
answered question		931	483	1,414
		skipped question		146

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 gender is:		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
Level of happiness	Happy 10	6.2% (57)	7.3% (35)	
	9	20.7% (190)	20.5% (98)	
	8	33.9% (311)	29.1% (139)	
	7	18.4% (169)	18.9% (90)	
	6	7.8% (72)	8.6% (41)	
	5	5.0% (46)	6.7% (32)	
	4	3.8% (35)	5.7% (27)	

	3	3.1% (28)	1.7% (8)	
	2	0.4% (4)	0.8% (4)	
	1 Depressed	0.7% (6)	0.6% (3)	
	rating average	7.46 (918)	7.39 (477)	7.44 (1,395)
	answered question	918	477	1,395
			skipped question	165

42. The happiest time in my life was/is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Right now	27.3% (255)	26.5% (128)	27.0% (383)
Earlier in my career	18.5% (173)	13.5% (65)	16.8% (238)
During medical school or residency	7.3% (68)	8.7% (42)	7.8% (110)
When I was in college	12.6% (118)	12.0% (58)	12.4% (176)
When I was in high school	4.7% (44)	3.1% (15)	4.2% (59)
When I was a child	3.6% (34)	5.4% (26)	4.2% (60)
I'm hoping some future time in my life will be happy	5.7% (53)	5.8% (28)	5.7% (81)
I've always been pretty happy	20.2% (189)	25.1% (121)	21.9% (310)
answered question	934	483	1,417
			skipped question
			143

43. In last year's presidential election, I voted for:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Barack Obama, Democrat	47.3% (439)	53.5% (254)	49.4% (693)
John McCain, Republican	37.4% (347)	32.6% (155)	35.8% (502)
A different candidate	1.8% (17)	1.3% (6)	1.6% (23)
I did not vote	13.6% (126)	12.6% (60)	13.2% (186)
<i>answered question</i>	929	475	1,404
<i>skipped question</i>			156

44. For Congress, I voted:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Mainly Democrat	36.5% (338)	44.0% (208)	39.0% (546)
Mainly Republican	35.2% (326)	28.5% (135)	32.9% (461)
A mix of each	14.0% (130)	13.7% (65)	13.9% (195)
I voted for other parties' candidates	0.9% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.6% (8)
I did not vote	13.5% (125)	13.7% (65)	13.6% (190)
<i>answered question</i>	927	473	1,400
<i>skipped question</i>			160

45. In general, I'd characterize my political views as:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Very liberal	6.5% (60)	8.2% (39)	7.1% (99)
Liberal	14.8% (137)	18.2% (87)	16.0% (224)
Moderately liberal/center-left	16.2% (150)	16.8% (80)	16.4% (230)
Middle-of-the-road; I don't lean left or right	13.8% (128)	11.9% (57)	13.2% (185)
Moderately conservative/center-right	14.4% (133)	12.8% (61)	13.8% (194)
Conservative	16.5% (153)	13.0% (62)	15.3% (215)
Very conservative	5.7% (53)	4.6% (22)	5.3% (75)
I consider myself liberal on social issues but fiscally conservative.	10.7% (99)	12.8% (61)	11.4% (160)
I consider myself liberal on economic issues but socially conservative.	1.4% (13)	1.7% (8)	1.5% (21)
<i>answered question</i>	926	477	1,403
<i>skipped question</i>			157

46. I am a registered:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Democrat	31.5% (290)	39.4% (186)	34.2% (476)
Republican	32.6% (300)	26.7% (126)	30.6% (426)
Independent	23.2% (214)	23.3% (110)	23.3% (324)
Green	0.1% (1)	0.2% (1)	0.1% (2)
Libertarian	1.5% (14)	0.2% (1)	1.1% (15)
I'm not registered to vote	11.1% (102)	10.2% (48)	10.8% (150)
<i>answered question</i>	921	472	1,393
<i>skipped question</i>			167

47. Concerning the outcome of the recent elections for president and Congress, I would describe myself as:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Overjoyed	17.9% (167)	25.3% (121)	20.4% (288)
Generally pleased, but with reservations	32.7% (305)	31.4% (150)	32.3% (455)
Not sure; I'm taking a wait-and-see attitude	22.7% (212)	24.1% (115)	23.2% (327)
Generally displeased, but with room for optimism	12.3% (115)	9.6% (46)	11.4% (161)
Deeply disappointed	14.3% (133)	9.6% (46)	12.7% (179)
<i>answered question</i>	932	478	1,410
<i>skipped question</i>			150

48. I would describe my level of political activity as:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Very active. I usually volunteer on campaigns/raise or give money to candidates/organize political events	5.4% (50)	3.6% (17)	4.8% (67)
Somewhat active. I have occasionally volunteered time or donated money to a political candidate or organization. Sometimes I attend political rallies.	23.2% (216)	19.5% (93)	21.9% (309)
Moderately involved. I pay attention, and I vote. But otherwise I leave the politicking to others.	53.0% (494)	56.4% (269)	54.2% (763)
Not very involved. I usually just vote for whomever my party has nominated and don't pay much attention beyond that.	9.4% (88)	10.9% (52)	9.9% (140)
Hardly at all. I usually don't vote.	9.0% (84)	9.6% (46)	9.2% (130)
<i>answered question</i>	932	477	1,409
<i>skipped question</i>			151

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

		My gender is:		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
Iraq/Afghanistan	5 Extremely Important	32.9% (303)	33.9% (160)	
	4	35.7% (328)	40.5% (191)	
	3	20.1% (185)	18.9% (89)	
	2	7.7% (71)	5.1% (24)	
	1 Not at all important	3.6% (33)	1.7% (8)	
		920	472	1,392
Terrorism	5 Extremely Important	42.4% (389)	40.4% (190)	
	4	29.5% (271)	33.2% (156)	
	3	17.6% (162)	20.2% (95)	
	2	8.4% (77)	4.9% (23)	
	1 Not at all important	2.1% (19)	1.3% (6)	
		918	470	1,388
The economy	5 Extremely Important	83.8% (775)	83.8% (397)	
	4	12.6% (117)	12.4% (59)	
	3	3.2%	3.6%	

		(30)	(17)	
	2	0.1% (1)	0.2% (1)	
	1 Not at all important	0.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	
		925	474	1,399
Healthcare reform	5 Extremely Important	63.2% (582)	69.6% (329)	
	4	23.6% (217)	19.9% (94)	
	3	9.1% (84)	8.9% (42)	
	2	3.0% (28)	0.8% (4)	
	1 Not at all important	1.1% (10)	0.8% (4)	
		921	473	1,394
Education reform	5 Extremely Important	31.6% (290)	49.6% (234)	
	4	37.7% (346)	31.1% (147)	
	3	20.7% (190)	15.5% (73)	
	2	6.9% (63)	2.8% (13)	
	1 Not at all important	3.1% (28)	1.1% (5)	
		917	472	1,389
Preserving or altering laws on abortion	5 Extremely Important	19.7% (180)	29.6% (139)	
	4	20.0% (183)	24.7% (116)	

	3	25.8% (236)	24.9% (117)	
	2	16.4% (150)	10.7% (50)	
	1 Not at all important	18.1% (165)	10.0% (47)	
		914	469	1,383
Preserving or altering laws on civil marriage	5 Extremely Important	16.8% (154)	20.6% (96)	
	4	17.8% (163)	22.8% (106)	
	3	25.1% (230)	29.0% (135)	
	2	16.9% (155)	14.0% (65)	
	1 Not at all important	23.4% (215)	13.5% (63)	
		917	465	1,382
Preserving or altering laws on gun-control	5 Extremely Important	24.6% (225)	27.3% (129)	
	4	23.9% (219)	28.6% (135)	
	3	26.7% (244)	28.2% (133)	
	2	13.0% (119)	8.9% (42)	
	1 Not at all important	11.8% (108)	7.0% (33)	
		915	472	1,387
Environment/Global warming	5 Extremely Important	28.0% (257)	39.6% (186)	

	4	30.5% (280)	28.1% (132)	
	3	19.2% (176)	20.6% (97)	
	2	10.9% (100)	6.4% (30)	
	1 Not at all important	11.4% (105)	5.3% (25)	
		918	470	1,388
Crime	5 Extremely Important	34.5% (314)	37.3% (173)	
	4	36.2% (330)	35.8% (166)	
	3	22.8% (208)	22.2% (103)	
	2	5.2% (47)	4.3% (20)	
	1 Not at all important	1.3% (12)	0.4% (2)	
		911	464	1,375
Other (please specify)		57	29	86
answered question		927	476	1,403
			skipped question	157

50. Concerning healthcare, I think America's current system is:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
In need of fundamental reform	56.6% (518)	57.3% (271)	56.8% (789)
In some trouble, but could be fixed without a major overhaul	25.1% (230)	21.4% (101)	23.8% (331)
In some trouble, but any changes should be made by the marketplace, without government intervention	17.7% (162)	20.1% (95)	18.5% (257)
Just fine the way it is; don't change a thing	0.7% (6)	1.3% (6)	0.9% (12)
<i>answered question</i>	916	473	1,389
		<i>skipped question</i>	171

51. If it were up to me, I'd like the American healthcare system to be:			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
A government-run single-payer system like Canada's, without private health insurers of any kind.	15.5% (142)	17.8% (84)	16.3% (226)
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.	24.6% (225)	19.7% (93)	22.9% (318)
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.	29.3% (268)	31.8% (150)	30.1% (418)
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.	12.7% (116)	11.4% (54)	12.2% (170)
A system that uses tax incentives and market-based reforms to widen insurance coverage, but otherwise leaves the system as-is.	10.5% (96)	10.4% (49)	10.4% (145)

Our current system; I wouldn't change a thing.	1.2% (11)	0.8% (4)	1.1% (15)
None of the above	6.3% (58)	8.1% (38)	6.9% (96)
<i>answered question</i>	916	472	1,388
<i>skipped question</i>			172

52. Other healthcare reforms I'd like to see include (check all that apply):			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Financial incentives/loan forgiveness to young doctors, to encourage more people to enter medical school	57.8% (526)	59.3% (275)	58.3% (801)
Tort reform to reduce malpractice lawsuits	87.1% (793)	85.6% (397)	86.6% (1,190)
Quality-of-care initiatives to reduce medical errors, hospital infection rates, etc.	58.7% (534)	57.8% (268)	58.4% (802)
Other (please specify)	15.1% (137)	15.5% (72)	15.2% (209)
<i>answered question</i>	910	464	1,374
<i>skipped question</i>			186

53. Here's what I would like to tell [_____] about the life and work of a modern physician			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
my spouse	7.3% (46)	4.4% (15)	6.3% (61)
my kids	12.9% (82)	16.5% (56)	14.2% (138)
my patients	10.6% (67)	19.7% (67)	13.8% (134)
politicians	25.6% (162)	15.9% (54)	22.2% (216)
the general public	37.1% (235)	37.1% (126)	37.1% (361)
other physicians	6.6% (42)	6.5% (22)	6.6% (64)
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).	608	323	931
<i>answered question</i>	634	340	974
<i>skipped question</i>			586

54. Here's what I would like to tell [_____] about the life and work of a modern physician			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
my spouse	10.3% (44)	9.7% (22)	10.1% (66)
my kids	13.8% (59)	15.5% (35)	14.4% (94)
my patients	16.2% (69)	16.8% (38)	16.4% (107)
politicians	24.8% (106)	23.5% (53)	24.3% (159)
the general public	24.8% (106)	22.1% (50)	23.9% (156)
other physicians	10.1% (43)	12.4% (28)	10.9% (71)
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).	407	215	622
<i>answered question</i>	427	226	653
<i>skipped question</i>			907

55. Here's what I would like to tell [_____] about the life and work of a modern physician			
	My gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
my spouse	10.1% (32)	9.8% (15)	10.0% (47)
my kids	12.3% (39)	15.0% (23)	13.2% (62)
my patients	17.1% (54)	15.7% (24)	16.6% (78)
politicians	19.6% (62)	23.5% (36)	20.9% (98)
the general public	25.0% (79)	17.6% (27)	22.6% (106)
other physicians	15.8% (50)	18.3% (28)	16.6% (78)
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).	299	149	448
answered question	316	153	469
skipped question			1,091

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 gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Yes	56.4% (440)	44.6% (186)	52.3% (626)
No	43.6% (340)	55.4% (231)	47.7% (571)
answered question	780	417	1,197
skipped question			363

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 gender is:		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Name:	99.6% (813)	99.8% (423)	99.7% (1,236)
Company:	52.9% (432)	55.9% (237)	54.0% (669)
Address:	99.0% (808)	97.2% (412)	98.4% (1,220)
Address 2:	21.2% (173)	16.7% (71)	19.7% (244)
City/Town:	99.4% (811)	97.6% (414)	98.8% (1,225)
State:	99.3% (810)	98.3% (417)	99.0% (1,227)
ZIP/Postal Code:	99.4% (811)	98.1% (416)	99.0% (1,227)
Country:	94.0% (767)	92.7% (393)	93.5% (1,160)
Email Address:	97.7% (797)	96.7% (410)	97.3% (1,207)
Phone Number:	91.5% (747)	84.4% (358)	89.1% (1,105)
<i>answered question</i>	816	424	1,240
		<i>skipped question</i>	320