

# 2009 Great American Physician Survey

1. My gender is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Male	65.9% (301)	69.3% (237)	58.3% (91)	61.2% (175)	65.4% (208)	64.9% (1,012)
Female	34.1% (156)	30.7% (105)	41.7% (65)	38.8% (111)	34.6% (110)	35.1% (547)
<b>answered question</b>	457	342	156	286	318	<b>1,559</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>28</b>

2. My age is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
35 years old or younger	16.2% (75)	14.4% (49)	22.6% (35)	17.4% (51)	14.5% (47)	16.3% (257)
36-45 years old	25.1% (116)	23.5% (80)	27.1% (42)	22.2% (65)	22.2% (72)	23.8% (375)
46-55 years old	29.7% (137)	30.6% (104)	26.5% (41)	29.0% (85)	30.5% (99)	29.6% (466)
56-64 years old	18.4% (85)	22.4% (76)	17.4% (27)	22.9% (67)	21.8% (71)	20.7% (326)
65 or older	10.6% (49)	9.1% (31)	6.5% (10)	8.5% (25)	11.1% (36)	9.6% (151)
<b>answered question</b>	462	340	155	293	325	<b>1,575</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>12</b>

3. My specialty is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Allergy & Immunology	1.3% (6)	1.5% (5)	0.6% (1)	1.0% (3)	1.3% (4)	1.2% (19)
Anesthesiology	1.1% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	1.3% (4)	0.6% (10)
Cardiology	0.4% (2)	1.2% (4)	1.3% (2)	1.0% (3)	0.9% (3)	0.9% (14)
Dermatology	0.4% (2)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	1.3% (4)	0.5% (8)
Endocrinology	1.7% (8)	1.2% (4)	0.6% (1)	0.3% (1)	0.6% (2)	1.0% (16)
Family/General Practice	15.4% (71)	<b>19.7% (66)</b>	<b>23.1% (36)</b>	<b>22.1% (64)</b>	<b>22.0% (70)</b>	<b>19.7% (307)</b>
Geriatrics	0.7% (3)	0.6% (2)	1.3% (2)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (8)
Internal Medicine	16.9% (78)	16.1% (54)	14.1% (22)	16.9% (49)	15.1% (48)	16.1% (251)
Neurology	0.9% (4)	1.5% (5)	0.6% (1)	0.7% (2)	0.6% (2)	0.9% (14)
Obstetrics/Gynecology	2.4% (11)	3.3% (11)	2.6% (4)	1.4% (4)	1.9% (6)	2.3% (36)
Oncology	5.4% (25)	3.3% (11)	1.3% (2)	1.7% (5)	4.4% (14)	3.7% (57)
Orthopedics	0.4% (2)	1.5% (5)	1.3% (2)	2.4% (7)	0.9% (3)	1.2% (19)
Otolaryngology	0.7% (3)	1.2% (4)	0.6% (1)	0.7% (2)	1.3% (4)	0.9% (14)
Pediatrics	18.2% (84)	14.0% (47)	22.4% (35)	20.3% (59)	15.7% (50)	17.6% (275)
Psychiatry	<b>21.0% (97)</b>	<b>19.7% (66)</b>	18.6% (29)	15.9% (46)	18.6% (59)	19.0% (297)
Radiology	0.4% (2)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	0.3% (4)

	Surgery	2.2% (10)	4.2% (14)	0.6% (1)	1.7% (5)	1.9% (6)	2.3% (36)
	Urology	0.7% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.6% (5)	0.5% (8)
	Other	9.8% (45)	10.4% (35)	10.9% (17)	12.8% (37)	10.4% (33)	10.7% (167)
	<b>answered question</b>	461	335	156	290	318	<b>1,560</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>27</b>

4. My geographic region is:						
My geographic region is:						
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Northeast	<b>100.0%</b> <b>(463)</b>	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	<b>29.2%</b> <b>(463)</b>
Southeast	0.0% (0)	<b>100.0%</b> <b>(344)</b>	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	21.7% (344)
South	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	<b>100.0%</b> <b>(157)</b>	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9.9% (157)
Midwest	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	<b>100.0%</b> <b>(295)</b>	0.0% (0)	18.6% (295)
West	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	<b>100.0%</b> <b>(328)</b>	20.7% (328)
<b>answered question</b>	463	344	157	295	328	<b>1,587</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>0</b>

5. My practice is located in:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
An urban setting	43.1% (197)	33.6% (114)	40.0% (62)	30.9% (89)	<b>49.4%</b> <b>(161)</b>	39.8% (623)
A suburban setting	<b>49.0%</b> <b>(224)</b>	<b>50.4%</b> <b>(171)</b>	<b>41.3%</b> <b>(64)</b>	<b>49.7%</b> <b>(143)</b>	34.4% (112)	<b>45.6%</b> <b>(714)</b>
A rural setting	7.9% (36)	15.9% (54)	18.7% (29)	19.4% (56)	16.3% (53)	14.6% (228)
<b>answered question</b>	457	339	155	288	326	<b>1,565</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>22</b>

6. I am:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
A partner/co-owner of a private practice	31.0% (143)	<b>35.0%</b> <b>(120)</b>	<b>28.0%</b> <b>(44)</b>	<b>36.7%</b> <b>(108)</b>	<b>36.7%</b> <b>(120)</b>	<b>33.8%</b> <b>(535)</b>
An employed physician in a private practice	15.2% (70)	19.5% (67)	16.6% (26)	18.0% (53)	14.1% (46)	16.6% (262)
An employed physician of a hospital or other institution	<b>36.9%</b> <b>(170)</b>	27.1% (93)	<b>28.0%</b> <b>(44)</b>	30.6% (90)	30.6% (100)	31.4% (497)
Employed in a non-clinical profession (for example, as an administrator)	3.5% (16)	4.4% (15)	3.2% (5)	2.7% (8)	2.4% (8)	3.3% (52)
Working in a clinical setting that is not identified above	11.1% (51)	11.4% (39)	21.0% (33)	10.2% (30)	13.1% (43)	12.4% (196)
Retired	2.4% (11)	2.6% (9)	3.2% (5)	1.7% (5)	3.1% (10)	2.5% (40)
<b>answered question</b>	461	343	157	294	327	<b>1,582</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>5</b>

7. Including me, my practice/institution has:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
No other physicians; I work solo	23.4% (100)	<b>30.4%</b> <b>(97)</b>	26.9% (39)	23.7% (65)	<b>29.4%</b> <b>(89)</b>	26.5% (390)
Between 2 and 5 physicians	<b>29.2%</b> <b>(125)</b>	29.2% (93)	<b>35.2%</b> <b>(51)</b>	<b>35.0%</b> <b>(96)</b>	27.4% (83)	<b>30.5%</b> <b>(448)</b>
Between 6 and 10 physicians	14.7% (63)	11.9% (38)	10.3% (15)	11.7% (32)	8.9% (27)	11.9% (175)
Between 11 and 20 physicians	8.4% (36)	9.1% (29)	4.8% (7)	6.9% (19)	10.2% (31)	8.3% (122)
Between 21 and 50 physicians	6.5% (28)	8.2% (26)	6.9% (10)	6.6% (18)	6.9% (21)	7.0% (103)
Between 51 and 100 physicians	5.8% (25)	3.1% (10)	2.1% (3)	3.3% (9)	3.0% (9)	3.8% (56)
More than 100 physicians	11.9% (51)	8.2% (26)	13.8% (20)	12.8% (35)	14.2% (43)	11.9% (175)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	428	319	145	274	303	<b>1,469</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>118</b>

8. My practice uses hospitalist physicians to care for hospitalized patients.						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
True	<b>58.3%</b> <b>(247)</b>	<b>58.5%</b> <b>(183)</b>	<b>56.3%</b> <b>(80)</b>	49.4% (132)	<b>59.4%</b> <b>(180)</b>	<b>56.7%</b> <b>(822)</b>
False	41.7% (177)	41.5% (130)	43.7% (62)	<b>50.6%</b> <b>(135)</b>	40.6% (123)	43.3% (627)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	424	313	142	267	303	<b>1,449</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>138</b>

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

		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
True	48.6% (206)	<b>54.8%</b> <b>(172)</b>	46.2% (66)	47.0% (126)	<b>53.3%</b> <b>(162)</b>	<b>50.4%</b> <b>(732)</b>	
False	<b>51.4%</b> <b>(218)</b>	45.2% (142)	<b>53.8%</b> <b>(77)</b>	<b>53.0%</b> <b>(142)</b>	46.7% (142)	49.6% (721)	
<b>answered question</b>		424	314	143	268	304	<b>1,453</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>134</b>

**10. Concerning Medicare, my practice:**

		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Accepts Medicare but is considering dropping it in the next few years	6.4% (27)	11.8% (37)	7.7% (11)	9.4% (25)	11.2% (34)	9.2% (134)	
Accepts Medicare and will keep doing so for the foreseeable future	<b>71.7%</b> <b>(304)</b>	<b>61.1%</b> <b>(192)</b>	<b>55.9%</b> <b>(80)</b>	<b>67.0%</b> <b>(179)</b>	<b>58.2%</b> <b>(177)</b>	<b>64.2%</b> <b>(932)</b>	
Does not accept Medicare	13.9% (59)	13.7% (43)	20.3% (29)	14.6% (39)	15.8% (48)	15.0% (218)	
Is closed to new Medicare patients but we still see our pre-existing Medicare patients	3.1% (13)	6.7% (21)	6.3% (9)	6.0% (16)	7.2% (22)	5.6% (81)	
Not sure	5.0% (21)	6.7% (21)	9.8% (14)	3.0% (8)	7.6% (23)	6.0% (87)	
<b>answered question</b>		424	314	143	267	304	<b>1,452</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>135</b>

11. The <u>single-most</u> important factor in my selection of specialty was: (check one only)							
		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
I found it clinically stimulating		76.8% (335)	76.5% (251)	77.2% (112)	79.9% (219)	72.6% (228)	76.5% (1,145)
I liked the hours		7.1% (31)	9.8% (32)	8.3% (12)	6.2% (17)	7.3% (23)	7.7% (115)
I liked the income potential		2.8% (12)	3.4% (11)	1.4% (2)	2.6% (7)	1.9% (6)	2.5% (38)
The most important factor was something else entirely (please specify):		13.3% (58)	10.4% (34)	13.1% (19)	11.3% (31)	18.2% (57)	13.3% (199)
<b>answered question</b>		436	328	145	274	314	<b>1,497</b>
						<b>skipped question</b>	<b>90</b>

12. To what extent do you agree with the following statements:							
		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
I like being a physician.	<b>5 Strongly Agree</b>	52.2% (224)	48.3% (159)	55.6% (79)	55.2% (149)	54.4% (172)	
	<b>4</b>	29.4% (126)	31.6% (104)	26.1% (37)	28.5% (77)	31.0% (98)	
	<b>3</b>	13.8% (59)	13.7% (45)	10.6% (15)	9.6% (26)	8.9% (28)	
	<b>2</b>	2.6% (11)	3.3% (11)	5.6% (8)	4.8% (13)	4.7% (15)	
	<b>1 Strongly Disagree</b>	2.1% (9)	3.0% (10)	2.1% (3)	1.9% (5)	0.9% (3)	
		429	329	142	270	316	1,486
I'm fairly happy with my selection of a specialty.	<b>5 Strongly Agree</b>	49.5% (206)	45.9% (145)	50.7% (72)	48.8% (127)	48.5% (148)	

	<b>4</b>	31.0% (129)	31.0% (98)	27.5% (39)	31.5% (82)	32.5% (99)	
	<b>3</b>	12.7% (53)	13.6% (43)	14.1% (20)	13.1% (34)	12.8% (39)	
	<b>2</b>	4.8% (20)	5.1% (16)	2.8% (4)	4.2% (11)	2.6% (8)	
	<b>1 Strongly Disagree</b>	1.9% (8)	4.4% (14)	4.9% (7)	2.3% (6)	3.6% (11)	
		416	316	142	260	305	1,439
<b>answered question</b>		433	330	144	272	316	<b>1,495</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>92</b>

<b>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)</b>						
	<b>My geographic region is:</b>					
	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Response Totals</b>
Do everything roughly the way I did it the first time - I would not change much, if anything	<b>62.9%</b> <b>(273)</b>	<b>54.4%</b> <b>(179)</b>	<b>61.5%</b> <b>(88)</b>	<b>57.4%</b> <b>(156)</b>	<b>58.4%</b> <b>(185)</b>	<b>58.9%</b> <b>(881)</b>
Choose some other career in healthcare as a nonphysician	3.2% (14)	5.2% (17)	3.5% (5)	3.3% (9)	5.0% (16)	4.1% (61)
Choose a career in a profession other than healthcare	16.1% (70)	17.9% (59)	14.7% (21)	18.8% (51)	16.7% (53)	17.0% (254)
Still choose to become a physician, but would select a different specialty. Specialty:	17.7% (77)	22.5% (74)	20.3% (29)	20.6% (56)	19.9% (63)	20.0% (299)
<b>answered question</b>	434	329	143	272	317	<b>1,495</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>92</b>

14. If I had to pick one reason above all others for not becoming a physician, it is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
The compensation is not high enough	18.6% (16)	14.5% (11)	17.9% (5)	6.6% (4)	10.0% (7)	13.4% (43)
The hours are too long	3.5% (3)	13.2% (10)	10.7% (3)	11.5% (7)	17.1% (12)	10.9% (35)
The stress is too high	<b>30.2%</b> <b>(26)</b>	<b>31.6%</b> <b>(24)</b>	<b>32.1%</b> <b>(9)</b>	24.6% (15)	<b>37.1%</b> <b>(26)</b>	<b>31.2%</b> <b>(100)</b>
It is simply not as personally/professionally rewarding as I thought it would be	27.9% (24)	21.1% (16)	25.0% (7)	<b>32.8%</b> <b>(20)</b>	24.3% (17)	26.2% (84)
Other Please specify:	19.8% (17)	19.7% (15)	14.3% (4)	24.6% (15)	11.4% (8)	18.4% (59)
<b>answered question</b>	86	76	28	61	70	<b>321</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>1,266</b>

15. If my own son or daughter expressed an interest in medicine and asked my opinion, I would:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Encourage them to consider becoming a physician	35.8% (156)	32.3% (106)	34.7% (50)	39.6% (106)	39.3% (125)	36.3% (543)
Encourage them to consider a different career in medicine other than becoming a physician	7.6% (33)	14.0% (46)	10.4% (15)	6.3% (17)	9.4% (30)	9.4% (141)
Discourage them from seeking a career in healthcare	12.4% (54)	11.0% (36)	11.1% (16)	11.9% (32)	10.7% (34)	11.5% (172)
Try to answer their questions without encouraging or discouraging them from any particular career choice.	<b>44.3%</b> <b>(193)</b>	<b>42.7%</b> <b>(140)</b>	<b>43.8%</b> <b>(63)</b>	<b>42.5%</b> <b>(114)</b>	<b>40.6%</b> <b>(129)</b>	<b>42.8%</b> <b>(639)</b>
<b>answered question</b>	436	328	144	268	318	<b>1,494</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>93</b>

16. Please check the statement most appropriate to you:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
I'm the first person from my immediate family to become a doctor (Neither my parents nor siblings are/were physicians)	73.1% (316)	70.6% (228)	73.2% (104)	73.3% (195)	69.5% (219)	71.9% (1,062)
At least one of my parents was a physician.	13.7% (59)	15.2% (49)	13.4% (19)	14.7% (39)	14.9% (47)	14.4% (213)
Although neither of my parents were physicians, I have at least one sibling/close family member who is/was a doctor	13.2% (57)	14.2% (46)	13.4% (19)	12.0% (32)	15.6% (49)	13.7% (203)
<b>answered question</b>	432	323	142	266	315	1,478
<b>skipped question</b>						109

17. Most weeks, I work:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Less than 40 hours	17.2% (75)	20.9% (68)	12.7% (18)	15.0% (40)	17.5% (55)	17.3% (256)
Between 41-50 hours	36.1% (157)	32.6% (106)	44.4% (63)	35.2% (94)	34.3% (108)	35.6% (528)
Between 51-60 hours	26.4% (115)	22.2% (72)	25.4% (36)	30.7% (82)	28.6% (90)	26.6% (395)
Between 61-70 hours	10.6% (46)	12.0% (39)	11.3% (16)	10.9% (29)	12.1% (38)	11.3% (168)
Between 71-80 hours	6.9% (30)	5.2% (17)	5.6% (8)	5.2% (14)	4.1% (13)	5.5% (82)
More than 80 hours	2.8% (12)	7.1% (23)	0.7% (1)	3.0% (8)	3.5% (11)	3.7% (55)
<b>answered question</b>	435	325	142	267	315	1,484
<b>skipped question</b>						103

18. I wish I worked:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
More hours per week	3.0% (13)	3.7% (12)	3.5% (5)	3.7% (10)	5.1% (16)	3.8% (56)
Fewer hours per week	48.1% (207)	<b>48.4%</b> <b>(156)</b>	46.5% (66)	<b>50.6%</b> <b>(135)</b>	<b>52.9%</b> <b>(166)</b>	<b>49.5%</b> <b>(730)</b>
I'm happy with my current schedule most of the time	<b>48.8%</b> <b>(210)</b>	47.8% (154)	<b>50.0%</b> <b>(71)</b>	45.7% (122)	42.0% (132)	46.7% (689)
<b>answered question</b>	430	322	142	267	314	<b>1,475</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>112</b>

19. Please check the statement most applicable to you:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	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.	11.9% (50)	12.5% (39)	16.3% (22)	15.6% (40)	13.4% (40)	13.4% (191)
I would be willing take a pay reduction of as much as 20 percent if my hours were reduced by 20 percent.	9.3% (39)	11.2% (35)	6.7% (9)	7.0% (18)	13.7% (41)	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.	2.4% (10)	3.2% (10)	3.0% (4)	1.9% (5)	3.0% (9)	2.7% (38)
I can't or won't take a pay reduction	<b>76.4%</b> <b>(320)</b>	<b>73.1%</b> <b>(228)</b>	<b>74.1%</b> <b>(100)</b>	<b>75.5%</b> <b>(194)</b>	<b>69.9%</b> <b>(209)</b>	<b>73.9%</b> <b>(1,051)</b>
<b>answered question</b>	419	312	135	257	299	<b>1,422</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>165</b>

20. Please indicate your agreement with the following statement:

*I often wish I could change jobs/employers*

		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Agree		34.2% (148)	34.5% (111)	31.9% (45)	30.0% (80)	29.1% (92)	32.2% (476)
Disagree		<b>65.8%</b> <b>(285)</b>	<b>65.5%</b> <b>(211)</b>	<b>68.1%</b> <b>(96)</b>	<b>70.0%</b> <b>(187)</b>	<b>70.9%</b> <b>(224)</b>	<b>67.8%</b> <b>(1,003)</b>
<b>answered question</b>		433	322	141	267	316	<b>1,479</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>108</b>

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

		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
To get more time for my personal life		20.1% (30)	24.1% (27)	23.9% (11)	<b>29.3%</b> <b>(24)</b>	<b>27.2%</b> <b>(25)</b>	24.3% (117)
To make more money		21.5% (32)	17.0% (19)	17.4% (8)	9.8% (8)	23.9% (22)	18.5% (89)
To advance my career or partnership prospects		9.4% (14)	9.8% (11)	10.9% (5)	8.5% (7)	9.8% (9)	9.6% (46)
To live in a different geographic area		8.7% (13)	8.0% (9)	8.7% (4)	17.1% (14)	2.2% (2)	8.7% (42)
To get away from the unhealthy culture of my current workplace		<b>34.2%</b> <b>(51)</b>	<b>28.6%</b> <b>(32)</b>	<b>30.4%</b> <b>(14)</b>	25.6% (21)	25.0% (23)	<b>29.3%</b> <b>(141)</b>
Other (please specify)		6.0% (9)	12.5% (14)	8.7% (4)	9.8% (8)	12.0% (11)	9.6% (46)
<b>answered question</b>		149	112	46	82	92	<b>481</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>1,106</b>

<b>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.</b>						
	<b>My geographic region is:</b>					
	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Response Totals</b>
I’m considering/have considered something like that already, or I’m already working in such a practice model	6.8% (29)	8.6% (27)	7.9% (11)	4.1% (11)	6.8% (21)	6.8% (99)
It might be worth a try, but only if it made sense economically	33.5% (143)	33.4% (105)	34.5% (48)	<b>40.6%</b> <b>(108)</b>	30.5% (95)	34.2% (499)
Such a practice is not right for me but I don’t mind if other physicians do it	<b>40.0%</b> <b>(171)</b>	<b>43.6%</b> <b>(137)</b>	<b>44.6%</b> <b>(62)</b>	38.3% (102)	<b>44.4%</b> <b>(138)</b>	<b>41.9%</b> <b>(610)</b>
I think concierge practices are bad for the healthcare system, or unethical	19.7% (84)	14.3% (45)	12.9% (18)	16.9% (45)	18.3% (57)	17.1% (249)
<b>answered question</b>	427	314	139	266	311	<b>1,457</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>130</b>

<b>23. Under certain circumstances, I would consider switching to a fee-for-service-only practice that does not accept insurance.</b>						
	<b>My geographic region is:</b>					
	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Response Totals</b>
I’m considering/have considered something like that already, or I’m already working in such a practice model	14.0% (60)	14.9% (47)	13.6% (19)	7.9% (21)	11.5% (36)	12.5% (183)
It might be worth a try, but only if it made sense economically	<b>45.3%</b> <b>(194)</b>	<b>42.7%</b> <b>(135)</b>	<b>47.9%</b> <b>(67)</b>	<b>52.6%</b> <b>(140)</b>	<b>43.3%</b> <b>(135)</b>	<b>45.9%</b> <b>(671)</b>
Such a practice is not right for me but I don’t mind if other physicians do it	27.3% (117)	32.9% (104)	27.9% (39)	26.7% (71)	34.0% (106)	29.9% (437)
I think practices that don’t accept insurance are bad for patients, or unethical	13.3% (57)	9.5% (30)	10.7% (15)	12.8% (34)	11.2% (35)	11.7% (171)
<b>answered question</b>	428	316	140	266	312	<b>1,462</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>125</b>

24. I think the largest barrier to good healthcare for my patients is (please check only one):						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
A lack of adequate insurance coverage	43.0% (184)	45.5% (143)	46.0% (64)	46.8% (124)	49.4% (154)	45.9% (669)
I don't have enough time to educate them properly	23.1% (99)	19.4% (61)	15.8% (22)	15.5% (41)	15.1% (47)	18.5% (270)
They do not schedule regular preventative checkups/physicals	8.6% (37)	6.4% (20)	12.2% (17)	12.1% (32)	9.6% (30)	9.3% (136)
They don't follow my advice	9.3% (40)	11.8% (37)	13.7% (19)	11.7% (31)	12.8% (40)	11.5% (167)
Other (please specify)	15.9% (68)	16.9% (53)	12.2% (17)	14.0% (37)	13.1% (41)	14.8% (216)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	428	314	139	265	312	<b>1,458</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>129</b>

25. I am:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Married	81.4% (351)	85.1% (268)	83.0% (117)	84.6% (226)	80.8% (252)	82.8% (1,214)
Single, with a partner	7.2% (31)	5.4% (17)	7.1% (10)	5.2% (14)	6.4% (20)	6.3% (92)
Single, no partner	11.4% (49)	9.8% (31)	9.9% (14)	10.1% (27)	12.8% (40)	11.0% (161)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	431	315	141	267	312	<b>1,466</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>121</b>

26. My spouse or significant other is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
A physician (working or retired)	18.1% (69)	15.0% (43)	13.4% (17)	20.4% (49)	11.4% (31)	16.0% (209)
A nonphysician healthcare professional	24.7% (94)	<b>33.9%</b> <b>(97)</b>	26.0% (33)	22.9% (55)	24.3% (66)	26.4% (345)
Employed in a field unrelated to healthcare	<b>35.2%</b> <b>(134)</b>	23.1% (66)	<b>36.2%</b> <b>(46)</b>	26.7% (64)	<b>35.7%</b> <b>(97)</b>	<b>31.2%</b> <b>(407)</b>
A full-time homemaker	22.0% (84)	28.0% (80)	24.4% (31)	<b>30.0%</b> <b>(72)</b>	28.7% (78)	26.4% (345)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	381	286	127	240	272	<b>1,306</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>281</b>

27. Number of children in my household:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
0	<b>32.7%</b> <b>(141)</b>	<b>32.9%</b> <b>(104)</b>	<b>38.7%</b> <b>(55)</b>	<b>33.6%</b> <b>(89)</b>	<b>38.7%</b> <b>(121)</b>	<b>34.8%</b> <b>(510)</b>
1	18.3% (79)	19.6% (62)	12.0% (17)	13.2% (35)	17.3% (54)	16.8% (247)
2	30.4% (131)	30.7% (97)	29.6% (42)	25.7% (68)	27.2% (85)	28.8% (423)
3	11.8% (51)	11.4% (36)	13.4% (19)	19.2% (51)	9.6% (30)	12.7% (187)
4	4.2% (18)	4.7% (15)	4.9% (7)	5.7% (15)	5.1% (16)	4.8% (71)
5 or more	2.6% (11)	0.6% (2)	1.4% (2)	2.6% (7)	2.2% (7)	2.0% (29)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	431	316	142	265	313	<b>1,467</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>120</b>

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

		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
True		23.9% (34)	20.8% (22)	20.0% (11)	17.0% (16)	16.7% (20)	19.9% (103)
False		<b>60.6%</b> <b>(86)</b>	<b>65.1%</b> <b>(69)</b>	<b>70.9%</b> <b>(39)</b>	<b>67.0%</b> <b>(63)</b>	<b>73.3%</b> <b>(88)</b>	<b>66.7%</b> <b>(345)</b>
Not sure yet		15.5% (22)	14.2% (15)	9.1% (5)	16.0% (15)	10.0% (12)	13.3% (69)
<b>answered question</b>		142	106	55	94	120	<b>517</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>1,070</b>

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

		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
True		12.4% (36)	12.2% (26)	10.3% (9)	10.2% (18)	12.5% (24)	11.8% (113)
False		<b>79.3%</b> <b>(230)</b>	<b>78.9%</b> <b>(168)</b>	<b>77.0%</b> <b>(67)</b>	<b>78.5%</b> <b>(139)</b>	<b>77.6%</b> <b>(149)</b>	<b>78.5%</b> <b>(753)</b>
Not sure yet		8.3% (24)	8.9% (19)	12.6% (11)	11.3% (20)	9.9% (19)	9.7% (93)
<b>answered question</b>		290	213	87	177	192	<b>959</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>628</b>

30. I don't have as much time for my personal life as I think I should have:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
True	67.2% (287)	65.3% (203)	59.3% (83)	65.3% (173)	68.9% (213)	66.0% (959)
False	32.8% (140)	34.7% (108)	40.7% (57)	34.7% (92)	31.1% (96)	34.0% (493)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	427	311	140	265	309	<b>1,452</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>135</b>

31. In a typical work week (Monday through Friday), I spend:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Fewer than 6 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	23.8% (102)	22.4% (70)	22.5% (32)	25.8% (69)	21.9% (68)	23.4% (341)
Between 7 and 10 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	35.0% (150)	32.4% (101)	32.4% (46)	29.6% (79)	33.5% (104)	32.9% (480)
More than 10 waking hours with my family/loved ones per week	41.1% (176)	45.2% (141)	45.1% (64)	44.6% (119)	44.5% (138)	43.7% (638)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	428	312	142	267	310	<b>1,459</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>128</b>

32. In a typical work week, I eat dinner with my spouse and most or all of my minor children:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Just about every night	29.2% (122)	35.6% (110)	39.9% (55)	36.6% (97)	34.8% (106)	34.1% (490)
At least 5 nights	14.4% (60)	16.2% (50)	15.9% (22)	14.7% (39)	14.1% (43)	14.9% (214)
3 or 4 nights	28.5% (119)	23.9% (74)	21.0% (29)	23.8% (63)	24.3% (74)	25.0% (359)
1 or 2 nights	16.7% (70)	13.6% (42)	16.7% (23)	16.6% (44)	16.4% (50)	16.0% (229)
Hardly ever	11.2% (47)	10.7% (33)	6.5% (9)	8.3% (22)	10.5% (32)	10.0% (143)
<b>answered question</b>	418	309	138	265	305	<b>1,435</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>152</b>

33. I exercise:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
At least 5 times a week	16.9% (72)	18.5% (58)	16.2% (23)	15.8% (42)	19.4% (60)	17.5% (255)
At least 3 times a week	27.9% (119)	32.2% (101)	26.1% (37)	29.1% (77)	32.4% (100)	29.8% (434)
At least once a week	23.7% (101)	20.7% (65)	17.6% (25)	18.1% (48)	22.0% (68)	21.1% (307)
I don't get much exercise	31.5% (134)	28.7% (90)	40.1% (57)	37.0% (98)	26.2% (81)	31.6% (460)
<b>answered question</b>	426	314	142	265	309	<b>1,456</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>131</b>

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

	My geographic region is:					Response Totals
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	
Running/jogging	21.0% (88)	24.4% (76)	20.7% (29)	24.2% (64)	24.5% (75)	23.0% (332)
Walking	<b>45.7%</b> <b>(192)</b>	<b>49.4%</b> <b>(154)</b>	<b>36.4%</b> <b>(51)</b>	<b>42.8%</b> <b>(113)</b>	<b>46.7%</b> <b>(143)</b>	<b>45.3%</b> <b>(653)</b>
Cycling	15.5% (65)	16.3% (51)	17.9% (25)	11.4% (30)	22.5% (69)	16.6% (240)
Swimming	10.0% (42)	9.9% (31)	6.4% (9)	12.1% (32)	7.5% (23)	9.5% (137)
Weightlifting	20.5% (86)	26.3% (82)	20.7% (29)	21.6% (57)	30.4% (93)	24.1% (347)
Aerobic machines (ex: tread mill)	27.1% (114)	31.7% (99)	24.3% (34)	29.5% (78)	24.5% (75)	27.7% (400)
Aerobics/exercise classes	7.9% (33)	7.4% (23)	4.3% (6)	8.0% (21)	7.5% (23)	7.4% (106)
Yoga	7.9% (33)	6.7% (21)	6.4% (9)	6.4% (17)	9.2% (28)	7.5% (108)
Competitive sports (basketball, tennis, etc.)	6.0% (25)	9.9% (31)	7.1% (10)	8.0% (21)	7.5% (23)	7.6% (110)
I don't engage regularly in physical activity outside of work	17.6% (74)	20.2% (63)	25.7% (36)	23.5% (62)	18.0% (55)	20.1% (290)
Other (please specify)	7.4% (31)	6.7% (21)	12.9% (18)	8.3% (22)	10.1% (31)	8.5% (123)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	420	312	140	264	306	<b>1,442</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>145</b>

35. I have a regular primary-care physician.							
		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
True		66.4% (284)	62.1% (195)	59.2% (84)	59.8% (159)	65.8% (202)	63.4% (924)
False		33.6% (144)	37.9% (119)	40.8% (58)	40.2% (107)	34.2% (105)	36.6% (533)
<b>answered question</b>		428	314	142	266	307	<b>1,457</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>130</b>

36. Please check off the appropriate answer to these three statements:							
		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
I get routine check-ups and follow my doctor's advise, at least most of the time	True	59.5% (253)	59.7% (188)	62.4% (88)	58.0% (153)	63.6% (192)	
	False	40.5% (172)	40.3% (127)	37.6% (53)	42.0% (111)	36.4% (110)	
		425	315	141	264	302	1,447
I eat right most of the time	True	75.7% (315)	78.0% (244)	71.4% (100)	73.6% (192)	78.3% (235)	
	False	24.3% (101)	22.0% (69)	28.6% (40)	26.4% (69)	21.7% (65)	
		416	313	140	261	300	1,430
I smoke cigarettes	True	2.9% (12)	3.9% (12)	3.5% (5)	1.9% (5)	2.3% (7)	
	False	97.1% (406)	96.1% (297)	96.5% (136)	98.1% (257)	97.7% (292)	
		418	309	141	262	299	1,429
<b>answered question</b>		425	315	141	265	303	<b>1,449</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>138</b>

37. My body-mass index/body-fat percentage is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Just right	34.9% (149)	35.4% (111)	42.6% (60)	34.3% (91)	35.5% (108)	35.8% (519)
A little higher than it should be	45.7% (195)	44.9% (141)	42.6% (60)	46.0% (122)	45.4% (138)	45.2% (656)
Much higher than it should be	14.1% (60)	11.8% (37)	11.3% (16)	14.3% (38)	13.2% (40)	13.2% (191)
A little lower than it should be	1.6% (7)	3.8% (12)	0.7% (1)	3.0% (8)	4.9% (15)	3.0% (43)
Much lower than it should be	0.2% (1)	0.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (2)	0.3% (1)	0.4% (6)
I don't what know what my BMI/body-fat percentage is	3.5% (15)	3.5% (11)	2.8% (4)	1.5% (4)	0.7% (2)	2.5% (36)
<b>answered question</b>	427	314	141	265	304	1,451
<b>skipped question</b>						136

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 geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
<b>Agree:</b> It's important that I set an example for my patients	88.5% (376)	90.4% (284)	92.9% (131)	89.7% (236)	92.1% (281)	90.3% (1,308)
<b>Disagree:</b> My clinical abilities are unrelated to my waistline	11.5% (49)	9.6% (30)	7.1% (10)	10.3% (27)	7.9% (24)	9.7% (140)
<b>answered question</b>	425	314	141	263	305	1,448
<b>skipped question</b>						139

**39. Physically, here's how I would describe how I feel most of time:**

	My geographic region is:					Response Totals
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	
Terrific. I have lots of energy and rarely feel run-down	17.1% (73)	15.0% (47)	18.4% (26)	18.1% (48)	15.7% (48)	16.7% (242)
Not bad. I'd say I feel better than most people my age	<b>42.3%</b> <b>(180)</b>	<b>40.8%</b> <b>(128)</b>	<b>46.8%</b> <b>(66)</b>	<b>40.8%</b> <b>(108)</b>	<b>41.8%</b> <b>(128)</b>	<b>42.0%</b> <b>(610)</b>
Fair. I'm a bit tired and stressed, but that's to be expected	31.9% (136)	32.2% (101)	27.7% (39)	29.1% (77)	31.4% (96)	30.9% (449)
Poor. I'm exhausted much of the time, and I have other symptoms that concern me	4.9% (21)	5.7% (18)	4.3% (6)	5.7% (15)	5.6% (17)	5.3% (77)
Very poor. Let's just say I wish you hadn't asked	0.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.7% (1)	1.1% (3)	0.3% (1)	0.5% (7)
I have a diagnosed chronic illness, but I'm getting treated and feel about the way I should under the circumstances.	2.8% (12)	5.4% (17)	2.1% (3)	4.2% (11)	4.2% (13)	3.9% (56)
I have a diagnosed chronic illness, and the treatment is not going well, or I'm not getting any.	0.5% (2)	1.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	1.1% (3)	1.0% (3)	0.8% (11)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	426	314	141	265	306	<b>1,452</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>135</b>

40. Emotionally, here's how I would describe how I feel most of time:							
		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Terrific. I almost couldn't be happier.		10.0% (42)	8.9% (28)	15.9% (22)	10.0% (26)	12.5% (38)	10.9% (156)
Not bad. I think I'm happier and better-adjusted than most people		<b>49.2%</b> <b>(207)</b>	<b>47.5%</b> <b>(149)</b>	<b>43.5%</b> <b>(60)</b>	<b>46.7%</b> <b>(122)</b>	<b>44.2%</b> <b>(134)</b>	<b>46.8%</b> <b>(672)</b>
About average. I have ups and downs like most people.		28.7% (121)	28.7% (90)	29.7% (41)	28.7% (75)	29.4% (89)	28.9% (416)
A little below average. I feel sad or run-down more often than I probably should		9.0% (38)	11.5% (36)	9.4% (13)	11.9% (31)	11.2% (34)	10.6% (152)
Poor. I feel sad or run-down much more often than I probably should		3.1% (13)	3.5% (11)	1.4% (2)	2.7% (7)	2.6% (8)	2.9% (41)
<b>answered question</b>		421	314	138	261	303	<b>1,437</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>150</b>

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 geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Level of happiness	<b>Happy 10</b>	5.5% (23)	6.4% (20)	11.7% (16)	5.4% (14)	6.7% (20)	
	<b>9</b>	21.2% (88)	19.9% (62)	23.4% (32)	24.1% (62)	17.8% (53)	
	<b>8</b>	<b>30.6%</b> <b>(127)</b>	<b>34.1%</b> <b>(106)</b>	<b>29.2%</b> <b>(40)</b>	<b>32.3%</b> <b>(83)</b>	<b>33.6%</b> <b>(100)</b>	
	<b>7</b>	20.5% (85)	17.4% (54)	15.3% (21)	15.2% (39)	20.5% (61)	
	<b>6</b>	7.7% (32)	7.4% (23)	11.7% (16)	8.2% (21)	8.1% (24)	
	<b>5</b>	7.7% (32)	5.1% (16)	1.5% (2)	5.1% (13)	5.4% (16)	
	<b>4</b>	4.3% (18)	4.2% (13)	3.6% (5)	5.4% (14)	4.7% (14)	

	<b>3</b>	1.7% (7)	3.2% (10)	2.2% (3)	3.1% (8)	2.7% (8)	
	<b>2</b>	0.2% (1)	1.3% (4)	0.7% (1)	0.4% (1)	0.3% (1)	
	<b>1 Depressed</b>	0.5% (2)	1.0% (3)	0.7% (1)	0.8% (2)	0.3% (1)	
	rating average	7.43 (415)	7.38 (311)	7.69 (137)	7.43 (257)	7.42 (298)	7.44 (1,418)
	<b>answered question</b>	415	311	137	257	298	<b>1,418</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>169</b>

42. The happiest time in my life was/is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Right now	25.1% (106)	<b>26.1%</b> <b>(82)</b>	<b>29.2%</b> <b>(40)</b>	<b>25.0%</b> <b>(66)</b>	<b>31.4%</b> <b>(95)</b>	<b>27.0%</b> <b>(389)</b>
Earlier in my career	14.2% (60)	19.1% (60)	16.1% (22)	16.3% (43)	19.8% (60)	17.0% (245)
During medical school or residency	6.6% (28)	8.0% (25)	8.8% (12)	8.3% (22)	7.9% (24)	7.7% (111)
When I was in college	13.0% (55)	13.4% (42)	10.9% (15)	14.8% (39)	8.9% (27)	12.4% (178)
When I was in high school	5.0% (21)	2.9% (9)	6.6% (9)	4.5% (12)	2.6% (8)	4.1% (59)
When I was a child	3.8% (16)	2.2% (7)	5.8% (8)	4.9% (13)	5.9% (18)	4.3% (62)
I'm hoping some future time in my life will be happy	6.6% (28)	6.4% (20)	2.2% (3)	5.7% (15)	5.0% (15)	5.6% (81)
I've always been pretty happy	<b>25.6%</b> <b>(108)</b>	22.0% (69)	20.4% (28)	20.5% (54)	18.5% (56)	21.9% (315)
<b>answered question</b>	422	314	137	264	303	<b>1,440</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>147</b>

43. In last year's presidential election, I voted for:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Barack Obama, Democrat	55.2% (229)	43.3% (136)	38.5% (52)	46.7% (121)	55.1% (166)	49.4% (704)
John McCain, Republican	30.1% (125)	43.6% (137)	40.7% (55)	37.8% (98)	30.9% (93)	35.7% (508)
A different candidate	1.0% (4)	2.2% (7)	0.7% (1)	2.7% (7)	1.3% (4)	1.6% (23)
I did not vote	13.7% (57)	10.8% (34)	20.0% (27)	12.7% (33)	12.6% (38)	13.3% (189)
<b>answered question</b>	415	314	135	259	301	<b>1,424</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>163</b>

44. For Congress, I voted:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Mainly Democrat	45.4% (188)	33.3% (104)	31.3% (42)	35.7% (92)	42.7% (129)	39.1% (555)
Mainly Republican	26.6% (110)	41.0% (128)	40.3% (54)	34.1% (88)	28.8% (87)	32.9% (467)
A mix of each	13.5% (56)	13.1% (41)	7.5% (10)	18.2% (47)	14.6% (44)	13.9% (198)
I voted for other parties' candidates	0.2% (1)	0.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.2% (3)	0.7% (2)	0.6% (8)
I did not vote	14.3% (59)	11.9% (37)	20.9% (28)	10.9% (28)	13.2% (40)	13.5% (192)
<b>answered question</b>	414	312	134	258	302	<b>1,420</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>167</b>

45. In general, I'd characterize my political views as:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Very liberal	9.6% (40)	3.2% (10)	4.5% (6)	8.9% (23)	7.6% (23)	7.2% (102)
Liberal	<b>17.5%</b> <b>(73)</b>	12.5% (39)	12.7% (17)	<b>17.4%</b> <b>(45)</b>	17.9% (54)	16.0% (228)
Moderately liberal/center-left	15.3% (64)	14.7% (46)	15.7% (21)	16.6% (43)	<b>19.5%</b> <b>(59)</b>	<b>16.4%</b> <b>(233)</b>
Middle-of-the-road; I don't lean left or right	14.1% (59)	15.0% (47)	13.4% (18)	12.7% (33)	10.6% (32)	13.3% (189)
Moderately conservative/center-right	16.1% (67)	14.4% (45)	<b>19.4%</b> <b>(26)</b>	8.9% (23)	11.6% (35)	13.8% (196)
Conservative	13.2% (55)	<b>18.2%</b> <b>(57)</b>	17.9% (24)	14.7% (38)	13.9% (42)	15.2% (216)
Very conservative	3.1% (13)	6.4% (20)	6.7% (9)	7.7% (20)	5.0% (15)	5.4% (77)
I consider myself liberal on social issues but fiscally conservative.	8.9% (37)	14.4% (45)	8.2% (11)	12.4% (32)	12.6% (38)	11.4% (163)
I consider myself liberal on economic issues but socially conservative.	2.2% (9)	1.3% (4)	1.5% (2)	0.8% (2)	1.3% (4)	1.5% (21)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	417	313	134	259	302	<b>1,425</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>162</b>

46. I am a registered:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Democrat	<b>40.5%</b> <b>(167)</b>	29.4% (92)	<b>31.8%</b> <b>(42)</b>	28.2% (72)	<b>36.6%</b> <b>(111)</b>	<b>34.2%</b> <b>(484)</b>
Republican	23.8% (98)	<b>38.3%</b> <b>(120)</b>	30.3% (40)	<b>32.2%</b> <b>(82)</b>	29.7% (90)	30.4% (430)
Independent	23.8% (98)	21.4% (67)	22.0% (29)	26.3% (67)	23.1% (70)	23.4% (331)
Green	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	0.1% (2)
Libertarian	1.2% (5)	1.6% (5)	0.8% (1)	0.8% (2)	0.7% (2)	1.1% (15)
I'm not registered to vote	10.7% (44)	9.3% (29)	14.4% (19)	12.5% (32)	9.6% (29)	10.8% (153)
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	412	313	132	255	303	<b>1,415</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>172</b>

47. Concerning the outcome of the recent elections for president and Congress, I would describe myself as:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Overjoyed	22.2% (93)	16.6% (52)	21.5% (29)	19.8% (52)	21.4% (65)	20.3% (291)
Generally pleased, but with reservations	<b>36.1%</b> <b>(151)</b>	<b>28.8%</b> <b>(90)</b>	<b>26.7%</b> <b>(36)</b>	<b>31.7%</b> <b>(83)</b>	<b>34.9%</b> <b>(106)</b>	<b>32.5%</b> <b>(466)</b>
Not sure; I'm taking a wait-and-see attitude	24.4% (102)	24.6% (77)	25.9% (35)	19.8% (52)	21.1% (64)	23.0% (330)
Generally displeased, but with room for optimism	6.9% (29)	15.0% (47)	11.9% (16)	13.0% (34)	11.8% (36)	11.3% (162)
Deeply disappointed	10.3% (43)	15.0% (47)	14.1% (19)	15.6% (41)	10.9% (33)	12.8% (183)
<b>answered question</b>	418	313	135	262	304	<b>1,432</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>155</b>

48. I would describe my level of political activity as:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Very active. I usually volunteer on campaigns/raise or give money to candidates/organize political events	3.8% (16)	4.8% (15)	3.0% (4)	5.7% (15)	5.6% (17)	4.7% (67)
Somewhat active. I have occasionally volunteered time or donated money to a political candidate or organization. Sometimes I attend political rallies.	19.2% (81)	24.7% (77)	20.9% (28)	20.7% (54)	23.5% (71)	21.7% (311)
Moderately involved. I pay attention, and I vote. But otherwise I leave the politicking to others.	<b>56.1%</b> <b>(236)</b>	<b>56.1%</b> <b>(175)</b>	<b>49.3%</b> <b>(66)</b>	<b>53.3%</b> <b>(139)</b>	<b>53.6%</b> <b>(162)</b>	<b>54.4%</b> <b>(778)</b>
Not very involved. I usually just vote for whomever my party has nominated and don't pay much attention beyond that.	10.7% (45)	6.1% (19)	14.2% (19)	12.3% (32)	9.3% (28)	10.0% (143)
Hardly at all. I usually don't vote.	10.2% (43)	8.3% (26)	12.7% (17)	8.0% (21)	7.9% (24)	9.2% (131)
<b>answered question</b>	421	312	134	261	302	<b>1,430</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>157</b>

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

		My geographic region is:					
		Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Iraq/Afghanistan	<b>5 Extremely Important</b>	32.8% (135)	32.1% (99)	33.6% (45)	32.4% (84)	35.9% (108)	
	<b>4</b>	<b>35.9% (148)</b>	<b>38.0% (117)</b>	<b>37.3% (50)</b>	<b>36.3% (94)</b>	<b>38.9% (117)</b>	
	<b>3</b>	21.4% (88)	20.1% (62)	18.7% (25)	23.2% (60)	15.3% (46)	
	<b>2</b>	6.3% (26)	7.1% (22)	9.0% (12)	5.8% (15)	6.6% (20)	
	<b>1 Not at all important</b>	3.6% (15)	2.6% (8)	1.5% (2)	2.3% (6)	3.3% (10)	
		412	308	134	259	301	1,414
Terrorism	<b>5 Extremely Important</b>	<b>43.2% (177)</b>	<b>41.2% (127)</b>	<b>44.4% (60)</b>	<b>42.0% (107)</b>	<b>39.4% (119)</b>	
	<b>4</b>	29.8% (122)	36.0% (111)	31.1% (42)	25.5% (65)	30.5% (92)	
	<b>3</b>	19.3% (79)	14.9% (46)	18.5% (25)	22.4% (57)	18.2% (55)	
	<b>2</b>	6.3% (26)	6.8% (21)	4.4% (6)	8.2% (21)	8.9% (27)	
	<b>1 Not at all important</b>	1.5% (6)	1.0% (3)	1.5% (2)	2.0% (5)	3.0% (9)	
		410	308	135	255	302	1,410
The economy	<b>5 Extremely Important</b>	<b>83.1% (343)</b>	<b>82.1% (256)</b>	<b>85.2% (115)</b>	<b>82.2% (213)</b>	<b>86.8% (262)</b>	
	<b>4</b>	12.6% (52)	15.1% (47)	11.1% (15)	15.1% (39)	8.9% (27)	
		4.1%	2.9%	3.0%	1.9%	4.3%	

		(17)	(9)	(4)	(5)	(13)	
	2	0.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	
	1 Not at all important	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.7% (1)	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	
		413	312	135	259	302	1,421
Healthcare reform	5 Extremely Important	67.7% (277)	65.6% (204)	60.0% (81)	68.5% (178)	61.5% (185)	
	4	21.0% (86)	23.2% (72)	26.7% (36)	20.0% (52)	23.3% (70)	
	3	8.1% (33)	9.3% (29)	8.1% (11)	7.7% (20)	11.6% (35)	
	2	2.2% (9)	1.0% (3)	4.4% (6)	3.1% (8)	2.3% (7)	
	1 Not at all important	1.0% (4)	1.0% (3)	0.7% (1)	0.8% (2)	1.3% (4)	
		409	311	135	260	301	1,416
Education reform	5 Extremely Important	32.8% (135)	37.7% (117)	41.5% (56)	41.0% (105)	39.3% (117)	
	4	40.6% (167)	35.2% (109)	33.3% (45)	33.6% (86)	32.2% (96)	
	3	17.8% (73)	21.6% (67)	17.8% (24)	18.4% (47)	18.5% (55)	
	2	6.8% (28)	3.5% (11)	5.2% (7)	5.9% (15)	5.4% (16)	
	1 Not at all important	1.9% (8)	1.9% (6)	2.2% (3)	1.2% (3)	4.7% (14)	
		411	310	135	256	298	1,410
Preserving or altering laws on abortion	5 Extremely Important	24.2% (99)	19.7% (61)	18.8% (25)	22.9% (59)	26.4% (78)	
	4	24.2% (99)	20.1% (62)	22.6% (30)	19.0% (49)	21.3% (63)	

	3	24.0% (98)	<b>28.8%</b> <b>(89)</b>	<b>27.1%</b> <b>(36)</b>	<b>24.4%</b> <b>(63)</b>	25.3% (75)	
	2	13.9% (57)	16.5% (51)	14.3% (19)	15.5% (40)	11.8% (35)	
	1 Not at all important	13.7% (56)	14.9% (46)	17.3% (23)	18.2% (47)	15.2% (45)	
		409	309	133	258	296	1,405
Preserving or altering laws on civil marriage	5 Extremely Important	16.5% (68)	16.6% (50)	16.7% (22)	18.1% (47)	21.7% (65)	
	4	20.0% (82)	18.5% (56)	13.6% (18)	19.7% (51)	22.0% (66)	
	3	<b>28.0%</b> <b>(115)</b>	<b>25.2%</b> <b>(76)</b>	<b>31.1%</b> <b>(41)</b>	<b>26.3%</b> <b>(68)</b>	<b>23.0%</b> <b>(69)</b>	
	2	15.6% (64)	20.5% (62)	19.7% (26)	13.5% (35)	12.7% (38)	
	1 Not at all important	20.0% (82)	19.2% (58)	18.9% (25)	22.4% (58)	20.7% (62)	
		411	302	132	259	300	1,404
Preserving or altering laws on gun- control	5 Extremely Important	26.4% (108)	23.3% (72)	25.2% (34)	<b>28.3%</b> <b>(73)</b>	25.2% (75)	
	4	<b>26.7%</b> <b>(109)</b>	24.6% (76)	22.2% (30)	26.4% (68)	26.2% (78)	
	3	25.4% (104)	<b>29.4%</b> <b>(91)</b>	<b>31.1%</b> <b>(42)</b>	22.5% (58)	<b>28.2%</b> <b>(84)</b>	
	2	11.5% (47)	11.3% (35)	13.3% (18)	12.4% (32)	10.4% (31)	
	1 Not at all important	10.0% (41)	11.3% (35)	8.1% (11)	10.5% (27)	10.1% (30)	
		409	309	135	258	298	1,409
Environment/Global warming	5 Extremely Important	31.6% (130)	<b>31.9%</b> <b>(98)</b>	<b>31.1%</b> <b>(42)</b>	<b>29.8%</b> <b>(77)</b>	<b>35.9%</b> <b>(107)</b>	

	<b>4</b>	<b>35.2%</b> <b>(145)</b>	26.1% (80)	28.1% (38)	27.5% (71)	27.9% (83)	
	<b>3</b>	18.9% (78)	22.5% (69)	20.7% (28)	17.8% (46)	17.8% (53)	
	<b>2</b>	6.3% (26)	9.8% (30)	11.1% (15)	12.4% (32)	9.7% (29)	
	<b>1</b> <b>Not at all important</b>	8.0% (33)	9.8% (30)	8.9% (12)	12.4% (32)	8.7% (26)	
		412	307	135	258	298	1,410
Crime	<b>5</b> <b>Extremely Important</b>	35.9% (145)	<b>39.7%</b> <b>(122)</b>	<b>40.9%</b> <b>(54)</b>	<b>33.7%</b> <b>(86)</b>	29.4% (88)	
	<b>4</b>	<b>38.6%</b> <b>(156)</b>	32.6% (100)	38.6% (51)	32.9% (84)	<b>37.8%</b> <b>(113)</b>	
	<b>3</b>	20.3% (82)	22.8% (70)	17.4% (23)	25.1% (64)	24.7% (74)	
	<b>2</b>	5.0% (20)	4.6% (14)	2.3% (3)	5.9% (15)	6.4% (19)	
	<b>1</b> <b>Not at all important</b>	0.2% (1)	0.3% (1)	0.8% (1)	2.4% (6)	1.7% (5)	
		404	307	132	255	299	1,397
Other (please specify)		17	26	12	12	22	89
<b>answered question</b>		416	312	135	260	302	<b>1,425</b>
<b>skipped question</b>							<b>162</b>

50. Concerning healthcare, I think America's current system is:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
In need of fundamental reform	62.5% (257)	51.8% (157)	51.5% (69)	52.1% (135)	60.9% (185)	56.9% (803)
In some trouble, but could be fixed without a major overhaul	22.1% (91)	26.4% (80)	29.9% (40)	23.2% (60)	21.7% (66)	23.9% (337)
In some trouble, but any changes should be made by the marketplace, without government intervention	14.1% (58)	21.1% (64)	17.9% (24)	23.9% (62)	16.8% (51)	18.4% (259)
Just fine the way it is; don't change a thing	1.2% (5)	0.7% (2)	0.7% (1)	0.8% (2)	0.7% (2)	0.9% (12)
<b>answered question</b>	411	303	134	259	304	1,411
	<b>skipped question</b>					<b>176</b>

51. If it were up to me, I'd like the American healthcare system to be:						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
A government-run single-payer system like Canada's, without private health insurers of any kind.	18.8% (77)	13.2% (40)	11.2% (15)	19.0% (49)	16.4% (50)	16.4% (231)
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.	26.3% (108)	22.0% (67)	19.4% (26)	19.4% (50)	23.7% (72)	22.9% (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.	28.5% (117)	30.3% (92)	26.9% (36)	29.8% (77)	32.9% (100)	29.9% (422)
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.	11.5% (47)	13.8% (42)	14.2% (19)	13.6% (35)	10.9% (33)	12.5% (176)
A system that uses tax incentives and market-based reforms to widen insurance coverage, but otherwise leaves the system as-is.	7.6% (31)	12.5% (38)	16.4% (22)	11.2% (29)	8.6% (26)	10.4% (146)

Our current system; I wouldn't change a thing.	0.5% (2)	1.3% (4)	2.2% (3)	1.6% (4)	0.7% (2)	1.1% (15)
None of the above	6.8% (28)	6.9% (21)	9.7% (13)	5.4% (14)	6.9% (21)	6.9% (97)
<b>answered question</b>	410	304	134	258	304	<b>1,410</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>177</b>

52. Other healthcare reforms I'd like to see include (check all that apply):						
	My geographic region is:					Response Totals
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	
Financial incentives/loan forgiveness to young doctors, to encourage more people to enter medical school	62.8% (255)	52.8% (158)	58.6% (78)	58.7% (152)	56.7% (169)	58.2% (812)
Tort reform to reduce malpractice lawsuits	<b>88.4%</b> <b>(359)</b>	<b>86.0%</b> <b>(257)</b>	<b>82.7%</b> <b>(110)</b>	<b>83.8%</b> <b>(217)</b>	<b>88.9%</b> <b>(265)</b>	<b>86.6%</b> <b>(1,208)</b>
Quality-of-care initiatives to reduce medical errors, hospital infection rates, etc.	56.7% (230)	61.5% (184)	57.9% (77)	55.2% (143)	59.4% (177)	58.1% (811)
Other (please specify)	12.6% (51)	15.7% (47)	15.0% (20)	16.2% (42)	16.8% (50)	15.1% (210)
<b>answered question</b>	406	299	133	259	298	<b>1,395</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>192</b>

53. Here's what I would like to tell [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] about the life and work of a modern physician

	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
my spouse	4.8% (13)	7.9% (17)	5.5% (5)	6.1% (11)	6.5% (15)	6.2% (61)
my kids	15.9% (43)	12.0% (26)	20.9% (19)	14.4% (26)	11.3% (26)	14.2% (140)
my patients	14.0% (38)	13.9% (30)	16.5% (15)	15.6% (28)	11.3% (26)	13.9% (137)
politicians	21.8% (59)	23.1% (50)	22.0% (20)	17.8% (32)	25.2% (58)	22.2% (219)
the general public	<b>38.0%</b> <b>(103)</b>	<b>35.2%</b> <b>(76)</b>	<b>33.0%</b> <b>(30)</b>	<b>41.1%</b> <b>(74)</b>	<b>35.2%</b> <b>(81)</b>	<b>36.8%</b> <b>(364)</b>
other physicians	5.5% (15)	7.9% (17)	2.2% (2)	5.0% (9)	10.4% (24)	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).	262	206	82	178	220	948
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	271	216	91	180	230	<b>988</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>599</b>

54. Here's what I would like to tell [ _____ ] about the life and work of a modern physician						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
my spouse	12.4% (22)	9.2% (13)	6.6% (4)	10.5% (13)	8.8% (14)	10.0% (66)
my kids	13.6% (24)	15.6% (22)	11.5% (7)	16.1% (20)	14.5% (23)	14.5% (96)
my patients	17.5% (31)	18.4% (26)	13.1% (8)	17.7% (22)	13.2% (21)	16.3% (108)
politicians	<b>24.3%</b> <b>(43)</b>	22.0% (31)	26.2% (16)	<b>27.4%</b> <b>(34)</b>	23.3% (37)	<b>24.3%</b> <b>(161)</b>
the general public	22.0% (39)	<b>23.4%</b> <b>(33)</b>	<b>31.1%</b> <b>(19)</b>	17.7% (22)	<b>28.3%</b> <b>(45)</b>	23.9% (158)
other physicians	10.2% (18)	11.3% (16)	11.5% (7)	10.5% (13)	11.9% (19)	11.0% (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).	166	135	59	117	154	631
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	177	141	61	124	159	<b>662</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>925</b>

55. Here's what I would like to tell [ _____ ] about the life and work of a modern physician						
	My geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
my spouse	9.2% (11)	11.1% (11)	7.7% (3)	13.7% (13)	7.5% (9)	9.9% (47)
my kids	13.3% (16)	11.1% (11)	5.1% (2)	16.8% (16)	15.0% (18)	13.3% (63)
my patients	15.8% (19)	13.1% (13)	17.9% (7)	16.8% (16)	<b>20.0%</b> <b>(24)</b>	16.7% (79)
politicians	22.5% (27)	<b>24.2%</b> <b>(24)</b>	17.9% (7)	<b>20.0%</b> <b>(19)</b>	18.3% (22)	20.9% (99)
the general public	<b>25.0%</b> <b>(30)</b>	17.2% (17)	<b>43.6%</b> <b>(17)</b>	<b>20.0%</b> <b>(19)</b>	19.2% (23)	<b>22.4%</b> <b>(106)</b>
other physicians	14.2% (17)	23.2% (23)	7.7% (3)	12.6% (12)	<b>20.0%</b> <b>(24)</b>	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).	114	93	37	89	119	452
<b>answered question</b>	120	99	39	95	120	<b>473</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>1,114</b>

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 geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Yes	<b>50.7%</b> <b>(176)</b>	<b>54.2%</b> <b>(143)</b>	46.2% (49)	<b>50.9%</b> <b>(117)</b>	<b>56.5%</b> <b>(152)</b>	<b>52.4%</b> <b>(637)</b>
No	49.3% (171)	45.8% (121)	<b>53.8%</b> <b>(57)</b>	49.1% (113)	43.5% (117)	47.6% (579)
<b>answered question</b>	347	264	106	230	269	<b>1,216</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>371</b>

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 geographic region is:					
	Northeast	Southeast	South	Midwest	West	Response Totals
Name:	99.5% (371)	99.6% (262)	99.2% (119)	100.0% (232)	100.0% (272)	99.7% (1,256)
Company:	49.6% (185)	54.4% (143)	47.5% (57)	57.3% (133)	59.9% (163)	54.0% (681)
Address:	98.7% (368)	98.1% (258)	97.5% (117)	98.7% (229)	98.2% (267)	98.3% (1,239)
Address 2:	19.6% (73)	20.5% (54)	16.7% (20)	18.1% (42)	20.6% (56)	19.4% (245)
City/Town:	98.7% (368)	98.5% (259)	100.0% (120)	99.1% (230)	98.2% (267)	98.7% (1,244)
State:	98.9% (369)	98.9% (260)	100.0% (120)	99.1% (230)	98.2% (267)	98.9% (1,246)
ZIP/Postal Code:	98.9% (369)	98.5% (259)	100.0% (120)	99.1% (230)	98.5% (268)	98.9% (1,246)
Country:	91.4% (341)	94.7% (249)	92.5% (111)	94.8% (220)	94.5% (257)	93.5% (1,178)
Email Address:	97.3% (363)	97.7% (257)	98.3% (118)	96.1% (223)	97.1% (264)	97.2% (1,225)
Phone Number:	86.6% (323)	89.4% (235)	87.5% (105)	91.8% (213)	90.8% (247)	89.1% (1,123)
<b>answered question</b>	373	263	120	232	272	<b>1,260</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>327</b>