2020 West Virginia Prescription Drugs Survey

Annotated Questionnaire

Sample: West Virginia Registered Voters Age 18 and older

February 2020

Summary Methodology Notes:

- **Market:** West Virginia
- **Field Dates:** January 22 - 28, 2020
- **Screening Criteria:** Age 18+, resident of WV, registered voter in WV
- **n=800**
- **Average Survey Length:** 15 minutes
- **Language:** English
- **Phone Sample:** 12% cell phone
- **Weight:** All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to January 2020 West Virginia state voter database statistics
- **MOE:** Total sample of 800 = $\pm 3.46\%$ at the 95% level of confidence (smaller subsamples have a larger MOE).
- **Proprietary Data:** Original survey included a question labeled 31; however, that information is proprietary and therefore is not being released.

Conducted by:

And how are you registered to vote?

	Total	50+
Democrat	43.9%	51.6%
Republican	32.2%	29.5%
Independent/other	24.0%	18.9%

1. Do you believe things in West Virginia are headed in the right direction or do you believe things have gotten off on the wrong track?

	Total	50+
Right direction	41.9%	45.3%
Wrong track	46.4%	43.4%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	11.7%	11.4%

Do you approve or disapprove of the job the following individuals or groups are doing in their elected position? If you don't know, please just tell me that. **WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove) or just somewhat (approve/disapprove) **(Read and Rotate)**

Governor Jim Justice

	Total	50+
Strongly Approve	15.9%	15.8%
Somewhat Approve	27.9%	31.2%
Somewhat Disapprove	16.1%	15.0%
Strongly Disapprove	30.7%	29.3%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	9.4%	8.6%

West Virginia State Legislature

	Total	50+
Strongly Approve	8.4%	8.7%
Somewhat Approve	31.6%	33.6%
Somewhat Disapprove	20.4%	17.6%
Strongly Disapprove	22.4%	21.0%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	17.3%	19.1%

President Donald Trump

	Total	50+
Strongly Approve	49.3%	48.9%
Somewhat Approve	9.0%	6.5%
Somewhat Disapprove	4.7%	2.7%
Strongly Disapprove	34.7%	39.1%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	2.3%	2.8%

2. I'd like to read a list of issues that some people have said are important for their governor and legislature to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which issues you think are **most** important – you can name up to two. **(READ AND Randomize ISSUES)**

	Total	50+
Improving k-12 education in the state	26.3%	20.4%
Creating and protecting jobs	24.0%	20.1%
Lowering the costs of health care	28.3%	28.9%
Lowering the costs of prescription drugs	21.3%	29.8%
Providing more services to older people and the disabled to help them live independently	14.6%	18.0%
Stopping the state's drug abuse problem	29.0%	24.5%
Improving West Virginia roads and highways	27.1%	29.6%
Reforming West Virginia's tax system	8.0%	7.7%
Immigration	8.9%	9.0%
Other	2.8%	3.8%
Unsure	0.5%	0.8%
None	0.0%	0.0%
Combination	0.4%	0.2%

3. Using a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is very **reasonable** and 5 is very **unreasonable**, how reasonable do you believe the prices of health care are in West Virginia? You may use any number one through five.

	Total	50+
1 Very Reasonable	4.4%	6.5%
2	6.9%	6.2%
3	29.0%	32.7%
4	20.6%	17.9%
5 Very Unreasonable	39.2%	36.6%

4. Compared to others in your age range how would you rate your overall health ? Would you say...
(READ and ROTATE ORDER: Excellent to Poor; Poor to Excellent)

	Total	50+
Excellent	11.3%	9.7%
Very Good	28.7%	29.8%
Good	32.2%	32.4%
Fair	21.1%	19.6%
Poor	6.7%	8.3%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	0.0%	0.1%

5. Using a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is very **reasonable** and 5 is very **unreasonable**, how reasonable do you believe the prices of prescription medications are? You may use any number one through five.

	Total	50+
1 Very Reasonable	3.5%	3.5%
2	8.1%	6.6%
3	19.9%	19.6%
4	22.2%	22.6%
5 Very Unreasonable	46.3%	47.8%

6. Generally, who do you believe is most responsible for the price of prescription medications?
(Read and Rotate)

	Total	50+
Doctors	1.6%	2.3%
Pharmacists	2.6%	2.4%
Hospitals	0.8%	0.6%
Health Insurance Companies	10.2%	6.4%
Pharmaceutical or Drug Companies	70.5%	71.8%
Government	11.0%	13.0%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	3.2%	3.5%

7. How often do [you/ someone in your household], take medication prescribed a doctor on a regular basis? (Read and Record)

	Total	50+
Daily	82.4%	89.7%
Weekly	1.3%	1.0%
2 times a month	1.3%	0.4%
Monthly	3.7%	2.1%
Never	10.6%	6.0%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	0.7%	0.8%

8. And how many different prescription medications do [you/ someone in your household], take on a regular basis? (Read and Record)

	Total	50+
1	11.4%	9.8%
2 to 3	27.5%	24.6%
4 to 5	24.2%	26.1%
6 to 10	21.4%	25.2%
11 or more	13.5%	13.0%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	2.0%	1.3%

9. Approximately, in the past 12 months, how much have you spent, each month, out of your own pocket for prescription drugs for yourself and/or a member of your household? (Your best guess is fine) [READ LIST]

	Total	50+
Less than \$10 per month	12.2%	11.9%
\$10 but less than \$50 per month	23.3%	24.0%
\$50 but less than \$100 per month	25.3%	22.5%
\$100 but less than \$200 per month	18.4%	19.5%
\$200 but less than \$500 per month	12.2%	13.3%
\$500 or more per month	4.3%	4.9%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	4.3%	3.8%

10. In the last two years, have you or a member of your household ever decided **not** to fill a prescription that your doctor had given?

	Total	50+
Yes	41.1%	35.4%
No	57.9%	63.5%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	1.0%	1.1%

11. What is the primary reason you, or a member of your household decided to not fill a prescription?
(Read and Randomize)

	Total	50+
Cost of the medicine	64.0%	68.2%
Thought the medicine wouldn't help	4.8%	3.2%
Worried about the side effects of the medicine	8.3%	10.2%
The medicine didn't help you in past experiences	3.3%	2.2%
Confused about the medicine	1.0%	1.4%
Another doctor or health professional advised not to take the medicine	0.1%	0.2%
You heard about bad experiences with the medicine from friends or family	0.5%	1.1%
You chose another course of treatment	1.4%	0.8%
Your condition improved	1.1%	0.4%
You don't like taking prescription medicine	5.8%	3.4%
You believed you were already taking too many prescription medicines	0.9%	1.9%
Other	8.5%	6.3%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	0.3%	0.7%

12. How concerned are you about being able to afford prescription medicine you, or a member of your household, needs during the next several years?

	Total	50+
Very concerned	39.5%	41.6%
Somewhat concerned	34.2%	34.6%
Not very concerned	12.8%	11.4%
Not at all concerned	12.2%	11.4%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	1.2%	1.0%

13. I am going to read you a list of statements. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement. (Read and Rotate Statements) **WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly (agree/disagree) or just somewhat (agree/disagree)? **(Read and Rotate)**

"You may not get a prescription filled because you don't have enough money to pay for it."

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	26.8%	24.2%
Somewhat agree	13.5%	13.5%
Somewhat disagree	16.5%	16.4%
Strongly disagree	41.1%	43.4%
Don't Know/Not applicable	2.2%	2.5%

14. *"You may take less medicine than my doctor prescribed to make it last longer"*

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	21.2%	20.8%
Somewhat agree	13.1%	13.7%
Somewhat disagree	17.4%	16.4%
Strongly disagree	46.7%	47.5%
Don't Know/Not applicable	1.6%	1.7%

15. *"You may have to delay getting a prescription filled because you don't have enough money to pay for it."*

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	25.9%	23.8%
Somewhat agree	16.8%	16.7%
Somewhat disagree	16.2%	15.8%
Strongly disagree	38.6%	40.2%
Don't Know/Not applicable	2.5%	3.5%

16. *"You may have to cut back on necessities like food, fuel, and electricity to be able to afford a prescription drug."*

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	22.8%	21.7%
Somewhat agree	14.8%	14.0%
Somewhat disagree	16.7%	18.2%
Strongly disagree	42.6%	42.8%
Don't Know/Not applicable	3.1%	3.2%

17. *"You may have to shop online at either a U.S. or Canadian pharmacy for a lower price on prescription drugs."*

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	18.2%	16.0%
Somewhat agree	17.4%	16.4%
Somewhat disagree	17.9%	19.1%
Strongly disagree	42.3%	43.8%
Don't Know/Not applicable	4.3%	4.8%

18. *"You may have to purchase an over-the-counter medicine instead of a prescription to treat a condition."*

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	24.8%	20.1%
Somewhat agree	26.1%	25.0%
Somewhat disagree	14.3%	15.0%
Strongly disagree	32.2%	36.8%
Don't Know/Not applicable	2.6%	3.0%

19. *"You may have to skip a prescription dose to save money."*

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	21.0%	20.2%
Somewhat agree	13.0%	11.5%
Somewhat disagree	16.8%	18.3%
Strongly disagree	47.0%	47.6%
Don't Know/Not applicable	2.2%	2.4%

20. Do you believe consumers in the United States pay [ROTATE ORDER: more, about the same amount, or less/ less, about the same, or more] for prescription medicines than consumers in other developed countries?

	Total	50+
More	77.6%	74.5%
About the same	7.2%	7.7%
Less	4.5%	3.2%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	10.6%	14.5%

21. How much have you read, seen or heard about Prescription Drug Transparency laws or proposals being discussed in several states? Read and Rotate order: A lot to Nothing; Nothing to A lot)

	Total	50+
A lot	13.2%	13.3%
Some	28.4%	30.8%
Very little	35.1%	35.3%
Nothing at all	21.8%	19.1%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	1.6%	1.5%

22. Several states such as Colorado, Texas and Maryland have recently passed prescription drug transparency laws that require drug companies to report the reasons behind dramatic increases in the costs of prescription medicines they make. Would you support or oppose a similar prescription drug transparency law in West Virginia? **WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly (support/oppose) or just somewhat (support/oppose)?

	Total	50+
Strongly support	72.9%	69.4%
Somewhat support	15.7%	17.3%
Somewhat oppose	3.6%	4.2%
Strongly oppose	3.2%	3.3%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	4.6%	5.8%

23. Do you agree or disagree requiring drug companies to inform the public about the reasons for dramatic price increases for medicines they make will help control the costs of prescriptions medicines for consumers? **WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK:** Would that be strongly (agree/disagree) or just somewhat (agree/disagree)?

	Total	50+
Strongly agree	62.9%	62.1%
Somewhat agree	20.1%	19.9%
Somewhat disagree	6.4%	6.7%
Strongly disagree	6.5%	5.5%
Don't Know/Not applicable	4.1%	5.8%

24. Please tell me which of the following statements regarding transparency legislation you agree with MOST? (Read and Rotate)

	Total	50+
(Some/Other) people say there's no reason for Americans to pay the highest brand name drug prices in the world. That's why we need new transparency legislation that requires drug companies to publicly explain dramatic price increases.	76.9%	72.6%
(Some/Other) people say transparency legislation would mislead patients about their out-of-pocket costs for their prescription drugs and discourage patients from using beneficial medications, potentially increasing the total cost of care.	15.0%	17.4%
Don't Know/Refused	8.1%	10.0%

25. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion? (Read and rotate)

	Total	50+
Pharmaceutical or drug companies are too concerned about making profits, and not concerned enough about helping people	87.8%	86.1%
OR		
Pharmaceutical or drug companies are equally concerned about profit and helping people	12.2%	13.9%

26. Do you think your governor and state legislature are doing [ROTTE: too much, too little or just enough/ too little, too much or just enough] to address high prescription drug prices?

	Total	50+
Too Much	1.5%	1.2%
Just Enough	13.5%	13.7%
Too Little	76.6%	77.5%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	8.3%	7.6%

30A. Who do you have the most confidence in to address the cost of prescription drugs in West Virginia? (Read and Rotate)

	Total	50+
Republicans in the state legislature	40.9%	40.8%
Democrats in the state legislature	37.9%	41.9%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	21.2%	17.3%

27. How much influence do you believe pharmaceutical drug companies have with the following individuals or groups? (Read and Rotate)

West Virginia Governor

	Total	50+
A lot	32.0%	28.4%
Some	33.2%	32.8%
Very little	16.9%	17.9%
None at all	5.9%	7.1%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	12.1%	13.9%

Republicans in the state legislature

	Total	50+
A lot	41.7%	39.9%
Some	30.4%	30.0%
Very little	14.5%	14.5%
None at all	4.2%	4.2%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	9.2%	11.3%

Democrats in the state legislature

	Total	50+
A lot	35.4%	33.8%
Some	33.3%	31.7%
Very little	16.4%	18.1%
None at all	5.1%	4.4%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	9.8%	12.0%

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. How old are

you? _____

	Total	50+
18-34	8.9%	0.0%
35-49	36.6%	0.0%
50+	54.5%	100.00%

28. Do you consider your beliefs to be more:

	Total	50+
Conservative	45.4%	49.1%
Moderate	32.4%	32.0%
Liberal	18.0%	14.9%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	4.1%	4.0%

29. Omitted (proprietary)

30. What is your current marital status?

	Total	50+
Married	59.8%	58.9%
Not married, living with your partner or significant other	4.8%	3.5%
Separated	0.6%	0.8%
Divorced	8.9%	9.2%
Widowed	11.6%	19.0%
Currently single and never married	12.6%	7.2%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	1.9%	1.5%

31. Which one of the following best describes your employment status?

	Total	50+
Employed full-time	37.0%	15.6%
Employed part-time	6.0%	5.5%
Retired and not working at all	39.6%	65.5%
Unemployed, and looking for work	4.3%	2.0%
Not in the labor force for other reasons (i.e., homemaker, student, etc...)	11.3%	9.4%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	1.8%	2.0%

32. Which best describes your level of education?

	Total	50+
Less than high school	2.4%	2.7%
High school graduate or equivalent (e.g., GED)	36.2%	41.6%
Two-year college degree (e.g. associate's degree)	15.8%	16.1%
Four-year college degree (e.g., B.A., B.S.)	20.7%	15.6%
Post graduate study, but with no degree	5.2%	5.6%
Graduate or professional degree (e.g., M.S., M.D., Ph.D.)	10.3%	11.3%
Technical or vocational school graduate	7.9%	5.9%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	1.7%	1.1%

40. Finally, just for statistical purposes, please tell me is your current annual HOUSEHOLD income, before taxes?

	Total	50+
Less than \$20,000	14.5%	17.4%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	20.1%	23.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	13.5%	16.0%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	10.3%	10.6%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	9.4%	5.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	8.5%	3.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2.2%	1.1%
\$150,000 or more	5.2%	3.1%
Don't Know/Not Applicable/Refused	16.4%	18.7%

Record Gender

	Total	50+
Male	49.2%	41.2%
Female	50.8%	58.8%

41. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

	Total	50+
Yes	1.9%	0.5%
No	94.6%	96.8%
Don't Know	1.1%	0.2%
Refused	2.3%	2.5%

What is your race? You may select more than one.

	Total	50+
White or Caucasian	92.4%	93.6%
Black or African American	2.5%	2.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.7%	3.2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.8%	0.8%
Other	1.6%	2.1%
Don't Know	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	2.9%	2.3%

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