

A close-up, vertical view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is slightly wavy, suggesting it is being moved or is in a breeze. The stars are white on a blue background, and the stripes are red and white.

# America Speaks!

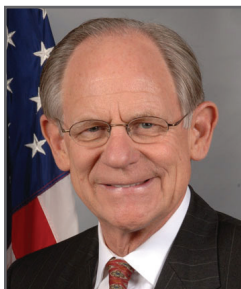
Poll Data Summary

VOLUME 18

*survey data reflecting the  
views of Americans on medical,  
health and scientific research*

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# Message from Leadership



**The Hon.  
Michael N. Castle**  
CHAIR  
*Research!America*



**Mary Woolley**  
PRESIDENT AND CEO  
*Research!America*

As national priorities compete for attention among policymakers, one priority that has consistently ranked high for Americans – robust federal support for public and private sector research and innovation – has not received the level of support from elected officials that Americans expect and deserve. In many ways, science has taken a back seat to other interests, especially national defense. Defense is critically important and, like other priorities, in fact depends upon research and innovation. Our commissioned surveys demonstrate that the public agrees, and furthermore believes that President Trump should assign a high priority to putting science, technology and engineering to work to strengthen our nation's infrastructure.

U.S. global competitiveness in science and technology is at risk as other nations, particularly China, aggressively beef up their research and development (R&D) infrastructure, including the STEM workforce. Americans recognize the precarious nature of our leadership in R&D. When asked whether our country's preeminence in science and innovation will strengthen

or weaken in 2018, only 30% said strengthen. In addition, fewer than one-third of respondents believe the U.S. will be the world leader in science and technology, and health care in the year 2020, and a similar percentage say they are not sure. Of great concern, only one-third of Americans believe the health care services they personally receive are based on the best and most recent research available.

It's no wonder that a strong majority agree that the federal government should support research and innovation that will personalize patient care – developing the right treatment for the right patient at the right time! This is a pivotal time to ensure innovative research is fueled by robust investments. Patients are ready to play their part, as evidenced by the strong majority of respondents who report they would participate in a clinical trial if recommended by their doctor. And most are willing to share personal health information – assuming that appropriate privacy protections are in place – to advance medical research and help public health officials better track disease and disability and the causes.

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## AMONG SURVEY RESULTS:

- A strong majority (86%) of respondents say it is important for scientists to inform the public about their research and its impact on society.
- 80% say it is important for candidates running for Congress to have a basic understanding of scientific issues.
- 79% say it is important for the federal government to support incentives for private sector investment in new treatments and cures.
- More than half (51%) say public investment in mental health research is not enough.
- Nearly three-quarters (74%) say it is important for the federal government to fund research on social determinants of health to address health disparities.

The opioid epidemic, with crippling effects on the health and economic prosperity of local communities, has raised concerns among many Americans. More than half say they know someone who has experienced pain so severe that they sought prescription medicines to treat it. In West Virginia, residents say substance abuse is the most important health issue facing people in their state, above cancer, obesity and heart disease. All across the nation, a majority of Americans support increased funding for research to better understand and combat opioid addiction. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says U.S. life expectancy has declined a second year in a row mainly due to a surge in fatal opioid overdoses. (The last time U.S. life expectancy dropped was in 1993 because of the AIDS epidemic. AIDS is no longer considered a death sentence but opioid addiction has disturbing and too often fatal consequences.) The opioid crisis and many other health threats, including Alzheimer's disease and mental illness, are top of mind for Americans who agree that robust investments and pro-innovation policies are essential to finding solutions and saving lives. They are counting on policymakers and candidates running for national office this election season to assign a higher priority to medical, health and scientific research in order to improve quality of life, strengthen our economy and sharpen our competitive edge.

## Message from The American Medical Association

The American Medical Association (AMA) is once again pleased to join Research!America in releasing a new volume in the insightful America Speaks series, an important read for policymakers, practitioners and anyone concerned about the future of medical research and scientific innovation.

The latest in this series, *America Speaks: Poll Data Summary, Volume 18*, underscores the broad bipartisan support for health research and innovation as key drivers to advance medicine and for leveraging science, technology and engineering to bolster our nation's economy. Despite the sharp political divides in Washington, D.C., this new research shows strong majorities of Americans across the political spectrum say sound public policy is rooted in science and favor increasing our investments in science, technology and medical research from both federal agencies and by incentivizing public-private partnerships.

Importantly, the new Research!America report also highlights the public's growing concerns about reducing health care costs, increasing access to care, and taking meaningful steps to address the opioid epidemic in America. All three are important issues to the AMA and America's physicians because all three present grave threats to the health of our nation. This is why we have made significant investments into advocacy and public awareness, into developing new technologies to transform clinical care, and into exciting new partnerships across medicine and the business sector to find solutions to these persistent challenges.

The AMA is proud of its relationship with Research!America and to offer our continued support of their mission to raise awareness about the importance of health research and to advocate for a greater investment in scientific study.

Americans have a keen understanding of the biggest issues plaguing our national health care system and their impact on our communities, local economies, and the American way of life. The AMA likewise recognizes the critical role science, research and innovation plays in the discovery of new medical cures and treatments so that physicians can deliver better care, at lower costs, to more people than ever before.



**James L. Madara, M.D.**  
**EXECUTIVE VICE  
PRESIDENT AND CEO**  
*American Medical  
Association*

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## **SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

Online surveys are conducted with an approximate sample size of 800-1,000 adults (age 18+) and a maximum theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.2%. Data are demographically representative of adult U.S. residents. Survey data in this publication was conducted by Zogby Analytics.

Due to rounding, the total may not add to 100% on some charts.

## **LOOK FOR THESE INDICATORS THROUGHOUT THIS PUBLICATION:**

 *change* Indicates **significant change** from previous years

 *new* Indicates **new question** not previously asked by Research!America

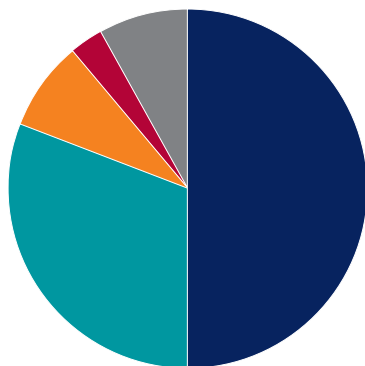
# Science is an American Priority

★ *change* Significant increase in percentage that selected **very important**

## Strong Majority Say President Trump Should Prioritize Science

How important is it for President Trump to assign a high priority to putting science, technology and engineering to work to strengthen our nation's infrastructure?

**50% VERY IMPORTANT**  
**31% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**  
**8% NOT TOO IMPORTANT**  
**3% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**  
**8% NOT SURE**

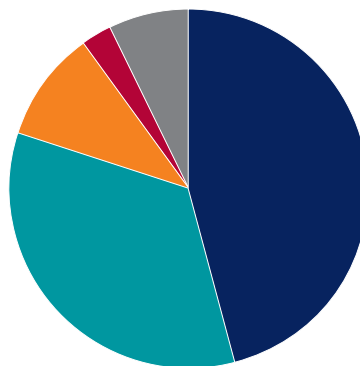


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

## Strong Majority Say Candidates Should Understand Scientific Issues

How important is it for candidates running for Congress to have a basic understanding of scientific issues?

**46% VERY IMPORTANT**  
**34% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**  
**10% NOT TOO IMPORTANT**  
**3% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**  
**7% NOT SURE**

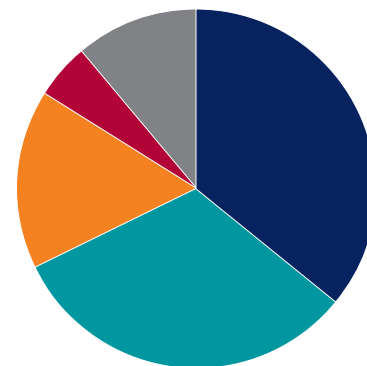


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

## Important for Candidates to Have a Science Advisor

How important is it that candidates for Congress have a science advisor?

**36% VERY IMPORTANT**  
**32% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**  
**16% NOT TOO IMPORTANT**  
**5% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**  
**11% NOT SURE**

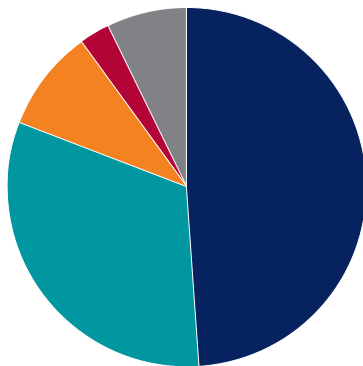


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

## Important for Scientists to Engage with Elected Officials

How important is it for scientists to inform elected officials about their research and its impact on society?

**49% VERY IMPORTANT**  
**32% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**  
**9% NOT TOO IMPORTANT**  
**3% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**  
**7% NOT SURE**

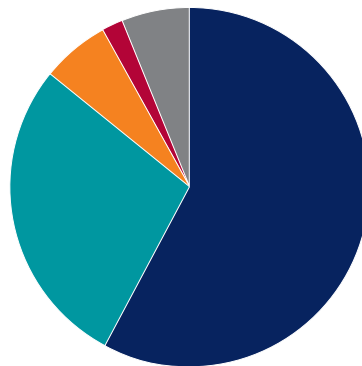


**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

## Important for Scientists to Engage with Public

How important is it for scientists to inform the public about their research and its impact on society?

**58% VERY IMPORTANT**  
**28% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**  
**6% NOT TOO IMPORTANT**  
**2% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**  
**6% NOT SURE**



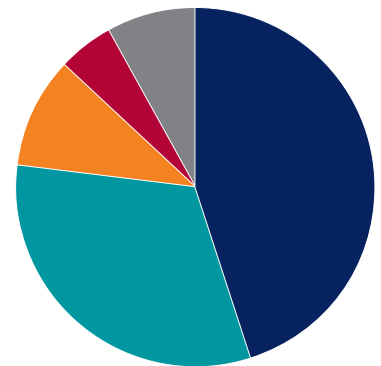
**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.



## Strong Majority Say Candidates Should Prioritize Increasing Research Funding

How important is it for candidates running for Congress to assign a high priority to increasing funding for medical research?

**45% VERY IMPORTANT**  
**32% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**  
**10% NOT TOO IMPORTANT**  
**5% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**  
**8% NOT SURE**



**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

“There comes a point in your life where you get a diagnosis—or news about someone you love—and all you can do is hope and pray that someone, somewhere has done important medical research that resulted in the development of a drug, or a procedure, or a device that gives your loved one a chance for life.”

– SENATOR DICK DURBIN, D-IL

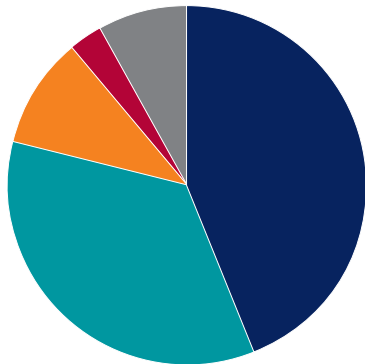
“Biomedical research holds tremendous promise for treating many of the most costly and devastating diseases we face.”

– SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS, R-ME

Important for Government to Support Incentives for Private Sector Research

How important is it for the federal government to support incentives for private sector investment in new treatments and cures?

44% VERY IMPORTANT  
36% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT  
10% NOT TOO IMPORTANT  
3% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT  
8% NOT SURE



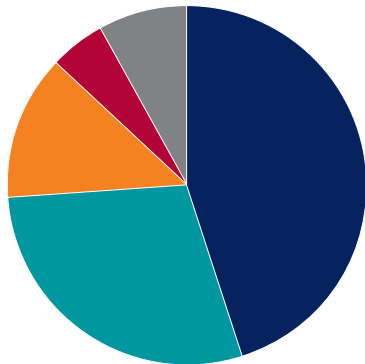
SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.



Important to Conduct Research on Social Determinants of Health

How important is it for the federal government to fund research on social determinants of health (education, housing, income, access to healthy food and healthcare) to address health disparities?

45% VERY IMPORTANT  
29% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT  
13% NOT TOO IMPORTANT  
5% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT  
8% NOT SURE



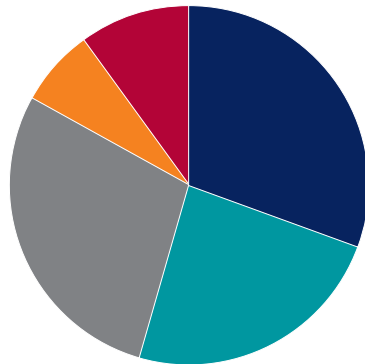
SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.



Majority Favor Federal Funding for Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Do you strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose) federal funding for medical research using embryonic stem cells?

31% STRONGLY FAVOR  
24% SOMEWHAT FAVOR  
29% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE  
7% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE  
10% STRONGLY OPPOSE



SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2017.



# Global Competitiveness

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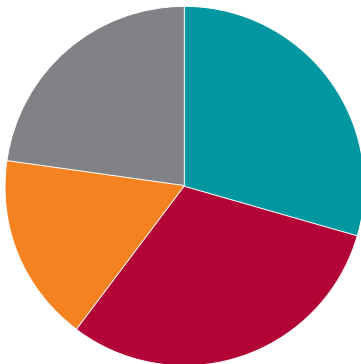
## Views Split on Whether U.S. Science and Innovation Will Strengthen in 2018

Which statement is closest to your view?

**Statement A:** America's global preeminence in science and innovation will strengthen in 2018.

**Statement B:** America's global preeminence in science and innovation will weaken in 2018.

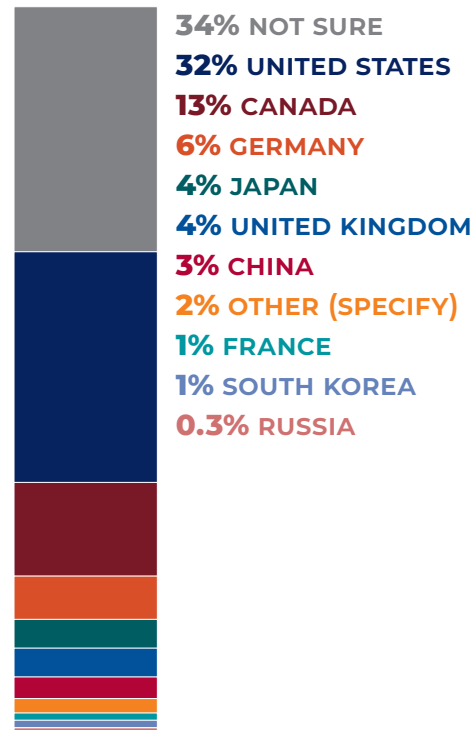
**30% STATEMENT A**  
**31% STATEMENT B**  
**17% NEITHER OF THE ABOVE**  
**23% NOT SURE**



**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

## Only A Third Say U.S. Will Be World Leader in Health Care in 2020

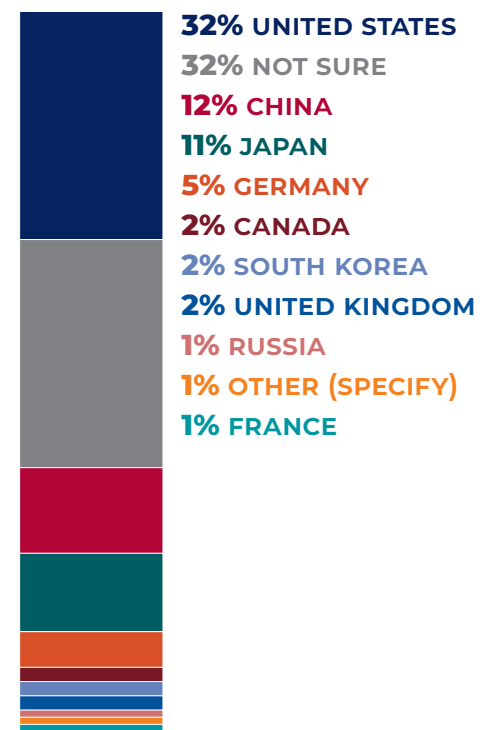
In your view, which of the following will be considered the number one world leader in health care in the year 2020?



**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

## Only A Third Say U.S. Will Be World Leader in Science and Technology in 2020

In your view, which of the following will be considered the number one world leader in science and technology in the year 2020?



**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.



“Collaboration and partnerships between disciplines and institutions among academia, industry and government enable people, ideas and tools that transform our world and advance the frontiers of knowledge.”

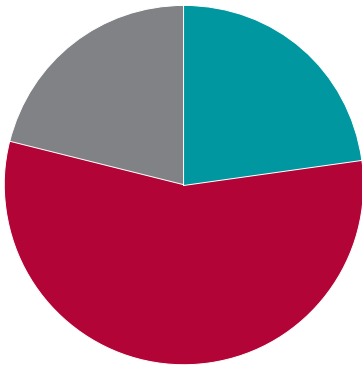
- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR FRANCE CÓRDOVA, PHD

★ *change* Significant decrease in percentage that selected **yes**

**Majority Do Not Believe U.S. Health Care is World’s Best**

Do you believe the United States has the best health care system in the world?

**23% YES**  
**56% NO**  
**21% NOT SURE**

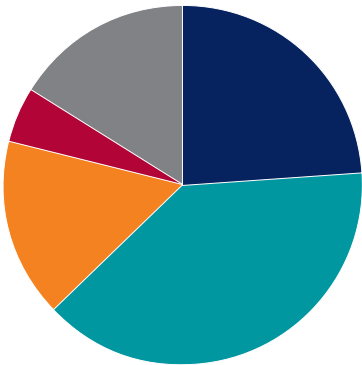


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

**Strong Majority Agree that Basic Research is Critical**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? *Even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic scientific research that advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the federal government.*

**24% STRONGLY AGREE**  
**39% SOMEWHAT AGREE**  
**16% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**  
**5% STRONGLY DISAGREE**  
**16% NOT SURE**



SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2017.

“A lot of what’s going on behind the scenes is basic science. The biggest mistake we could make right now is to move all of our scientific effort in very disease-focused ways, and forget the basic science foundation because then we’d have no future.”

- NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH DIRECTOR FRANCIS COLLINS, M.D.

# Life Expectancy and Research

★ new

## Strong Majority Concerned about Decline in Life Expectancy

For the second year in a row, the average life expectancy in the U.S. has declined. The average age is now 78. The average life expectancy in other industrialized nations is 80. How concerned are you that life expectancy in the U.S. will continue to decline by the year 2020?

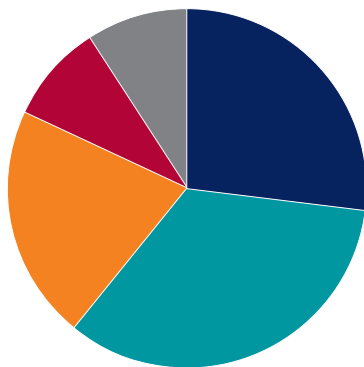
**27% VERY CONCERNED**

**34% SOMEWHAT CONCERNED**

**21% NOT TOO CONCERNED**

**9% NOT AT ALL CONCERNED**

**9% NOT SURE**

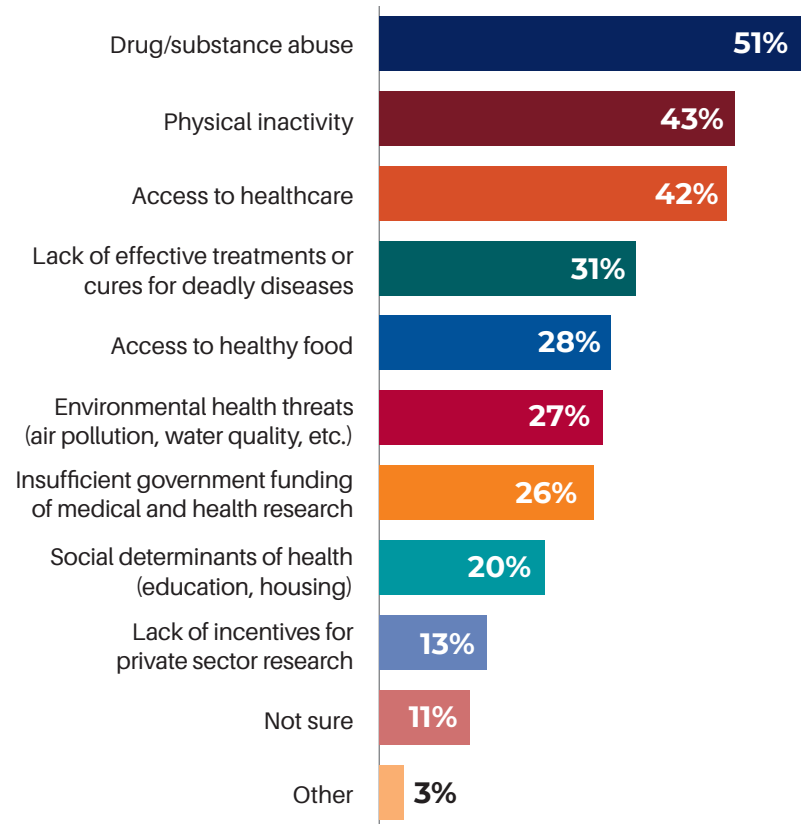


**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

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## Drug Abuse, Physical Inactivity Top Contributors to Declining Life Expectancy

Which of the following would you say are contributing to declining life expectancy in the U.S.? (Choose all that apply)



**SOURCE:** A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

“There are simple steps people can take to try to improve their quality of life. Control of blood pressure, improving physical activity, improving healthy diet, modest weight loss can make a huge difference.”

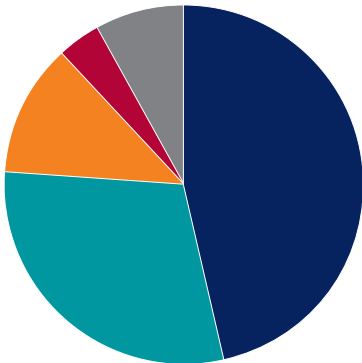
- ACTING CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION DIRECTOR ANNE SCHUCHAT, M.D.



Important for Government to Support Research that Personalizes Care

How important is it for the federal government to support research and innovation that will personalize patient care - developing the right treatment for the right patient at the right time?

47% VERY IMPORTANT  
30% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT  
12% NOT TOO IMPORTANT  
4% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT  
8% NOT SURE

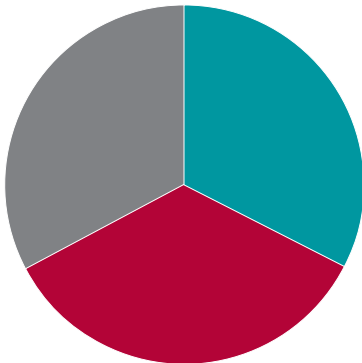


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

Opinions Split on Whether Health Care Based on Best, Most Recent Research

Do you believe the health care services you personally receive are based on the best and most recent research available?

33% YES  
35% NO  
33% NOT SURE



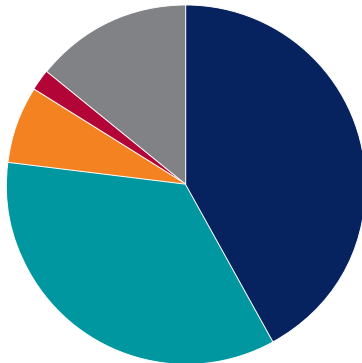
SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.



Strong Majority Agree Discussion of Research Should be Part of Standard Care

Do you agree or disagree that health care professionals should discuss research with patients as a standard part of their care?

42% STRONGLY AGREE  
35% SOMEWHAT AGREE  
7% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
2% STRONGLY DISAGREE  
14% NOT SURE

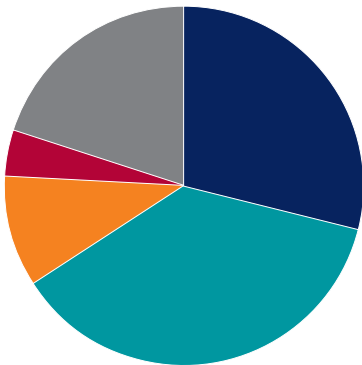


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

Two-Thirds Say Government Should Increase Funding in Rural Health Research

Rural health research focuses on issues important to the delivery of rural medical services, the viability of rural healthcare facilities, and the health of individuals in rural areas. How important is it to increase federal funding for such research?

29% VERY IMPORTANT  
37% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT  
10% NOT TOO IMPORTANT  
4% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT  
20% NOT SURE



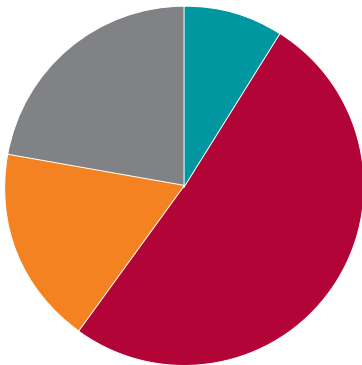
SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

★ *change* Significant increase in percentage that selected about right

More Than Half Say There's Not Enough Investment in Mental Health Research

Do you think public investment in mental health research is enough, not enough or about right?

9% ENOUGH  
51% NOT ENOUGH  
18% ABOUT RIGHT  
22% NOT SURE

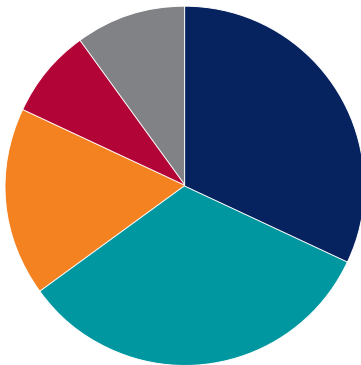


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

Majority Say It's Important to Invest In Suicide Prevention

How important is it for the U.S. to invest public dollars in the prevention of suicide?

32% VERY IMPORTANT  
33% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT  
17% NOT TOO IMPORTANT  
8% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT  
10% NOT SURE

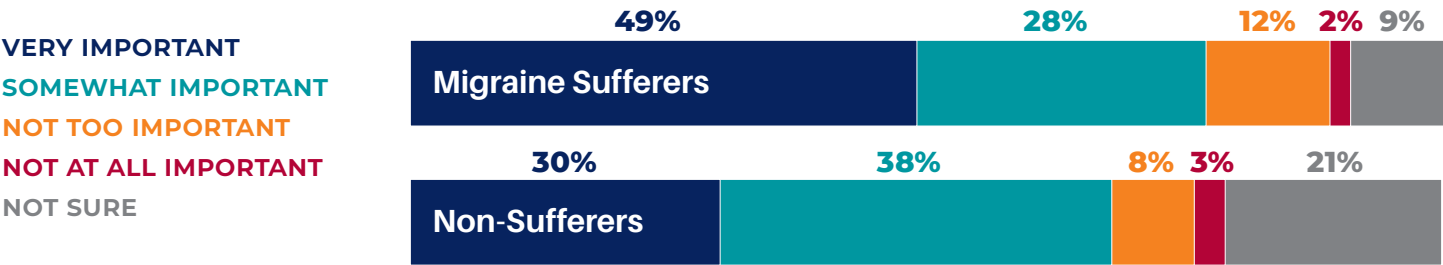


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### Strong Majority Agree U.S. Should Support Migraine Research

How important is it that our nation supports research that focuses on the prevention and treatment of migraine?

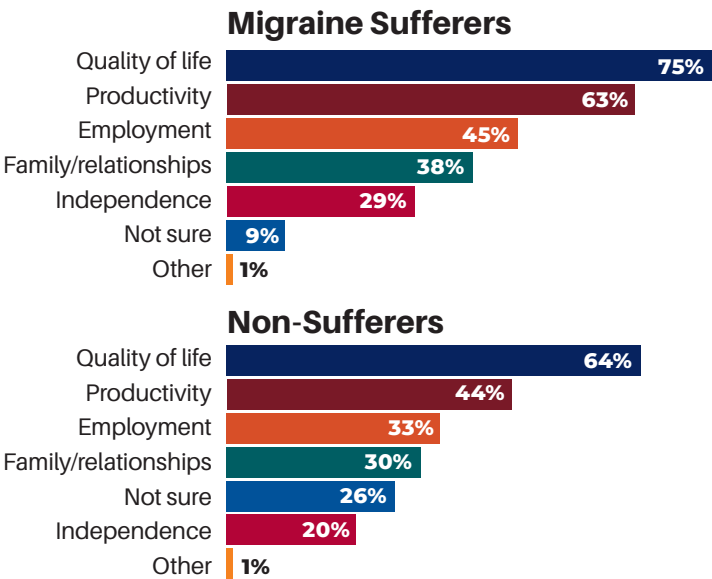


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2017.



### Most Concerned Migraine Could Negatively Impact Quality of Life and Productivity

Which of the following would concern you as a consequence of suffering from migraine? (Choose all that apply)



SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in September 2017.

“It is an innovative and exciting time for neuroscience research, with scientists around the globe making significant progress in better understanding the underlying biology of migraine. In addition to investing in research, industry can be an important ally for the migraine community by collaborating with key stakeholders, including employers and payers, to help make a positive impact on patients’ lives.”

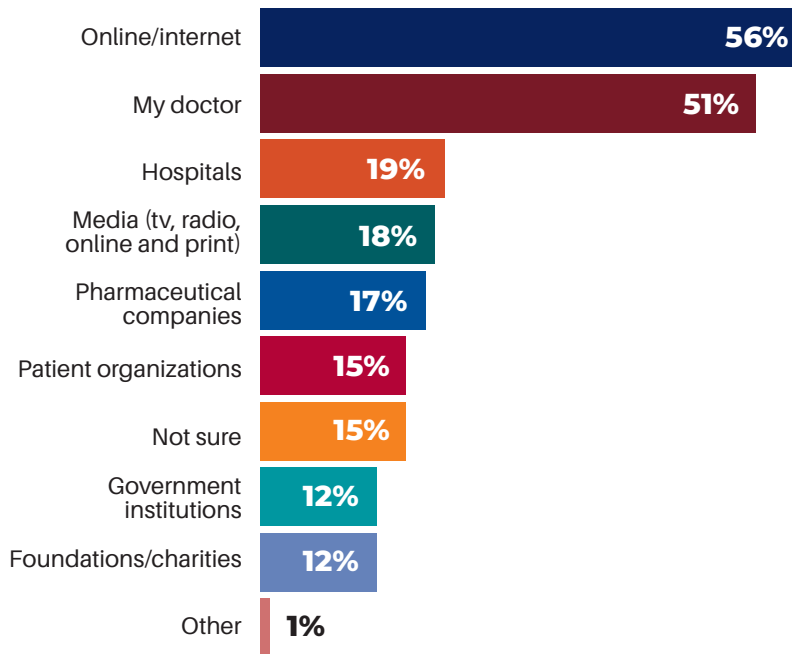
– SEAN E. HARPER, M.D.,  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AMGEN

# Clinical Research

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## Internet, Physicians are Preferred Sources of Info on Clinical Trials

Where would you go to get information about clinical trials? (Choose all that apply)

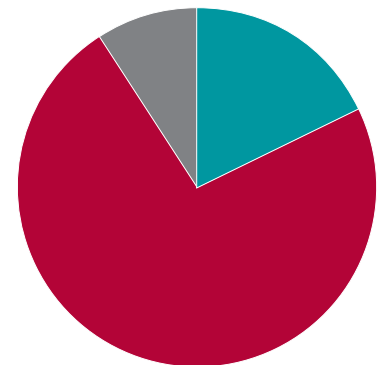


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in July 2017.

## Most Americans Have Not Participated in Clinical Trials

Have you or anyone in your family ever participated in clinical trials?

18% YES  
73% NO  
9% NOT SURE



SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in July 2017.

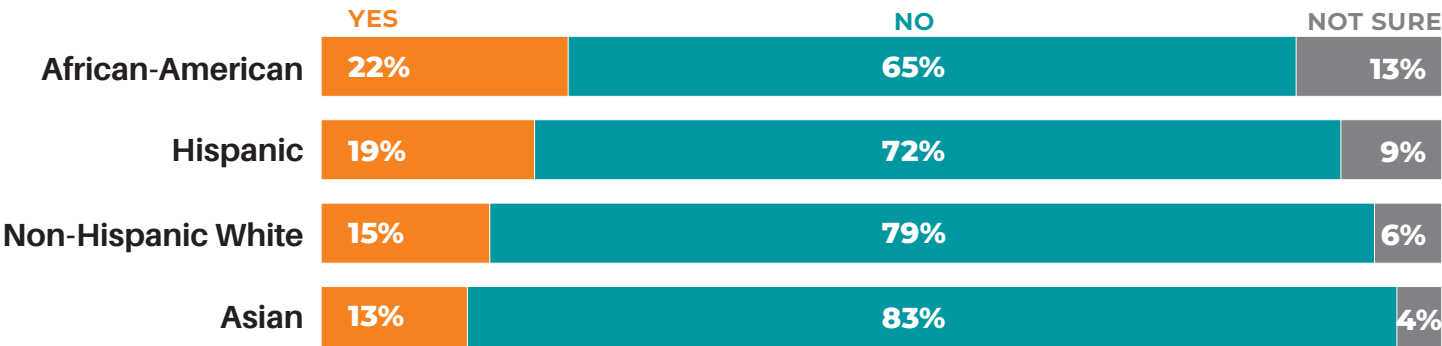
“The patient’s perspective is central to healthcare decisions affecting prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and long-term care.”

– AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY DIRECTOR GOPAL KHANNA

★ *change* Significant increase among African-Americans who responded **yes**

Strong Majority Have Not Participated in a Clinical Trial

Have you or someone in your family ever participated in a clinical trial?

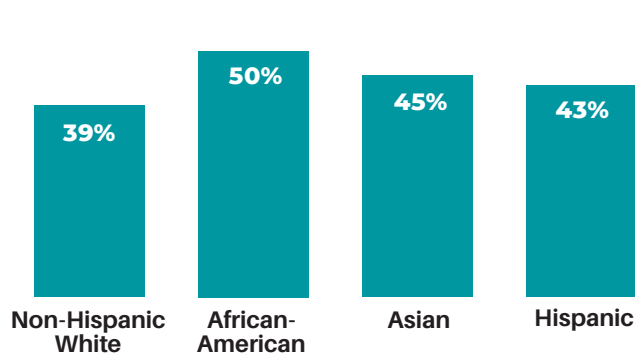


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in July 2017.

★ *change* Significant decrease among non-Hispanic Whites, African-Americans and Hispanics who selected **lack of trust**

Lack of Trust Less of a Barrier to Clinical Trial Participation

Fewer than 10% of Americans participate in clinical trials. Which of the following do you think is a reason that individuals don't participate in clinical trials? (Percentage saying **lack of trust**)

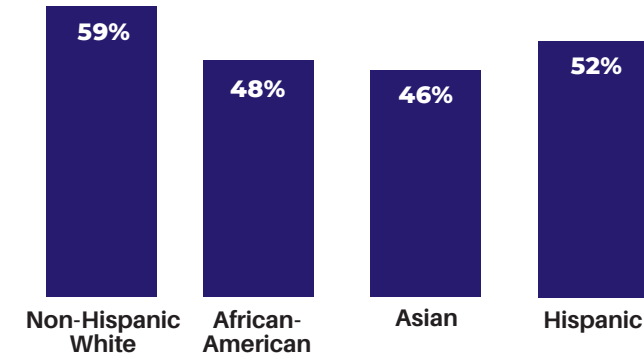


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in July 2017.

★ *change* Significant decrease among Asians who selected **not aware/lack of information**

Lack of Information Still a Major Barrier to Clinical Trial Participation

Fewer than 10% of Americans participate in clinical trials. Which of the following do you think is a reason that individuals don't participate in clinical trials? (Percentage saying **not aware/lack of information**)



SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in July 2017.

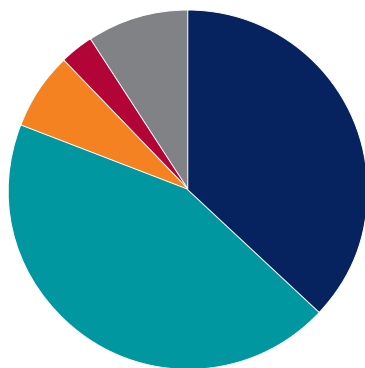


★ *change* Significant increase in percentage that selected **very likely**

## Strong Majority Likely to Participate in Clinical Trials Recommended by Doctor

If your doctor found a clinical trial for you and recommended you join, how likely would you be to participate in a clinical trial?

**37% VERY LIKELY**  
**44% SOMEWHAT LIKELY**  
**7% NOT LIKELY**  
**3% WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE**  
**9% NOT SURE**

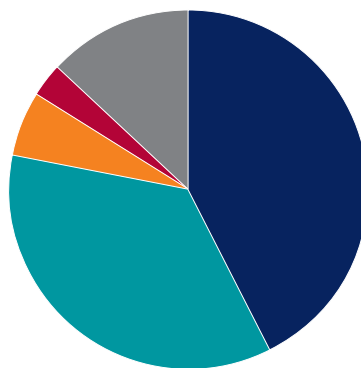


SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in July 2017.

## Discussion of Clinical Trials Should Be Part of Standard Care

Do you agree or disagree that health care professionals should discuss clinical trials with patients diagnosed with a disease as part of their standard of care?

**43% STRONGLY AGREE**  
**36% SOMEWHAT AGREE**  
**6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**  
**3% STRONGLY DISAGREE**  
**13% NOT SURE**



SOURCE: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in January 2018.

“Research is advancing promising therapies that could make a tremendous difference for millions of people with chronic diseases like type 1 diabetes. We must help advance the standard of care not only through research funding, but by working with the government and other organizations to improve participation in clinical trials, access to treatment and affordability of care.”

– DEREK K. RAPP,  
 PRESIDENT AND CEO, JDRF

★ *change* Significant **decrease** in percentage that selected **yes** in all categories

Patients Willing to Share Health Information for a Variety of Reasons

Please indicate your willingness to share your personal health information, assuming that appropriate privacy protections are in place.

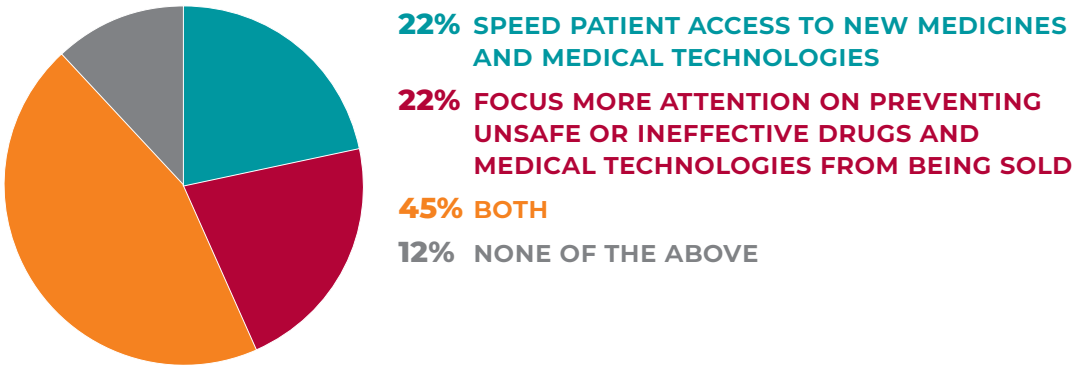


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★ *new*

Americans Believe the FDA Needs Reform

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for assuring the safety and effectiveness of medicines and medical technologies. Which statement comes closer to your view? *The Food and Drug Administration needs to be reformed to:*



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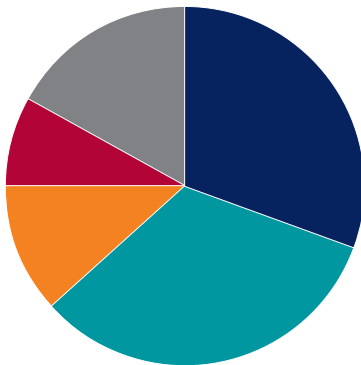
# Advancing Research to Address Opioid Epidemic

★ *change* Significant increase in percentage that selected **strongly support**

## Nearly Two-Thirds Support Increased Funding for Research to Combat Opioid Addiction

Do you support or oppose increased funding for research to better understand and combat opioid addiction?

**31% STRONGLY SUPPORT**  
**33% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT**  
**12% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE**  
**8% STRONGLY OPPOSE**  
**17% NOT SURE**

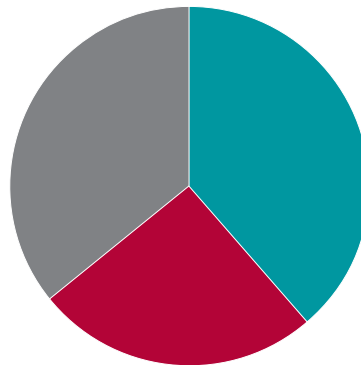


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## Plurality Say Pain Medication Addiction Is a Problem in Their Community

Is prescription pain medication abuse and addiction a major problem in your community?

**39% YES**  
**26% NO**  
**36% NOT SURE**



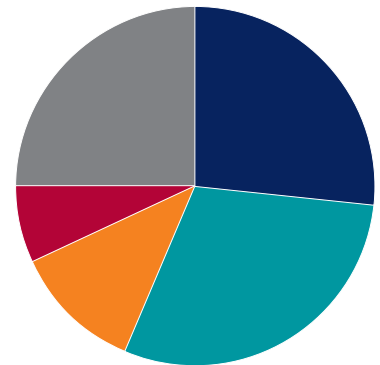
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## Majority Agree Opioid Epidemic Has Hurt Local Economies

Do you agree or disagree that the opioid epidemic has negatively impacted local economies and job growth?

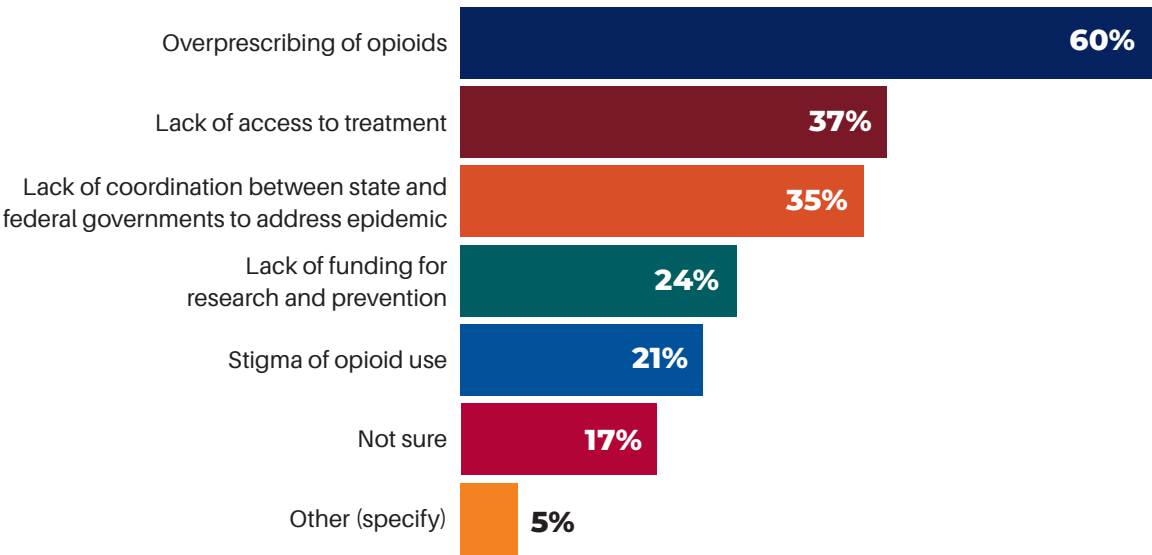
**26% STRONGLY AGREE**  
**30% SOMEWHAT AGREE**  
**12% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**  
**7% STRONGLY DISAGREE**  
**25% NOT SURE**



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Overprescribing of Opioids Top Barrier to Combating Opioid Epidemic

Which of the following are barriers to effectively combating the opioid epidemic? (Choose all that apply)



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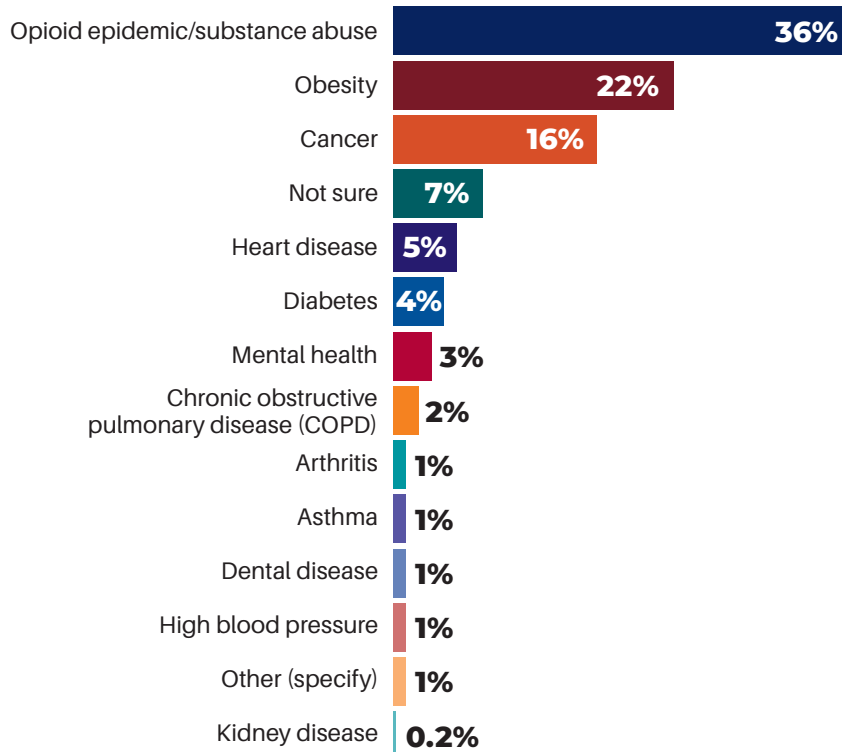
“I think the biggest role that FDA can play in trying to address [the opioid] crisis is in reducing overall exposure, and helping solve the new addiction crisis. It’s going to take a very concerted effort by a lot of people to address the current addiction crisis.”

- FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONER SCOTT GOTTLIEB, M.D.

# One State's Perspective: West Virginia

## West Virginians Say Opioid Epidemic Most Important Health Issue

In your opinion, what is the most important health issue facing people in West Virginia today?

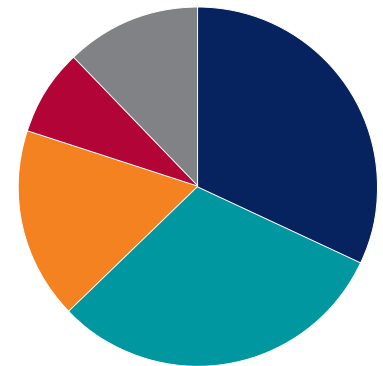


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## Nearly Two-Thirds Agree White House Declaration Will Help Localities

Do you agree or disagree that a White House declaration that the opioid epidemic is a national emergency will support local efforts to address the crisis?

**32% STRONGLY AGREE**  
**31% SOMEWHAT AGREE**  
**17% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**  
**8% STRONGLY DISAGREE**  
**12% NOT SURE**



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"We have a tremendous challenge right now [with the opioid crisis]. We have a West Virginia problem, and a United States problem. We've got to work on that."

- SENATOR JOE MANCHIN (D-WV)

Important for West Virginia to Be a Leader in Medical and Health Research

How important is it for West Virginia to be a leader in the following categories?

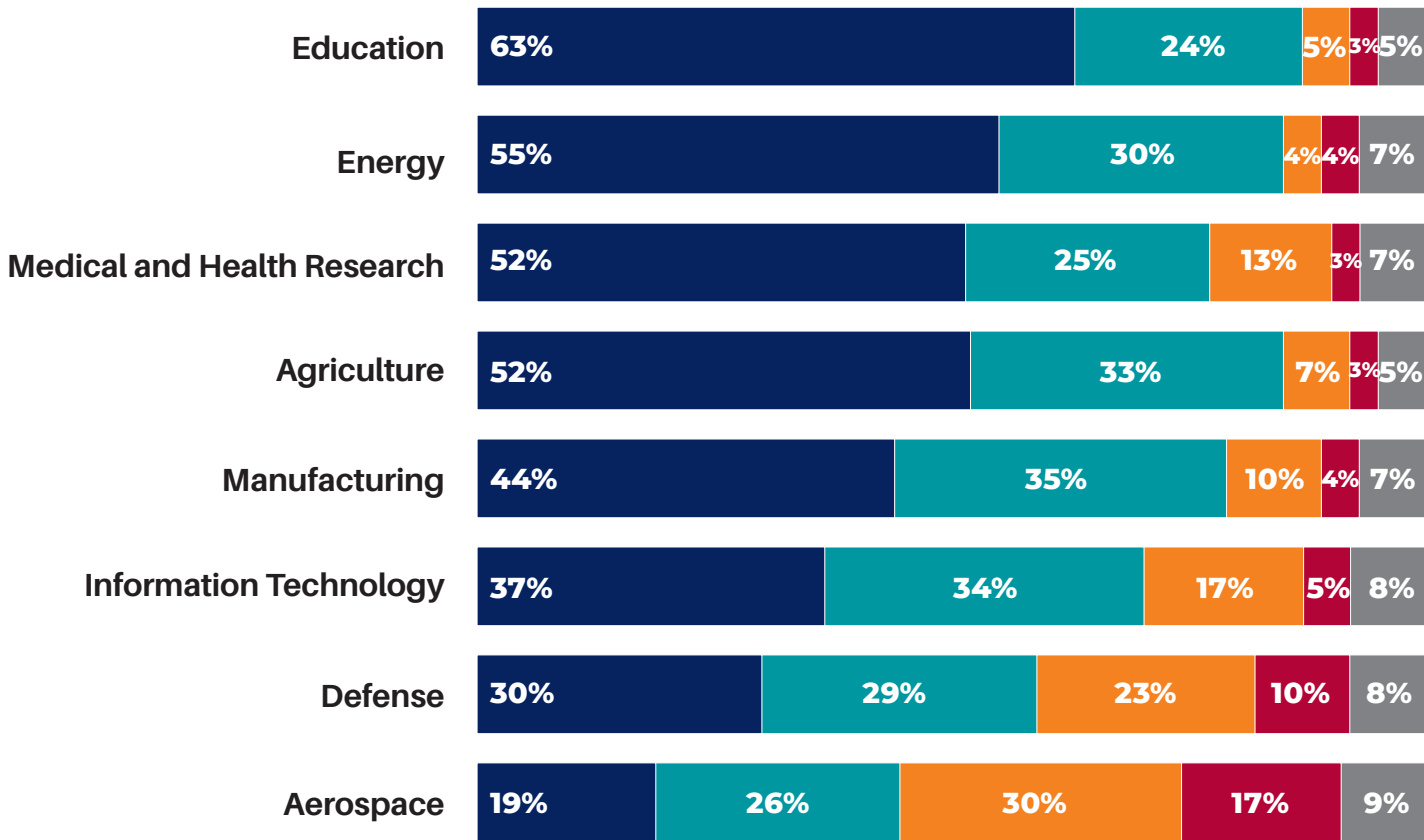
VERY IMPORTANT

SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT

NOT TOO IMPORTANT

NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

NOT SURE



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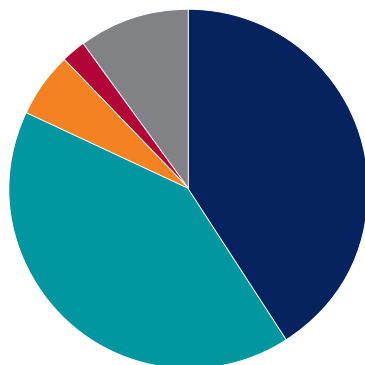
**“In Congress, we’re trying to extend STEM education for women and for minorities. [They] are very underrepresented in the STEM field.”**

– SENATOR SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO (R-WV)

### West Virginia Should Support Private Investments in Research

Do you agree or disagree that the West Virginia state legislature should support legislation that will encourage private investments in medical research?

**41% STRONGLY AGREE**  
**41% SOMEWHAT AGREE**  
**6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**  
**2% STRONGLY DISAGREE**  
**10% NOT SURE**

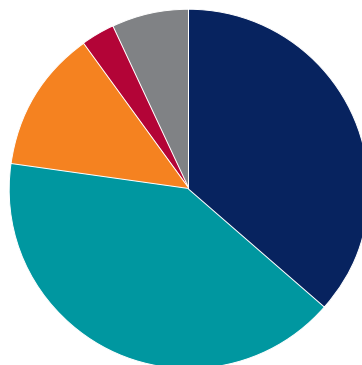


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### Investing in Medical Research Is Important to West Virginia’s Economy

In terms of jobs and incomes, how important do you think spending money on medical research is to West Virginia’s economy?

**37% VERY IMPORTANT**  
**41% SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**  
**13% NOT TOO IMPORTANT**  
**3% NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**  
**7% NOT SURE**

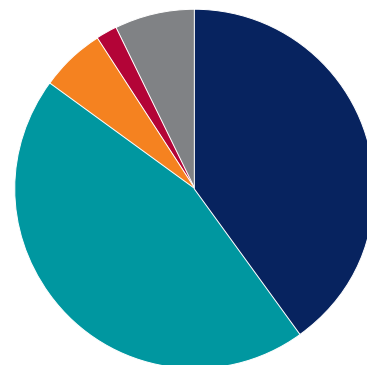


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### Federal Government Should Assign Higher Priority to STEM Education

Do you agree or disagree the federal government should assign a higher priority to improving education focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics and careers in those fields?

**40% STRONGLY AGREE**  
**45% SOMEWHAT AGREE**  
**6% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**  
**2% STRONGLY DISAGREE**  
**7% NOT SURE**



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