

Lutheran Services of America Medicaid Survey

The survey was administered online between May 30th and June 5th, 2017 among a national representative sample consisting of 1,000 US respondents, 18 years of age and over. The data were weighted to targets based on census/industry accepted data, such as age, gender, region, and ethnicity. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.10 percentage points at 95 percent level of confidence.

General Public (n=1000)	
Gender	
Male	49%
Female	51%
Age	
18-24	13%
25-34	18%
35-44	16%
45-54	18%
55-64	16%
65+	19%
Ethnicity	
White	70%
Hispanic	14%
Black/African American	10%
Asian	4%
Native American or Alaska Native	1%
Other	1%
Political View	
Conservative	35%
Moderate	42%
Liberal	23%

Beliefs about Medicaid

The following section will present several statements that some people may believe about Medicaid. For each one, please indicate whether the statement goes along with your own personal belief.

Q: Medicaid has been good for the country:

	Total	Political View		
		Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total believe	70%	65%	68%	81%
Total don't believe	10%	14%	8%	7%
True of what I believe	36%	27%	33%	54%
Somewhat true of what I believe	34%	38%	35%	27%
Somewhat untrue of what I believe	6%	9%	7%	2%
Untrue of what I believe	4%	6%	1%	5%
Neutral	20%	21%	24%	12%

Q: Seniors in nursing homes or those who receive home care should be able to keep Medicaid benefits.

	Total	Political View		
		Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total believe	77%	74%	75%	86%
Total don't believe	5%	5%	4%	6%
True of what I believe	52%	49%	48%	64%
Somewhat true of what I believe	25%	25%	27%	22%
Somewhat untrue of what I believe	3%	3%	3%	2%
Untrue of what I believe	2%	2%	1%	4%
Neutral	18%	21%	21%	8%

Q: People with disabilities should be able to keep Medicaid benefits.

	Total	Political View		
		Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total believe	85%	83%	83%	89%
Total don't believe	4%	4%	4%	4%
True of what I believe	58%	49%	58%	74%
Somewhat true of what I believe	26%	35%	26%	15%
Somewhat untrue of what I believe	2%	3%	2%	1%
Untrue of what I believe	2%	1%	1%	3%
Neutral	11%	13%	13%	7%

Q: Children should be able to keep Medicaid benefits.

	Total	Political View		
		Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total believe	80%	78%	77%	87%
Total don't believe	5%	6%	5%	5%
True of what I believe	53%	45%	49%	70%
Somewhat true of what I believe	27%	33%	27%	17%
Somewhat untrue of what I believe	3%	4%	3%	3%
Untrue of what I believe	2%	2%	2%	2%
Neutral	15%	16%	18%	8%

Q: How closely does this statement match with your beliefs?

Cutting Medicaid funding should be a top priority for Congress in 2017

	Total	Political View		
		Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Does not reflect my belief	74%	62%	79%	82%
Accurately reflects my beliefs	26%	38%	21%	18%

Q: Which of the following statements do you most agree with?

	Total	Political View		
		Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
The proposed changes are a good idea. Reducing Medicaid spending by \$840 billion over the next ten years is a positive for the country, even though a significant number of people may become uninsured.	25%	45%	18%	10%
The proposed changes are a bad idea. We should not allow 14 million Americans to become uninsured even if there is a potential to reduce Medicaid spending.	75%	55%	82%	90%