## **APR'08** KENTUCKY HEALTH ISSUES POLL



## What Kentuckians Think About Access to Affordable, Quality Healthcare for all American



Results From The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky



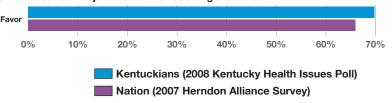
Nine in ten Kentuckians (91%) favor providing access to affordable, quality healthcare to all Americans, according to the 2008 *Kentucky Health Issues Poll*. Of those who favor providing access, the majority favor it even if it means raising taxes (72%) or a major role for the federal government (70%). These rates are slightly higher than the national rates from the 2007 *Herndon Alliance Survey*.

The 2008 *Poll* asked Kentuckians specific questions about access to affordable, quality healthcare. Over 80% of Kentuckians agreed that:

- the government should guarantee that everyone has access to affordable, quality healthcare (67% strongly agree, 19% agree somewhat);
- the government has a responsibility to guarantee that people get quality, affordable healthcare (62% strongly agree, 22% agree somewhat);
- people have a right to the very best healthcare they can find when they or their families need it (77% agree strongly, 16% agree somewhat); and
- quality, affordable healthcare coverage is a fundamental human right (56% strongly agree, 27% agree somewhat).

Do you favor providing access to affordable, quality healthcare for all Americans, even if it means raising taxes?

Do you favor providing access to affordable, quality healthcare for all Americans, even if it means a major role for the federal government?



Kentuckians **more** and **less** likely within demographic groups to <u>strongly agree</u> that the government should guarantee that everyone has access to affordable, quality healthcare

Favor

| Demographic Group           | % who<br>strongly<br>agree |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kentucky                    | 67%                        |
| Sex                         |                            |
| Female                      | 73%                        |
| Male                        | 61%                        |
| Education                   |                            |
| Less than high school       | 77%                        |
| College graduate            | 49%                        |
| Family Income               |                            |
| Below 100% FPG <sup>1</sup> | 76%                        |
| Above 200% FPG              | 60%                        |
| Health Insurance            |                            |
| Uninsured                   | 76%                        |
| Insured                     | 65%                        |

<sup>1</sup> 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) in 2007 was an annual income of \$20,650 for a family of 4. Kentuckians **more** and **less** likely within demographic groups to <u>strongly agree</u> that people have a right to the very best healthcare they can find when they or their families need it

| Demographic Group           | % who<br>strongly<br>agree |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kentucky                    | 77%                        |
| Ethnicity                   |                            |
| White                       | 79%                        |
| African American            | 61%                        |
| Age                         |                            |
| 30 and over                 | 82%                        |
| 18 to 29                    | 65%                        |
| Education                   |                            |
| Less than high school       | 84%                        |
| College graduate            | 65%                        |
| Family Income               |                            |
| Below 100% FPG <sup>1</sup> | 87%                        |
| Above 200% FPG              | 77%                        |

<sup>1</sup> 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) in 2007 was an annual income of \$20,650 for a family of 4.

These findings are from the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, funded by The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. The Kentucky Health Issues Poll was conducted January 16–February 11, 2008, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,632 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to ±2.4%. In addition to sampling error, there are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, please visit www.healthyky.org or www.healthfoundation.org/khip.html.