



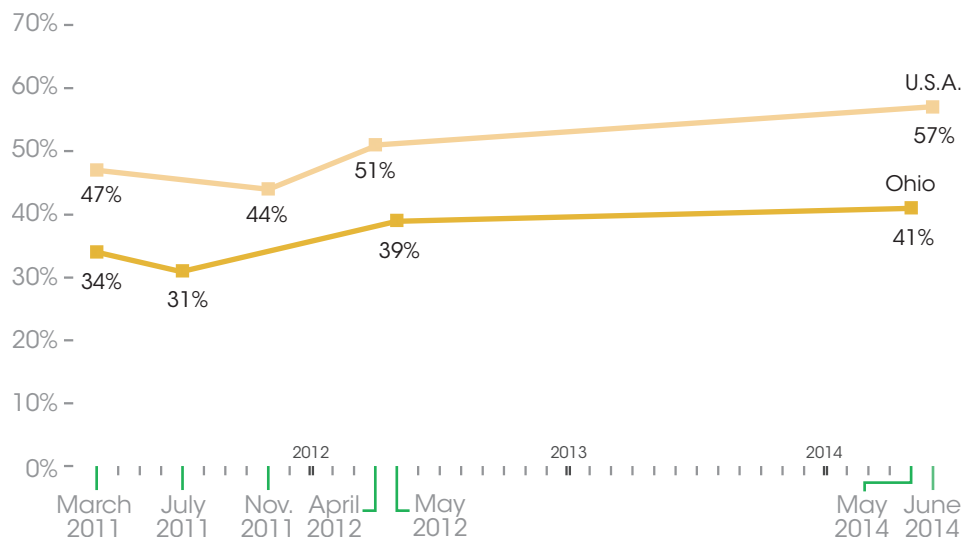
Ohioans' understanding, views of Affordable Care Act

In early 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed by Congress and signed into law. Provisions of this law have been going into effect since then. Open enrollment for health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace took place for the first time in fall 2013. The **Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP)** asked Ohio adults about their understanding and opinion of the law and their experience with it so far.

Ohio adults still trail nation in understanding healthcare law

Ohio adults continue to lag the nation when asked “Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally?” In May 2014, 4 in 10 Ohio adults (41%) said they *did* have enough information, while 6 in 10 (59%) said they did not. These percentages are about the same as they were in May 2012. The percentage of Ohio adults who feel they understand

Do you feel you have enough information about the new health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?
(Graph presents only those who responded “yes.”)



the law remains far below the percentage of adults in the nation who do.¹

Most Ohio adults think federal government should not provide healthcare coverage

OHIP respondents also were asked whether they thought it was the responsibility of the federal government to make sure that all Americans have healthcare coverage. More than 5 in 10 Ohio

adults (55%) said this was not the government's responsibility, while 4 in 10 (42%) said the government should be involved. Democrats, adults ages 18 to 29, adults living below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL),² and African Americans were all more likely to say that the federal government should be responsible for ensuring healthcare coverage.

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¹ National results are from the Kaiser Health Tracking Polls from March and November 2011, April 2012, and June 2014. For more details visit <http://kff.org/tag/tracking-poll>.

² In 2013, 100% of the Federal Poverty Level was \$23,550 for a family of four.

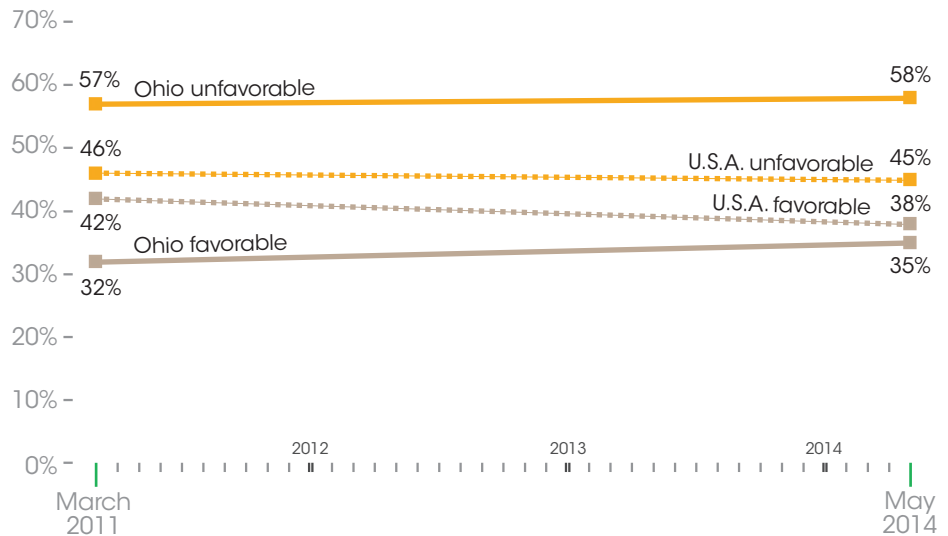
One-third of Ohio adults have favorable opinion about healthcare law

More than 3 in 10 Ohio adults (35%) report a generally favorable opinion of the healthcare law, similar to the nation. But about 6 in 10 Ohio adults (58%) have an unfavorable opinion, more than the nation. These percentages for Ohio are about the same as they were in 2011.

Fewer than 1 in 10 Ohio adults (7%) said they did not know their opinion of the healthcare law. This uncertainty was higher among adults ages 18-29 (12%), adults with less than a high school education (25%), adults in fair or poor health (15%) and adults in Northwest Ohio (17%).

OHIP asked adults with an unfavorable opinion of the law if they had this opinion because the law “goes too far” or “doesn’t go far enough” in changing the healthcare system. Most adults (76%) said that the law goes too far. Only 21% said the law doesn’t go far enough.

Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?*



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About 1 in 10 Ohio adults have tried using health insurance marketplace

OHIP asked, “Over the past few months, have you tried to purchase health insurance through a health insurance exchange or marketplace?” About 1 in 10 Ohio adults (9%) said yes. Adults living below 200%

FPL were more likely to say yes than adults living above 200% FPL. High school graduates were least likely to have tried using the exchanges (5%) compared with adults with less than a high school education (15%), some college (10%) or a college degree (11%).