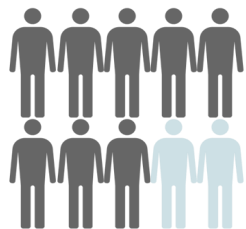
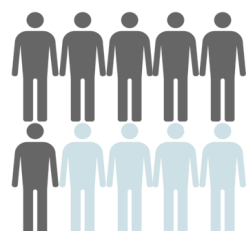


# Maine Respondents Struggle to Afford Health Care: Selected Results from the Consumer Health Care Experience State Survey (CHESS)



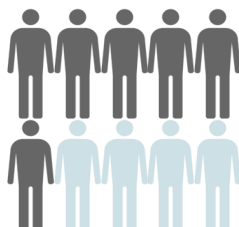
**80%**

reported being "worried" or "very worried" about affording some aspect of health care in the future.



**63%**

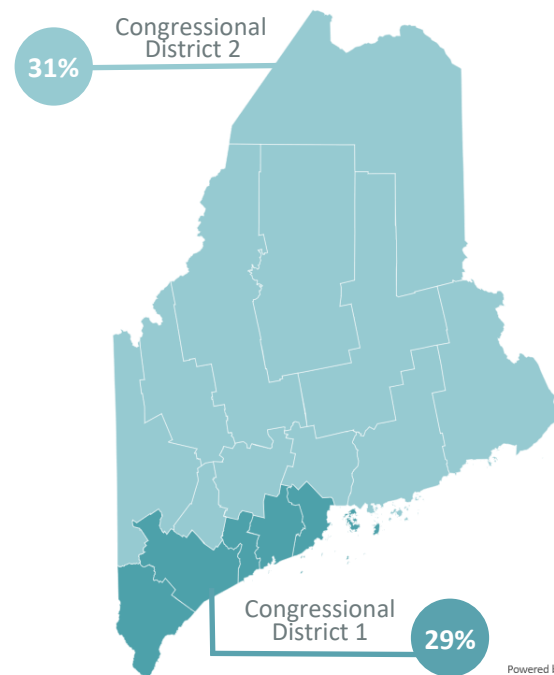
experienced at least one health care affordability burden in the past year.



**55%**

reported delaying or going without care due to cost in the past twelve months.

Percent who rationed medication due to cost by region



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**93% of respondents said that they believe the government should require insurers to provide up-front cost estimates to consumers**, including 93% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 91% of unaffiliated respondents.

**92% of respondents agreed that the government should set standard prices for drugs to make them affordable**, including 89% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 90% of unaffiliated respondents.

**92% of respondents said that they believe the government should require drug companies to provide advanced written notice of price increases and information to justify those increases**, including 89% of Republican respondents, 93% of Democrat respondents, and 92% of unaffiliated respondents.

**93% of respondents said that they believe the government should ensure patients can't be charged out-of-network prices if they encounter an out-of-network provider through no fault of their own**, including 94% of Republican respondents, 94% of Democrat respondents, and 92% of unaffiliated respondents.

**90% of respondents said that they believe the government should create a Prescription Drug Affordability Board to examine the evidence and establish acceptable costs for drugs**, including 85% of Republican respondents, 95% of Democrat respondents, and 88% of unaffiliated respondents.