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Summary:

# 2008 Survey of Nebraskans On Health Care Issues

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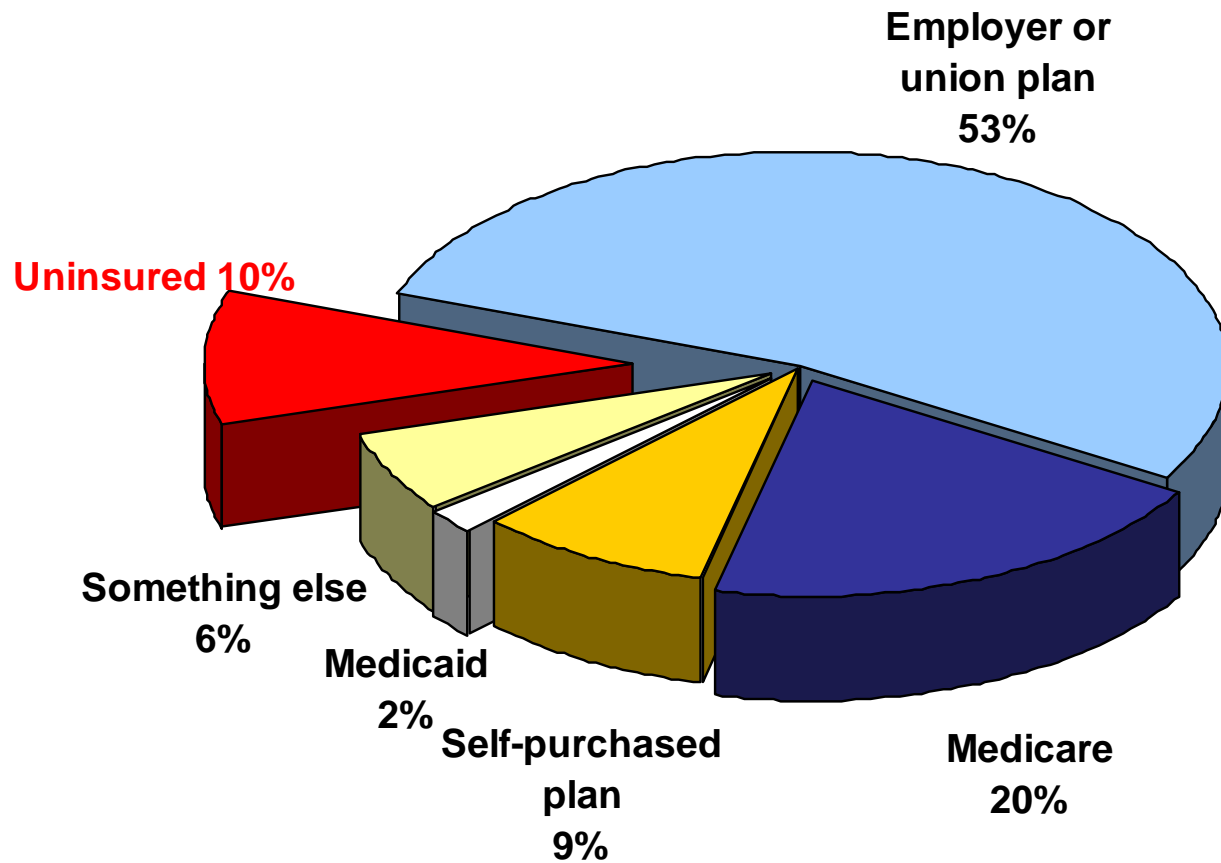


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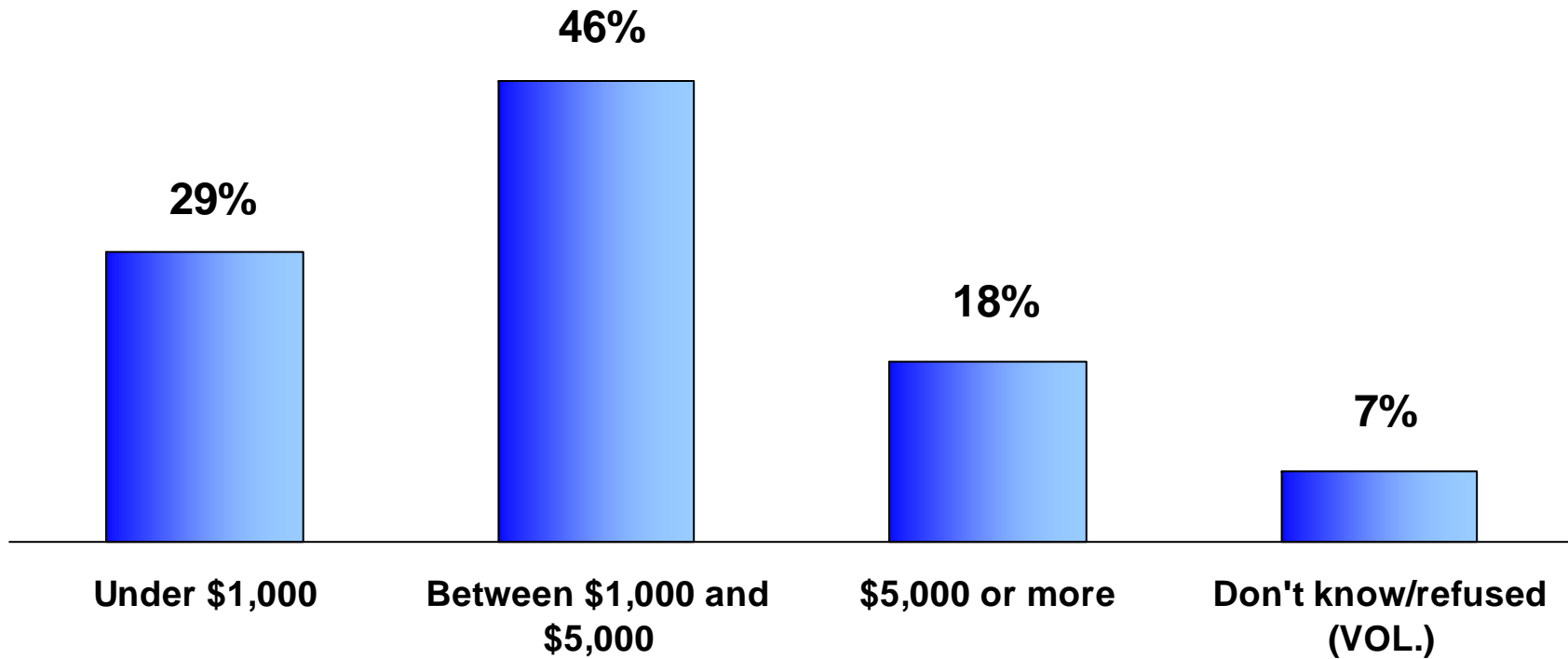
## Method

<b>INTERVIEW DATES:</b>	April 16-23, 2008
<b>SAMPLE SIZE &amp; MODE:</b>	504 random digital dial (RDD) telephone interviews
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Representative survey of Nebraskans
<b>MARGIN OF ERROR:</b>	±4.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level
<b>NOTE:</b>	All numbers reported are percentages. Percentages may not always add to 100 due to rounding. Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*). "VOL." indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent, and not offered as an explicit choice.

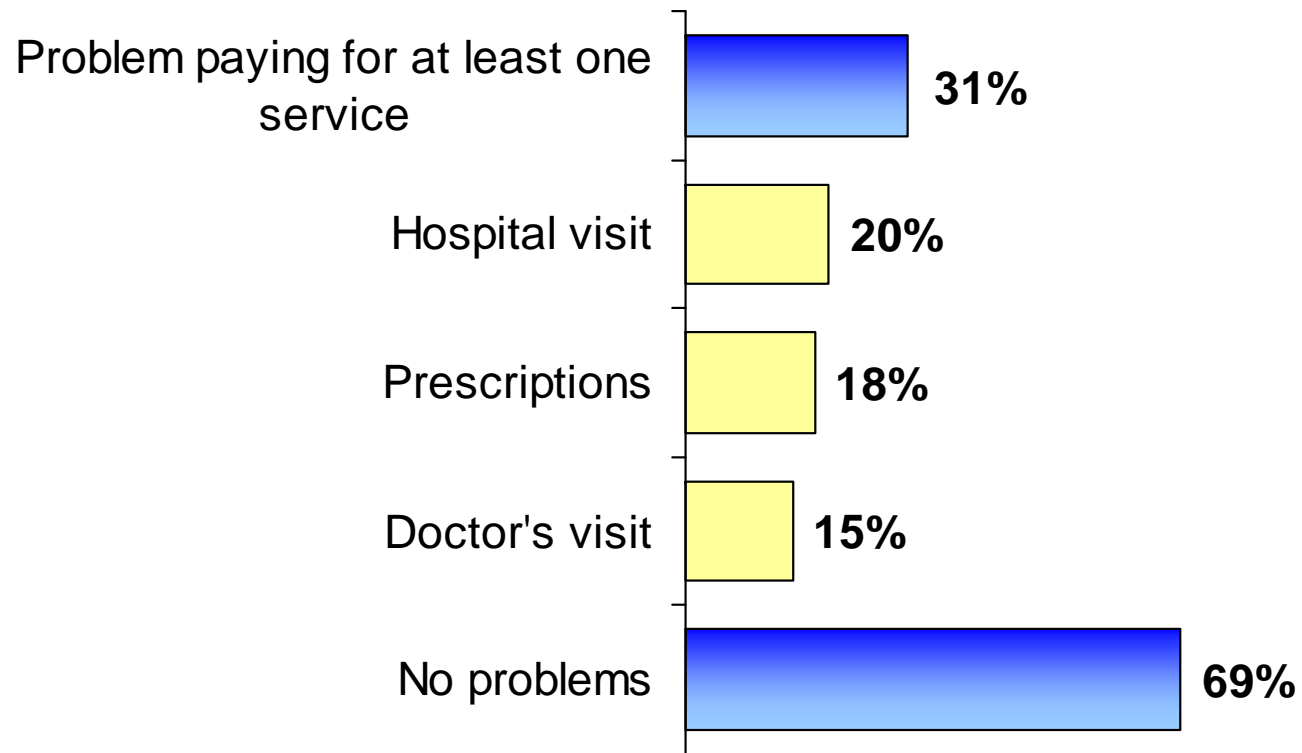
**9 in 10 Nebraskans currently have health insurance**  
*1 in 10 say they have no coverage*



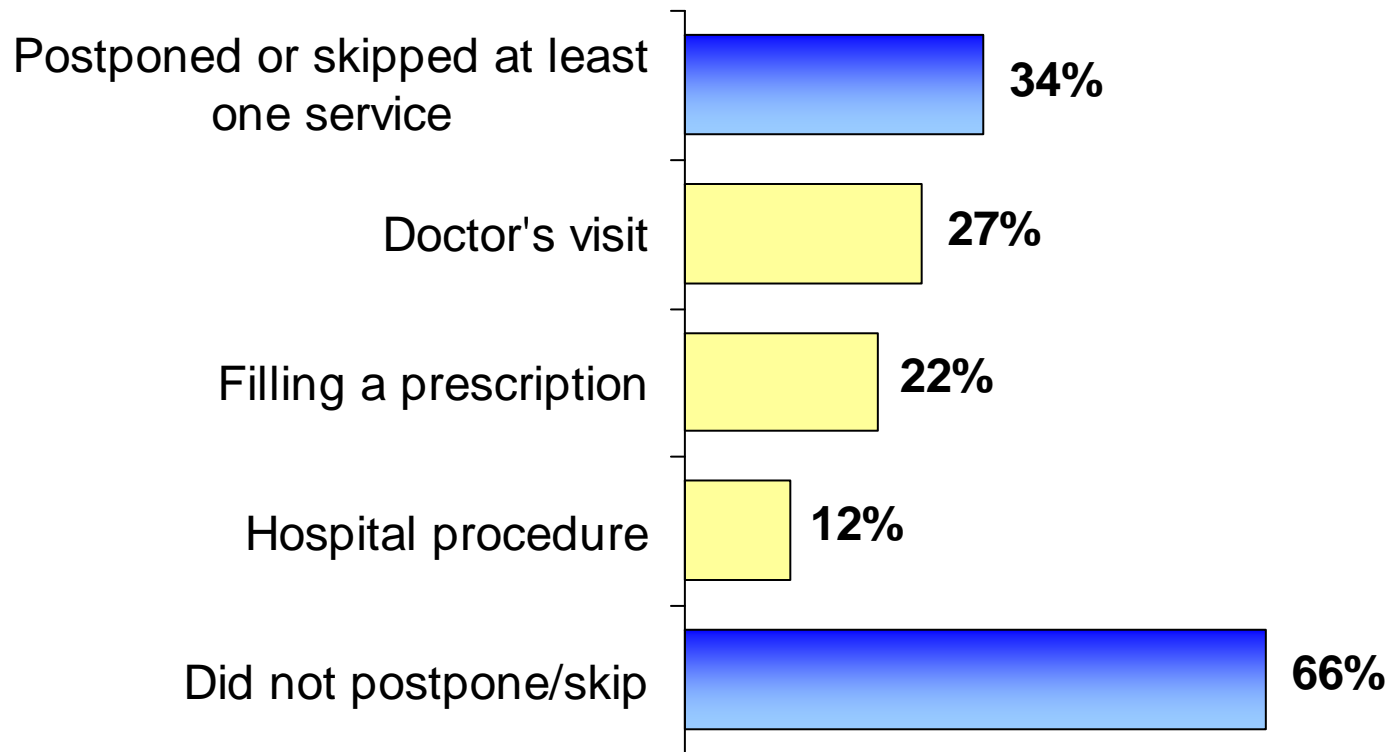
Nearly 1 in 5 insured Nebraskans spend \$5,000 or more per year on health care



### 3 in 10 Nebraskans said they had problems paying for medical services in the past year



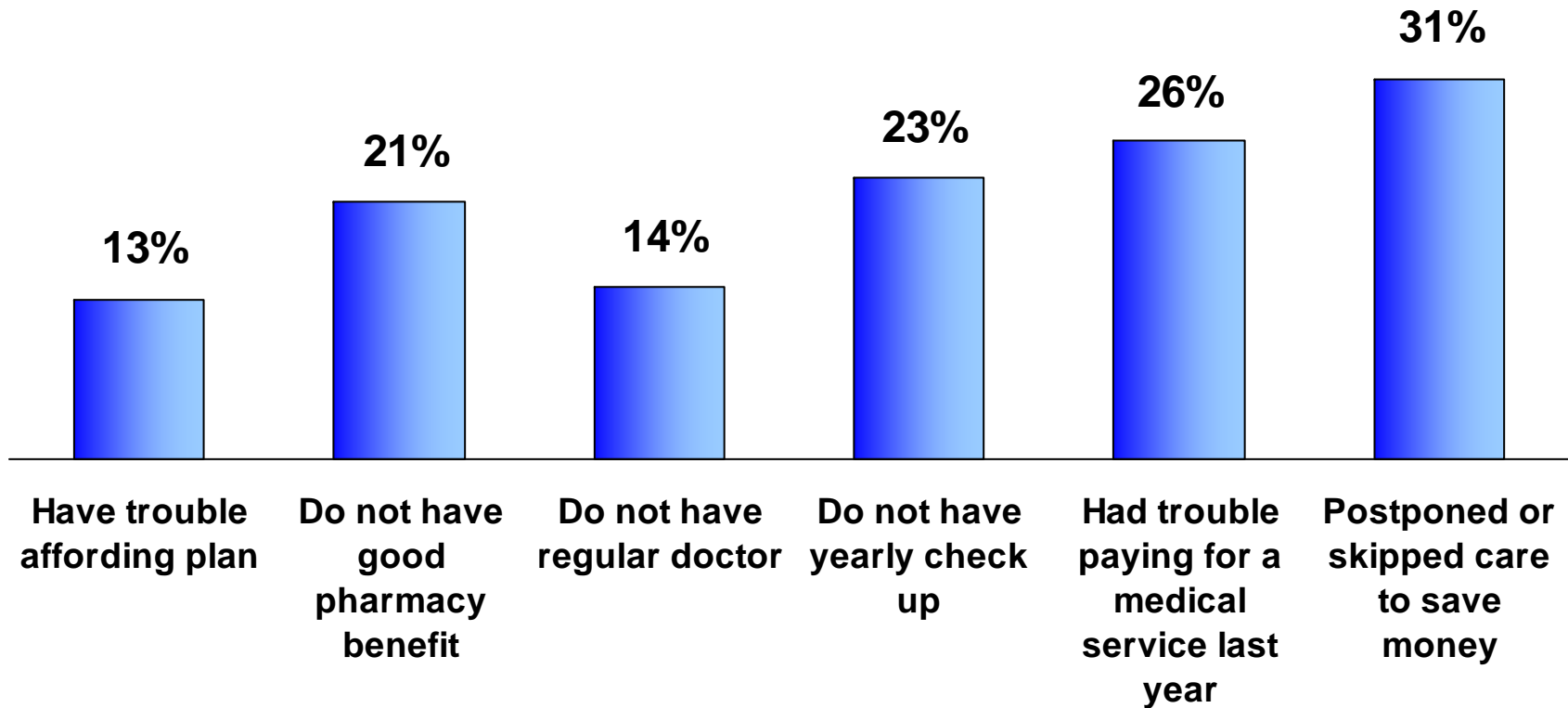
### 3 in 10 Nebraskans said they postponed or skipped medical services in the past year



In fact, 3 in 10 insured Nebraskans had trouble paying and postponed or skipped medical care to save money last year

**The Insured in Nebraska: 9 in 10 Adults**

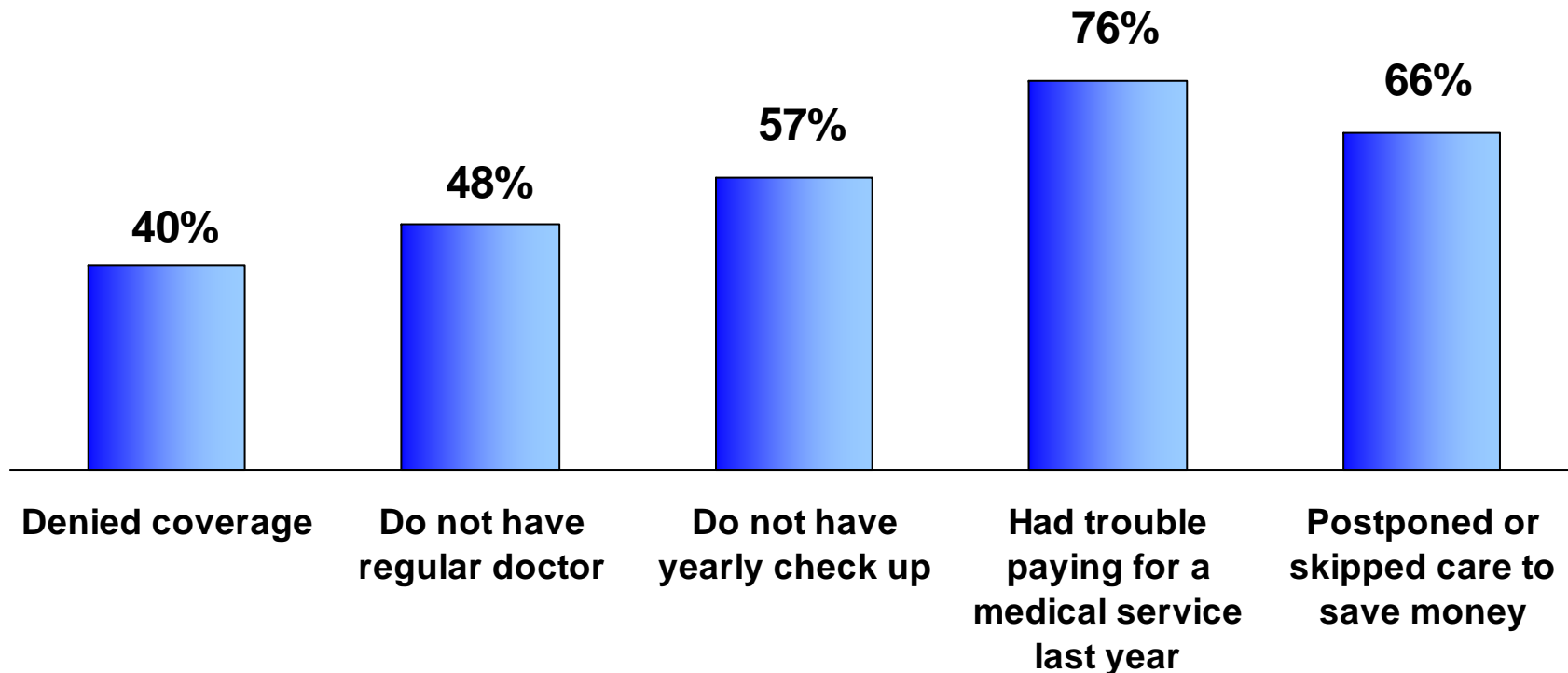
*Estimated 1.1 Million Nebraskan adults\**



\* U.S. Census Bureau 2006 Current Population Survey (CPS): Annual Social and Economic Supplements

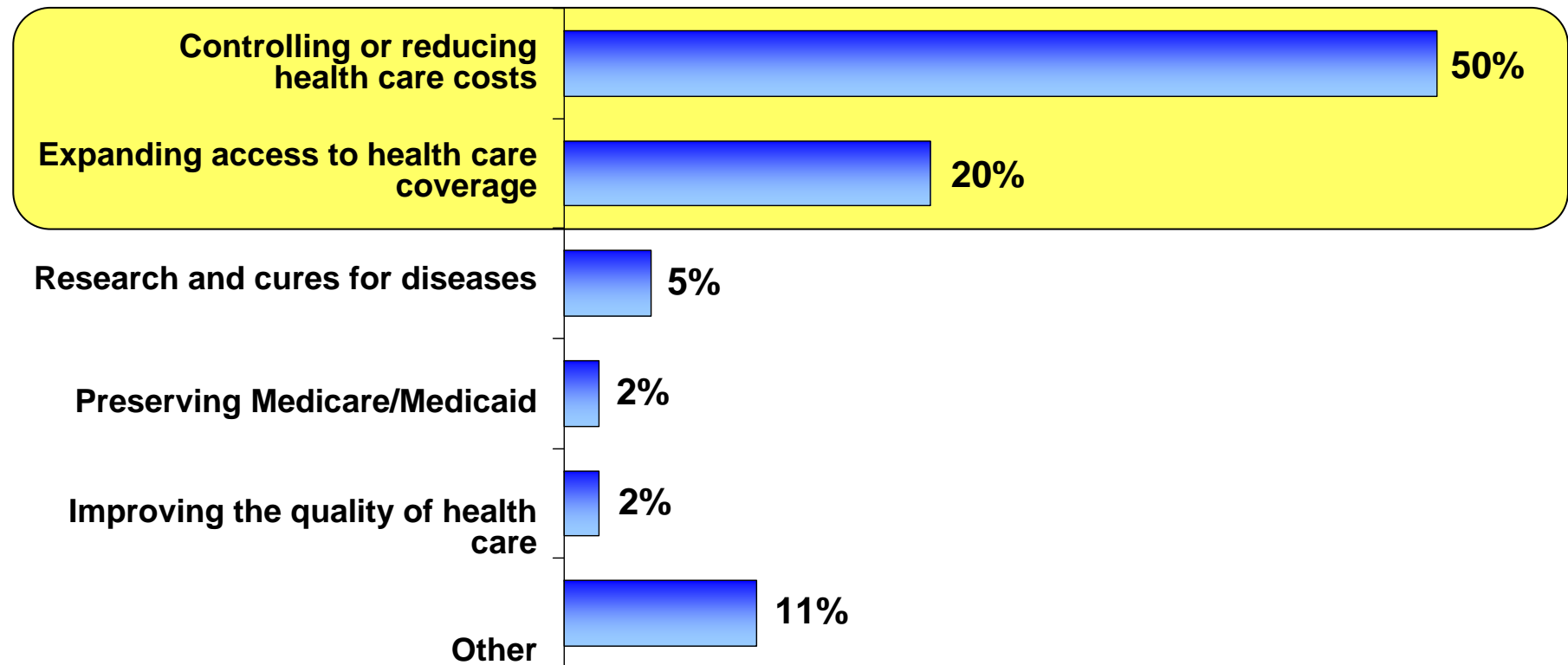
The picture is bleak for the uninsured:  
4 in 10 said they were denied coverage, and 8 in 10 had  
trouble paying for medical care last year

The Uninsured in Nebraska: 1 in 10 Adults  
*Estimated 165,000 Nebraskan adults\**



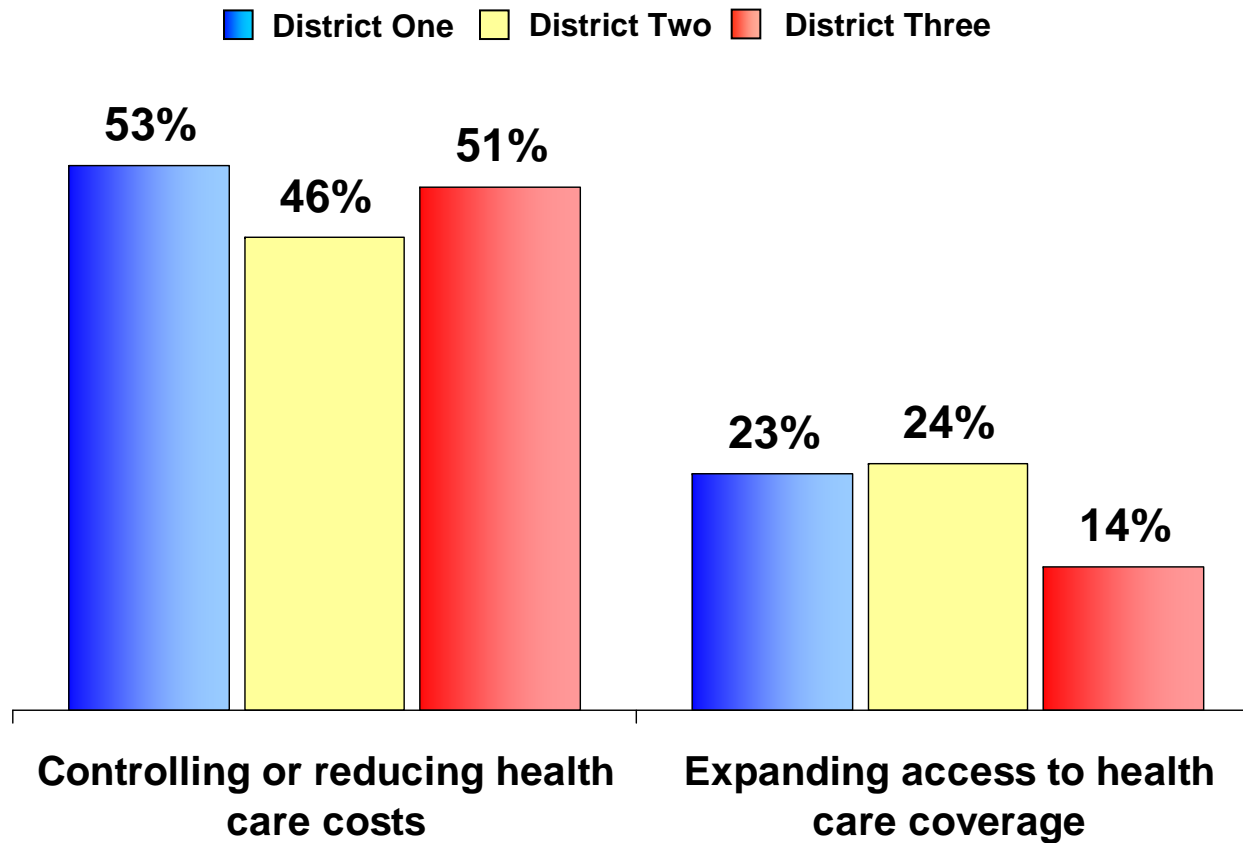
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## Cost and coverage are top-of-mind issues for Nebraskans



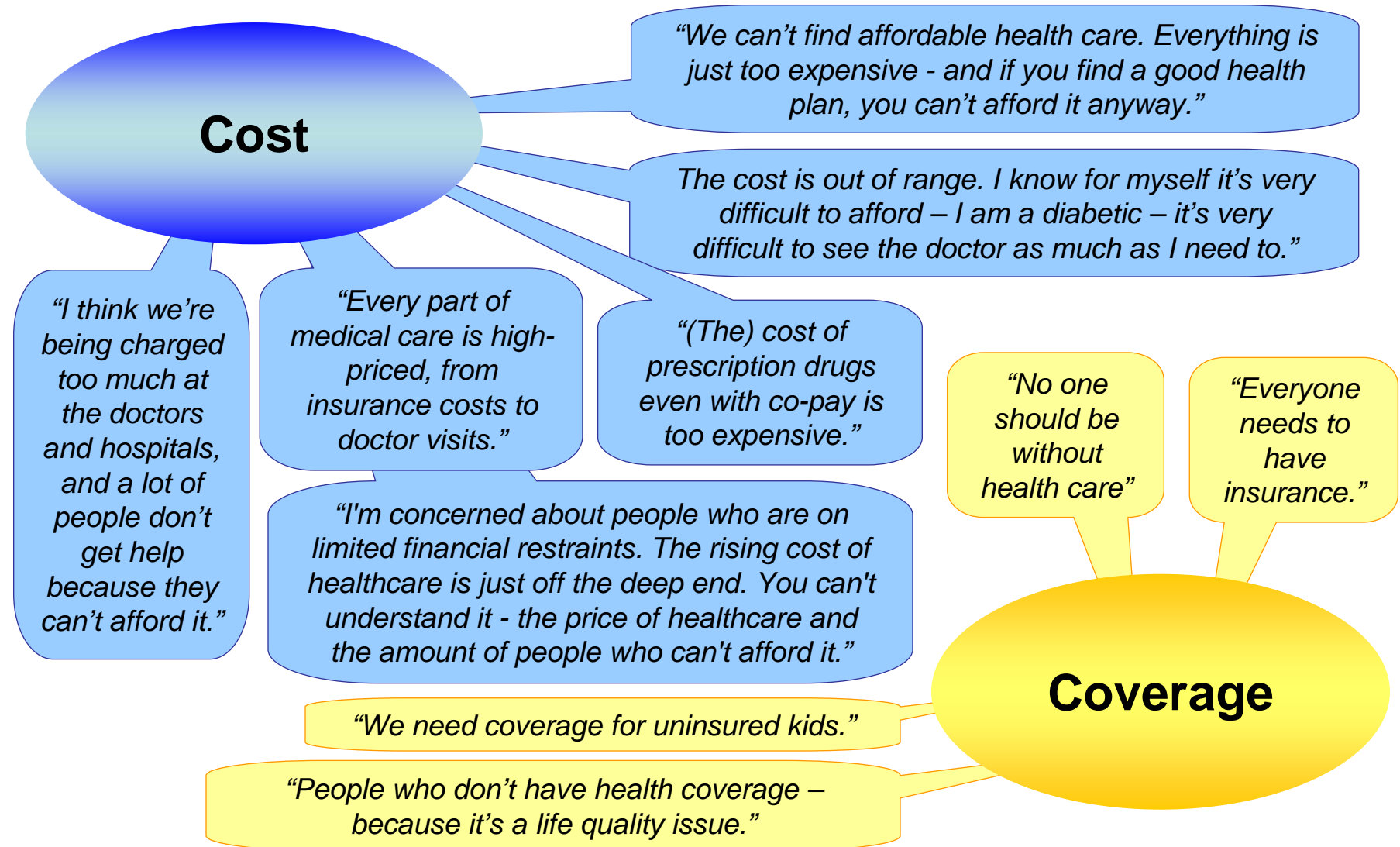


## Cost and coverage are issues of parallel importance across Congressional Districts\*

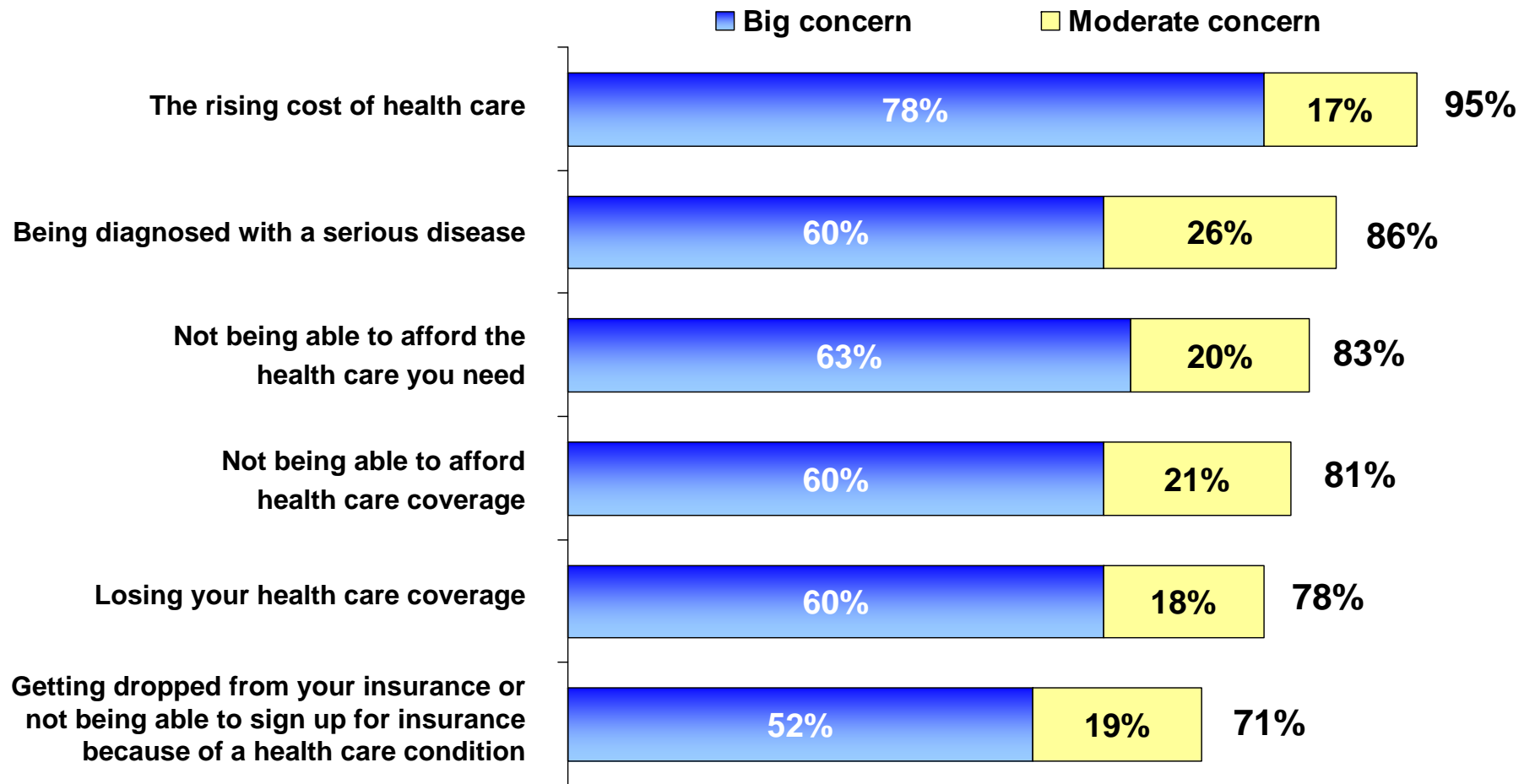


\* There are no statistically significant differences between any Nebraska Congressional Districts.

# Most Important Health Care Issues



## Even though most Nebraskans are covered, 8 in 10 worry about losing their coverage

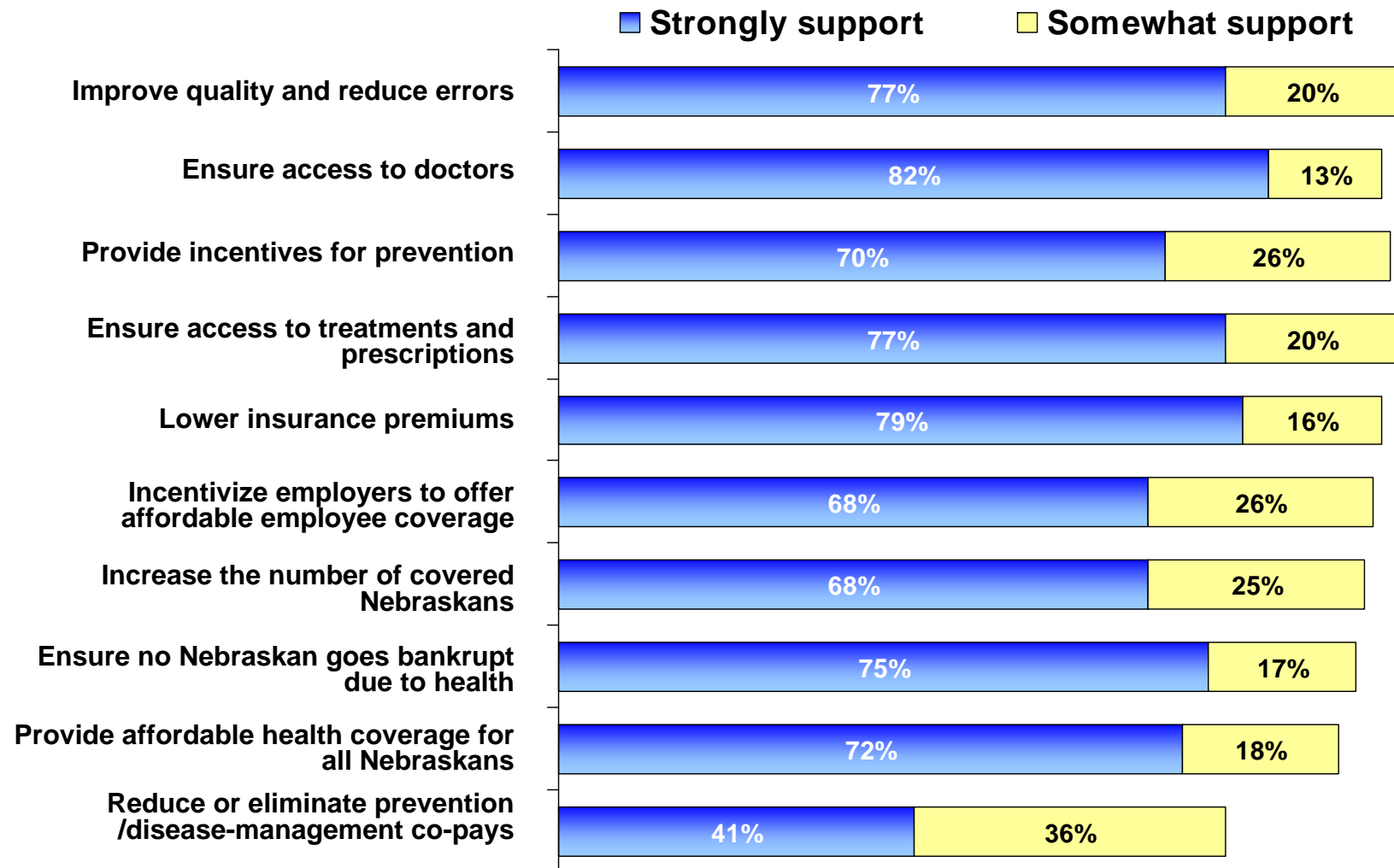


## Health care concerns are comparable across Congressional Districts

Percent Saying BIG Concern	Congressional District		
	One	Two	Three
Rising cost of health care	78	77	78
Losing your health care coverage	59	57	63
Not being able to afford the health care you need	64	63	62
Being diagnosed with a serious disease	55	62	62
Getting dropped from your insurance or not being able to sign up for insurance because of a health care condition	44	49	60*

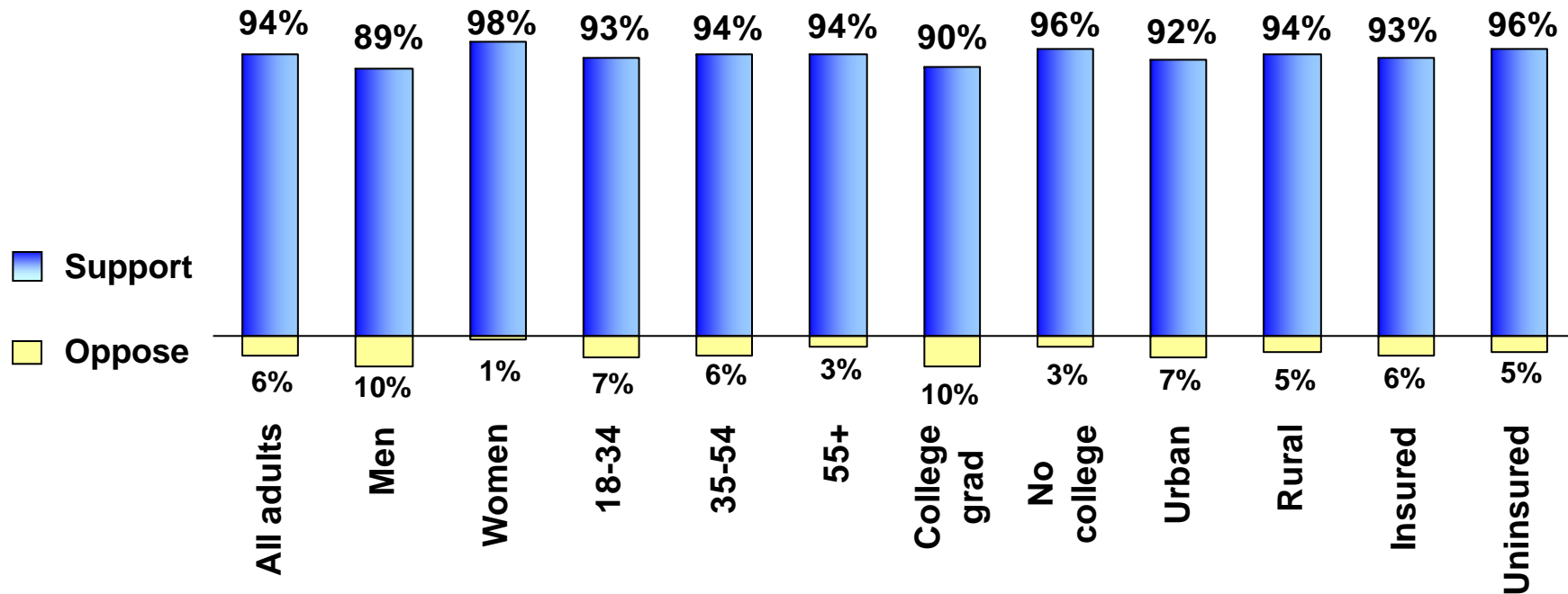
\* Statistically significant difference between percentages in Congressional District Three and One (60% vs. 44%, respectively).

## Nebraskans overwhelmingly support efforts to increase coverage and reduce costs



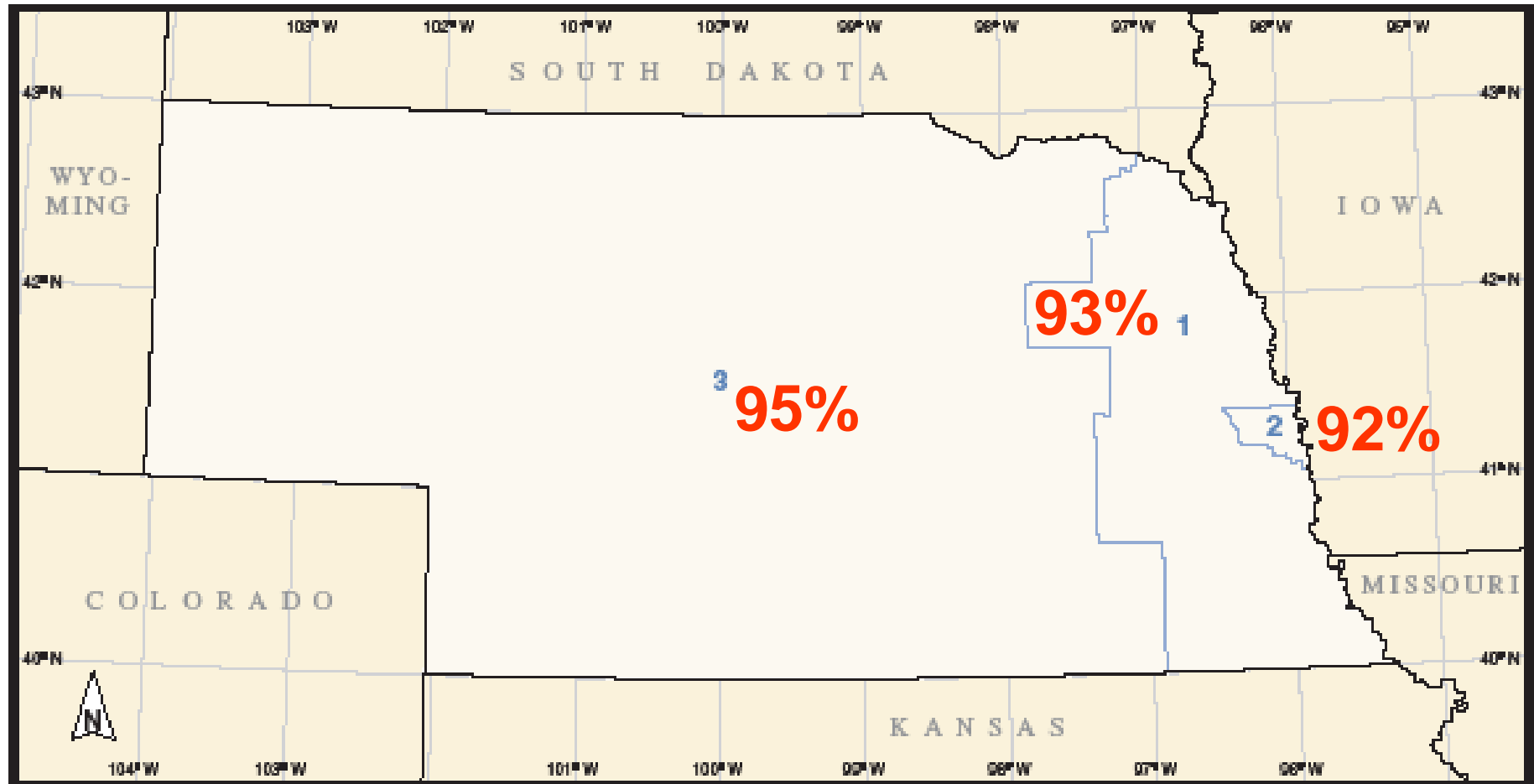
## Large majorities across demographic groups support making sure there is an affordable plan for all—regardless of health status

Percent support making sure there is an affordable plan available to everyone, regardless of the status of their health



## Support crosses Nebraska's Congressional Districts

Nebraska Congressional Districts - 3 Districts Total



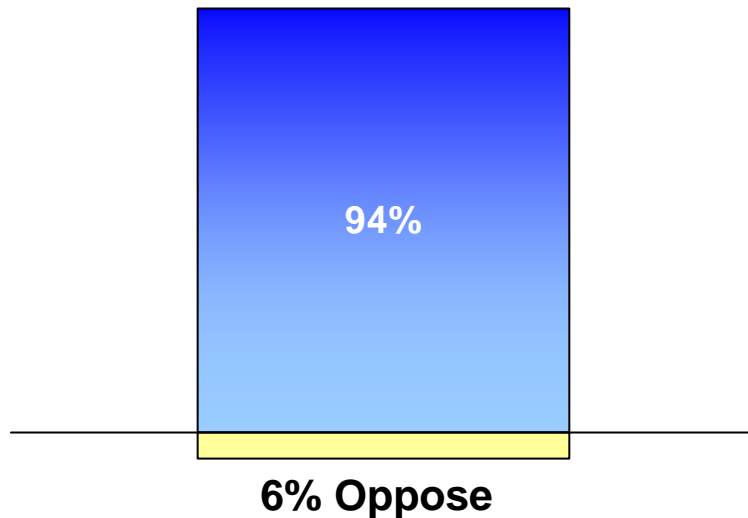
108<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States

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## 8 in 10 Nebraskans support requiring all Nebraskans to sign up for an affordable plan

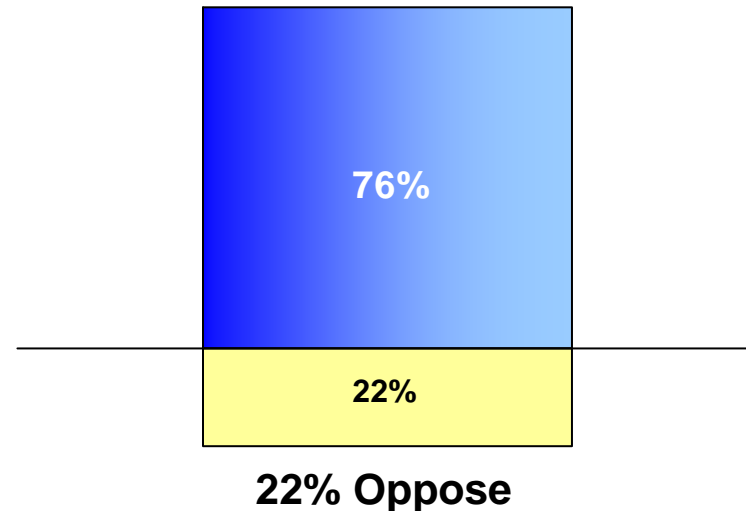
Make sure there is an affordable plan available to everyone, regardless of the status of their health

**94% Support**



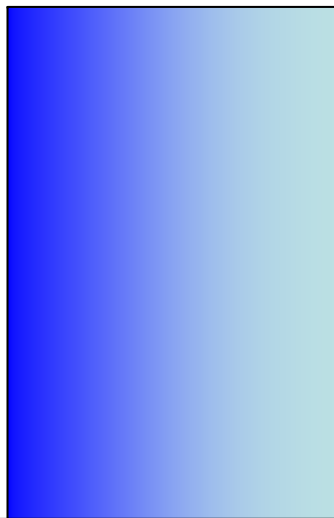
Make sure there is an affordable plan available to everyone, regardless of the status of their health, AND require all Nebraskans to sign up for some kind of health care coverage

**76% Support**



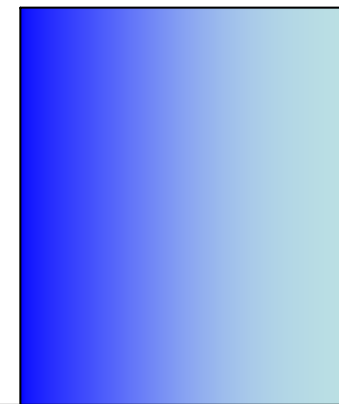
Support for a sign-up requirement  
is higher in Nebraska than it is nationally

**76% of  
Nebraskans**



Support making sure there is an affordable plan available for all, with a sign-up requirement

**59% of  
Americans**



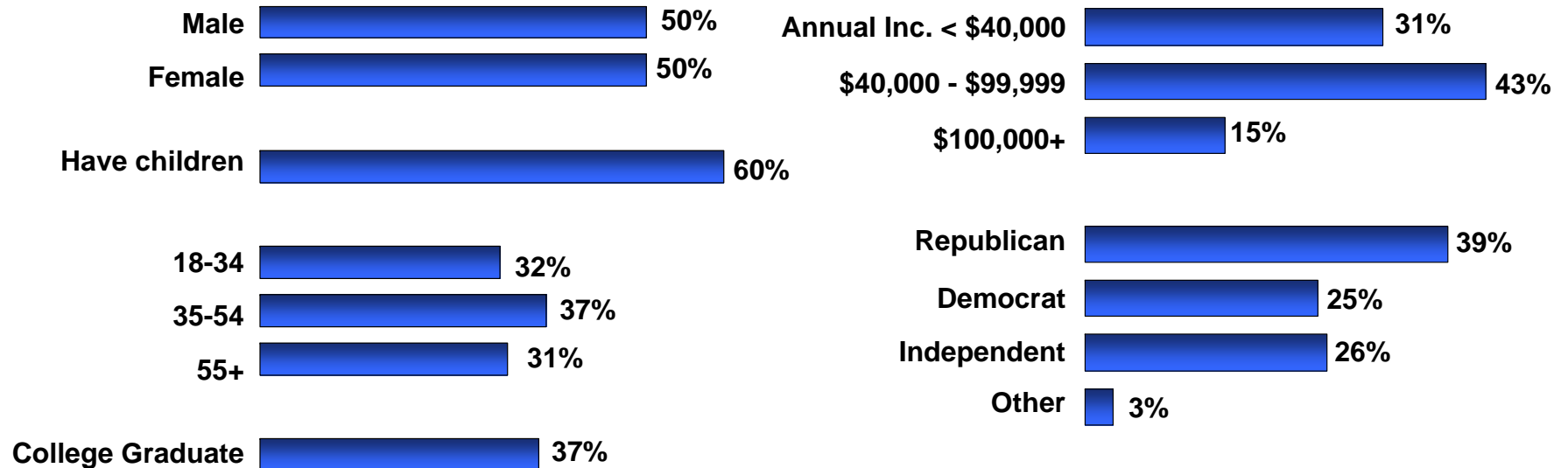
Support a plan that requires individuals to buy insurance or pay a fine, with financial help

\* NPR/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health  
Survey of 1,704 adults, February 14-24, 2008.



## Demographic Profile

Following is the demographic profile of survey respondents:



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