



PARAGON INSIGHTS
LOUISIANA SENIORS POLL:
MARCH 2014

TOPLINE RESULTS

Methodology:

THIS POLL WAS CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 3-6, 2014, AMONG A SAMPLE OF 504 LIKELY VOTERS 65 YEARS AND OLDER ON TRADITIONAL MEDICARE OR A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. THE INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED VIA INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE (IVR) AND THE DATA WERE WEIGHTED TO APPROXIMATE A TARGET SAMPLE OF SENIOR LIKELY VOTERS BASED ON AGE, RACE/ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT. RESULTS FROM THE FULL SURVEY HAVE A MARGIN OF ERROR OF PLUS OR MINUS 4 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

1: If the election for Congress for your district were being held today, would you vote for?

	Democrat	Republican	Undecided	N
Likely Voters	38	40	22	504
Males	35	48	17	209
Females	41	35	25	295
Age: 65-69	48	35	17	183
Age: 70-74	40	40	20	223
Age 75-84	29	42	29	98
Age: 85+	38	46	16	125
Republicans	5	82	13	158
Democrats	75	6	19	161
Income: Under 50k	40	38	22	336
Income: 50k or over	35	44	21	168
High School or Less	41	38	22	342
Some College	32	45	23	84
College Graduate+	34	47	19	78
ACA: Approve	81	6	13	145
ACA: Disapprove	20	61	19	305
2012 Vote: Romney	6	74	20	238
2012 Vote: Obama	76	4	20	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	100	0	0	193
2014 Vote: Republican	0	100	0	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	0	0	100	109

2: Thinking about how you receive your healthcare coverage, do you get that coverage from Government Run Medicare, from Medicare Advantage, or from some other source?

	Government Run Medicare	A Medicare plan from a private insurer, commonly referred to as Medicare Advantage	N
Likely Voters	66	34	504
Males	66	34	209
Females	66	34	295
Age: 65-69	70	30	183
Age: 70-74	62	38	223
Age 75-84	65	35	98
Age: 85+	69	31	125
Republicans	64	36	158
Democrats	69	31	161
Income: Under 50k	70	30	336
Income: 50k or over	58	42	168
High School or Less	65	35	342
Some College	68	32	84
College Graduate+	66	34	78
ACA: Approve	67	33	145
ACA: Disapprove	67	33	305
2012 Vote: Romney	62	38	238
2012 Vote: Obama	67	33	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	75	25	193
2014 Vote: Republican	65	35	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	52	48	109

3: Overall, how would you describe your level of satisfaction with a traditional Medicare plan run by the government?
 (Among respondents with traditional Medicare)

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N
Likely Voters	27	57	11	5	333
Males	27	57	13	3	138
Females	27	56	10	7	194
Age: 65-69	26	59	11	4	116
Age: 70-74	32	58	9	1	154
Age: 85+	17	53	16	14	88
Republicans	25	56	9	9	98
Democrats	30	56	13	1	105
Income: Under 50k	31	54	10	5	236
Income: 50k or over	16	64	14	6	97
High School or Less	28	54	13	6	224
ACA: Approve	36	57	7	0	97
ACA: Disapprove	23	55	14	8	204
2012 Vote: Romney	29	49	12	10	147
2012 Vote: Obama	27	63	8	2	135
2014 Vote: Democrat	31	56	11	2	145
2014 Vote: Republican	25	55	10	10	131

4: In the next year, how do you think the 2010 healthcare law, commonly referred to as ObamaCare, will affect your access to medical providers such as your preferred doctors or hospitals in traditional Medicare? (Among respondents with traditional Medicare)

	Increase my Access to Providers	Decrease my Access to Providers	No Impact on my Access to Providers	N
Likely Voters	16	47	37	333
Males	12	45	44	138
Females	19	48	33	194
Age: 65-69	21	43	36	116
Age: 70-74	16	44	40	154
Age: 85+	8	62	30	88
Republicans	13	60	27	98
Democrats	23	32	44	105
Income: Under 50k	17	45	39	236
Income: 50k or over	15	51	34	97
High School or Less	18	43	39	224
ACA: Approve	20	28	52	97
ACA: Disapprove	14	61	25	204
2012 Vote: Romney	15	58	27	147
2012 Vote: Obama	19	30	52	135
2014 Vote: Democrat	19	37	45	145
2014 Vote: Republican	14	61	25	131

5: Overall, how would you describe your level of satisfaction with a private Medicare Advantage plan run by a health insurance company? (Among respondents with Medicare Advantage plans)

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N
Likely Voters	37	43	14	6	171
Females	32	45	15	8	101
Income: Under 50k	32	49	12	7	100
High School or Less	33	44	19	5	119
ACA: Disapprove	43	37	16	4	101
2012 Vote: Romney	42	35	17	5	91

6: In the next year, how do you think the 2010 healthcare law, commonly referred to as ObamaCare, will affect your access to medical providers such as your preferred doctors or hospitals in Medicare Advantage? (Among respondents with Medicare Advantage plans)

	Increase my Access to Providers	Decrease my Access to Providers	No Impact on my Access to Providers	N
Likely Voters	12	44	44	171
Females	14	43	44	101
Income: Under 50k	16	45	39	100
High School or Less	12	44	44	119
ACA: Disapprove	8	63	29	101
2012 Vote: Romney	9	63	29	91

7: Thinking about the 2010 healthcare law, commonly referred to as ObamaCare, do you approve or disapprove of this health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Neither Approve nor Disapprove	N
Likely Voters	20	8	15	45	11	504
Males	21	8	23	40	9	209
Females	20	8	10	49	12	295
Age: 65-69	21	8	29	33	10	183
Age: 70-74	25	7	12	46	10	223
Age 75-84	18	10	7	53	11	98
Age: 85+	16	7	18	45	14	125
Republicans	3	6	12	72	7	158
Democrats	40	12	14	24	10	161
Income: Under 50k	20	9	15	45	12	336
Income: 50k or over	21	8	17	47	8	168
High School or Less	22	7	17	43	11	342
Some College	18	11	9	50	13	84
College Graduate+	17	12	14	52	5	78
ACA: Approve	71	29	0	0	0	145
ACA: Disapprove	0	0	25	75	0	305
2012 Vote: Romney	3	3	19	69	7	238
2012 Vote: Obama	43	16	13	13	15	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	45	16	13	19	7	193
2014 Vote: Republican	1	4	19	73	3	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	14	4	11	41	31	109

8: In the long run, do you think the 2010 healthcare law, commonly referred to as ObamaCare, will make the Medicare program better, worse, or will it have no impact?

	Much Better	Somewhat Better	Somewhat Worse	Much Worse	No Impact	N
Likely Voters	11	13	19	38	20	504
Males	13	13	20	40	15	209
Females	9	12	19	36	23	295
Age: 65-69	14	12	22	30	23	183
Age: 70-74	12	15	17	42	14	223
Age 75-84	7	12	21	39	22	98
Age: 85+	13	10	14	38	24	125
Republicans	2	6	21	58	13	158
Democrats	21	22	19	17	21	161
Income: Under 50k	11	13	20	34	21	336
Income: 50k or over	10	11	18	44	17	168
High School or Less	11	13	21	35	20	342
Some College	10	13	14	43	19	84
College Graduate+	9	11	15	43	22	78
ACA: Approve	36	33	8	4	19	145
ACA: Disapprove	1	3	26	58	13	305
2012 Vote: Romney	2	5	20	59	14	238
2012 Vote: Obama	25	22	14	10	28	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	25	25	17	13	20	193
2014 Vote: Republican	1	4	19	64	13	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	4	6	25	32	32	109

9: Do you have a Medicare Part D plan for prescription drug coverage?

	Yes	No	Unsure	N
Likely Voters	67	26	7	504
Males	70	27	3	209
Females	65	25	9	295
Age: 65-69	62	31	7	183
Age: 70-74	71	22	7	223
Age 75-84	67	27	6	98
Age: 85+	68	24	8	125
Republicans	63	30	7	158
Democrats	68	26	6	161
Income: Under 50k	70	24	6	336
Income: 50k or over	61	30	8	168
High School or Less	68	25	6	342
Some College	65	26	9	84
College Graduate+	65	30	6	78
ACA: Approve	65	29	6	145
ACA: Disapprove	71	24	5	305
2012 Vote: Romney	69	27	4	238
2012 Vote: Obama	68	24	7	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	67	27	6	193
2014 Vote: Republican	68	27	4	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	66	21	13	109

10: Overall, how would you describe your level of satisfaction with your Medicare Part D plan? (Among respondents with Medicare Part D)

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N
Likely Voters	41	47	9	3	339
Males	30	54	13	3	146
Females	50	41	6	3	193
Age: 65-69	21	59	16	4	115
Age: 70-74	46	40	9	5	151
Age: 85+	40	50	5	5	78
Republicans	35	53	9	3	112
Democrats	47	40	10	3	108
Income: Under 50k	44	46	8	2	236
Income: 50k or over	35	47	12	6	103
High School or Less	40	49	6	4	234
ACA: Approve	57	34	10	0	95
ACA: Disapprove	35	51	9	5	216
2012 Vote: Romney	38	50	7	5	164
2012 Vote: Obama	47	39	13	2	138
2014 Vote: Democrat	45	41	12	2	129
2014 Vote: Republican	33	54	8	4	138

11: As you may know, the federal government has proposed changes to the Medicare Part D program. Do you think Medicare Part D requires major changes, minor changes, or does Medicare Part D not require any changes at this time?

	Major Changes	Minor Changes	No Changes	N
Likely Voters	14	29	57	504
Males	14	32	53	209
Females	14	26	59	295
Age: 65-69	18	36	46	183
Age: 70-74	13	26	61	223
Age 75-84	14	27	59	98
Age: 85+	10	26	64	125
Republicans	11	32	57	158
Democrats	17	28	55	161
Income: Under 50k	15	26	59	336
Income: 50k or over	13	33	53	168
High School or Less	15	27	58	342
Some College	8	34	57	84
College Graduate+	18	30	52	78
ACA: Approve	6	36	58	145
ACA: Disapprove	19	25	56	305
2012 Vote: Romney	13	28	59	238
2012 Vote: Obama	15	33	52	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	15	32	53	193
2014 Vote: Republican	12	30	58	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	18	20	62	109

12: When it comes to Medicare, which political party do you trust more?

	The Republican Party	The Democratic Party	Undecided	N
Likely Voters	41	36	23	504
Males	49	31	21	209
Females	35	40	25	295
Age: 65-69	40	40	20	183
Age: 70-74	38	39	23	223
Age 75-84	42	30	28	98
Age: 85+	45	37	18	125
Republicans	82	2	16	158
Democrats	11	74	15	161
Income: Under 50k	35	40	25	336
Income: 50k or over	52	28	20	168
High School or Less	37	38	24	342
Some College	48	29	23	84
College Graduate+	47	34	19	78
ACA: Approve	15	75	10	145
ACA: Disapprove	57	19	24	305
2012 Vote: Romney	74	3	23	238
2012 Vote: Obama	7	77	16	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	9	81	10	193
2014 Vote: Republican	81	2	17	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	20	21	59	109

13: As you may know, as part of ObamaCare, the Obama administration recently announced a rate adjustment in which Medicare Advantage spending would be reduced by 3.55 percent, the equivalent of about 200 billion dollars...How concerned are you that this Medicare Advantage rate reduction will increase the costs that seniors have to pay for Medicare Advantage plans?

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	N
Likely Voters	54	26	9	12	504
Males	48	32	7	13	209
Females	58	22	10	10	295
Age: 65-69	47	31	9	13	183
Age: 70-74	60	26	8	7	223
Age 75-84	59	21	9	12	98
Age: 85+	39	31	10	20	125
Republicans	67	21	4	8	158
Democrats	45	30	13	13	161
Income: Under 50k	57	22	8	13	336
Income: 50k or over	46	34	10	10	168
High School or Less	56	25	8	11	342
Some College	50	28	10	12	84
College Graduate+	48	29	10	13	78
ACA: Approve	32	35	13	20	145
ACA: Disapprove	67	23	5	5	305
2012 Vote: Romney	69	20	4	8	238
2012 Vote: Obama	36	32	15	17	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	46	28	12	14	193
2014 Vote: Republican	64	24	4	8	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	48	26	11	15	109

14: As you may know, as part of ObamaCare, the Obama administration recently announced a rate adjustment in which Medicare Advantage spending would be reduced by 3.55 percent, the equivalent of about 200 billion dollars...How concerned are you that this Medicare Advantage rate reduction will reduce the availability of Medicare Advantage plan options?

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	N
Likely Voters	46	29	12	14	504
Males	44	27	10	18	209
Females	47	30	13	10	295
Age: 65-69	41	36	9	14	183
Age: 70-74	52	25	12	10	223
Age 75-84	44	28	11	17	98
Age: 85+	42	24	20	14	125
Republicans	57	27	7	8	158
Democrats	35	31	17	16	161
Income: Under 50k	46	29	12	13	336
Income: 50k or over	45	28	12	15	168
High School or Less	46	28	12	13	342
Some College	46	31	10	13	84
College Graduate+	44	29	11	16	78
ACA: Approve	24	33	21	21	145
ACA: Disapprove	59	27	7	7	305
2012 Vote: Romney	63	25	6	6	238
2012 Vote: Obama	25	32	20	23	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	33	30	17	20	193
2014 Vote: Republican	64	22	8	6	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	34	39	11	17	109

15: As you may know, as part of ObamaCare, the Obama administration recently announced a rate adjustment in which Medicare Advantage spending would be reduced by 3.55 percent, the equivalent of about 200 billion dollars. How concerned are you that this Medicare Advantage rate reduction will reduce access to preferred medical providers through Medicare Advantage?

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not At All Concerned	N
Likely Voters	46	30	11	13	504
Males	45	28	13	14	209
Females	47	31	10	13	295
Age: 65-69	42	36	8	15	183
Age: 70-74	51	30	11	8	223
Age 75-84	47	23	12	17	98
Age: 85+	39	33	13	15	125
Republicans	60	28	5	7	158
Democrats	32	34	17	17	161
Income: Under 50k	47	30	7	15	336
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High School or Less	46	31	10	12	342
Some College	46	31	9	15	84
College Graduate+	46	23	16	15	78
ACA: Approve	26	32	22	21	145
ACA: Disapprove	60	29	6	6	305
2012 Vote: Romney	63	26	5	6	238
2012 Vote: Obama	26	34	18	23	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	32	31	17	19	193
2014 Vote: Republican	64	25	5	6	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	38	35	10	17	109

16: If the cost of Medicare Advantage plans increases, who or what do you think deserves the most blame? Please listen to all the options before responding

	Democrats in Congress	Republicans in Congress	ObamaCare	Health Insurance Companies	None of the Above	N
Likely Voters	17	17	38	9	19	504
Males	20	24	38	9	9	209
Females	15	13	37	9	26	295
Age: 65-69	13	24	38	10	15	183
Age: 70-74	20	18	38	9	15	223
Age 75-84	18	12	41	8	23	98
Age: 85+	18	16	30	8	29	125
Republicans	20	6	58	1	15	158
Democrats	15	29	22	12	22	161
Income: Under 50k	15	19	35	7	24	336
Income: 50k or over	23	14	43	11	9	168
High School or Less	15	19	37	8	20	342
Some College	23	13	37	11	16	84
College Graduate+	19	13	44	8	16	78
ACA: Approve	7	42	15	16	19	145
ACA: Disapprove	22	7	52	4	14	305
2012 Vote: Romney	22	6	55	3	14	238
2012 Vote: Obama	10	32	17	16	25	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	9	34	23	17	18	193
2014 Vote: Republican	27	7	52	3	11	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	14	8	38	5	35	109

17: And, thinking about your vote for the U.S. Senate and House in November, if the cost of Medicare Advantage plans began to rise for seniors, how important of an issue would that be to your vote?

	Single Most Important Issue	One of the Most Important Issues	Not Too Important of an Issue	Not an Issue	N
Likely Voters	21	56	12	12	504
Males	12	59	15	14	209
Females	26	54	9	11	295
Age: 65-69	13	67	8	12	183
Age: 70-74	20	55	18	7	223
Age 75-84	22	54	11	13	98
Age: 85+	34	38	7	21	125
Republicans	22	56	14	8	158
Democrats	19	54	11	16	161
Income: Under 50k	23	57	8	13	336
Income: 50k or over	17	54	19	11	168
High School or Less	21	57	11	12	342
Some College	23	51	14	11	84
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ACA: Approve	20	45	14	21	145
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2012 Vote: Romney	21	61	12	6	238
2012 Vote: Obama	15	53	11	20	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	20	52	12	16	193
2014 Vote: Republican	23	57	13	7	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	16	60	9	15	109

18: Would you prefer a lower cost plan with a limited network of providers or more access to providers of your choice with a higher plan cost?

	Lower Cost plan with limited network	Higher Cost plan with more access	Unsure	N
Likely Voters	41	20	39	504
Males	37	27	35	209
Females	44	14	42	295
Age: 65-69	44	29	26	183
Age: 70-74	44	18	38	223
Age 75-84	37	14	48	98
Age: 85+	40	18	42	125
Republicans	35	19	46	158
Democrats	49	18	33	161
Income: Under 50k	42	16	41	336
Income: 50k or over	39	26	34	168
High School or Less	44	16	40	342
Some College	43	23	35	84
College Graduate+	29	33	37	78
ACA: Approve	58	17	25	145
ACA: Disapprove	35	24	42	305
2012 Vote: Romney	32	20	48	238
2012 Vote: Obama	52	21	27	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	51	24	26	193
2014 Vote: Republican	33	20	47	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	41	11	48	109

19: If the cost of Medicare Part D plans increases, who or what do you think deserves the most blame? Please listen to all the options before responding

	Democrats in Congress	Republicans in Congress	ObamaCare	Health Insurance Companies	None of the Above	N
Likely Voters	18	16	40	9	17	504
Males	22	19	40	8	11	209
Females	16	14	40	9	21	295
Age: 65-69	11	18	45	10	16	183
Age: 70-74	22	17	38	9	14	223
Age 75-84	19	13	41	9	18	98
Age: 85+	23	18	32	4	24	125
Republicans	22	9	56	1	11	158
Democrats	17	26	24	12	20	161
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High School or Less	18	18	38	9	17	342
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ACA: Approve	9	42	15	16	19	145
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2012 Vote: Romney	23	6	58	4	10	238
2012 Vote: Obama	11	32	15	16	26	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	10	32	27	16	15	193
2014 Vote: Republican	28	6	53	4	9	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	15	7	40	4	34	109

20: And, thinking about your vote for the U.S. Senate and House in November, if the cost of Medicare Part D plans began to rise for seniors, how important of an issue would that be to your vote?

	Single Most Important Issue	One of the Most Important Issues	Not Too Important of an Issue	Not an Issue	N
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Age: 70-74	29	53	13	6	223
Age 75-84	20	59	8	13	98
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2014 Vote: Democrat	23	49	14	14	193
2014 Vote: Republican	24	60	9	7	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	24	54	11	10	109

21: When it comes to Medicare, which political party do you trust more?

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	Undecided	N
Likely Voters	39	38	23	504
Males	45	37	18	209
Females	34	39	27	295
Age: 65-69	32	41	27	183
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2012 Vote: Obama	8	78	14	201
2014 Vote: Democrat	9	79	12	193
2014 Vote: Republican	77	6	17	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	21	25	55	109

22: In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else	N
Likely Voters	36	44	15	4	504
Males	39	38	20	3	209
Females	34	48	12	6	295
Age: 65-69	36	45	17	3	183
Age: 70-74	32	47	17	4	223
Age 75-84	42	42	11	5	98
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Republicans	100	0	0	0	158
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Income: Under 50k	32	48	13	6	336
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2014 Vote: Democrat	5	87	8	0	193
2014 Vote: Republican	74	7	17	2	202
2014 Vote: Undecided	21	39	23	17	109