



PARAGON INSIGHTS
MONTANA SENIORS POLL:
MARCH 2014

TOPLINE RESULTS

Methodology:

THIS POLL WAS CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 3-6, 2014, AMONG A SAMPLE OF 479 LIKELY VOTERS 65 YEARS AND OLDER ON TRADITIONAL MEDICARE OR A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN IN THE STATE OF MONTANA. 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	30	42	28	479
Males	27	47	26	216
Females	32	38	30	263
Age: 65-69	40	29	31	158
Age: 70-74	27	56	17	130
Age 75-84	26	37	37	191
Age: 85+	27	41	32	104
Republicans	1	88	11	159
Democrats	86	2	12	152
Income: Under 50k	27	41	31	327
Income: 50k or over	34	43	22	152
High School or Less	25	44	31	270
Some College	35	38	27	111
College Graduate+	35	42	24	98
ACA: Approve	66	7	27	144
ACA: Disapprove	9	66	25	276
2012 Vote: Romney	4	76	21	246
2012 Vote: Obama	71	2	26	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	100	0	0	142
2014 Vote: Republican	0	100	0	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	0	0	100	136

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	67	33	479
Males	69	31	216
Females	65	35	263
Age: 65-69	60	40	158
Age: 70-74	66	34	130
Age 75-84	72	28	191
Age: 85+	68	32	104
Republicans	69	31	159
Democrats	75	25	152
Income: Under 50k	70	30	327
Income: 50k or over	60	40	152
High School or Less	68	32	270
Some College	65	35	111
College Graduate+	67	33	98
ACA: Approve	70	30	144
ACA: Disapprove	64	36	276
2012 Vote: Romney	68	32	246
2012 Vote: Obama	69	31	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	72	28	142
2014 Vote: Republican	68	32	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	60	40	136

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	44	43	7	6	320
Males	43	39	8	9	148
Females	45	46	6	3	172
Age: 65-69	42	51	3	5	109
Age: 70-74	49	39	6	6	97
Age 75-84	42	44	7	7	114
Republicans	36	47	5	11	106
Democrats	58	33	8	1	109
Income: Under 50k	42	48	7	4	228
Income: 50k or over	50	31	7	11	92
High School or Less	44	44	7	5	182
ACA: Approve	61	32	4	4	101
ACA: Disapprove	33	51	8	8	177
2012 Vote: Romney	35	48	8	9	168
2012 Vote: Obama	57	36	6	2	114
2014 Vote: Democrat	61	31	7	1	102
2014 Vote: Republican	31	51	7	11	136
2014 Vote: Undecided	45	45	7	4	82

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	12	37	51	320
Males	8	47	44	148
Females	15	28	56	172
Age: 65-69	6	33	61	109
Age: 70-74	11	52	37	97
Age 75-84	17	28	55	114
Republicans	17	60	23	106
Democrats	10	15	75	109
Income: Under 50k	10	40	50	228
Income: 50k or over	18	29	53	92
High School or Less	12	35	53	182
ACA: Approve	14	11	75	101
ACA: Disapprove	11	59	30	177
2012 Vote: Romney	12	56	32	168
2012 Vote: Obama	12	10	78	114
2014 Vote: Democrat	14	12	74	102
2014 Vote: Republican	15	58	27	136
2014 Vote: Undecided	5	34	61	82

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	35	33	19	14	159
Females	42	31	18	9	91
Age 75-84	37	25	25	13	77
Income: Under 50k	34	32	20	14	99
High School or Less	32	34	19	15	88
ACA: Disapprove	32	35	18	15	100
2012 Vote: Romney	36	39	14	11	78

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	36	51	159
Females	11	33	56	91
Age 75-84	6	47	47	77
Income: Under 50k	14	39	47	99
High School or Less	14	37	49	88
ACA: Disapprove	12	51	37	100
2012 Vote: Romney	10	60	30	78

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	10	10	47	12	479
Males	17	10	11	53	10	216
Females	23	10	10	43	15	263
Age: 65-69	24	15	7	46	7	158
Age: 70-74	16	7	11	55	12	130
Age: 75-84	18	11	11	43	16	191
Age: 85+	25	7	12	42	13	104
Republicans	2	3	10	81	4	159
Democrats	46	22	6	11	15	152
Income: Under 50k	17	10	12	46	15	327
Income: 50k or over	27	11	6	49	7	152
High School or Less	13	11	12	49	15	270
Some College	27	7	11	43	12	111
College Graduate+	31	10	5	48	7	98
ACA: Approve	66	34	0	0	0	144
ACA: Disapprove	0	0	18	82	0	276
2012 Vote: Romney	2	4	11	78	5	246
2012 Vote: Obama	50	20	6	9	15	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	47	20	7	11	15	142
2014 Vote: Republican	3	2	11	79	5	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	17	12	13	38	21	136

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	9	10	14	39	27	479
Males	7	11	14	47	21	216
Females	11	9	14	33	33	263
Age: 65-69	11	12	14	33	30	158
Age: 70-74	6	9	15	49	22	130
Age 75-84	12	9	12	37	31	191
Age: 85+	11	12	20	30	27	104
Republicans	1	1	19	65	13	159
Democrats	26	20	6	7	41	152
Income: Under 50k	6	10	17	39	28	327
Income: 50k or over	16	10	8	39	27	152
High School or Less	6	10	15	41	28	270
Some College	15	9	14	38	23	111
College Graduate+	12	11	11	35	31	98
ACA: Approve	29	26	8	2	35	144
ACA: Disapprove	1	2	19	63	15	276
2012 Vote: Romney	2	1	18	64	14	246
2012 Vote: Obama	23	25	7	3	42	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	26	23	6	8	38	142
2014 Vote: Republican	0	2	17	68	13	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	5	9	18	30	38	136

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

	Yes	No	Unsure	N
Likely Voters	61	33	6	479
Males	62	34	4	216
Females	61	32	7	263
Age: 65-69	55	41	4	158
Age: 70-74	58	39	3	130
Age 75-84	67	27	5	191
Age: 85+	66	20	14	104
Republicans	59	34	7	159
Democrats	60	34	5	152
Income: Under 50k	66	29	5	327
Income: 50k or over	52	41	7	152
High School or Less	63	31	6	270
Some College	57	37	7	111
College Graduate+	63	34	3	98
ACA: Approve	61	35	4	144
ACA: Disapprove	61	32	7	276
2012 Vote: Romney	60	34	5	246
2012 Vote: Obama	63	33	4	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	64	32	3	142
2014 Vote: Republican	57	36	7	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	64	30	6	136

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	53	37	8	2	294
Males	51	37	8	3	134
Females	54	37	8	1	159
Age: 65-69	59	34	5	2	94
Age: 70-74	58	31	7	3	79
Age 75-84	47	44	8	0	121
Republicans	48	41	9	2	92
Democrats	63	27	7	3	102
Income: Under 50k	49	42	8	1	214
Income: 50k or over	63	22	10	5	79
High School or Less	56	34	10	1	170
ACA: Approve	62	33	3	2	87
ACA: Disapprove	48	40	10	2	170
2012 Vote: Romney	44	45	9	1	149
2012 Vote: Obama	60	28	8	3	104
2014 Vote: Democrat	58	32	8	2	91
2014 Vote: Republican	46	45	8	1	115
2014 Vote: Undecided	56	31	9	4	88

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	10	29	61	479
Males	9	29	63	216
Females	11	29	60	263
Age: 65-69	6	29	65	158
Age: 70-74	15	25	60	130
Age 75-84	10	33	57	191
Age: 85+	5	28	67	104
Republicans	10	26	64	159
Democrats	9	35	56	152
Income: Under 50k	11	30	59	327
Income: 50k or over	9	26	66	152
High School or Less	13	27	61	270
Some College	3	35	63	111
College Graduate+	11	29	61	98
ACA: Approve	8	40	52	144
ACA: Disapprove	11	26	63	276
2012 Vote: Romney	12	26	62	246
2012 Vote: Obama	9	36	55	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	10	35	54	142
2014 Vote: Republican	12	26	63	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	7	27	66	136

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

	The Republican Party	The Democratic Party	Undecided	N
Likely Voters	39	34	26	479
Males	46	30	24	216
Females	34	38	28	263
Age: 65-69	25	43	32	158
Age: 70-74	48	33	19	130
Age 75-84	42	31	27	191
Age: 85+	35	33	32	104
Republicans	86	3	11	159
Democrats	2	90	9	152
Income: Under 50k	40	31	29	327
Income: 50k or over	38	41	21	152
High School or Less	43	33	24	270
Some College	30	36	33	111
College Graduate+	40	35	25	98
ACA: Approve	8	79	14	144
ACA: Disapprove	61	11	27	276
2012 Vote: Romney	71	6	23	246
2012 Vote: Obama	2	79	19	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	3	89	8	142
2014 Vote: Republican	80	4	16	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	17	23	60	136

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	49	23	12	16	479
Males	53	22	9	16	216
Females	46	23	14	17	263
Age: 65-69	45	22	11	21	158
Age: 70-74	55	18	11	16	130
Age 75-84	50	26	10	14	191
Age: 85+	38	29	18	16	104
Republicans	71	20	6	3	159
Democrats	25	23	19	32	152
Income: Under 50k	51	23	11	15	327
Income: 50k or over	46	22	13	20	152
High School or Less	52	21	11	15	270
Some College	47	24	13	15	111
College Graduate+	42	26	12	20	98
ACA: Approve	17	26	22	35	144
ACA: Disapprove	67	21	6	5	276
2012 Vote: Romney	67	21	7	5	246
2012 Vote: Obama	20	25	20	35	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	24	27	21	29	142
2014 Vote: Republican	69	21	5	5	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	46	22	12	20	136

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	44	22	13	22	479
Males	49	19	10	22	216
Females	39	24	15	22	263
Age: 65-69	39	16	20	25	158
Age: 70-74	51	21	5	23	130
Age 75-84	44	24	12	20	191
Age: 85+	35	27	23	15	104
Republicans	64	24	7	5	159
Democrats	21	23	16	41	152
Income: Under 50k	43	25	12	19	327
Income: 50k or over	45	15	14	26	152
High School or Less	45	22	11	22	270
Some College	43	20	17	20	111
College Graduate+	41	23	12	24	98
ACA: Approve	10	27	21	42	144
ACA: Disapprove	64	19	8	9	276
2012 Vote: Romney	62	21	6	10	246
2012 Vote: Obama	17	22	19	42	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	18	25	18	38	142
2014 Vote: Republican	63	21	8	8	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	42	19	15	25	136

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	45	22	13	20	479
Males	52	24	6	18	216
Females	39	21	18	22	263
Age: 65-69	44	19	12	25	158
Age: 70-74	51	20	8	20	130
Age: 75-84	42	25	14	19	191
Age: 85+	32	27	23	18	104
Republicans	70	19	8	3	159
Democrats	17	23	20	40	152
Income: Under 50k	45	23	13	19	327
Income: 50k or over	45	20	12	23	152
High School or Less	46	22	12	20	270
Some College	45	23	14	18	111
College Graduate+	39	22	14	25	98
ACA: Approve	11	25	20	45	144
ACA: Disapprove	67	19	8	6	276
2012 Vote: Romney	66	21	7	6	246
2012 Vote: Obama	13	23	20	43	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	16	27	19	38	142
2014 Vote: Republican	68	20	7	5	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	40	21	15	25	136

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	16	15	35	15	19	479
Males	22	14	39	10	16	216
Females	11	16	32	20	22	263
Age: 65-69	13	13	35	23	16	158
Age: 70-74	19	17	40	11	14	130
Age 75-84	17	16	34	14	19	191
Age: 85+	11	12	23	17	36	104
Republicans	26	5	60	3	6	159
Democrats	6	32	10	27	26	152
Income: Under 50k	16	13	36	15	20	327
Income: 50k or over	15	19	33	16	17	152
High School or Less	15	15	36	15	19	270
Some College	17	16	37	14	16	111
College Graduate+	15	15	30	17	23	98
ACA: Approve	5	35	9	30	21	144
ACA: Disapprove	23	5	53	7	11	276
2012 Vote: Romney	25	6	53	5	11	246
2012 Vote: Obama	4	31	6	33	26	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	6	32	11	26	26	142
2014 Vote: Republican	25	4	59	4	8	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	12	14	25	21	28	136

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	17	51	16	16	479
Males	16	53	15	15	216
Females	17	50	17	16	263
Age: 65-69	14	53	16	18	158
Age: 70-74	16	50	17	17	130
Age 75-84	20	55	12	14	191
Age: 85+	16	45	24	15	104
Republicans	16	67	11	6	159
Democrats	14	39	21	27	152
Income: Under 50k	18	55	14	12	327
Income: 50k or over	13	43	19	25	152
High School or Less	18	55	14	12	270
Some College	16	55	18	11	111
College Graduate+	13	38	18	31	98
ACA: Approve	12	32	23	33	144
ACA: Disapprove	19	61	13	7	276
2012 Vote: Romney	18	63	12	7	246
2012 Vote: Obama	12	35	23	31	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	17	36	20	26	142
2014 Vote: Republican	21	60	11	8	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	10	54	19	17	136

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	32	25	43	479
Males	30	29	41	216
Females	33	22	45	263
Age: 65-69	31	23	46	158
Age: 70-74	39	26	35	130
Age 75-84	29	28	43	191
Age: 85+	21	21	58	104
Republicans	36	28	36	159
Democrats	29	24	47	152
Income: Under 50k	34	26	41	327
Income: 50k or over	28	24	48	152
High School or Less	36	23	41	270
Some College	24	29	46	111
College Graduate+	31	25	44	98
ACA: Approve	37	21	42	144
ACA: Disapprove	31	29	41	276
2012 Vote: Romney	33	30	37	246
2012 Vote: Obama	32	19	49	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	31	28	42	142
2014 Vote: Republican	33	31	36	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	32	14	55	136

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	15	13	34	17	20	479
Males	23	13	35	11	18	216
Females	9	14	33	22	22	263
Age: 65-69	17	13	31	26	13	158
Age: 70-74	20	10	32	16	22	130
Age 75-84	10	14	41	14	20	191
Age: 85+	13	22	25	14	26	104
Republicans	29	6	50	4	12	159
Democrats	3	29	15	33	20	152
Income: Under 50k	14	13	35	17	20	327
Income: 50k or over	18	14	31	18	20	152
High School or Less	17	13	34	17	19	270
Some College	12	15	37	16	20	111
College Graduate+	14	14	31	19	22	98
ACA: Approve	5	28	12	34	21	144
ACA: Disapprove	23	5	49	7	15	276
2012 Vote: Romney	25	5	48	7	15	246
2012 Vote: Obama	4	26	12	36	22	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	5	29	16	30	20	142
2014 Vote: Republican	28	5	48	5	13	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	7	10	31	20	31	136

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
Likely Voters	16	49	15	19	479
Males	18	49	14	19	216
Females	15	50	16	19	263
Age: 65-69	16	53	14	17	158
Age: 70-74	17	43	18	22	130
Age 75-84	16	57	12	15	191
Age: 85+	14	40	19	27	104
Republicans	21	55	12	13	159
Democrats	11	42	15	32	152
Income: Under 50k	18	52	14	16	327
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2012 Vote: Romney	20	55	13	12	246
2012 Vote: Obama	9	41	17	33	166
2014 Vote: Democrat	14	43	15	28	142
2014 Vote: Republican	20	55	14	12	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	14	48	17	21	136

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

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	Undecided	N
Likely Voters	43	33	25	479
Males	50	29	21	216
Females	37	36	28	263
Age: 65-69	33	42	26	158
Age: 70-74	47	30	23	130
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2014 Vote: Democrat	5	80	15	142
2014 Vote: Republican	82	5	14	201
2014 Vote: Undecided	24	25	51	136

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

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else	N
Likely Voters	33	27	31	9	479
Males	36	22	36	5	216
Females	30	31	27	12	263
Age: 65-69	22	34	38	6	158
Age: 70-74	41	23	29	7	130
Age 75-84	31	26	31	11	191
Age: 85+	34	30	25	11	104
Republicans	100	0	0	0	159
Democrats	0	100	0	0	152
Income: Under 50k	32	25	31	11	327
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Some College	27	27	35	11	111
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2014 Vote: Democrat	1	79	14	5	142
2014 Vote: Republican	69	1	26	4	201
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