



ACA understanding, support rise; most felt no impact

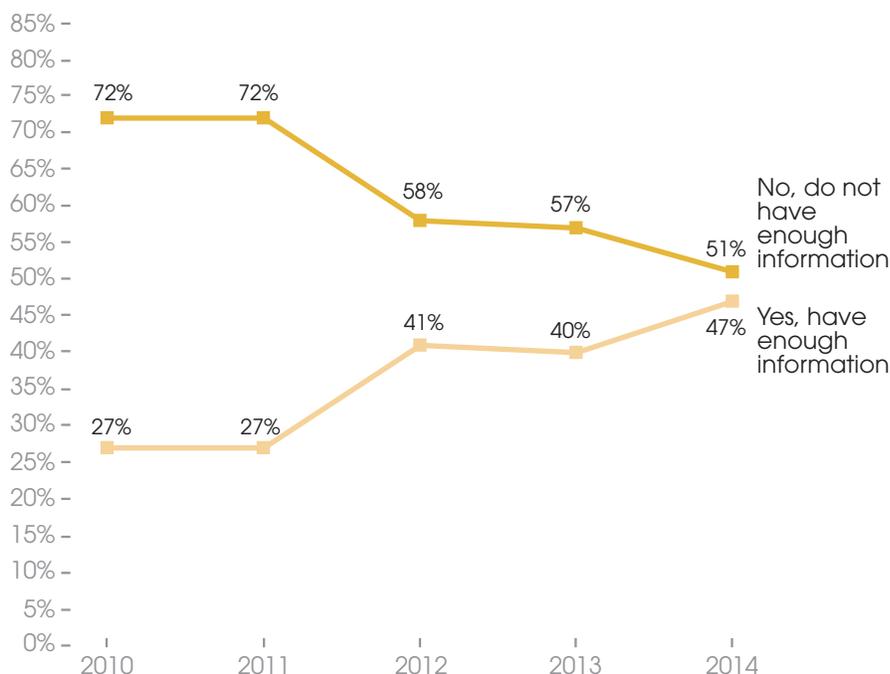
In March 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) became law. Since then, the **Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP)** has asked Kentucky adults their opinions about the healthcare reform law.

As part of the ACA in Kentucky, kynect allows Kentuckians, including those eligible for the expanded Medicaid program and Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP), to search for and enroll in insurance plans. Last year, 521,000 people enrolled through kynect, 75% of whom were previously uninsured.¹

More adults have enough information to understand law

Nearly half of Kentucky adults (47%) reported having enough information to understand how the ACA will affect them personally. More than half of adults (51%) reported not having enough information. The percentage of adults who do not

Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally?* (Percentages may not add to 100% because the response "don't know" is not included.)



*KHIP 2014 asked, "As you may know, a health reform bill called the Affordable Care Act was signed into law in 2010. Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?"

have enough information about the law continues to decline. In 2012 and 2013, 6 in 10 adults reported not having enough information.

adults living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)² (58%) were more likely to report not having enough information.

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Kentucky adults with less than a high school diploma (64%) and

² In 2013, 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) was \$47,100 for a family of four.

¹ Governor Steve Beshear's Communications Office. (2014). kynect Open Enrollment Going Strong. [Press Release]. Retrieved from <http://migration.kentucky.gov/Newsroom/governor/20141121kynect.htm>

These findings unless otherwise noted are from the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health. The Kentucky Health Issues Poll was conducted Oct. 8-Nov. 6, 2014, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,597 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone. This included 1,086 landline interviews and 511 cell phone interviews with cell phone users. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to $\pm 2.5\%$. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, please visit www.healthy-ky.org or www.interactforhealth.org/kentucky-health-issues-poll.

A majority of Democrats (52%) reported having enough information about the law, while a majority of Independents (58%) and Republicans (54%) reported *not* having enough information.

4 in 10 adults view law favorably

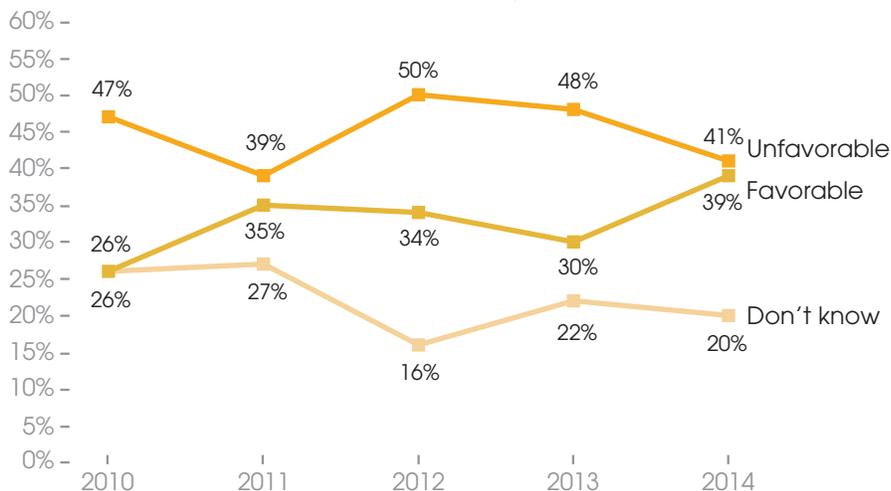
Four in 10 Kentucky adults (39%) reported favorable views of the ACA, while 4 in 10 (41%) reported unfavorable views. Two in 10 (20%) reported that they don't know. The percentage of adults who viewed the law unfavorably has declined since 2013. The percentage of adults who viewed the law favorably has increased.

A majority of Democrats (58%) had favorable views of the law, while a majority of Republicans (64%) had unfavorable views. Slightly more Independents viewed the law unfavorably (42%) than favorably (31%).

The views in Kentucky were similar to national views of the healthcare law. The October 2014 Kaiser Health Tracking Poll reported that 43% had unfavorable views, 36% had favorable views and 20% did not know/refused.²

² Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Kaiser Health Tracking Poll, October 2014. Retrieved Dec. 22, 2014 from: <http://kff.org/health-reform/poll-finding/kaiser-health-tracking-poll-october-2014/>

Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it? (Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.)



Overall, which of the following statements would you say best describes the impact of the health reform law on you and your family personally? (Percentages do not add to 100% because the responses "don't know" and "both positive and negative" are not included.)

	2011	2013	2014
The health reform law has positively affected me and my family	11%	7%	18%
The health reform law has negatively affected me and my family	16%	21%	21%
The health reform law has not had an impact on me and my family	64%	66%	57%

Majority reports no impact from law

Six in 10 Kentucky adults (57%) reported that the ACA has not had an effect on their family. This is down from 7 in 10 (66%) in 2013.

The percentage of Kentucky adults who reported that the

law had a positive impact has increased. Two in 10 adults (18%) reported the law has had a positive effect on their family, compared with just 1 in 10 adults in 2011 (11%) and 2013 (7%). The percentage of adults (21%) who report that the law had a negative impact on their family has remained stable.