

## COMBINED TOTALS FROM JACKSON, GREENVILLE, AND HATTIESBURG

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### Are you male or female?

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
24.0%	12	1 Male
76.0%	38	2 Female

### How old are you?

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
0.0%	0	1 Under 25
25.0%	12	2 25 to 44
60.4%	29	3 45 to 64
14.6%	7	4 Over 65

### Are you Hispanic or Latino?

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
2.0%	1	1 Yes
75.5%	37	2 No
22.4%	11	3 No Response

### Which of these groups best represents your race?

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
54.2%	26	1 White
45.8%	22	2 Black or African American
0.0%	0	3 Asian
0.0%	0	4 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
0.0%	0	5 American Indian or Alaska Native
0.0%	0	6 Other
0.0%	0	7 Decline to answer

### What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
0.0%	0	1 Elementary (grades 1 to 8)
0.0%	0	2 Some high school
0.0%	0	3 High school graduate or GED
4.3%	2	4 Some college
2.1%	1	5 Associate Degree
10.6%	5	6 Bachelor's Degree
83.0%	39	7 Graduate or professional degree
0.0%	0	8 Decline to answer

### What is your primary source of health care coverage?

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
73.9%	34	1 Employer-based insurance
8.7%	4	2 Self-purchased insurance

4.3%	2	3 Veterans'
8.7%	4	4 Medicare
0.0%	0	5 Medicaid
0.0%	0	6 Other
4.3%	2	7 None
0.0%	0	8 Not sure

#### **What is your employment status?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
12.5%	6	1 Self-employed
75.0%	36	2 Employed - working full time
0.0%	0	3 Employed - working part-time
12.5%	6	4 Retired
0.0%	0	5 Homemaker
0.0%	0	6 Other

#### **Which one of these statements do you think best describes the U.S. health care system today?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
59.6%	28	1 It is in a state of crisis
40.4%	19	2 It has major problems
0.0%	0	3 It has minor problems
0.0%	0	4 It does not have any problems
0.0%	0	5 No opinion

### **RECOMMENDATION 1: Guarantee financial protection against very high health costs**

#### **Is this recommendation's approach a good first step toward "health care that works for all Americans?"**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
87.5%	42	Yes
6.3%	3	No
6.3%	3	No response

#### **This recommendation assumes that everyone will be required to participate and that there will be subsidies for people with low incomes Should everyone be required to participate?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
81.3%	39	1 Yes
12.5%	6	2 No
6.3%	3	3 Unsure
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#### **Should there be subsidies for people with low incomes?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
70.8%	34	1 Yes
6.3%	3	2 No
22.9%	11	3 Unsure

**Do you agree with this recommendation?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
68.8%	33	1 Yes
4.2%	2	2 No
27.1%	13	3 No response

**RECOMMENDATION 2: Support integrated community health networks**

**Do you agree with this recommendation?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
77.1%	37	Yes
0.0%	0	No
22.9%	11	No response

**RECOMMENDATION 3: Promote efforts to improve quality of care and efficiency**

**Do you agree with this recommendation?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
79.2%	38	Yes
0.0%	0	No
20.8%	10	No response

**RECOMMENDATION 4:**

**Fundamentally restructure the way that palliative care, hospice care, and other end-of-life services are financed and provided, so that people living with advanced incurable conditions have increased access to these services in the environment they choose.**

**Do you agree with this recommendation?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
75.0%	36	Yes
0.0%	0	No
25.0%	12	No response

**RECOMMENDATION 5: It should be public policy that all Americans have affordable health care**

**Do you agree with this recommendation?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
64.6%	31	Yes
2.1%	1	No
33.3%	16	No response

## **RECOMMENDATION 6: Define a "core" benefit package for all Americans**

### **Do you agree with this recommendation?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
64.6%	31	Yes
0.0%	0	No
35.4%	17	No response

## **Determining Priorities**

### **In your opinion, would this package of recommendations improve our health care system?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
4.2%	2	It wouldn't help and might hurt
0.0%	0	A little bit
10.4%	5	A fair amount
52.1%	25	A significant amount
16.7%	8	Yay!
16.7%	8	No response

### **Given the competing challenges the Nation faces, how important is it for Congress to act on this package of recommendations?**

<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	
2.1%	1	Not important
2.1%	1	A little important
8.3%	4	Somewhat important
14.6%	7	Very important
56.3%	27	Extremely important
16.7%	8	No response