



What Kentucky adults think should be state's top priorities

In the most recent **Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP)**, the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health asked Kentucky adults about issues facing the state. KHIP asked, "How important is it to you that the next Governor and the Kentucky Legislature work on each of the following issues in the next year?"

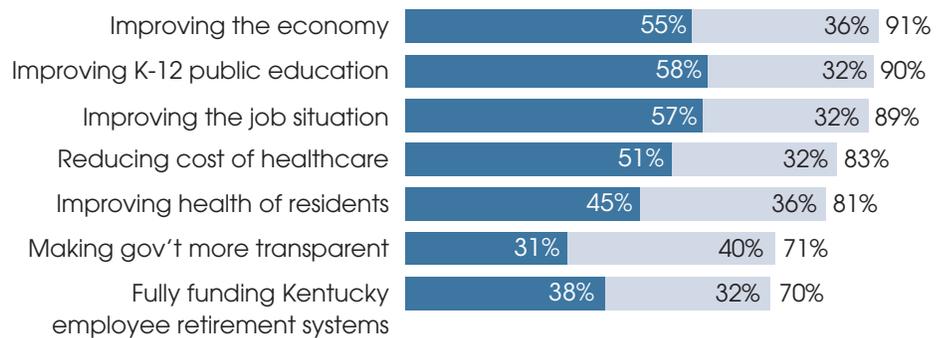
Economy, education, jobs are top priorities

About 9 in 10 Kentucky adults said it is extremely or very important for policymakers to work to improve Kentucky's economy (91%), the quality of K-12 public education (90%) and the job situation (89%).

Healthcare costs, health high priorities

More than 8 in 10 Kentucky adults said it is extremely or very important for policymakers to work to reduce the cost of healthcare (83%) and improve the health of Kentucky residents (81%).

How important is it to you that the next Governor and the Kentucky Legislature work on each of the following issues in the next year?



■ Extremely important ■ Very important

Parties agree on top priorities; Democrats more likely to cite health

Kentuckians identifying as Democrats, Republicans or Independents agreed that the economy, K-12 public education and the job situation were the most important issues for policymakers. However, nearly 9 in 10 Democrats (88%) said that reducing the cost of healthcare was extremely or very important. This compares with nearly 8 in 10 Republicans (78%) who said this.

Nine in 10 Democrats (91%) said that improving the health of Kentucky residents was extremely or very important. About 7 in 10 Republicans (71%) said this.

Other important issues

A significant majority of respondents said that other issues were also important. Kentucky adults said it is important for policymakers to work to make government more transparent (71%) and to fully fund the Kentucky employee retirement systems (70%).

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 Sept. 17-Oct. 7, 2015, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,608 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone. This included 986 landline interviews and 622 cell phone interviews with cell phone users. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to ±2.4%. 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.