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USA Today/Ipsos Healthcare Workers Survey

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: February 9 – 16, 2022
Number of interviews: 1170

Margin of error: +/-3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

Annotated Questionnaire:

S2. In your current job, what kind of work do you do? We appreciate your effort to pick a type of work using these U.S. Census Bureau categories even though they might not match perfectly.

	Total (N=1170)
Nursing, Psychiatric, or Home Health Aide	19%
Registered Nurse	19%
Licensed Practical or Licensed Vocational Nurse	5%
Medical Assistant	5%
Physician or surgeon	5%
Therapist	5%
Clinical Laboratory Technologist or Technician	4%
Diagnostic Related Technologist or Technician	4%
Health Care Support	4%
Other Healthcare Support Worker	4%
Nurse Practitioner	3%
Occupational or Physical Therapy Assistant or Aide	3%
Dental Assistant	2%
Dental Hygienist	2%
Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic	2%
Health Technologist or Technician	2%
Pharmacist	2%
Pharmacy Aide	2%
Physician Assistant	2%
Other Health Care Practitioner	2%
Other Health Technologist or Technician	2%
Dentist	1%
Health Diagnosing or Treating Practitioner	1%
Veterinarian	1%
Veterinary Assistant or Laboratory Caretaker	1%



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Health Practitioner Support Technologist or Technician	*
Massage Therapist	*
Medical Records or Health Information Technician	*
Medical Transcriptionist	*
Occupational Health and Safety Specialist or Technician	*
Optometrist	*
Phlebotomist	*
Dispensing Optician	*

1. Which of the following best describes your primary professional work setting?

	Total
A hospital	38%
A doctor's office/outpatient clinic	27%
A nursing home or assisted care facility	10%
Patients' homes	8%
Pharmacy	4%
Lab	2%
School/College clinic	2%
Veterinary clinic/hospital	2%
Paramedic/Ambulance/Fire Department	1%
Prison/jail	1%
COVID testing site	*
Plasma center/Blood bank	*
Somewhere else	6%
Don't know	*
Skipped	-

2. Does your work involve direct contact with patients or their bodily fluids, or not?

	Total
Yes	84%
No	16%
Don't know	-
Skipped	*

3. Do you think the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States is completely under control, mostly under control, somewhat under control or not at all under control?

	Total
Completely under control	2%
Mostly under control	18%
Somewhat under control	56%
Not at all under control	21%
Don't know	3%
Skipped	-
Under control (net)	21%
Not under control (net)	76%



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4. In their daily lives, do you think most Americans are taking enough precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, or not?

	Total
Taking enough precautions	31%
Not taking enough precautions	61%
Don't know	8%
Skipped	-

5. Do you approve or disapprove of how the following have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Total Approve Summary

	Total
Your employer	75%
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	54%
The Biden Administration	41%
American news media	20%
The American public	18%

- a. The Biden Administration

	Total
Approve	41%
Disapprove	40%
Don't know	18%
Skipped	*

- b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

	Total
Approve	54%
Disapprove	34%
Don't know	12%
Skipped	-

- c. The American public

	Total
Approve	18%
Disapprove	68%
Don't know	14%
Skipped	*

- d. American news media

	Total
Approve	20%
Disapprove	61%
Don't know	19%
Skipped	-



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5. Do you approve or disapprove of how the following have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic?

e. Your employer

	Total
Approve	75%
Disapprove	18%
Don't know	7%
Skipped	*

6. Do you support or oppose the following?

Total Support Summary

	Total
The federal government providing N95 masks to anyone that wants one through pharmacies and health clinics	85%
The federal government mailing free at-home COVID-19 tests to anyone who wants one	83%
The federal government directing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to work with hospitals to increase bed capacity	79%
The federal government deploying military health personnel to support hospitals	78%

a. The federal government mailing free at-home COVID-19 tests to anyone who wants one

	Total
Support	83%
Oppose	11%
Don't know	6%
Skipped	-

b. The federal government providing N95 masks to anyone that wants one through pharmacies and health clinics

	Total
Support	85%
Oppose	9%
Don't know	6%
Skipped	-

c. The federal government deploying military health personnel to support hospitals

	Total
Support	78%
Oppose	10%
Don't know	12%
Skipped	-



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6. Do you support or oppose the following?

d. The federal government directing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to work with hospitals to increase bed capacity

	Total
Support	79%
Oppose	9%
Don't know	12%
Skipped	-

7. How satisfied are you with your current job?

	Total
Very satisfied	40%
Somewhat satisfied	40%
Somewhat dissatisfied	13%
Very dissatisfied	6%
Don't know	1%
Skipped	*
<i>Satisfied (Net)</i>	<i>80%</i>
<i>Dissatisfied (Net)</i>	<i>19%</i>

8. Would you say you feel the following about going to work these days, or not?

Total Yes Summary

	Total
Hopeful	59%
Motivated	59%
Optimistic	56%
Burned out	52%
Anxious	43%
Angry	21%

a. Anxious

	Total
Yes	43%
No	55%
Don't know	2%
Skipped	*

b. Hopeful

	Total
Yes	59%
No	30%
Don't know	11%
Skipped	*



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8. Would you say you feel the following about going to work these days, or not?

c. Angry

	Total
Yes	21%
No	76%
Don't know	3%
Skipped	*

d. Optimistic

	Total
Yes	56%
No	34%
Don't know	10%
Skipped	*

e. Burned out

	Total
Yes	52%
No	44%
Don't know	4%
Skipped	*

f. Motivated

	Total
Yes	59%
No	34%
Don't know	7%
Skipped	*

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

	Total
American health care workers have done an amazing job during the COVID-19 pandemic	94%
I love working in health care	73%
Politics is making my job harder	68%
If I could pick a career all over again, I would still decide to go into health care	66%
The American health care system is on the verge of collapse	39%
I am likely to leave the health care field in the near future	23%



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9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

a. American health care workers have done an amazing job during the COVID-19 pandemic

	Total
Agree	94%
Disagree	2%
Don't know	4%
Skipped	-

b. I am likely to leave the health care field in the near future

	Total
Agree	23%
Disagree	57%
Don't know	20%
Skipped	*

c. I love working in health care

	Total
Agree	73%
Disagree	12%
Don't know	15%
Skipped	*

d. The American health care system is on the verge of collapse

	Total
Agree	39%
Disagree	32%
Don't know	29%
Skipped	-

e. If I could pick a career all over again, I would still decide to go into health care

	Total
Agree	66%
Disagree	16%
Don't know	18%
Skipped	*

f. Politics is making job harder

	Total
Agree	68%
Disagree	18%
Don't know	14%
Skipped	*





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10. Has worry or stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic caused you to experience the following in the past two months, or not?

Total Yes Summary

	Total
Irritability or short temper	41%
Trouble sleeping or sleeping too much	39%
Frequent headaches or stomach aches	27%
Increased alcohol or drug use	11%

a. Trouble sleeping or sleeping too much

	Total
Yes	39%
No	58%
Don't know	3%
Skipped	*

b. Frequent headaches or stomach aches

	Total
Yes	27%
No	71%
Don't know	2%
Skipped	*

c. Increased alcohol or drug use

	Total
Yes	11%
No	88%
Don't know	1%
Skipped	*

d. Irritability or short temper

	Total
Yes	41%
No	57%
Don't know	2%
Skipped	-

11. Would you support or oppose your employer requiring all employees who work with patients to become vaccinated?

	Total
Support	61%
Oppose	30%
Don't know	8%
Skipped	*

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12. Do you support or oppose your employer firing employees who refuse to get vaccinated and work with patients?

	Total
Support	39%
Oppose	47%
Don't know	15%
Skipped	*

13. Thinking about the way your employer is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, when it comes to the following, would you say your employer is going above and beyond, doing about the right amount, or falling short?

a. Providing additional pay for employees who are working in the most high-risk situations

	Total
Going above and beyond	7%
Doing about the right amount	21%
Falling short	57%
Don't know	15%
Skipped	*

b. Providing paid sick leave for employees who have COVID-19

	Total
Going above and beyond	10%
Doing about the right amount	34%
Falling short	45%
Don't know	12%
Skipped	*

c. Ensuring employees have the ability to get vaccinated

	Total
Going above and beyond	39%
Doing about the right amount	46%
Falling short	8%
Don't know	7%
Skipped	*

d. Ensuring there is enough medical staff during surges

	Total
Going above and beyond	8%
Doing about the right amount	33%
Falling short	50%
Don't know	10%
Skipped	*

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13. Thinking about the way your employer is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, when it comes to the following, would you say your employer is going above and beyond, doing about the right amount, or falling short?

e. Providing staff mental health support

	Total
Going above and beyond	9%
Doing about the right amount	31%
Falling short	44%
Don't know	15%
Skipped	*

14. As part of your work, have you treated or provided assistance to a COVID-19 patient, or not?

	Total
Yes	66%
No	28%
Don't know	7%
Skipped	*

15. Have you treated COVID-19 patients who were unvaccinated?

Base: Treated or provided assistance to a COVID-19 patient

	Total (N=745)
Yes	81%
No	7%
Don't know	11%
Prefer not to say	1%
Skipped	1%

16. Among the unvaccinated COVID-19 patients who you provide treatment or assistance to, have any done any of the following? Select all that apply.

Base: Treated or provided assistance to an unvaccinated COVID-19 patient

	Total (N=599)
Expressed skepticism about the vaccine / continued to oppose getting the vaccine	67%
Expressed regret for not getting the COVID-19 vaccine / asked for the COVID-19 vaccine	38%
The patient or family criticized the care provided by you or other health care workers	30%
Asked for unproven treatments (ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, etc.)	26%
Don't know	14%
Prefer not to say	8%
Skipped	--

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17. Did any of the patients you were providing treatment or assistance to die as a result of COVID-19?

Base: Treated or provided assistance to a COVID-19 patient

	Total (N=745)
Yes, patient died	47%
No	32%
Don't know	16%
Prefer not to say	5%
Skipped	--

18. Have you personally received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

	Total
Yes, one dose	3%
Yes, two doses	23%
Yes, two doses plus a booster shot	63%
No	10%
Don't know	1%
Skipped	1%

19. At any point since 2020, have you tested positive for COVID-19? Select all that apply.

	Total
Yes, during the omicron wave in late 2021 through 2022	18%
Yes, during the delta wave in Fall 2021	4%
Yes, during the vaccination campaign in Spring and Summer 2021	2%
Yes, during the winter surge in 2020 through early 2021	8%
Yes, during the second wave in Summer and Fall 2020	4%
Yes, during the first wave in Spring 2020	4%
No	66%
Skipped	1%

20. Which of these is your main source of news?

	Total
ABC / CBS / NBC News	23%
Digital or online news	15%
Social media	11%
Public television or radio	9%
FOX News	8%
CNN	7%
New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, or Wall Street Journal	4%
MSNBC	2%
Your local newspaper	2%
Telemundo	*
Univision	*



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Other	5%
None of these	14%
Skipped	*

21. If you voted in the 2020 presidential election, who did you vote for?

	Total
Joe Biden	52%
Donald Trump	31%
Someone else	5%
Did not vote	11%
Skipped	1%



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About the Study

This poll was conducted February 9 - 16, 2022, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,170 healthcare workers age 18 or older.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of healthcare workers. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.72. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on other sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs an addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, and healthcare worker category. The demographic benchmarks for healthcare workers came from the 2021 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS) based on the current occupation variable in the CPS. The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–34, 35-44, 45-59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other or 2+ Races Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Education (Some College or below, Bachelor, Master and beyond)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, Non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$50,000, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Healthcare Worker Category (Nurse, Physician or equivalent, Other Healthcare Worker)



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