



NORC AmeriSpeak® Spotlight on Health Survey: Opioids Prescribing Patterns

Interview Dates: September 13-17, 2018

Nationally representative sample of 1,059 English-speaking adults age 18 and over, conducted using the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago.

Of the 1,059 respondents, 216 completed the survey by phone and 843 via the web.

Margin of error: +/- 4.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among respondents, unless otherwise labeled.



Q1. Have you ever received a prescription for an opioid prescription painkiller (such as Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, fentanyl or codeine)?

AmeriSpeak	Yes, I	Yes, and I	Yes, and I	No	Don't	Skipped
9/13/18-	received	filled the	refilled the		Know	
9/17/18	prescription,	prescription	prescription			
	but I never	only one	at least			
	filled it	time	once			
All Adults	6	39	19	37	-	*
(N=1059)						

If yes to Q1

Q2: When did you most recently receive an opioid prescription?

AmeriSpeak	Within the	Within the	1-2 years ago	3 or more	Don't Know
9/13/18-9/17/18	last month	last year		years	
Received Opioid	9	20	22	49	*
Painkiller					
Prescription					
(N=669)					

If yes to Q1

Q3: Who prescribed you opioids most recently?

AmeriSpeak	Primary care:	Surgeon	Other	Dentist or	None of the
9/13/18-9/17/18	physician or		specialist	oral	above
	general			surgeon	
	practitioner				
Received Opioid	26	39	9	23	3
Painkiller					
Prescription					
(N=669)					

If yes to Q1 Q4: What was the cause of the pain that your most recent opioid prescription was treating?

AmeriSpeak	A surgical	A dental	An injury	Chronic	Cancer	An	Α
9/13/18-	procedure	procedure	or	pain	treatment	illness	different
9/17/18	(not	or	accident	(like back		other	reason
	dental)	condition		pain or		than	
				nerve		cancer	
				pain)			
Received	39	25	12	15	*	3	6
Opioid							
Painkiller							
Prescription							
(N=669)							

Q5. Has an immediate family member received a prescription for an opioid painkiller within the last year?

AmeriSpeak 9/13/18-9/17/18	Yes	No	Don't Know	Skipped
All Adults	31	66	2	1
(N=1059)				

Demographics

GENDER

AmeriSpeak	Male	Female
9/13/18-9/17/18		
All Adults	48	52
(N=1059)		

AGE

AmeriSpeak	18-29	30-44	45-59	60+
9/13/18-9/17/18				
All Adults	21	25	25	29
(N=1059)				

RACE / ETHNICITY

AmeriSpeak	White,	Black, non-	Other, non-	Hispanic	2+, non-	Asian,
9/13/18-	non-	Hispanic	Hispanic		Hispanic	non-
9/17/18	Hispanic					Hispanic
All Adults	63	12	2	16	4	3
(N=1059)						

EDUCATION

AmeriSpeak	Less than a high	High school	Some College	College graduate
9/13/18-9/17/18	school diploma	graduate or		or above
		equivalent		
All Adults	11	29	28	33
(N=1059)				

MARITAL STATUS

AmeriSpeak	Married	Divorced	Widowed	Separated	Never	Living
9/13/18-					Married	with
9/17/18						Partner
All Adults	49	13	5	2	24	8
(N=1059)						

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

AmeriSpeak 9/13/18- 9/17/18	Working – as a paid employee	Working – self employed	Not working – on a temporary layoff from a job	Not working – looking for work	Not working - retired	Not working - disabled	Not working - other
All Adults (N=1059)	48	7	*	7	21	9	8

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

AmeriSpeak	Under	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
9/13/18-	\$10,000	to under	to under	or more					
9/17/18		\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	
All Adults	7	9	10	10	9	18	13	15	8
(N=1059)									

REGION

AmeriSpeak 9/13/18-9/17/18	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
All Adults (N=1059)	18	21	38	24