



Nevada State Option Public Opinion Survey

Key findings from our survey of Nevada likely voters on the state option

Methodology



Statewide Survey:

- N=800 Nevada likely voters
- Balanced to current state demographics by gender, age, race, income, education, and political ideology
- Fielded online February 8-23, 2021
- MOE: +/- 3.5%

Summary of Key Findings

- 1 A majority of Nevada voters do **NOT support** the state option (38% support).
- 2 75% of voters prefer for lawmakers to **BUILD ON Nevada's health care system** rather than create a new state government-designed option.
- 3 Voters are especially **CONCERNED** about the impacts of the state option on access to quality care (78%), closure of at-risk rural hospitals (74%), and having fewer doctors (73%).
- 4 79% of voters are **UNWILLING to pay more for health care** to finance the cost of the state option.
- 5 A majority of voters (64%) are **LESS LIKELY** to vote for a lawmaker who supports a state option.

NV voters' top issue: **ECONOMY and JOBS**

Which of the following issues do you believe are MOST important for the Nevada state government to address?
(COMBINED CHOICE – TOP TWO)

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
The economy and jobs	70%	61%	76%	74%
Health care	37%	44%	36%	29%
Education	35%	36%	30%	38%
Taxes	21%	14%	20%	31%
The environment	13%	19%	14%	6%
Infrastructure	10%	6%	9%	14%
Social justice	9%	13%	10%	4%
Energy	5%	6%	4%	5%

U.S.: n=800 likely voters statewide

DEM: n=296 likely Democratic voters statewide

SWING: n=248 likely Swing voters statewide

GOP: n=256 likely Republican voters statewide

NV voters are **SATISFIED** with their current health coverage

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your current health insurance plan, the coverage you have today?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
SATISFIED (NET)	69%	57%	71%	80%
Neither	20%	29%	16%	14%
DISSATISFIED (NET)	11%	14%	13%	6%

Most voters trust the **FREE MARKET** over state government to meet their health care needs

Which do you trust MORE to design an effective health insurance plan that meets the needs of Nevadans?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Free market	56%	38%	60%	73%
State government	44%	62%	40%	27%

NV voters' top health care priority: **lowering COSTS**

Which of the following do you believe are the MOST important priorities to improve Nevada's health care system? (COMBINED CHOICE – TOP TWO)

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Lower health care costs	52%	52%	63%	43%
Improve the quality of health care	34%	35%	39%	28%
Ensure everyone has health insurance coverage	25%	42%	20%	10%
Increase access to health care	21%	26%	18%	18%
Make health care simpler	19%	14%	20%	23%
Increase consumer choice and control	18%	9%	16%	31%
Reduce burdensome regulations and administrative requirements	17%	9%	15%	28%
Increase transparency in health care	13%	12%	9%	18%

Lowering health care costs for everyone is more important than universal coverage for NV voters

Which of the following two health care priorities is MORE important to you? That Nevada...

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Lowens health care costs for everyone	64%	46%	72%	77%
Ensures that everyone has health care coverage	36%	54%	28%	23%

Fixing what we have today earns far more support than the Nevada public option

Now, we're going to present you with a series of health care policy proposals. For each, please indicate your level of support or opposition to them. (SUPPORT)

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Fix what we have today. We should build on and improve our current health insurance system – not start over.	61%	53%	63%	68%
Medicare for All. We should replace private insurance plans with a single federal government-run insurance system that covers all Americans and is funded by federal taxes.	39%	58%	32%	23%
Public option. We should create a new federal government-run insurance plan available for every American to purchase.	38%	61%	28%	21%
Nevada public option. We should create a new state government-designed health insurance plan available for purchase by Nevada residents. The plan would be administered by private health insurers but controlled by the state government who would set rates for health care services.	38%	47%	38%	28%

Most NV voters would rather **build on and improve the current system** than create a state option

Which of the following approaches to reform the health care system do you support MORE?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Building on and improving Nevada's health care system	75%	61%	78%	89%
Creating a new government-designed state option insurance system	25%	39%	22%	11%

Most voters do **NOT trust** the Nevada state government to design an effective health insurance plan

Do you trust or distrust the **Nevada state government** to design an effective health insurance plan that meets the needs of Nevadans without increasing costs?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
TRUST (NET)	32%	46%	26%	24%
Neither	32%	43%	33%	19%
DISTRUST (NET)	35%	12%	41%	57%

The vast majority are **CONCERNED** about the access, coverage, and cost impacts of a state option

How concerned would you be if a state option had the following impacts in Nevada? (NET CONCERNED)

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Reduced access to quality care	78%	68%	86%	83%
Closure of at-risk rural hospitals	74%	74%	76%	71%
Fewer doctors during a statewide shortage	73%	69%	80%	72%
Higher costs for Nevadans with private coverage	71%	56%	76%	81%
Fewer health coverage options	69%	62%	79%	68%
Increased state budget deficit	65%	57%	72%	68%
Higher costs for Nevada state employees with public health insurance coverage	60%	64%	61%	53%
Covered undocumented immigrants	59%	44%	65%	70%

Most voters would rather **KEEP** their current coverage than buy state option coverage

Assuming that what you currently pay would be the exact same, would you rather keep your current health insurance coverage or get coverage through a state government-designed option?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Keep my current coverage	73%	63%	67%	89%
Purchase state option coverage	27%	37%	33%	11%

A majority do **NOT** support cutting reimbursement rates or increasing costs for Nevadans to finance a state option

Now, we're going to present you with a series of potential proposals to fund the creation of a Nevada state option. For each, please indicate your level of support or opposition to them. (SUPPORT)

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
Cutting the rates Nevada health care providers and hospitals receive for the services they provide to patients	45%	47%	45%	43%
Increasing costs for Nevadans with private health insurance coverage	15%	19%	12%	11%
Increasing costs for Nevada state employees with public health insurance coverage	20%	20%	17%	23%

Most voters are **UNWILLING** to pay more for health care to create a state option

Would you personally be willing to pay more than you currently do for **health care, including premiums, co-pays, and out-of-pocket expenses**, to subsidize the cost of a state option?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
No, I would not be willing to pay more than I currently do for health care	79%	72%	85%	82%
Yes, I would be willing to pay more than I currently do for health care	21%	28%	15%	18%

Voters would be **LESS likely** to support a state lawmaker who votes for a state option

Would you be more or less likely to vote for a Nevada lawmaker who voted to create a state option that increased costs for Nevadans with **private health insurance coverage**?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
MORE LIKELY (NET)	27%	42%	23%	12%
No impact	9%	12%	12%	4%
LESS LIKELY (NET)	64%	46%	64%	84%

Would you be more or less likely to vote for a Nevada lawmaker who voted to create a state option that increased costs for Nevada state employees with **public health insurance coverage**?

	TOTAL	DEM	SWING	GOP
MORE LIKELY (NET)	31%	41%	23%	26%
No impact	16%	15%	19%	13%
LESS LIKELY (NET)	54%	44%	58%	61%



Thank You