

Report of a Poll
Concerning the Health Action Plan
Queries and Responses

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Background & Methodology

This tracking poll was commissioned by Saskatchewan Health as part of its ongoing research into attitudes affecting the management of health care services.

The primary objectives of this poll are:

- To provide data that quantifies how Saskatchewan residents quantify the current level of health services provided, and
- To assist in evaluating attitudes toward the recently released ActionPlan.

The poll was conducted by telephone. A sample of Saskatchewan households was drawn by simple random sampling. Interviews were conducted between December 18th and December 20th between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m..

In excess of 1000 interviews with respondents aged 18 or older were completed. Taken as a whole, the results from a sample of this size are considered to be accurate within plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The survey instrument was developed by Saskatchewan Health in consultation with Sigma Analytics. It contained 12 substantive queries plus six demographic queries.

Call lists were generated using a random number generator. Each telephone number was geo-coded by both postal code and community name. All related geographic post-stratification is based on this methodology.

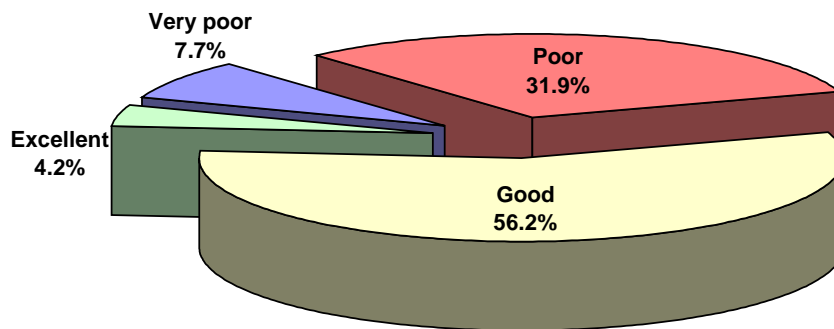
Interpreting the results in this report should be done with the following considerations in mind:

- Polls are “snapshot” approximations of reality, valid within the indicated ranges at the time the poll is conducted. Trends in opinion may be under way at the time the “snapshot” of the poll is taken, or they may begin subsequent to the poll. These trends are not captured by a single poll.
- Responses to all questions are provided in the form of valid percent. “Valid percent” means the percentage response among those who answered the question as opposed to the percentage response among those who were asked the question. The difference between the two is that only valid percent represents an unbiased estimator of the true population parameter of interest. As such, valid percent enables comparison of results of previous studies. In this report, for each query, the percent who “Refused to answer” is provided separately. These respondents were not counted in the total from which the other figures are calculated.

Main Results

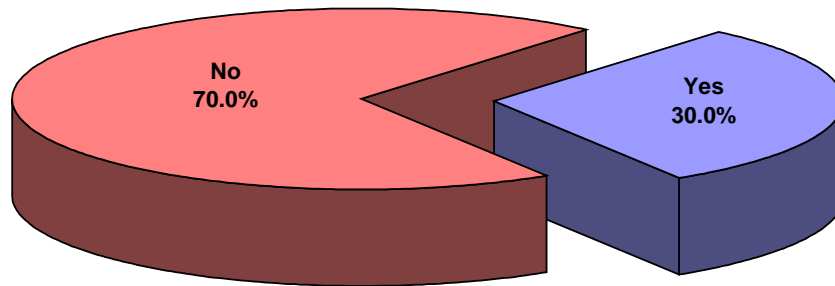
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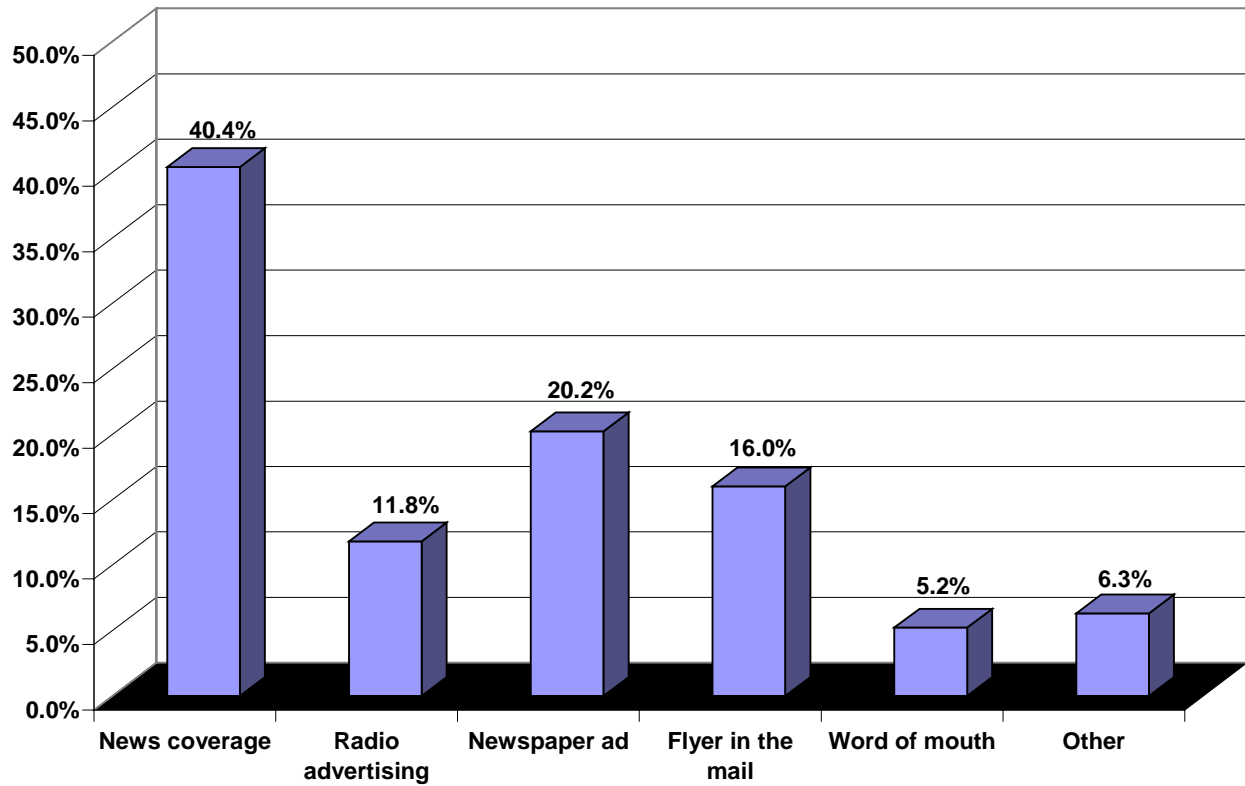
2. Have you heard about the recently announced Action Plan for Saskatchewan Health Care?

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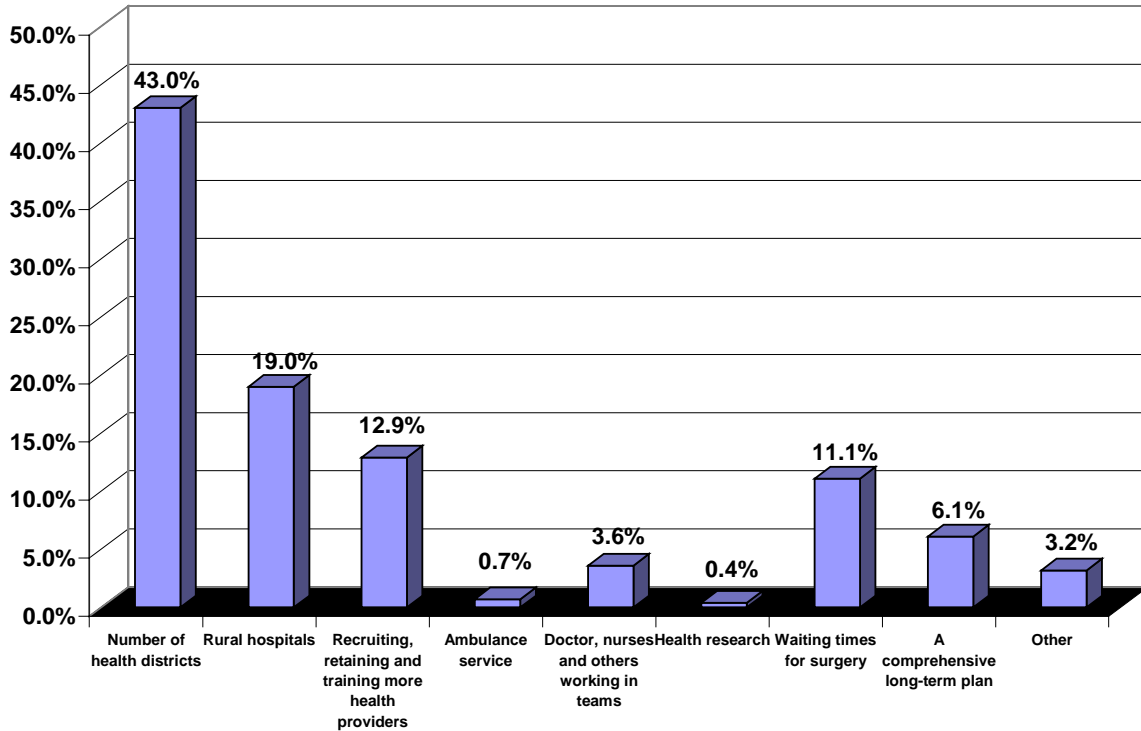
3. If yes, Where did you hear about this plan?

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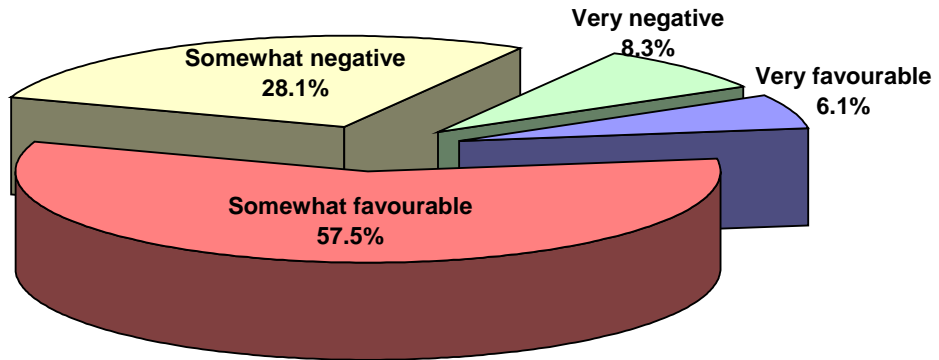
4. If yes, Which one of the following issues would you say was the main focus of the Action Plan for Health care?

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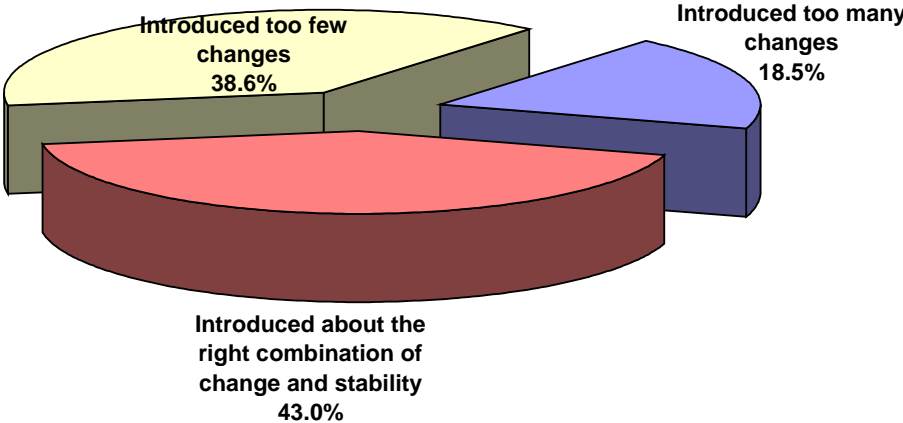
5. If yes, Thinking of the Action Plan for Health Care, would you say your overall impression is:

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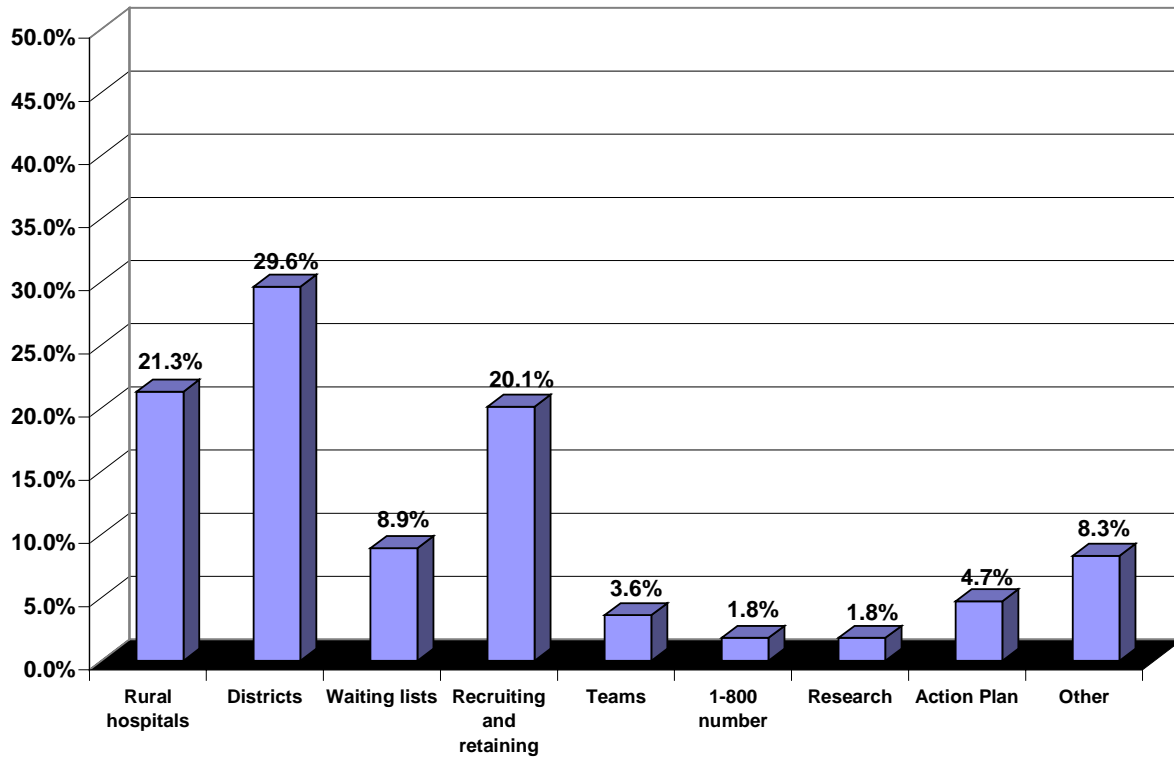
6. If yes, With respect to the need for change in health care, would you say the Action Plan for Health Care:

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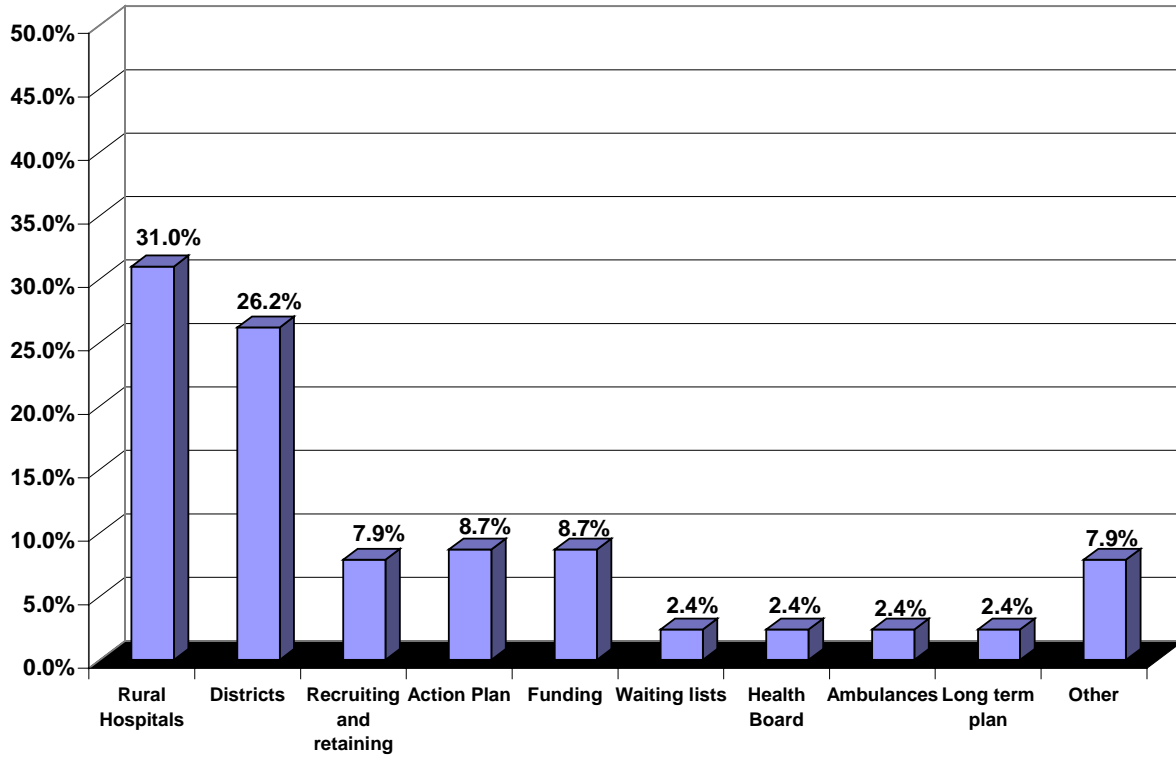
7. If yes, What feature of the Action Plan do you like the most?

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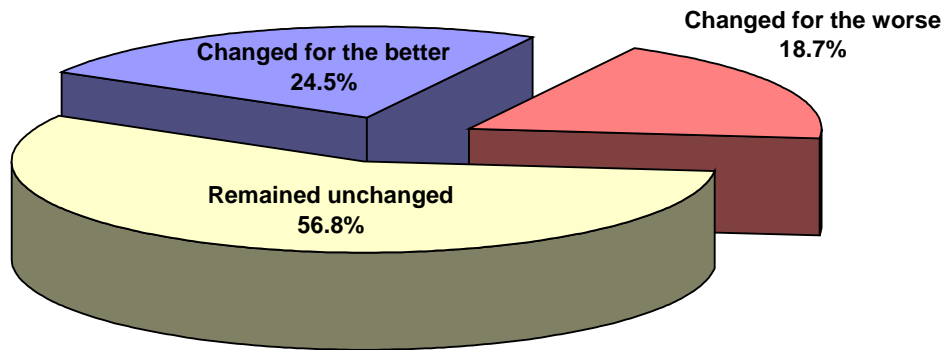
8. If yes, What feature of the Action Plan do you like the least?

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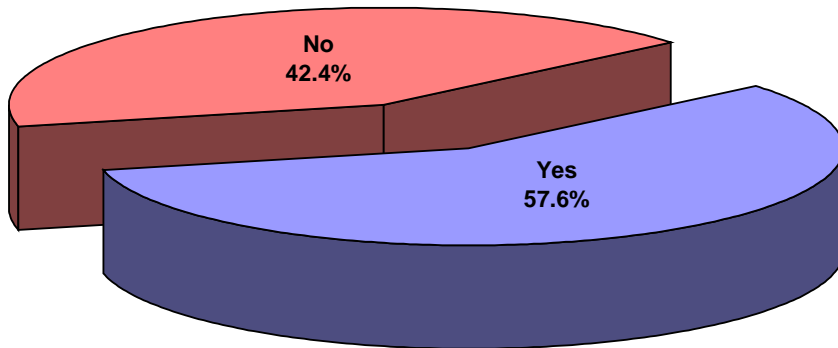
9. If yes, As a result of the Health Action Plan, has your recent view about the future of health services in Saskatchewan:

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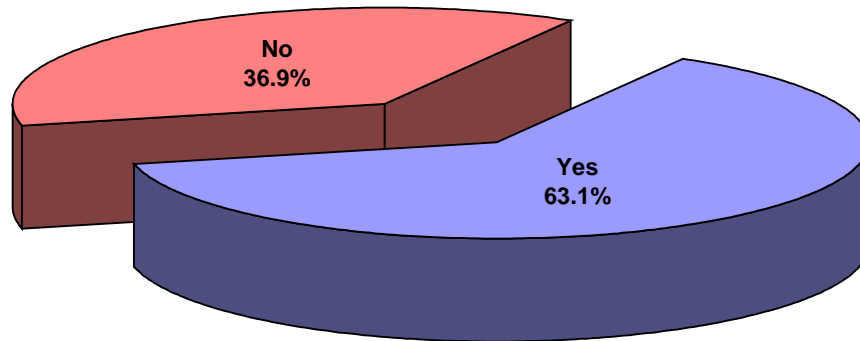
10. If yes, Do you recall receiving a printed summary of the Action Plan for Health Care in the mail recently?

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11. If yes, Have you read the summary?

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12. Over the next 10 years, do you expect health services in Saskatchewan will:

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