



MAINE PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

July 26-28, 2014 ■ N=796

Accuracy

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“Uncannily close... Considering the final results, the center receives kudos for its work.” –**Portland Press Herald**

“MPRC is bringing transparency and accountability to a challenging area of public debate... MPRC is elevating the discourse around what Maine people actually think and want.” –**Portland Phoenix**

“While there are conflicting numbers from two pollsters, I tend to believe the Maine People's Resource Center, or MPRC, has the more accurate findings. Over the last two years they have polled eight contests and, without fail, their findings among the published public polls have been closest to the actual results.” –**Former LePage Administration Communications and Policy Director Dan Demeritt**

Methodology

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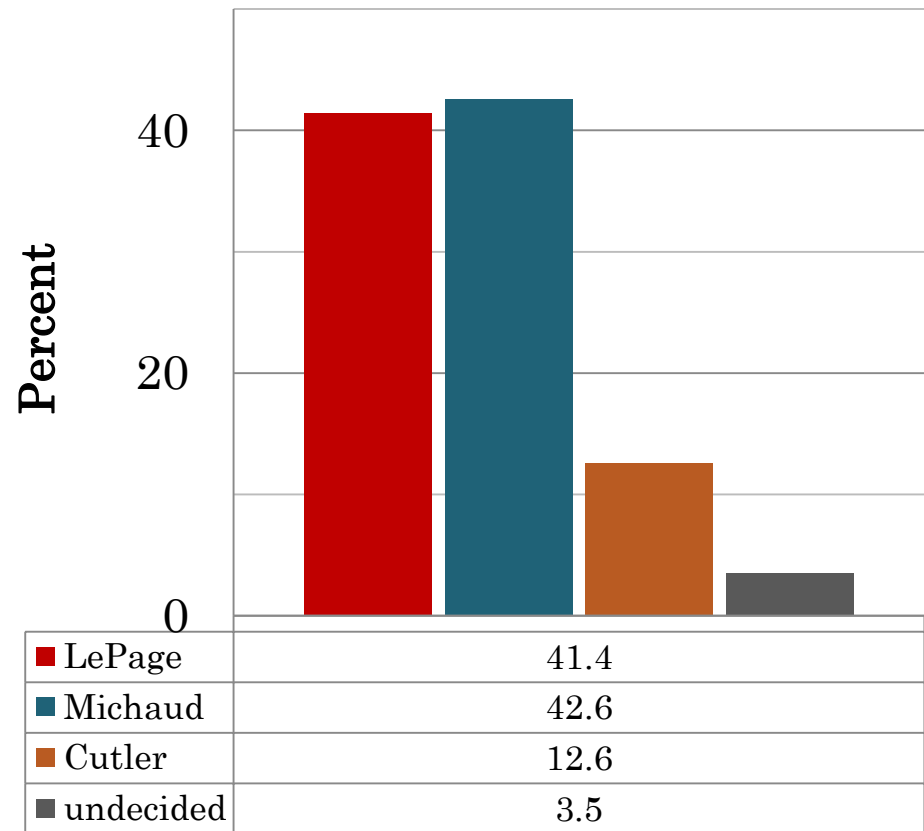
- A survey of 796 likely Maine voters was conducted by interactive voice response from July 26th through 28th, 2013. Calls were made at different times of day to maximize the diversity of possible respondents. Questions were recorded by a female interviewer.
- Survey results were mathematically weighted by gender, age and geographic area to ensure an accurate representation of the population being surveyed. The sample was not weighted by party or ideology.
- The margin of error of this survey is 3.47%, 95 times out of 100. Sub-samples may have a larger margin of error.
- Frequencies and percentages may not always add up to the total number of responses or to 100%, due to weighting and rounding.

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Governor

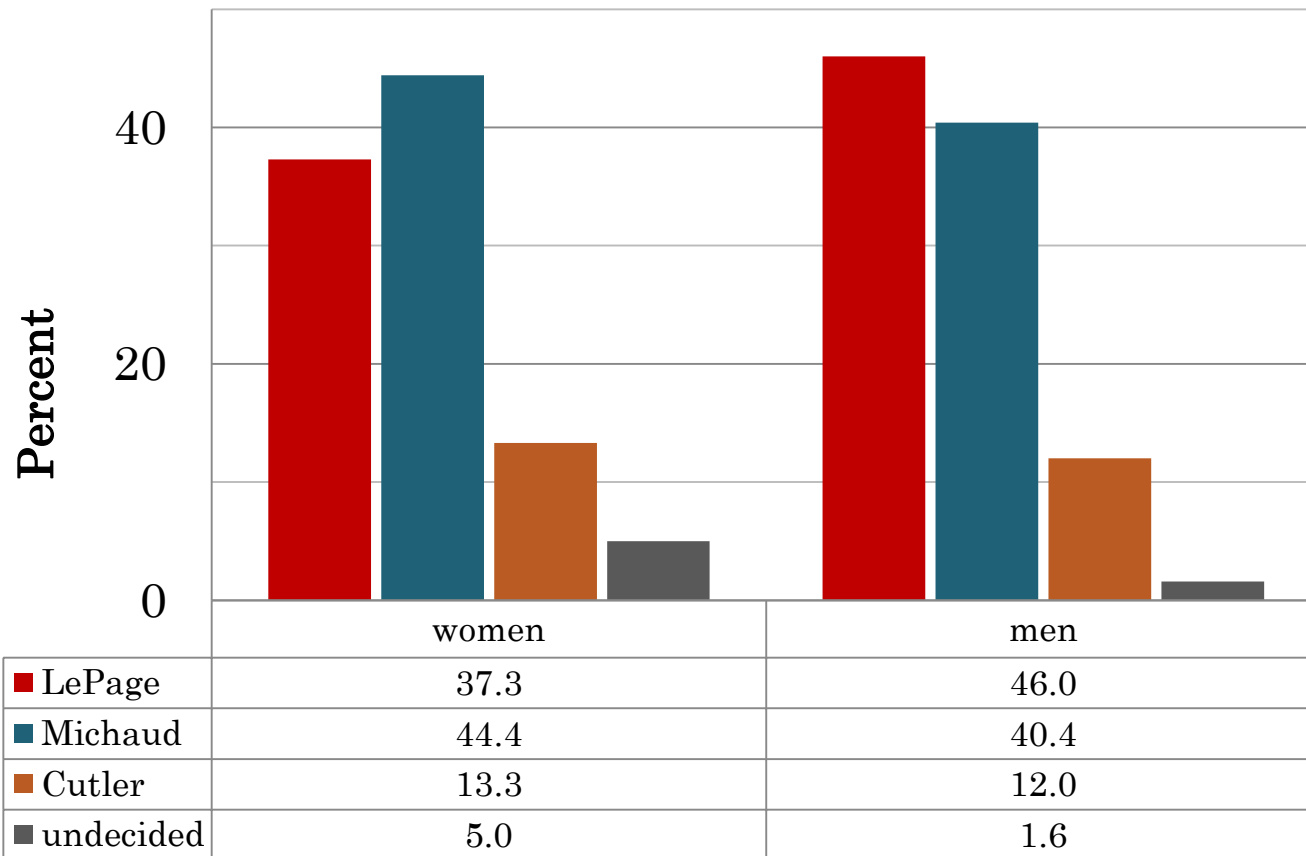
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- If the race for Maine Governor were held today and the candidates were Republican Paul LePage, Democrat Mike Michaud and independent Eliot Cutler, who would you vote for?



Governor by Gender

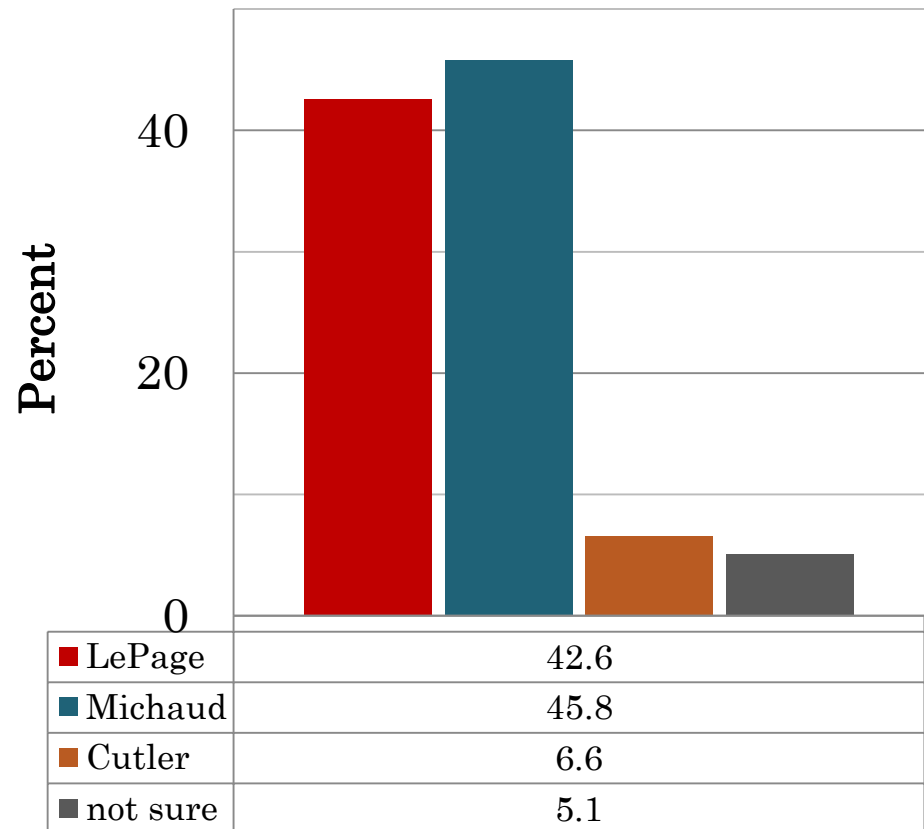
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Governor - Likelihood

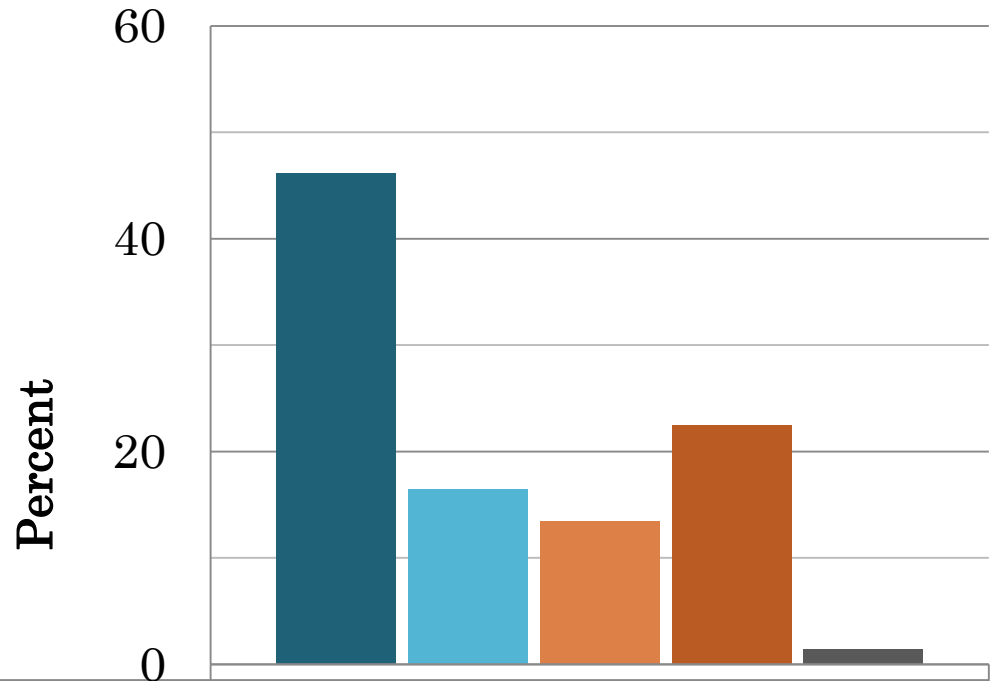
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- Regardless of who you are voting for, which candidate do you think is most likely to win the 2014 election for Governor?



Minimum Wage

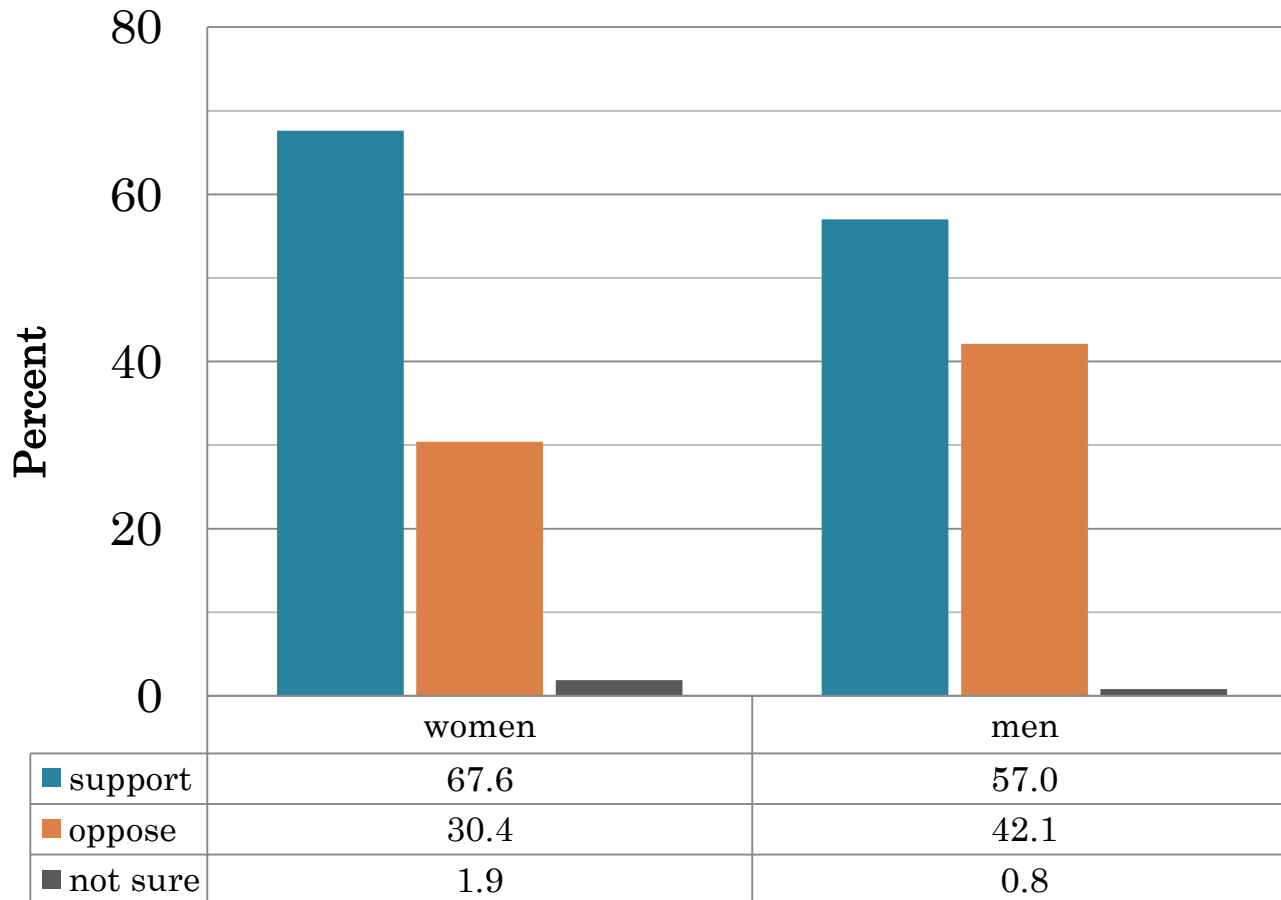
- As you may know, the minimum wage in Maine is currently \$7.50 an hour. Do you support or oppose raising the minimum wage to at least \$10 an hour and indexing future increases to inflation?



strongly support	46.2
somewhat support	16.5
somewhat oppose	13.5
strongly oppose	22.5
not sure	1.4

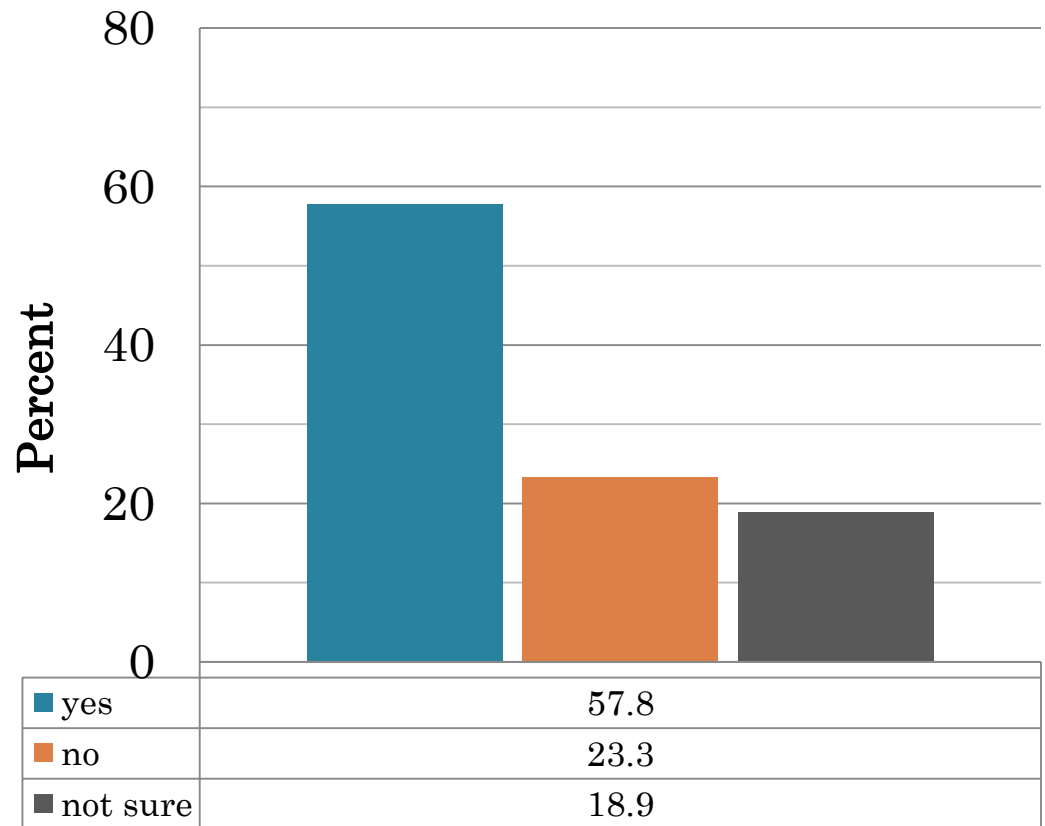
Minimum Wage by Gender

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Tipped Workers

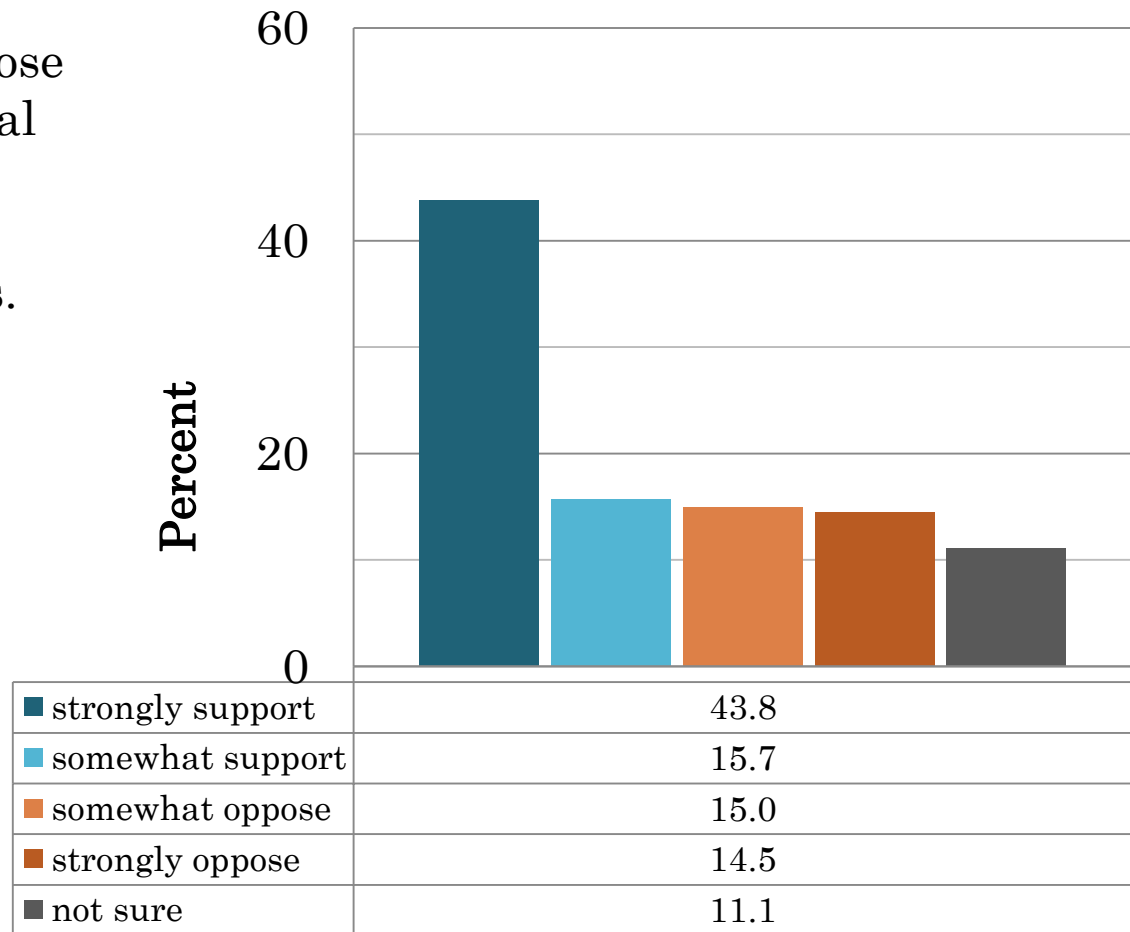
- Do you believe that tipped workers, like restaurant staff, should be included in this raise?
(asked of supporters)



Accepting Federal Health Care Funds

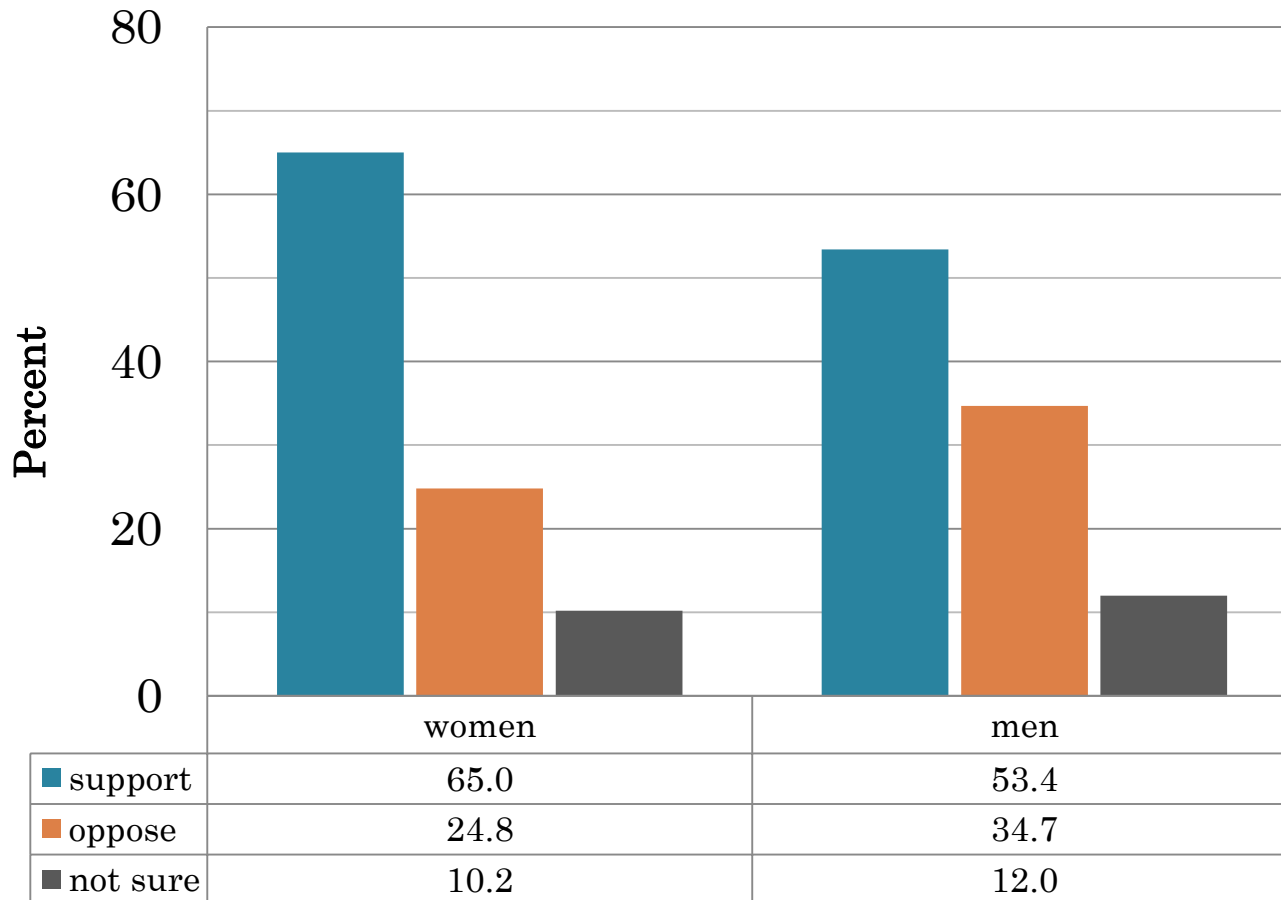
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- Do you support or oppose Maine accepting federal health care funds to provide coverage for nearly 70,000 Mainers.



Health Care Funds by Gender

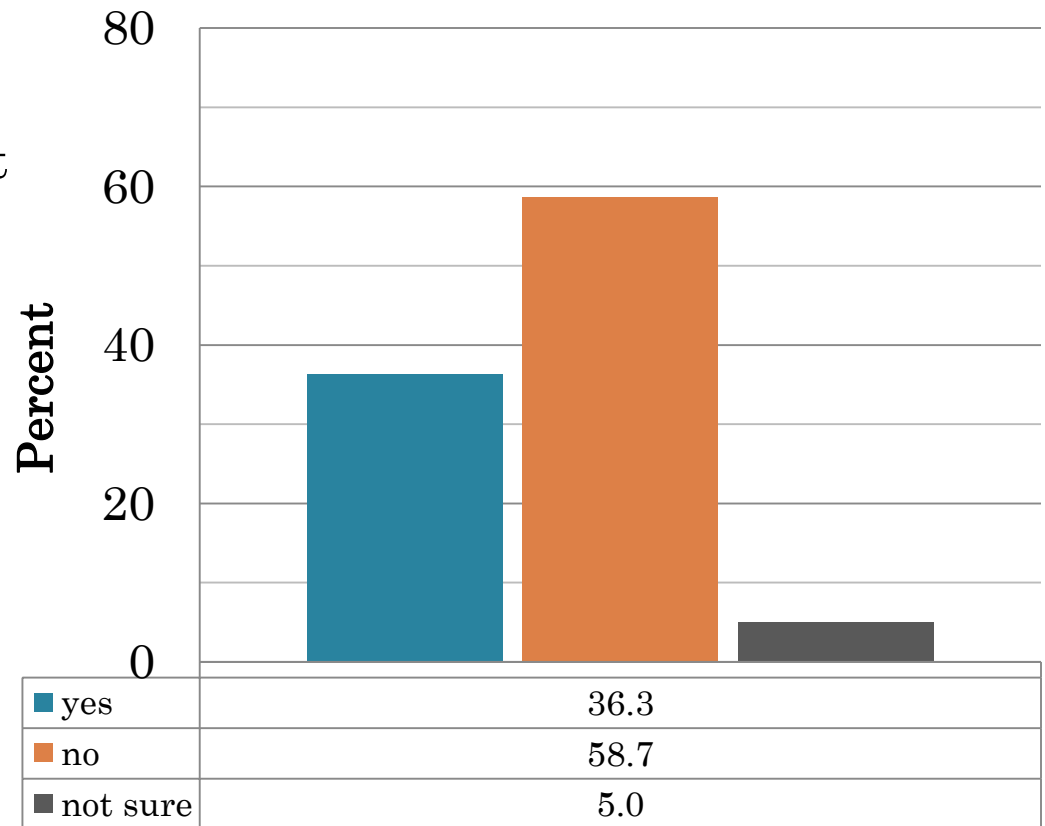
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Delaying Care

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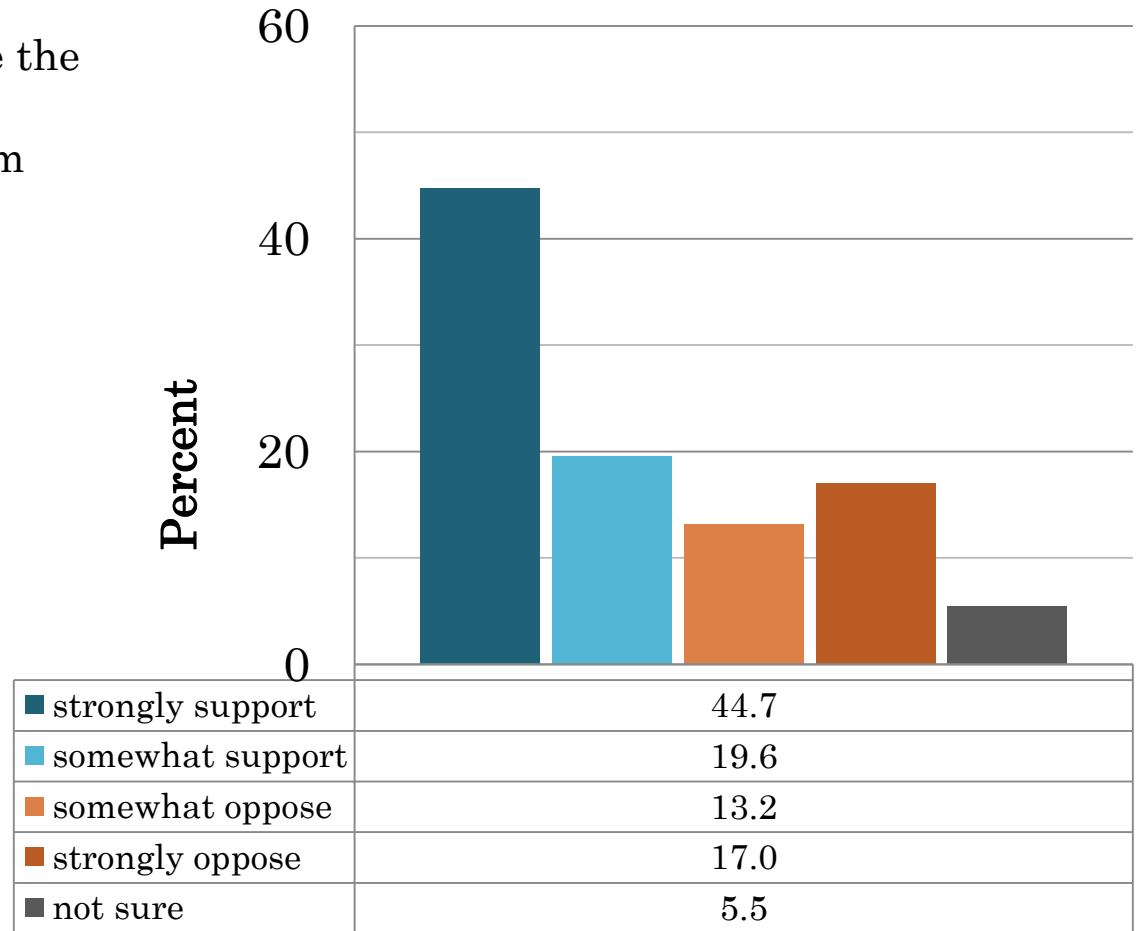
- In the past twelve months, have you or a member of your family put off any sort of medical treatment because of the costs you would have to pay?



Pre-Kindergarten

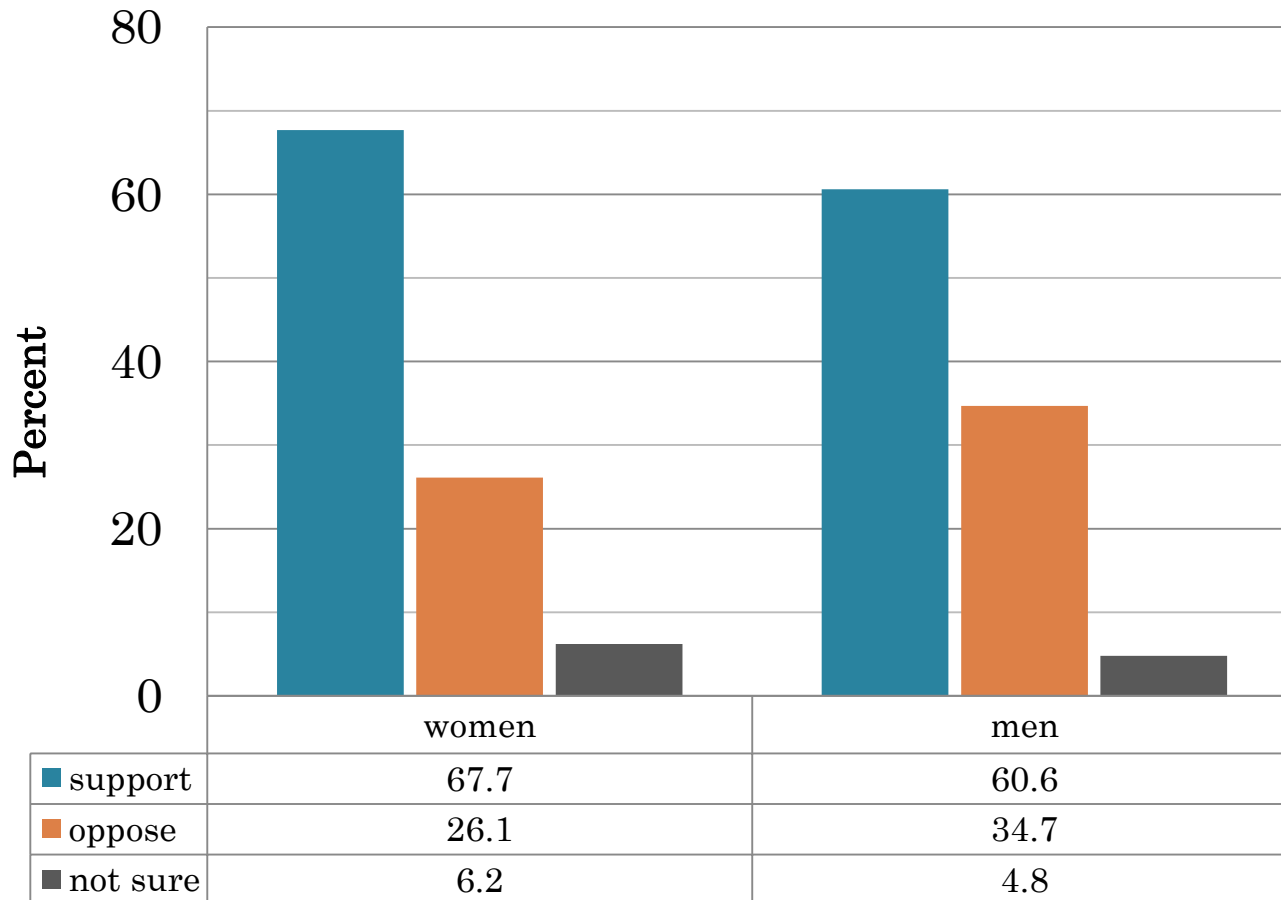
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- Do you support or oppose the establishment of a public pre-kindergarten program for all Maine children?



Pre-Kindergarten by Gender

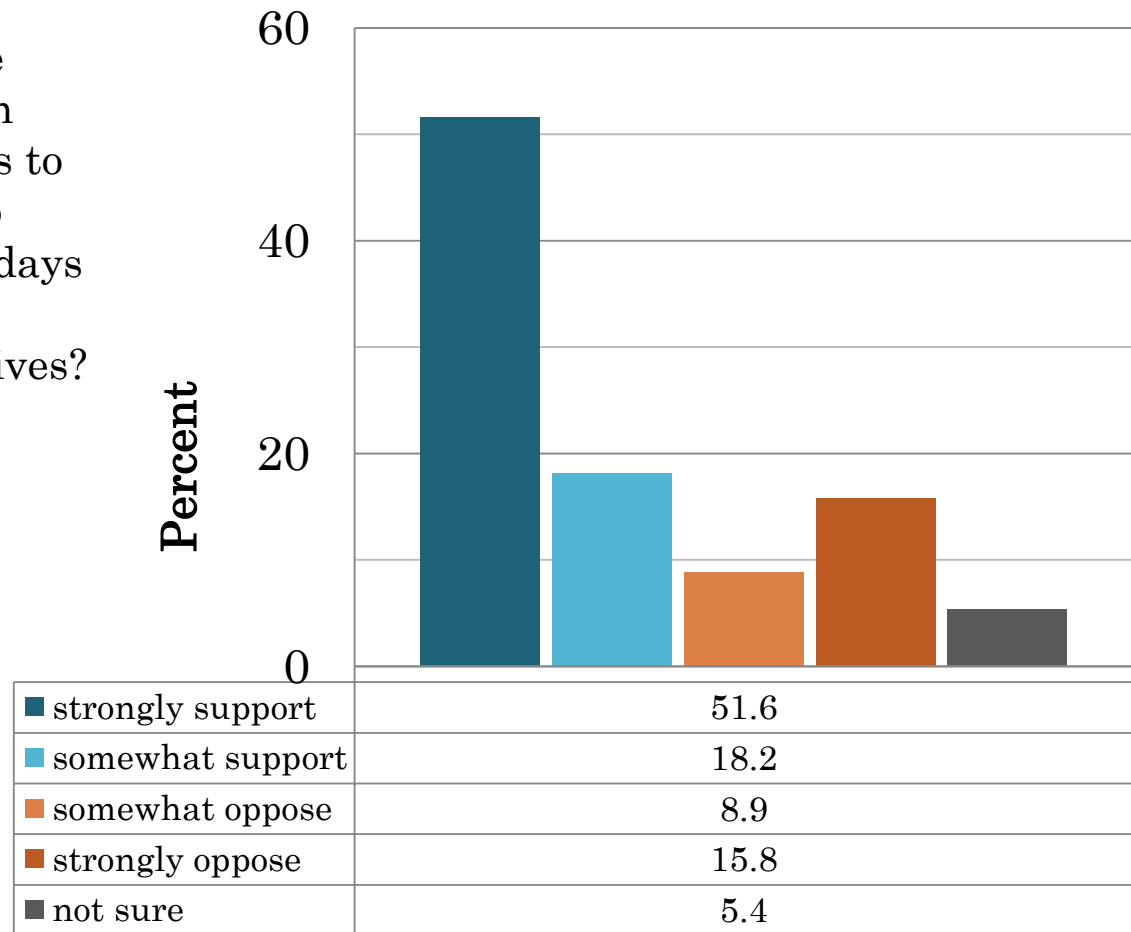
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Paid Sick Days

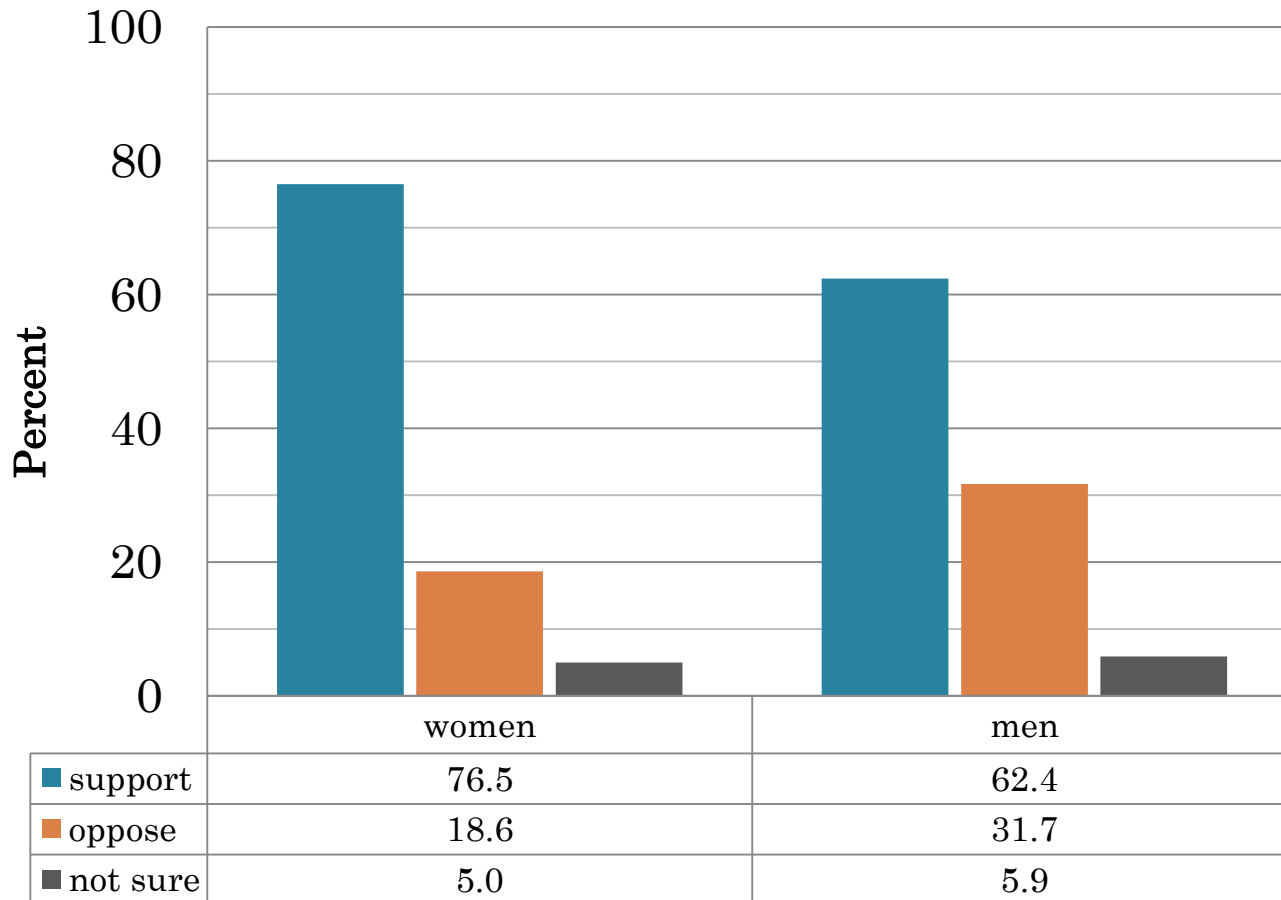
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- Do you support or oppose requiring businesses with fifteen or more employees to allow all their workers to earn up to five paid sick days in order to care for themselves or close relatives?



Paid Sick Days by Gender

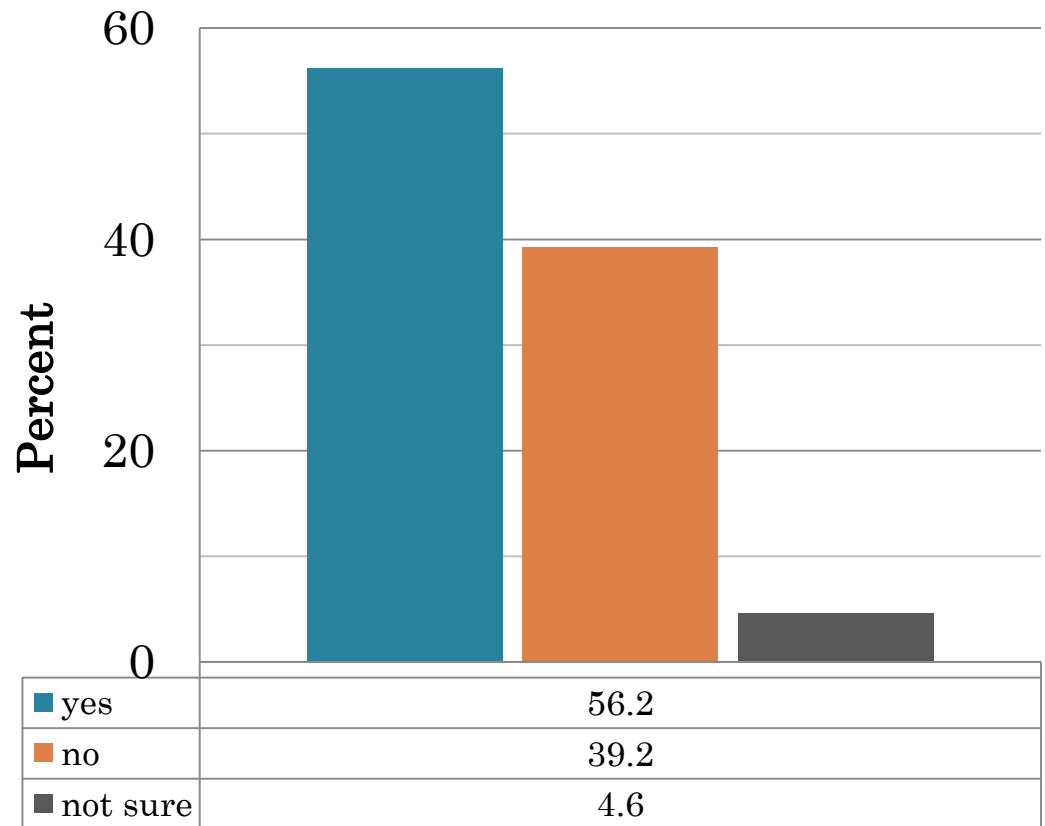
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Working Sick

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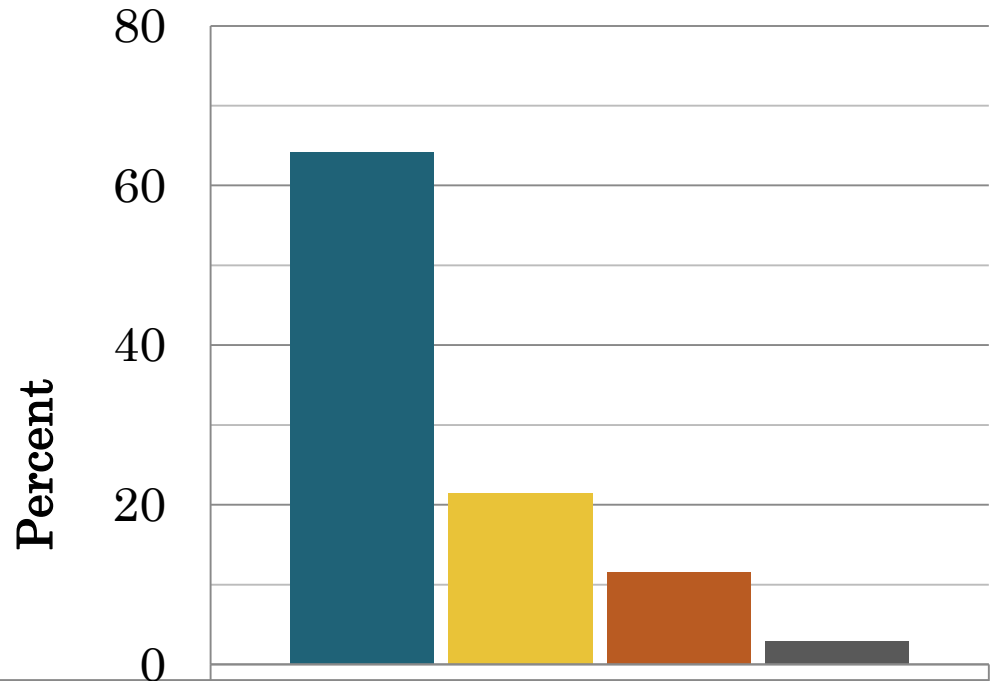
- Have you ever worked when you were sick because you couldn't afford to take time off?



Aging in Place

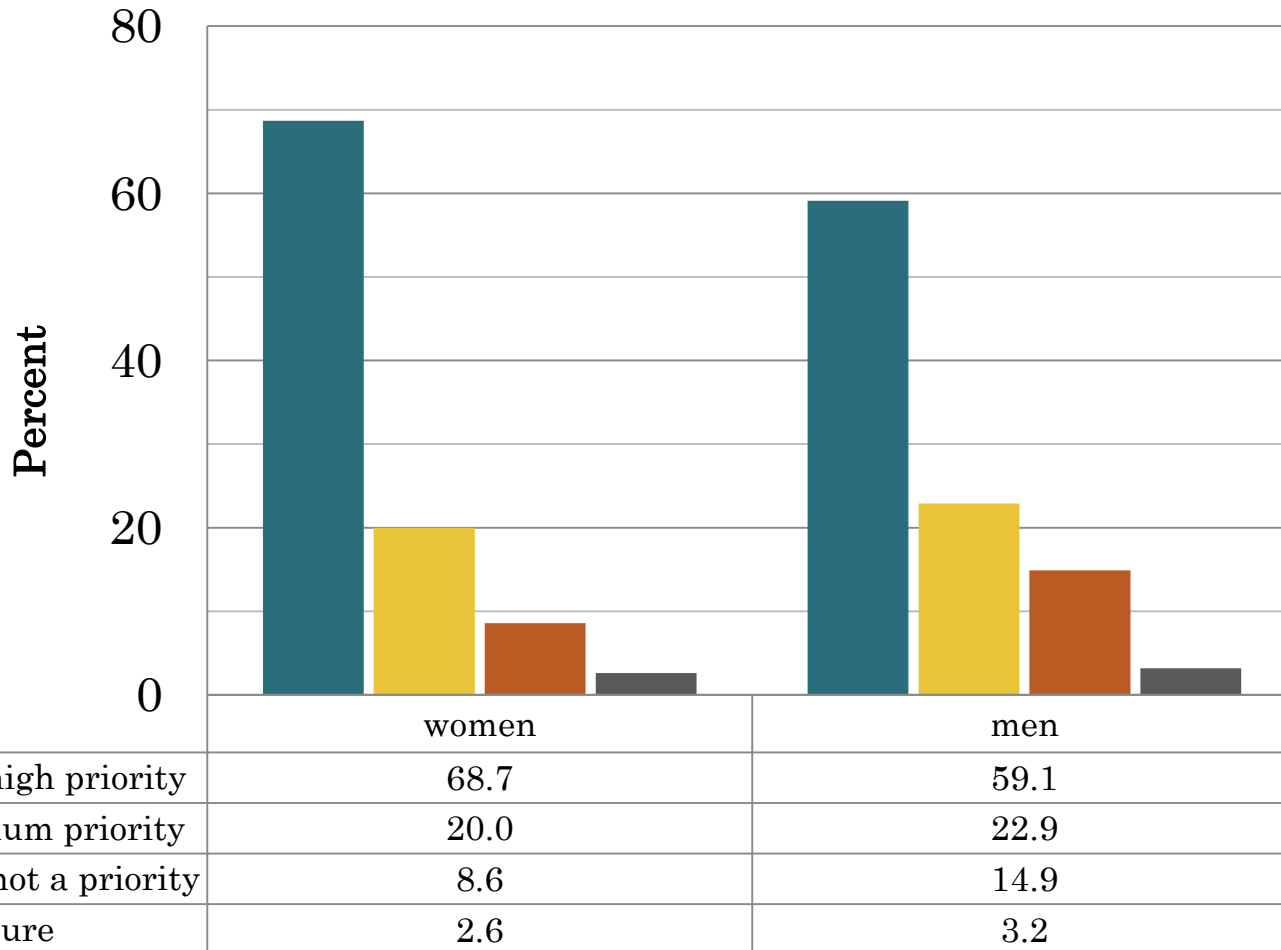
- How much of a priority should it be for elected officials in Maine to support funding for services, such as home health care, personal care, and transportation, that enable seniors to remain in their homes for as long as possible?

AARP poll of Mainers 50+
66.9 / 23.6 / 8.5 / 1.0
(N=2,000 – May 25, 2014)



■ top/high priority	64.2
■ medium priority	21.4
■ low/not a priority	11.6
■ not sure	2.9

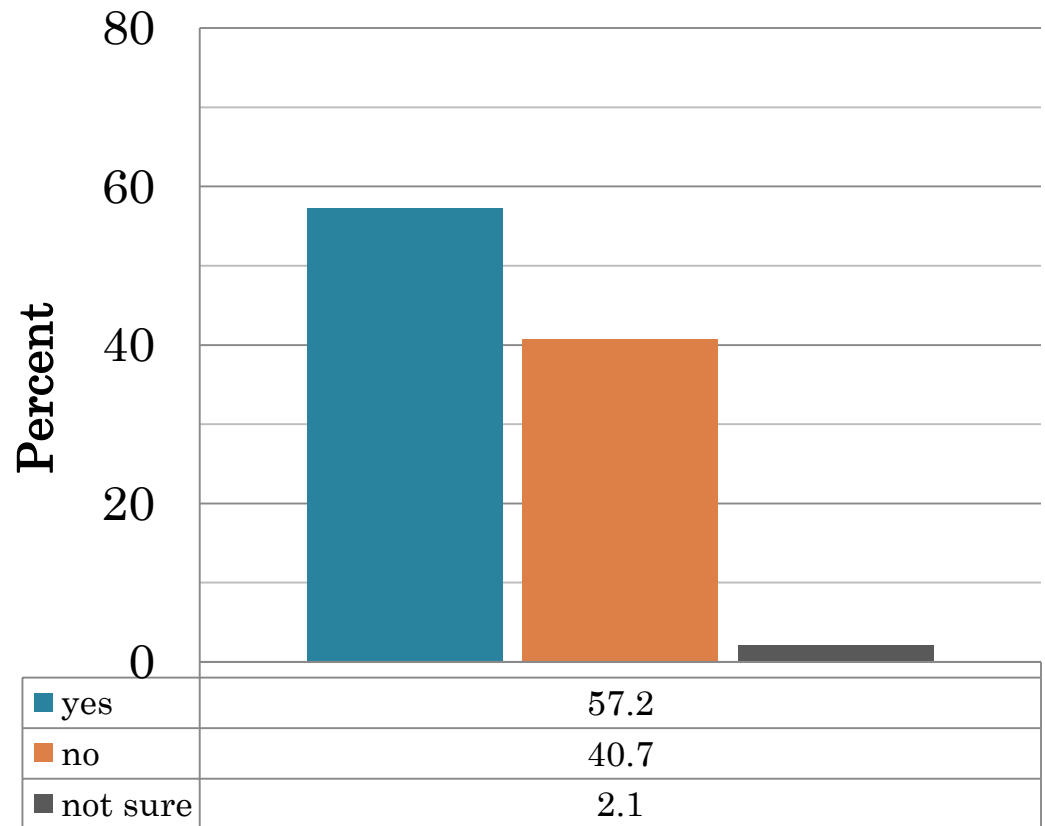
Aging in Place by Gender



Caregivers

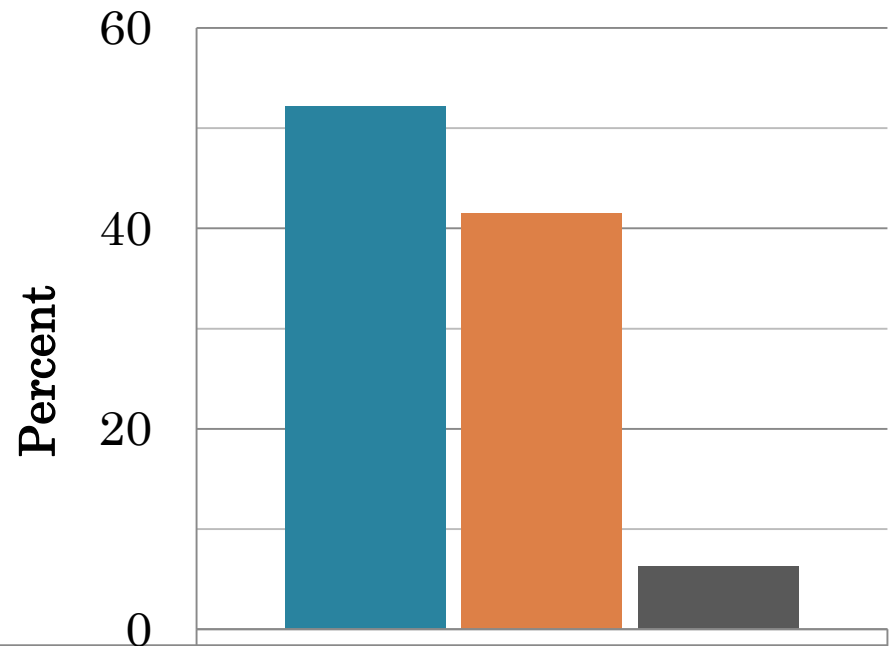
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- Are you currently, or have you ever been, a family caregiver or provided unpaid care to an adult loved one?



Birth Control

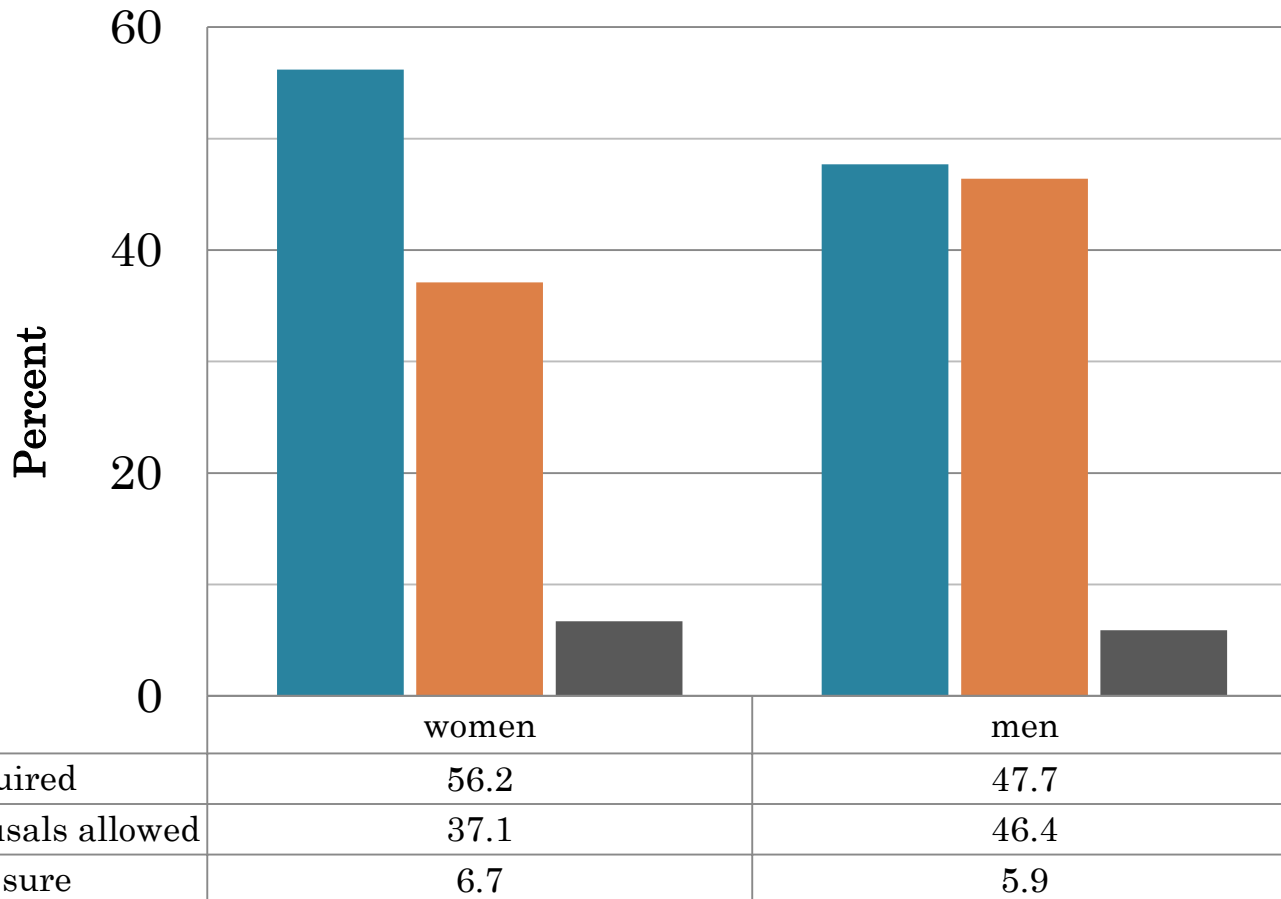
- Do you believe that private health insurance plans should be required to cover the full cost of birth control for their female patients, or should privately held corporations be able to refuse this coverage for their employees based on religious objections?



■ required	52.2
■ refusals allowed	41.5
■ not sure	6.3

Birth Control by Gender

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Frequencies

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CD	%
CD 1	51.8
CD 2	48.2

Gender	%
Female	52.8
Male	47.2

Age	%
18-34	16.4
35-49	22.0
50-64	33.8
65+	27.8

Party	%
Democratic	36.4
Republican	30.1
Independent/other	33.5

Ideology	%
Very liberal	15.6
Somewhat liberal	18.5
Moderate	30.9
Somewhat conservative	20.7
Very conservative	12.9
Not sure	1.4