

Budget, Policy, and Acquisition State of Play

Healthcare Focus

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Health Care

61%

of Americans worry a "great deal" about healthcare affordability & access

One-third

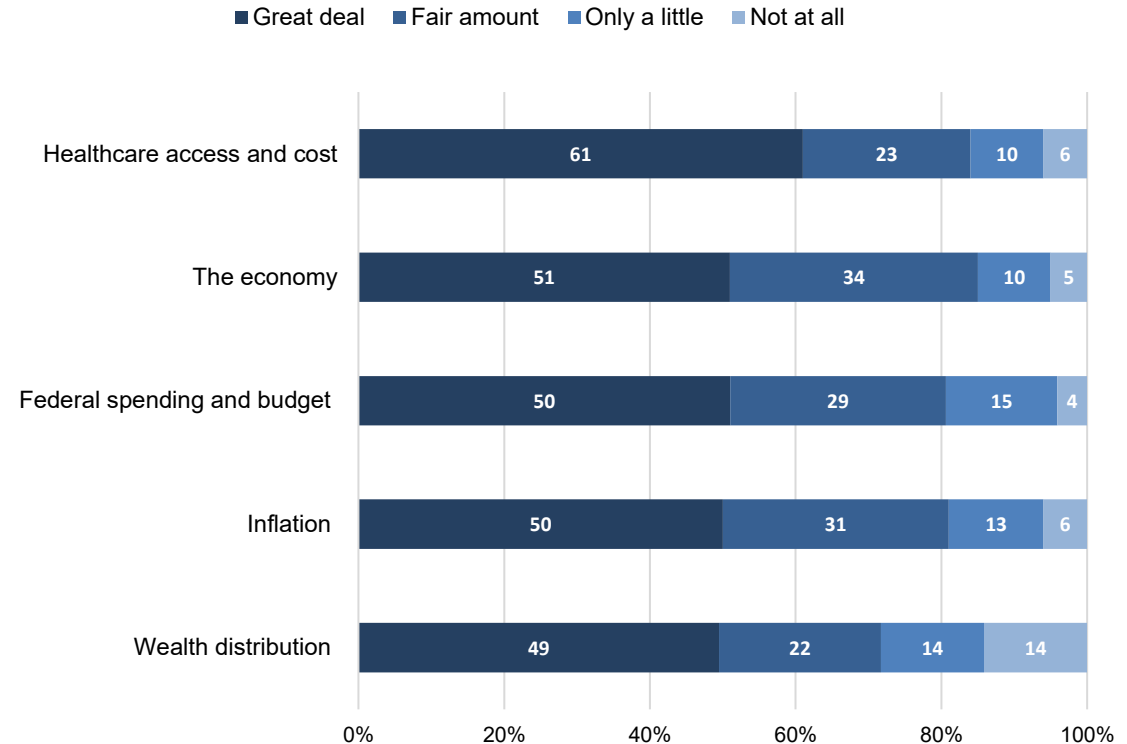
of adults cut back on essentials such as food, gas, utilities, or stretched their medications to afford healthcare

24 million

adults say healthcare costs forced them to postpone retirement or make similar sacrifices (delaying a job change, postponing having children)

Americans' worries on key domestic issues

SOURCE: GALLUP



17 of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies representing 80 percent of the branded drug market have now agreed to sell their drugs to American patients at the lowest prices anywhere in the world. We're going to have the lowest prices in the world.

This will result in the largest drop in prescription drug prices in the history of the United States of America.

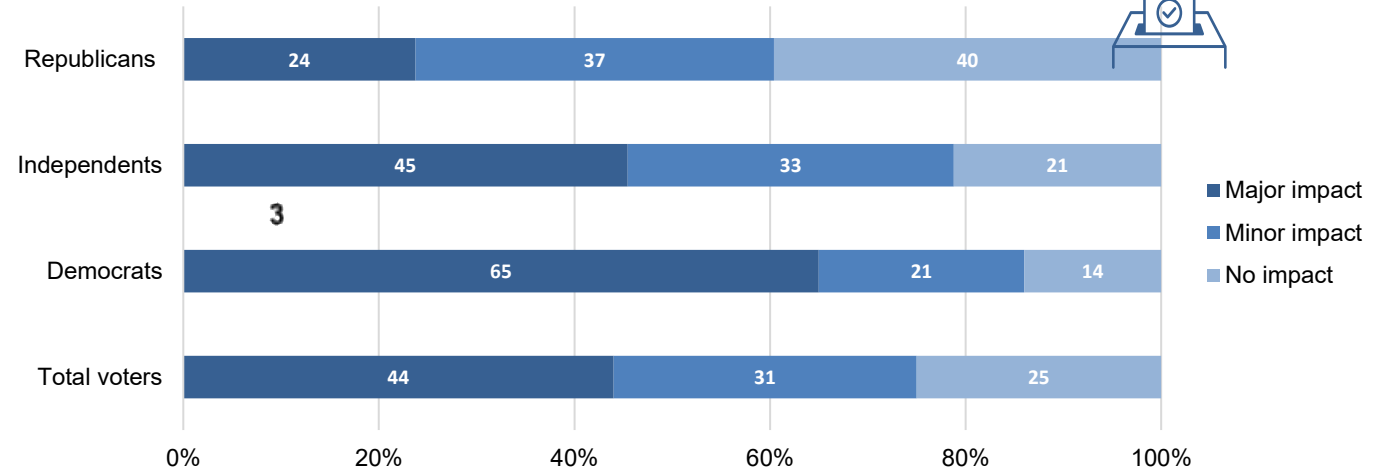
Donald Trump – April 23, 2026

Will Health Care Affect the Midterms?

As of March 2026, Democrats hold a modest advantage on healthcare affordability, with **40% of voters trusting Democrats vs. 28% trusting Republicans** to address the cost of healthcare, while one in four trust neither party.

How much will healthcare costs affect your vote in the midterms?

SOURCE: KFF

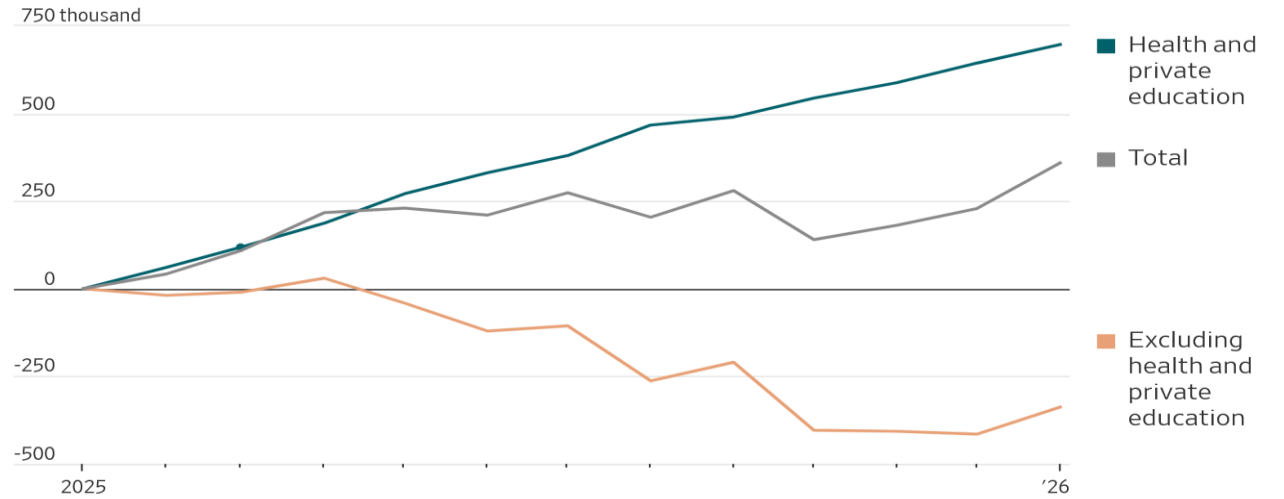


Health Care and the Jobs Market

April Jobs Report: +115,000
(Nonfarm) jobs

Healthcare and social assistance has been powering the overall jobs report, adding **54,000** jobs in April.

Change in nonfarm payrolls since January 2025

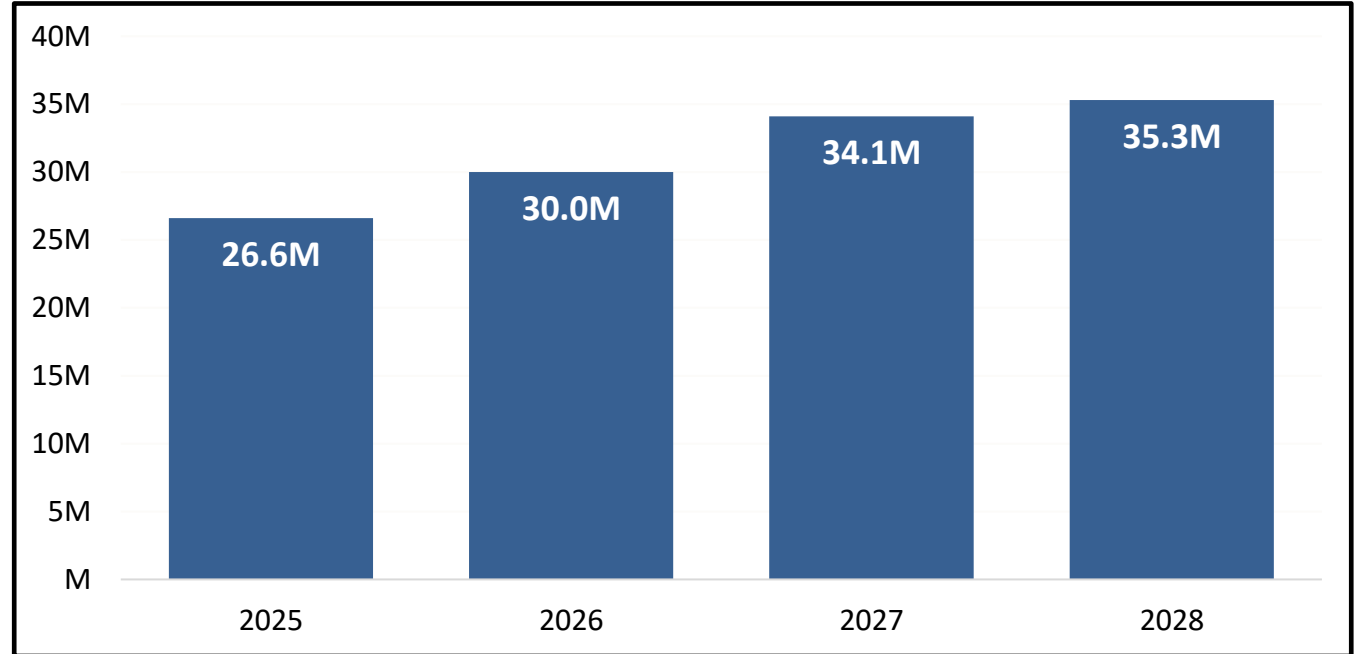


Note: Seasonally adjusted
Source: Labor Department

Uninsured Population to Increase

33%

Increase in uninsured Americans from 2025-2028 (CBO estimates)



Appropriations

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Funding

Where we are

- FY26 Appropriations completed
- Reconciliation 2.0 – DHS more to do
- FY27 appropriations
 - Starting to move through the House
 - Senate should begin in June

Where are we going?

- Heading toward a CR
- Possible reconciliation 3.0 for defense
- Possible supplemental for Iran war

Appropriations – Budget Request

Agency	FY 2027 request, in billions	Change from FY 2026
Defense	\$1,450.0	43.7%
Justice	\$40.8	13%
Veterans Affairs	\$144.9	8.7%
Transportation	\$26.6	6.2%
Energy	\$53.9	1.8%
Education	\$76.5	-2.9%
Homeland Security	\$63.0	-3.2%
Treasury	\$11.5	-11.7%
Commerce	\$9.2	-12.2%
Health and Human Services	\$110.5	-12.2%
Housing and Urban Development	\$73.5	-12.7%
Interior	\$15.9	-12.9%
Agriculture	\$20.8	-19%
Labor	\$9.9	-25.9%
State and international programs	\$35.6	-30.4%

HHS

- \$27.5 billion for NIH, consolidating 19 offices to 8 to “focus on true science”
- \$14.1 billion for new Administration for a Healthy America, merging HRSA, SAMHSA, and some CDC programs
- \$4.1 billion for CDC, a \$550 million cut
- \$3.2 billion for FDA plus \$3.6 billion in user fees
 - User fee authority for drugs and medical devices currently expires Sept. 30, 2027

Veterans Affairs

- \$1.5 billion in new funding for FY26 & FY27 to expand mental health residential rehabilitation

SBA - \$600 million (32% decrease)



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES \$110.5 Billion | -12.2%

Request Highlights

- Investments under new Administration for a Healthy America, including:
 - \$57 million toward efforts to remove “unsafe chemicals” in food supply, support adoption of artificial intelligence at FDA, and develop animal testing alternatives
 - \$55 million for new Infection Prevention and Health and Safe Food initiatives under CDC
 - \$47 million toward preventative care accounts, including telehealth and tribal programs

Proposed Cuts

- \$5 billion in cuts to NIH to eliminate certain institutes and centers
- \$5 billion in cuts to a variety of programs
- Eliminate Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, totaling \$4 billion in cuts
- \$356 million in cuts to Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response

House subcommittee markup June 5



MILITARY CONSTRUCTION-VETERANS AFFAIRS

House measure would provide \$157 billion in discretionary funds, a 3% increase from fiscal 2026

	SUBCOMMITTEE	COMMITTEE	FULL CHAMBER	COMPROMISE	PRESIDENT
HOUSE	APRIL 17: APPROVED, VOICE VOTE	APRIL 21: APPROVED, 58-0	Rules committee this week		
SENATE					

HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Provide \$54.6 billion in advance funding for the Toxic Exposures Fund
- Require VA to submit report to Congress on noncitizen veterans deported in last fiscal year
- Prohibit use of funds to report certain veterans to NICS for firearm possession without a judge’s order
- Bar use of funds for programs named for House members and to influence congressional action
- Prohibit use of funds for VA to procure IT from China
- Ban use of funds to close Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba

ACCOUNT (IN BILLIONS)	FY2026	REQUEST	HOUSE
Department of Veterans Affairs (FY27)	\$116.7	\$144.7	\$137.4
Department of Veterans Affairs (FY28 advance appropriations)	122.3	138.2	138.2
• Veterans’ medical care	98.6	123.4	121.0
Defense Department	19.7	28.6	19.2
• Military Construction	17.6	26.4	16.7
• Family Housing	1.9	2.1	1.9



Note: NICS — National Instant Criminal Background Check System
Sources: House Appropriations Committee draft [bill text](#), [report](#), and [amendments](#); news releases from [Republicans](#) and [Democrats](#); ["House Panel Advances \\$157 Billion Military Construction-VA Bill"](#) Bloomberg Government



VETERANS AFFAIRS

+8.7%

Request Highlights

- \$175.5B for health care, (+\$10.6B)
- \$6.3 billion for IT systems (+ \$389 million)
 - \$4.2 billion for electronic health records modernization (+\$800 million)
- \$130 million for AI tools to expedite processing of veteran benefit claims

Source: White House fiscal 2027 [budget request](#)



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Global Cuts

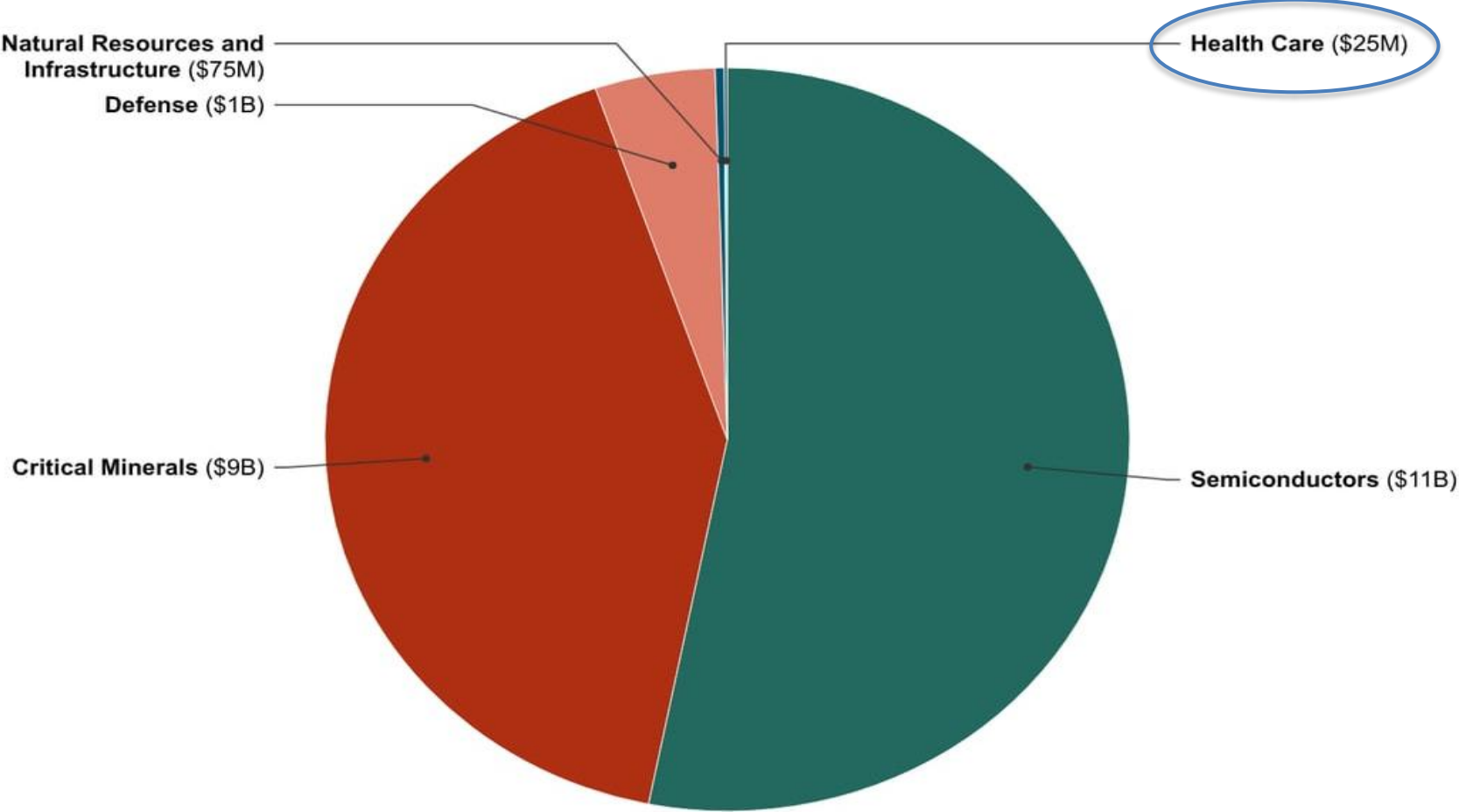


Reduces funding for Global Health Programs by **\$4.3B**, cutting what the administration labels as wasteful funding in foreign nations



Happening in Health Care

Government Investments in Private Companies



Source: Council on Foreign Relations

Headwinds

- *Vaccines*
 - Skepticism growing (DoD removing some vaccine requirements)
 - In 52 out of 55 countries, trust in immunizations decreased (UNICEF data)
- *China*
 - Ranked 10th in innovation in the [2025 Global Innovation Index](#) (US is #3)
 - China leads with the most innovation clusters (24) within the top 100; The US has 22, followed by Germany with 7
 - China has more patent applications, and scientific and technical articles, than the US
 - Moving to restrict tech companies from accepting US capital without govt. approval
- *People*
 - No nominations yet for
 - CDC Director
 - HHS assistant secretary for preparedness and response
 - FDA – Currently Marty Makary
 - [Kyle Diamantas](#) as acting? Stephen Hahn or Brett Giroir to be nominated?

What's Happening

- April – HHS and EPA announced plans to address microplastics and pharmaceuticals in drinking water
 - May add both to EPA's list of priority pollutants
 - \$144 million initiative to study and remove microplastics from the human body
- Spring - TRICARE systems will begin a rolling transition to myAuth that will run through the end of the year
 - GENESIS Patient Portal will also be transition to the new system

Election Changes?

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Senate



Appropriations



Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions



Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs



Veterans' Affairs



GOP leadership



Susan Collins
(R-ME)

Tough race



Bill Cassidy
(R-LA)

Tough primary



Rand Paul
(R-KY)



Jerry Moran
(R-KS)

DEM leadership



Patty Murray
(D-WA)



Bernie Sanders
(I-VT)



Gary Peters
(D-MI)

Retiring



Richard Blumenthal
(D-CT)

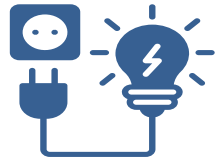
House



Appropriations



Oversight and
Accountability



Energy and Commerce

Health subcommittee



Veterans' Affairs



GOP leadership



Tom Cole (R-OK-4)



James Comer (R-KY-1)



Brett Guthrie (R-KY-2)



Mike Bost (R-IL-12)

DEM leadership



Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3)



Robert Garcia (D-CA-42)



Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6)

Diana DeGette (D-CO-1) **Tough primary**



Mark Takano (D-CA-39)

Term limited

Buddy Carter (R-GA-1) **Running for Senate**



Questions?