

## DESCRIPTION OF METHODOLOGY

LHK Partners, Inc, a polling firm located in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, fielded the WPRI survey from January 2 to 4, 2015. In total, 600 completed surveys were collected from a representative sample of Wisconsin residents, 18 years and older. The survey was administered over the telephone, lasting an average of 15 minutes. Approximately 40 percent of the calls were made to cell phones, with the remainder made to landlines. Telephone numbers for the study were developed using Random Digit Dialing (RDD) within the state of Wisconsin. Respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult member in the household age 18 and over. By six standard AAPOR definitions, response rates ranged from 3 to 11 percent, with response rates for landlines consistently appearing higher than those for cell phones. To improve the representativeness of the sample, raking weights were constructed on the basis of respondent demographics and geographic indicators.

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## WPRI

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