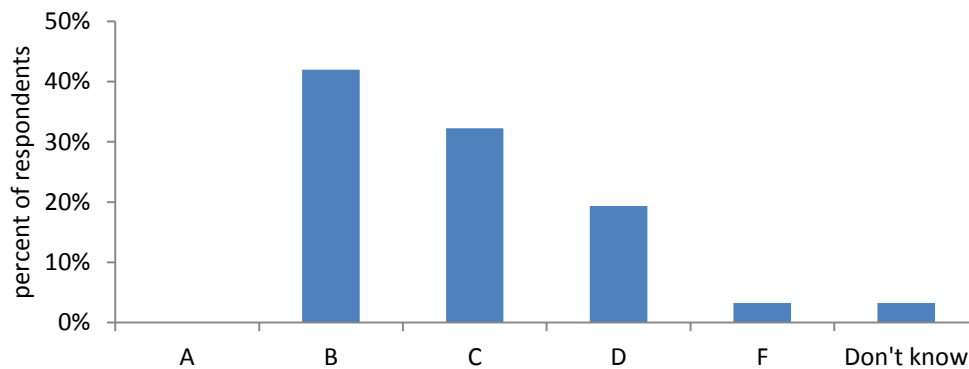


Connecticut holds a steady C+ on health reform

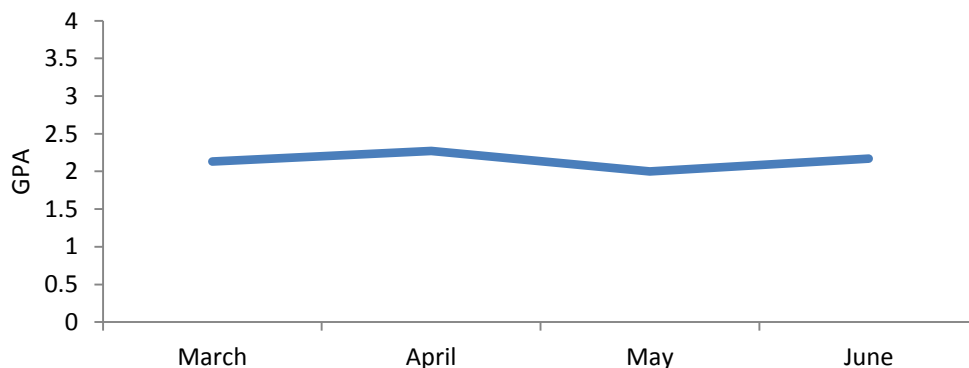
This month Connecticut health care thought leaders again gave our state a C+ on health reform, as well as a C+ for effort. Connecticut's grade point average has not varied significantly over the last four months of the survey. Patient-centered medical homes remained the bright spot; performance on Engaging Consumers in Policymaking was worst. This month suggestions to improve Connecticut's progress focused on two themes.

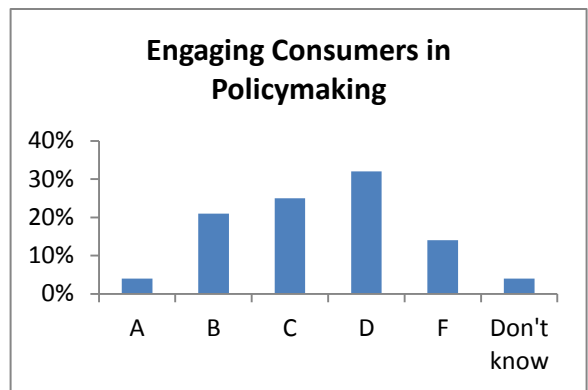
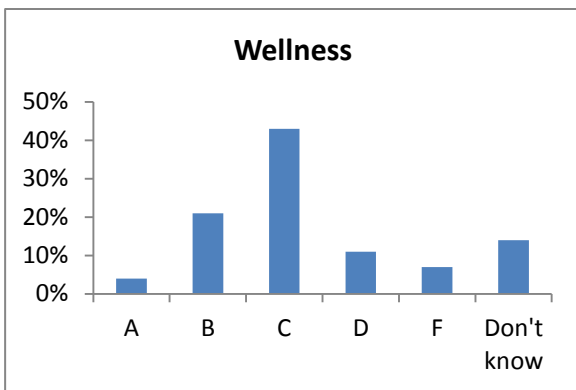
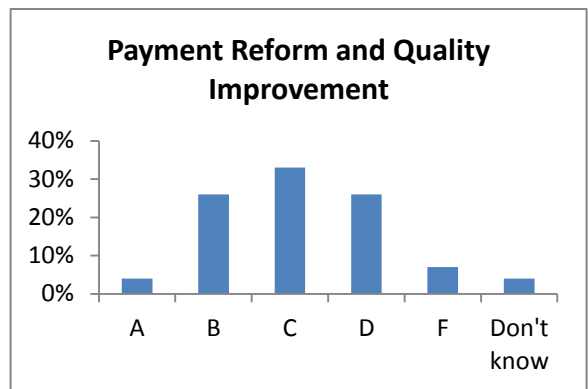
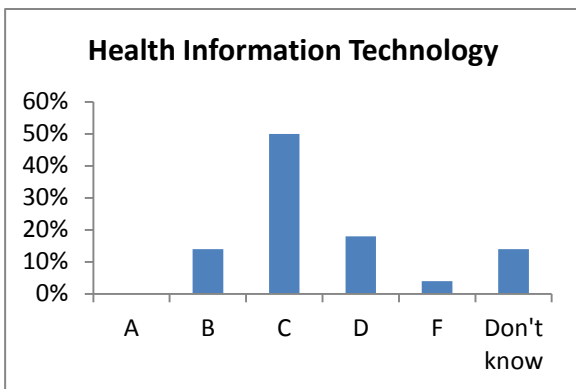
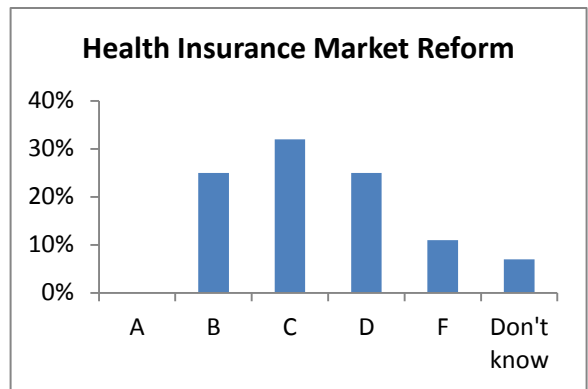
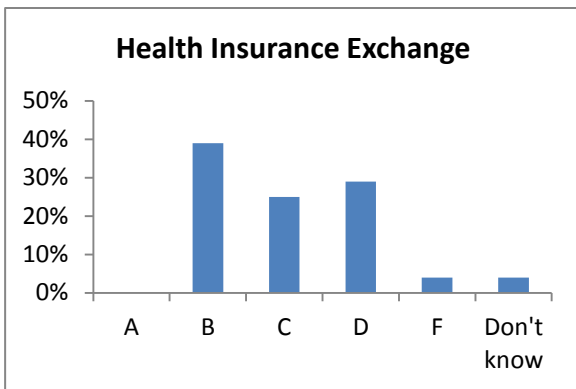
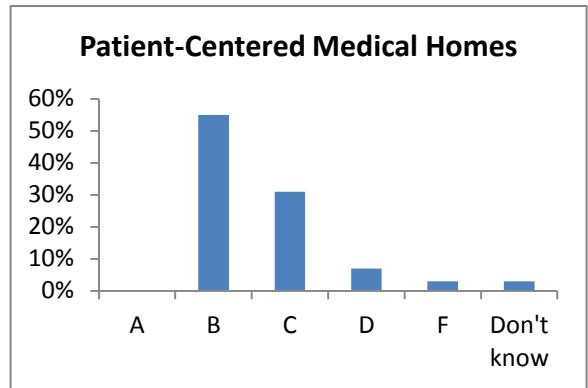
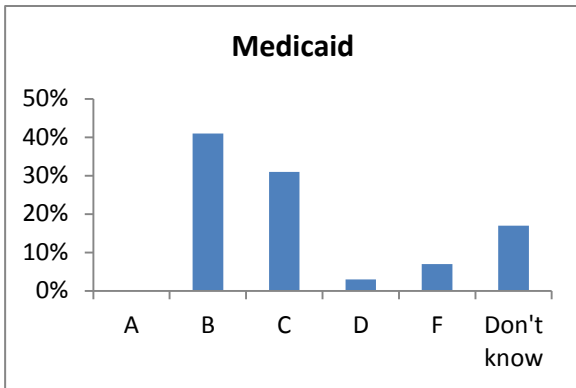
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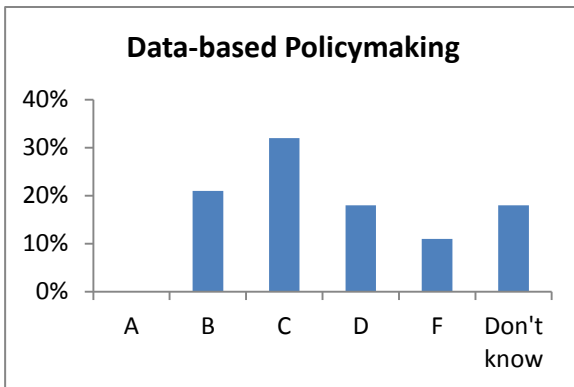
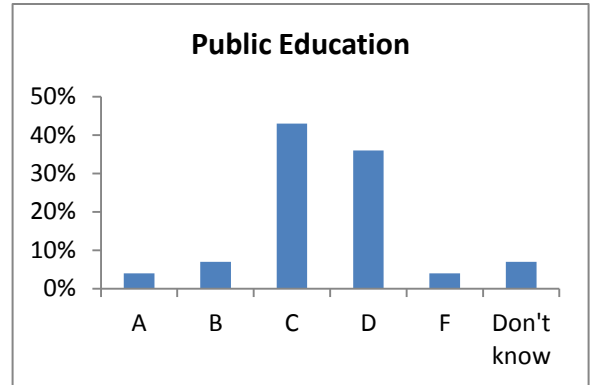
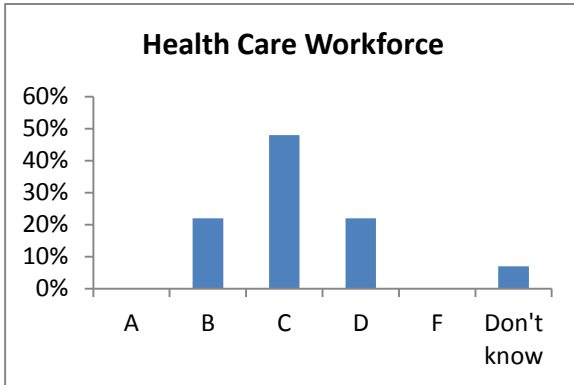
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Themes among respondents' suggestions to improve progress toward health reform in Connecticut:

Engage consumers and small businesses in policymaking (12 responses)

- Involve consumers in a viable way in every aspect of decision making
- Infuse decision-making structures with representatives of consumers and non-self interested groups
- Add consumers representation to the Exchange Board

Collaboration, cooperation and respect (8 responses)

- Less competition of ideas and approaches and more working together
- Too many parallel, uncoordinated efforts
- Improve collaboration between all stakeholders

Other themes included Smarter Policymaking (4 responses), Urgency (4 responses), Remove Profit/Include a Public Option (5 responses), and Prevention (4 responses).

Methodology Forty three thought leaders across Connecticut's health fields and sectors were surveyed online between May 23 and June 13, 2012. Thirty one (72%) responded. The same survey questions were asked of a different list of thought leaders from the May 2012 survey. The invitation list was collected from membership of health-related state councils, board and committees and leadership of health-related organizations. Respondents represented community organizations, foundations, providers, payers, consumer advocates, labor, business people, insurance brokers, and academics. To ensure independent responses, state officials responsible for reform functions were not surveyed.

For full survey results, go to http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/reform/201206_survey_summary.pdf