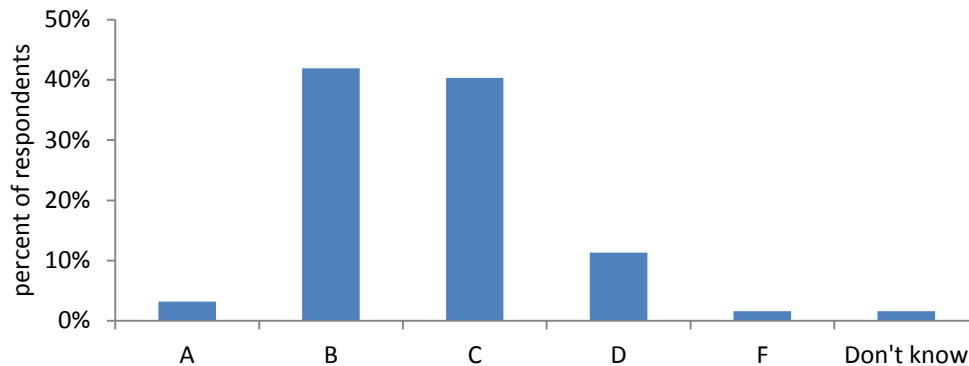


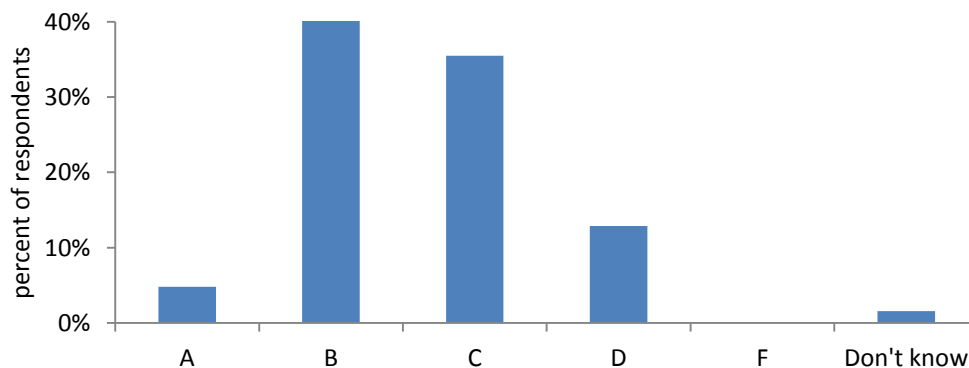
## Connecticut still earns a C+ on health reform

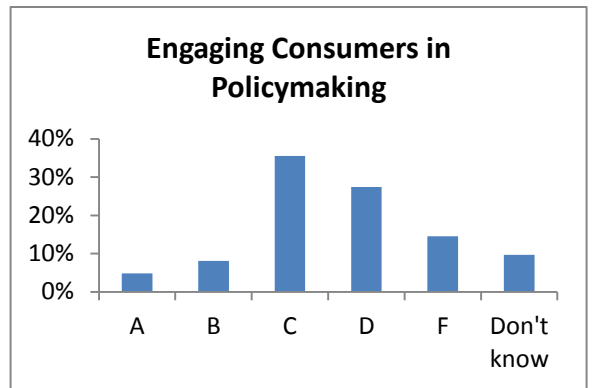
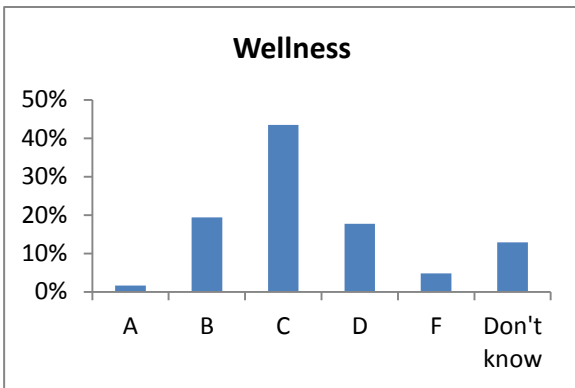
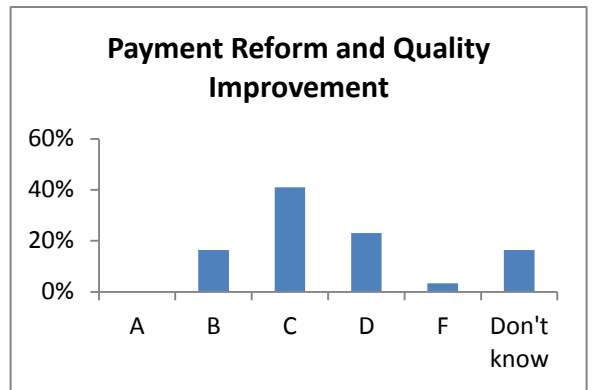
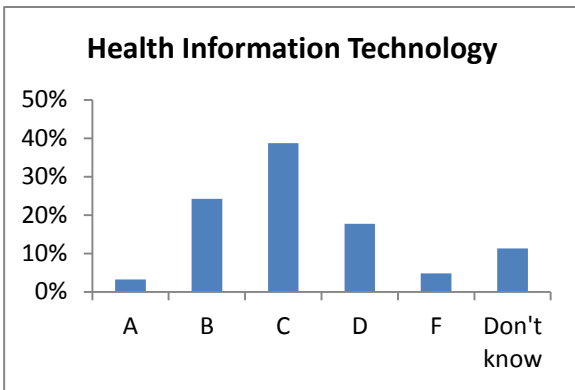
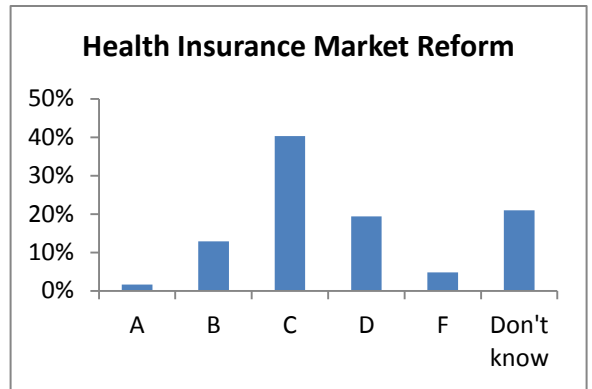
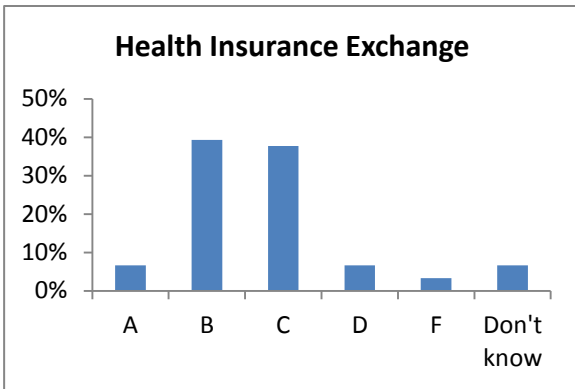
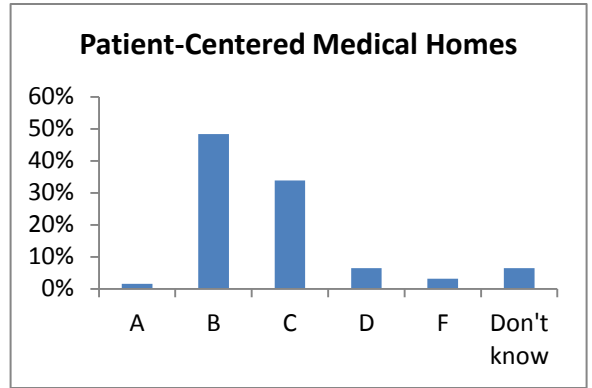
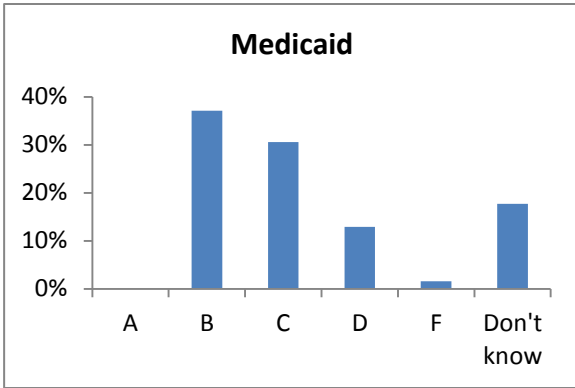
Connecticut health care thought leaders give our state a C+ on health reform again this fall; grades have varied between C and C+ over the year. Connecticut also earned a C+ for effort in this survey. The Health Insurance Exchange has moved up to a B with Medicaid and Patient-Centered Medical Homes. Lower performing areas remain Data-based policymaking and Engaging Consumers in Policymaking. The overwhelming suggestion to improve progress is to engage consumers in policymaking and improve public education.

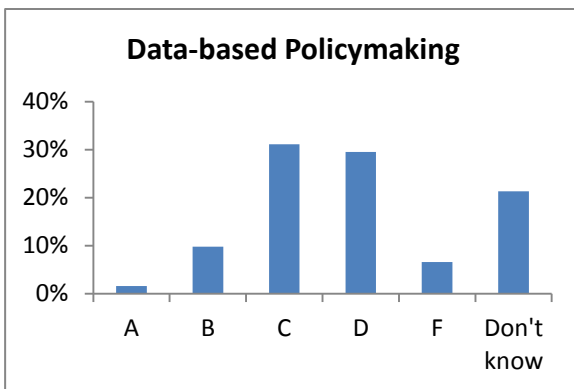
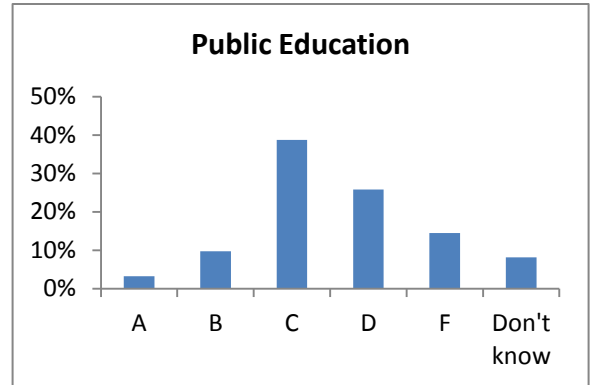
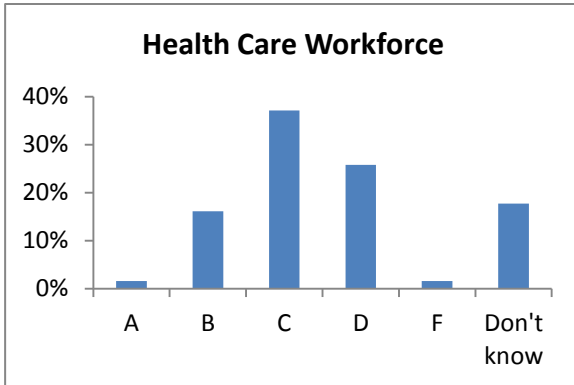
**CT health reform grade**



**CT health reform grade for effort**





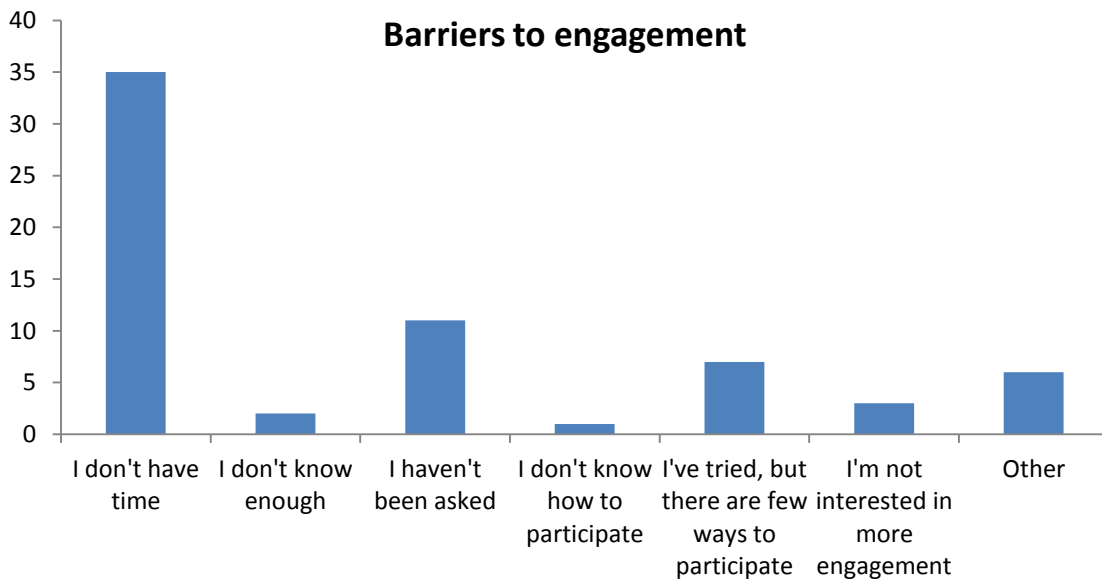
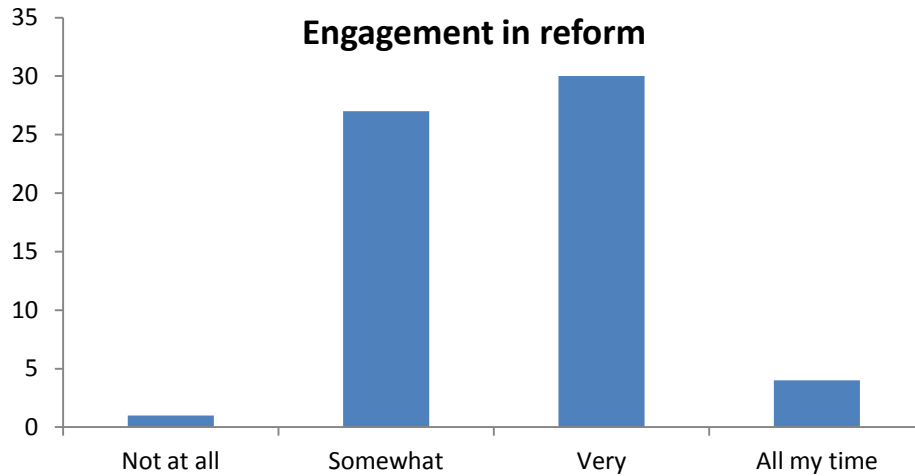


**The overwhelming theme among respondents' suggestions to improve progress toward health reform in Connecticut was to engage consumers in policymaking (27 responses).**

- Consumer voices
- Include real consumers
- Greater public engagement in the process
- Empower more consumers instead of industry insiders
- Engage advocates
- Embrace consumer input & feedback meaningfully

Other suggestions included smarter policymaking – use data to make decisions, engage experts, follow best practices (9 responses), improve communications and transparency (9 responses), convene stakeholders to build trust (7 responses) and guard against conflicting financial and special interests (6 responses).

Asked about their level of engagement in Connecticut health reform, almost all thoughtleaders are somewhat or very engaged in the process, however all but four thoughtleaders cite barriers to engagement. The main barrier noted is not having enough time but a significant number are not engaged because they haven't been asked, or have found few ways to participate.



**Methodology** Ninety one thought leaders across Connecticut’s health fields and sectors were surveyed online between August 29 and October 2, 2012. Sixty two (68%) responded. The same survey questions were asked of a different list of thought leaders from the May 2012 survey with two additions. The invitation list was collected from membership of health-related state councils, board and committees, leadership of health-related organizations, and the public. 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/201210\\_survey\\_summary.pdf](http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/reform/201210_survey_summary.pdf)