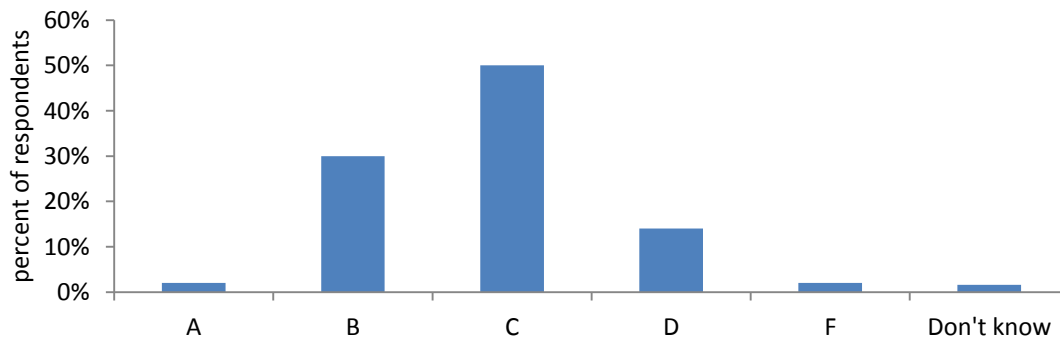


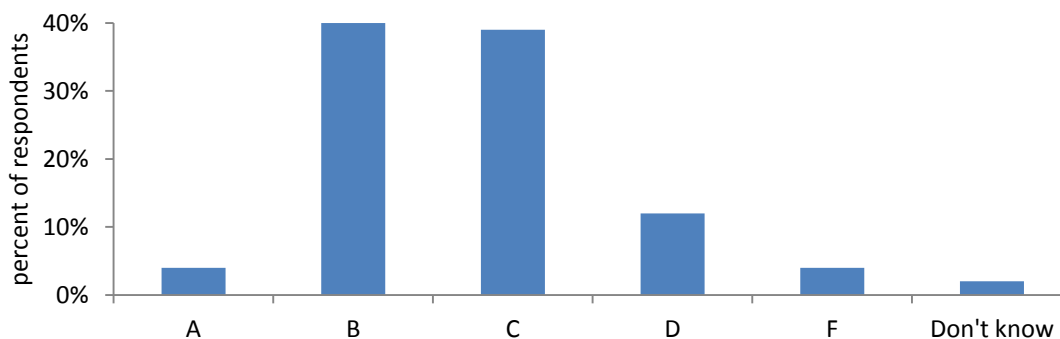
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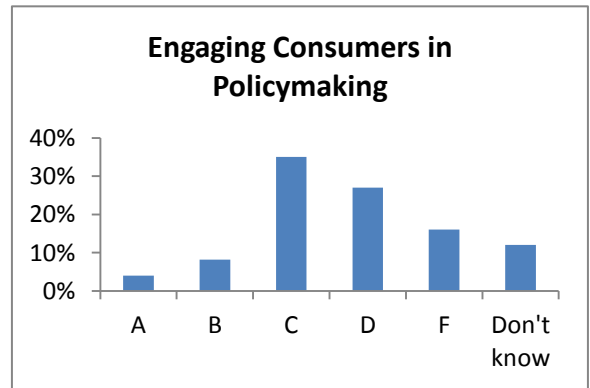
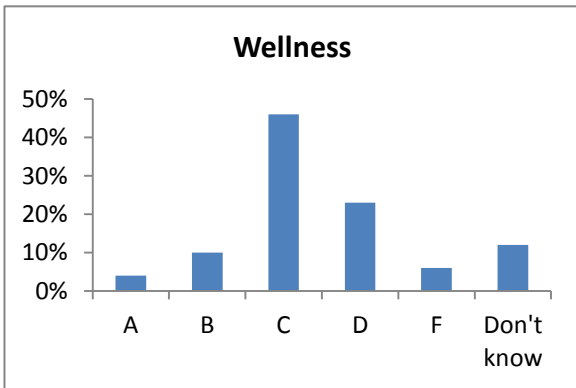
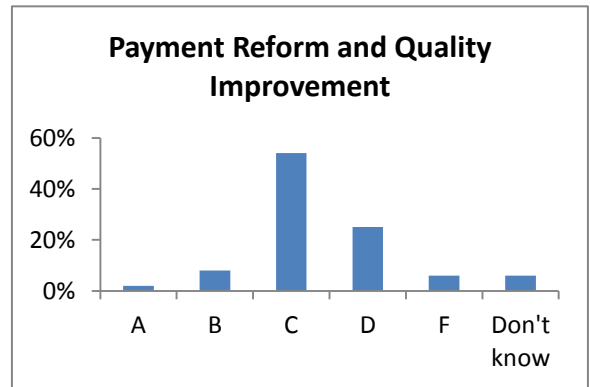
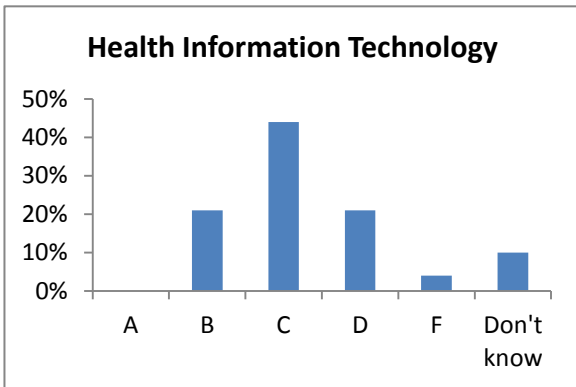
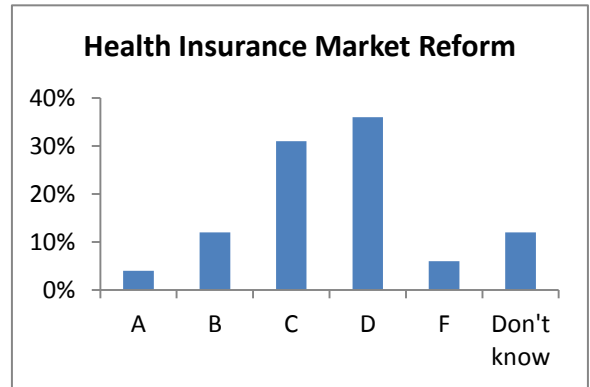
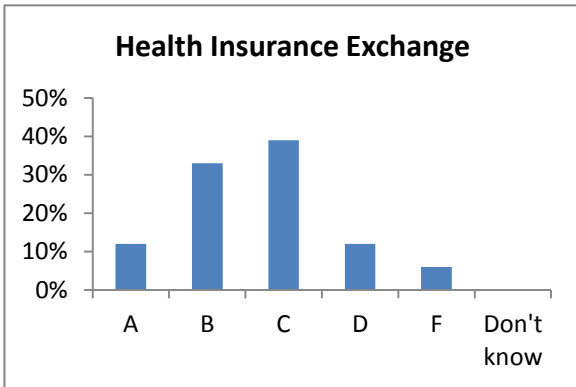
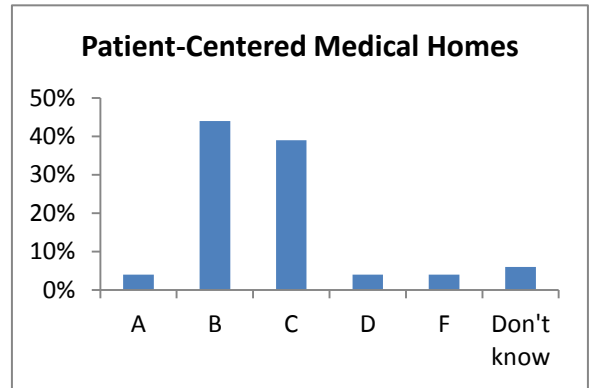
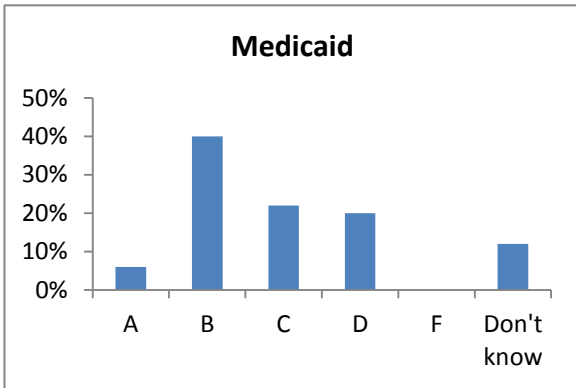
Connecticut health care thought leaders give our state a C on health reform again this spring; down from C+ a few months ago. Connecticut maintained our C+ for effort in this survey. Among issue areas again only Medicaid improved since the last survey. Three areas lost ground including the health insurance exchange, health insurance market reform, and public education. Thought leaders' overwhelming suggestions to improve progress are to engage consumers in policymaking, improve the policymaking process, especially transparency, work on affordability, and fix the insurance exchange.

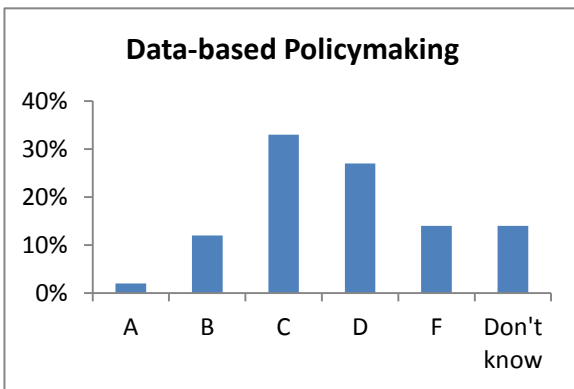
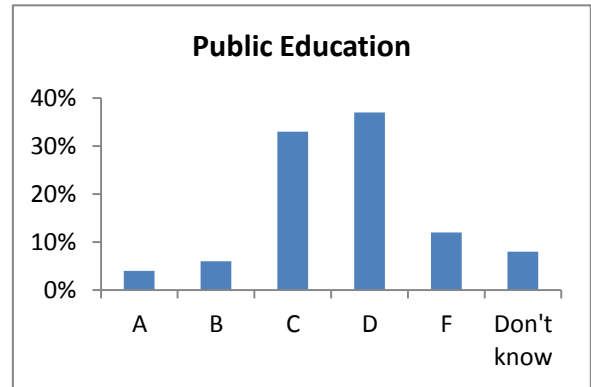
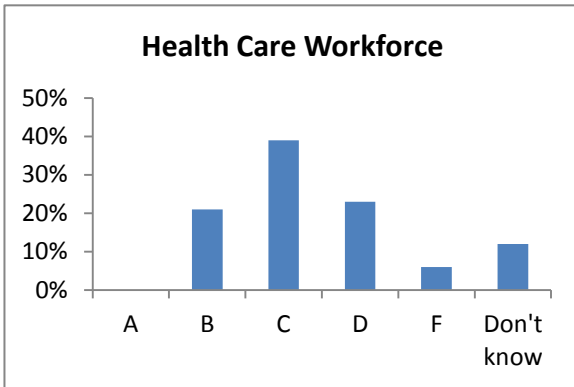
CT health reform grade



CT health reform grade for effort







The overwhelming theme among respondents' suggestions to improve progress toward health reform reflected great frustration with the policymaking process (35 responses), particularly the lack of transparency or best practices/data. Following closely was the strong suggestion to engage consumers in policymaking (17 responses), address costs/affordability (16 responses), and strong calls to improve the CT Health Insurance Exchange (9 responses).

- "don't mess this opportunity up"
- "Initiate REAL transparency"
- "State planning is an insider's game; must be more transparent and inclusive!"
- "Engage and listen to consumers"
- "Get real about the high cost of health care in our state"
- "Start over with the exchange"

Methodology seventy-nine thought leaders across Connecticut's health fields and sectors were surveyed online between April 9 and May 9, 2013. Fifty-two (66%) responded. 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 were not surveyed.

For full survey results, go to http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/reform/201305_survey_summary.pdf