

# Poll Results

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- Field dates: March 18-May 15, 2019.
- N = 1,303 Philadelphia residents.
- 600 contacted through random digit dialing; 67 percent cellphones and 33 percent landlines.
- 703 contacted through address-based sampling, with 70 percent completing survey online and 30 percent on paper.
- Margin of error: plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

Q36. Do you think being addicted to opioids is like getting a disease such as diabetes or heart problems, or do you think this is something people bring on themselves?

	Total	Address-based sample	Phone sample
Like other diseases	39%	41%	36%
Bring it on themselves	54%	57%	49%
Both/don't know (voluntary)	6%	—	13%
Declined to answer/blank	2%	2%	1%

Note: The percentage of people recorded as “both/don't know” on this question was different in the two parts of the survey, due largely to the way the two parts were structured. In the telephone portion, 13 percent of respondents volunteered to interviewers that they had no firm opinion on the issue—and were recorded as such. Mail and web participants, in answering questions on a form, were not given a chance to say they did not know. Because of that difference on this question, The Pew Charitable Trusts decided to report only the attitudes of those respondents in both parts of the survey who expressed an opinion.

The results were as follows:

Like other diseases	42%
Bring it on themselves	58%

Results for respondents who said they knew someone addicted to opioids and expressed an opinion (N = 406):

Like other diseases	49%
Bring it on themselves	51%

Results for respondents who said they knew someone who died because of opioid misuse and expressed an opinion (N = 377):

Like other diseases	48%
Bring it on themselves	52%

Q37. Thinking now about those people who become addicted to opioids, do you have a lot of sympathy for them, some, not much, or none at all?

A lot	26%
Some	44%
Not much	14%
None at all	15%
No opinion/don't know/blank	1%