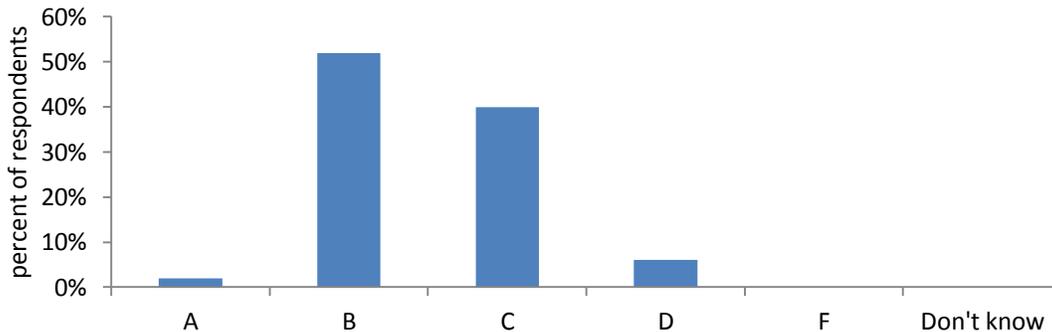


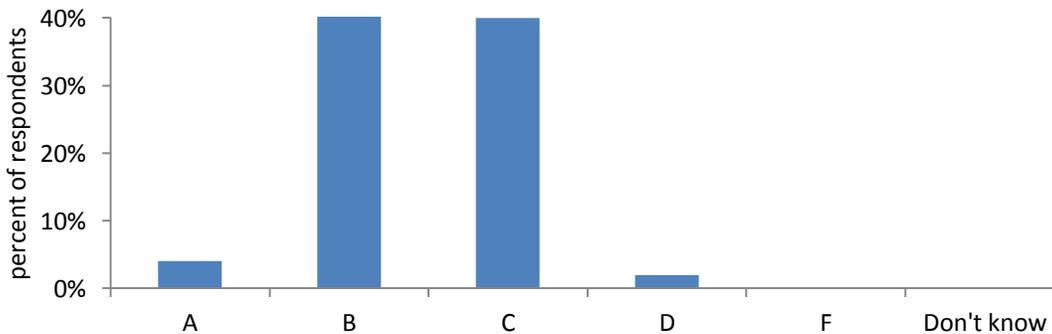
Connecticut gets a B-/C+ on health reform

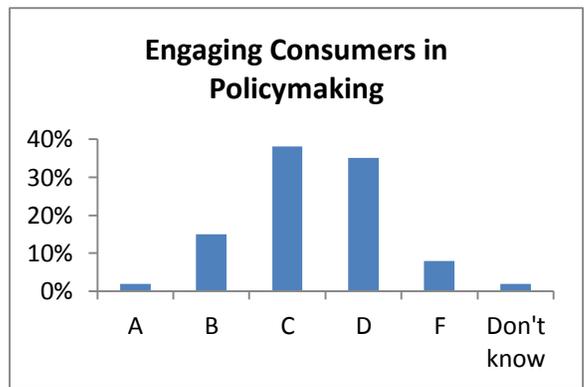
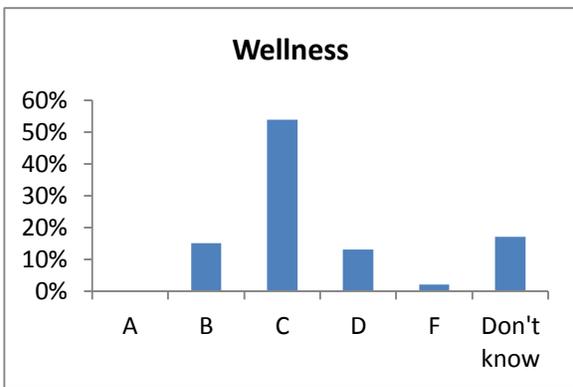
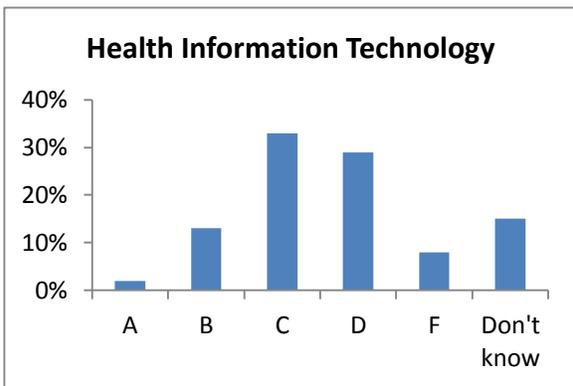
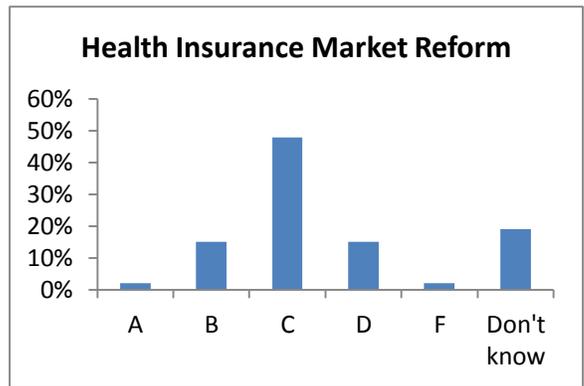
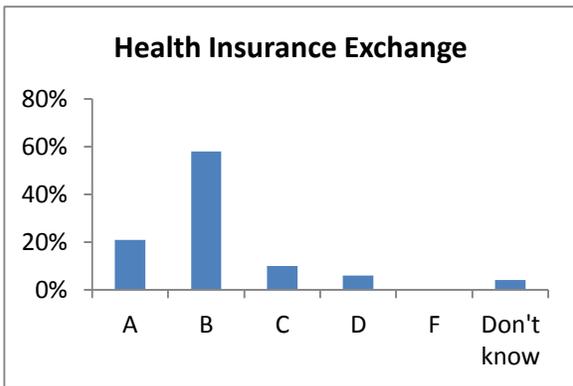
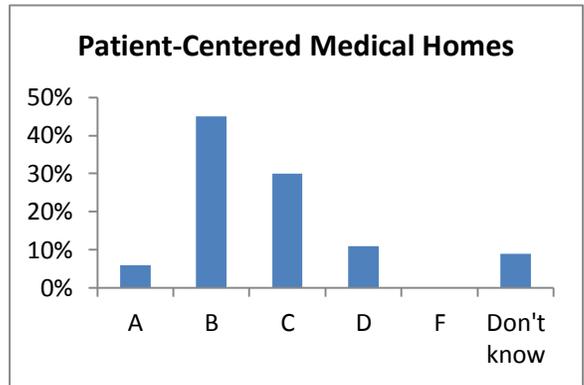
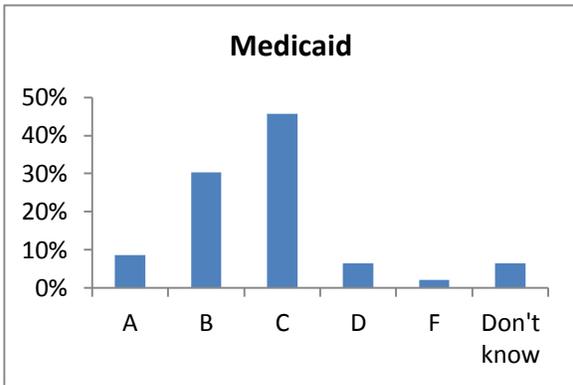
Connecticut health care thought leaders give our state a B-/C+ grade (GPA 2.49) on health reform last month; little changed from last year's survey. Connecticut's grade for effort rose from last year to a B- (GPA 2.59) in this survey. Connecticut continues to earn higher marks for patient-centered medical homes and the health insurance exchange. The lowest marks are for payment reform/quality improvement. The state's performance on public education and health information technology improved since the last survey. Engaging consumers, Medicaid, and data-based policymaking lost ground. As in prior surveys, thought leaders gave the state a better overall grade (B's most common response) than the average across issue areas (C's most common response). Suggestions to improve progress are to engage knowledgeable consumers (a perennial leader) and practicing providers, learn from what works, and frustration with the lack of progress.

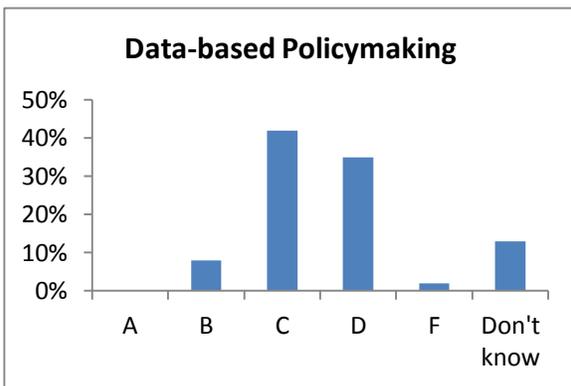
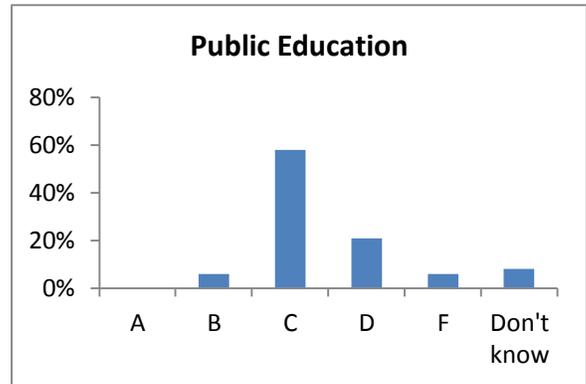
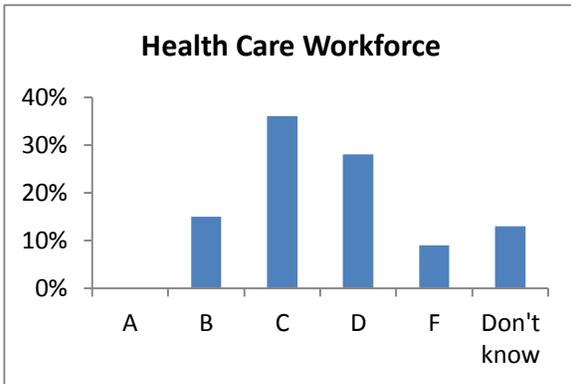
CT health reform grade



CT health reform grade for effort







As in most surveys, engaging consumers was the top recommendation to improve progress. Other themes included reducing the use of consultants, engaging knowledgeable partners, resource sharing, building trust, learning from what works, in Connecticut and other states, address workforce challenges, and a general frustration with a lack of progress.

- Truly engage knowledgeable consumers
- Improve trust across stakeholder groups
- Less reliance on consultants. Use local people with the knowledge and will to get CT on track
- Engage more physicians and others who provide the care
- More data driven health care decisions
- Learn from other states' reality, don't just follow the hype
- State of CT directly and indirectly spends over half its budget on health care and yet has almost no overall plan to deal with it
- Get something done

Methodology Sixty-eight thought leaders across Connecticut's health fields and sectors were surveyed online between January 7 and 31, 2015. Forty-nine (72%) 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/201501_survey_summary_p1.pdf and http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/reform/201501_survey_summary_p2.pdf