

# **Trends in Survey Response Rates**

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### **Response Rates Are Declining**



- Since 2000, survey response rates in the published literature have decreased by more than 30 points
  - ► Trend occurs across all modes of survey administration
- Greatest effect on public opinion surveys and national household surveys
- Surveys related to health care (including patient surveys) are also affected

#### **Historic Response Rates: National Surveys**



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#### Historic Response Rates: CAHPS Surveys



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## **Challenges to Obtaining High Response Rates**

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- Contact rates
- Trust in organizations conducting surveys
- Privacy concerns
- Frequency of survey
- Timing of survey
- Survey length
- Clarity of survey questions

## Role of Technology In Promoting Survey Response

#### Promoting awareness of survey

- Web pages
- QR codes
- Social media
- New methods to contact patients
  - Short message service (SMS)
  - Email
  - QR codes
- New modes of survey administration
  - ► Web
  - ► SMS