Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage

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Cumulative Increases in Health Insurance Premiums, Workers’ Contributions to Premiums, Inflation, and Workers’ Earnings, 1999-2012

Cumulative Increases in Family Health Insurance Premiums, 2002-2007 and 2007-2012

Average Annual Premiums for Single and Family Coverage, 1999-2012

* Estimate is statistically different from estimate for the previous year shown (p<.05).

Average Annual Worker Premium Contributions and Total Premiums for Covered Workers, Single and Family Coverage, by Firm Size, 2012

* Estimates are statistically different between All Small Firms and All Large Firms (p<.05).

Average Annual Worker Contributions for Covered Workers with Family Coverage, by Firm Size, 1999-2012

* Estimate is statistically different from estimate for the previous year shown (p<.05).

Average Worker and Employer Premium Contributions For Covered Workers at Higher- and Lower-Wage Firms, 2012

*Estimate for many workers are lower-wage is statistically different from estimate for many workers are higher-wage, within coverage type (p<.05).

NOTE: Firms with many lower-wage workers are ones where 35% or more of employees earn $24,000 or less. Firms with many higher-wage workers are ones where 35% or more of employees earn $55,000 or more. Wage cutoffs are the inflation adjusted 25th and 75th percentile of national wages according to the National Compensation Survey: Occupational Earnings in the United States, 2010. 1% of covered workers are in firms which are both high income and low income, excluding these firms does not change the estimates or significance testing.

Eligibility, Take-Up Rate, and Coverage in Firms Offering Health Benefits, by Firm Wage Level, 2012

Percentage of Workers Covered by Their Employers’ Health Benefits*

Many Workers are Higher-Wage: 69%
Many Workers are Lower-Wage: 47%

Percentage of Eligible Workers Who Participate in Their Employers’ Plan (Take-Up Rate)*

Many Workers are Higher-Wage: 84%
Many Workers are Lower-Wage: 71%

Percentage of Workers Eligible For Health Benefits Offered By Their Employer*

Many Workers are Higher-Wage: 82%
Many Workers are Lower-Wage: 66%

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Percentage of Covered Workers Enrolled in a Plan with a General Annual Deductible of $1,000 or More for Single Coverage, by Firm Wage Level, 2012

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Grandfathering under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), 2011 and 2012

- Estimate is statistically different between 2011 and 2012 (p<.05).

Number of Adult Children Who Enrolled in a Parent’s Health Plan Because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), In Millions, by Firm Size, 2011 and 2012

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<td>All Small Firms</td>
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NOTE: In 2011 firms who did not know if they enrolled adult children due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) were not imputed. If a similar approach had been followed in 2012, an estimated 2.8 million children would have enrolled on a parent's health plan due to the Affordable Care Act. Using either approach the 2012 estimate is a significant increase over 2011. In 2012, 5% of firms offering family coverage did not know whether they enrolled adult dependents due to the ACA, more than the 1% in 2011. In 2012, 68% of workers covered by employer health benefits were employed at large firms.

Percentage of All Firms Offering Health Benefits, 1999-2012

*Estimate is statistically different from estimate for the previous year shown (p<.05).

NOTE: Estimates presented in this exhibit are based on the sample of both firms that completed the entire survey and those that answered just one question about whether they offer health benefits. The percentage of firms offering health benefits is largely driven by small firms. The large increase in 2010 was primarily driven by a 12 percentage point increase in offering among firms with 3 to 9 workers. In 2011, 48% of firms with 3 to 9 employees offer health benefits, a level more consistent with levels from recent years other than 2010. The overall 2011 offer rate is consistent with the long term trend, indicating that the high 2010 offer rate may be an aberration.

### Distribution of Health Plan Enrollment for Covered Workers, by Plan Type, 1988-2012

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**NOTE:** Information was not obtained for POS plans in 1988. A portion of the change in plan type enrollment for 2005 is likely attributable to incorporating more recent Census Bureau estimates of the number of state and local government workers and removing federal workers from the weights. See the Survey Design and Methods section from the 2005 Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits for additional information.

Among Firms Offering Health Benefits, Percentage That Offer an HDHP/SO, 2005-2012

NOTE: Tests found no statistical difference from the previous year shown (p<.05). The 2012 estimate includes 0.6% of all firms offering health benefits that offer both an HDHP/HRA and an HSA-qualified HDHP. The comparable percentages for previous years are: 2005 [0.3%], 2006 [0.4%], 2007 [0.2%], 2008 [0.3%], 2009 [<0.1%], 2010 [0.3%], and 2011[1.8%].

Percentage of Covered Workers Enrolled in a Plan with a General Annual Deductible of $1,000 or More for Single Coverage, By Firm Size, 2006-2012

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NOTE: These estimates include workers enrolled in HDHP/SO and other plan types. Because we do not collect information on the attributes of conventional plans, to be conservative, we assumed that workers in conventional plans do not have a deductible of $1,000 or more. Because of the low enrollment in conventional plans, the impact of this assumption is minimal. Average general annual health plan deductibles for PPOs, POS plans, and HDHP/SOs are for in-network services.

Among All Large Firms (200 or More Workers) Offering Health Benefits to Active Workers, Percentage of Firms Offering Retiree Health Benefits, 1988-2012

NOTE: Tests found no statistical difference from estimate for the previous year shown (p<.05). No statistical tests are conducted for years prior to 1999.

Percentage of Covered Workers in Partially or Completely Self-Funded Plans, 1999-2012

NOTE: Tests found no statistical difference from estimate for the previous year shown (p<.05).

Among Firms Offering and Not Offering Health Benefits, Percentage of Firms Offering Flexible Spending Accounts and Pre-Tax Employee Premium Contributions, By Firm Size, 2012

* Estimate is statistically different between All Small Firms and All Large Firms within category (p<.05).

NOTE: Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code permits employees to pay for health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars. Section 125 also allows the establishment of flexible spending accounts (FSAs). An FSA allows employees to set aside funds on a pre-tax basis to pay for medical expenses not covered by health insurance. Typically, employees decide at the beginning of the year how much to set aside in an FSA, and their employer deducts that amount from the employee’s paycheck over the year. Funds set aside in an FSA must be used by the end of the year or are forfeited by the employee. FSAs are different from HRAs and HSAs. Nineteen percent of firms responded “not applicable” when asked if they allow the establishment of a section 125 plan. For example, some firms may pay for 100 percent of the cost of coverage.

Among Firms Offering Health Benefits, Percentage of Firms Offering a Wellness Program and Asking Employees to Complete a Health Risk Assessment, By Firm Size, 2012

* Estimate is statistically different between All Small Firms and All Large Firms within category (p<.05).

NOTE: A health risk assessment includes questions about medical history, health status, and lifestyle and is designed to identify the health risks of the person being assessed.

‡ Among firms offering employees the option to complete a health risk assessment. The estimate for small firms is not reported because of the high standard error associated with this estimate. Although 19 percent of small firms that ask their employees to complete a health risk assessment reported that they offer a financial incentive, the relative standard error is 0.36, which indicates considerable uncertainty. The difference between large and small firms is statistically significant at the 0.05 confidence level.

~ Includes the following wellness programs: weight loss programs, biometric screenings, gym membership discounts or on-site exercise facilities, smoking cessation program, lifestyle or behavioral coaching, classes in nutrition or healthy living, web-based resources for healthy living, or a wellness newsletter.

^Among Firms Offering Health and Wellness Benefits. Any financial incentive indicates firms that offer employees who participate in wellness programs one of the following incentives: smaller premium contributions, smaller deductibles, higher HRA or HSA contributions, or gift cards, travel, merchandise, or cash.
