Table I.A.2.f(2003) Percent of private-sector establishments that offer health insurance that required a waiting period before new employees were eligible for health insurance by firm size and selected characteristics: United States, 2003

| Characteristics | Total | Less than 10 employees | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 10-24 } \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 25-99 } \\ \text { employees } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 100-999 } \\ \text { employees } \end{gathered}$ | 1000 or more employees | Less than 50 employees | 50 or more employees |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States | 74.8\% | 57.5\% | 83.7\% | 86.6\% | 90.6\% | 82.3\% | 67.0\% | 85.6\% |
| Industry group ** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agric., fish., forest. | 49.9\% | 36.8\% | 64.4\% | 95.1\% | 94.3\% | 89.3\% | 44.6\% | 94.2\% |
| Mining and manufacturing | 83.7\% | 68.2\% | 92.7\% | 93.1\% | 94.8\% | 81.0\% | 80.1\% | 89.5\% |
| Construction | 73.5\% | 63.5\% | 81.7\% | 91.3\% | 95.3\% | 95.3\% | 71.5\% | 89.8\% |
| Utilities and transp. | 75.2\% | 66.0\% | 93.3\% | 97.9\% | 78.7\% | 67.0\% | 77.1\% | 73.5\% |
| Wholesale trade | 75.3\% | 60.8\% | 90.9\% | 89.0\% | 91.6\% | 69.6\% | 72.7\% | 79.7\% |
| Fin. svs. and real estate | 75.8\% | 61.7\% | 87.3\% | 91.2\% | 87.4\% | 76.3\% | 68.9\% | 80.6\% |
| Retail trade | 84.4\% | 58.6\% | 85.4\% | 92.8\% | 99.3\% | 92.3\% | 70.3\% | 93.7\% |
| Professional services | 70.0\% | 56.5\% | 82.3\% | 80.3\% | 88.3\% | 75.5\% | 64.0\% | 81.9\% |
| Other services | 71.3\% | 51.1\% | 78.1\% | 80.4\% | 89.3\% | 84.6\% | 61.2\% | 86.1\% |
| Ownership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| For profit, incorporated | 77.8\% | 60.3\% | 86.2\% | 88.7\% | 92.0\% | 82.9\% | 70.8\% | 86.1\% |
| For profit, unincorporated | 69.3\% | 56.8\% | 86.5\% | 85.2\% | 93.7\% | 82.7\% | 63.2\% | 87.2\% |
| Nonprofit | 70.0\% | 48.9\% | 66.5\% | 79.6\% | 87.7\% | 76.5\% | 56.8\% | 85.1\% |
| Unknown | 53.1\% | 41.1\% | 57.7\% | 66.4\% | 68.9\% | 72.0\% | 46.2\% | 69.8\% |
| Age of firm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 5 years | 67.5\% | 60.4\% | 77.1\% | 89.2\% | 84.0\% | 82.7\% | 64.3\% | 86.2\% |
| 5-9 years | 68.4\% | 56.4\% | 83.7\% | 83.0\% | 90.7\% | 90.0\% | 64.1\% | 88.1\% |
| 10-19 years | 71.2\% | 57.7\% | 84.8\% | 88.3\% | 90.0\% | 86.8\% | 66.9\% | 89.8\% |
| 20 or more years | 77.1\% | 56.8\% | 83.9\% | 86.3\% | 91.7\% | 83.2\% | 68.7\% | 87.2\% |
| Unknown | 81.3\% | 84.1\% | 100.0\% * | 93.7\% | 86.0\% | 80.9\% | 96.2\% | 81.3\% |
| Multi/single status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 or more locations | 85.1\% | 69.9\% | 86.1\% | 87.8\% | 90.9\% | 82.3\% | 83.4\% | 85.3\% |
| 1 location only | 67.2\% | 57.3\% | 83.3\% | 85.7\% | 88.3\% | 85.3\% | 65.7\% | 88.8\% |
| Percent full-time employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 25\% | 70.2\% | 37.8\% | 63.7\% | 69.7\% | 81.8\% | 94.8\% | 48.2\% | 88.4\% |
| 25-49 \% | 79.3\% | 48.0\% | 79.8\% | 86.1\% | 98.5\% | 91.8\% | 62.9\% | 93.2\% |
| 50-74 \% | 73.5\% | 52.6\% | 79.8\% | 86.0\% | 94.1\% | 89.3\% | 61.7\% | 90.8\% |
| 75\% or more | 74.9\% | 60.1\% | 85.8\% | 87.9\% | 90.2\% | 78.0\% | 69.4\% | 83.1\% |
| Union presence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No union employees | 74.8\% | 57.9\% | 84.6\% | 86.6\% | 90.9\% | 85.6\% | 67.4\% | 88.2\% |
| Has union employees | 72.8\% | 46.5\% | 67.4\% | 86.7\% | 87.3\% | 75.9\% | 58.6\% | 78.4\% |
| Unknown | 77.2\% | 51.3\% | 74.0\% | 86.7\% | 87.0\% | 78.3\% | 63.2\% | 78.6\% |
| Percent low wage employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $50 \%$ or more low wage | 75.6\% | 46.4\% | 82.3\% | 87.4\% | 95.2\% | 91.2\% | 61.2\% | 92.8\% |
| Less than 50\% low wage | 73.5\% | 59.9\% | 84.4\% | 86.5\% | 88.8\% | 81.7\% | 68.6\% | 86.4\% |
| Unknown | 78.7\% | 54.2\% | 70.6\% | 82.6\% | 87.3\% | 80.4\% | 59.6\% | 80.9\% |

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends. 2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component.
Note: Definitions and descriptions of the methods used for this survey can be found in the Technical Appendix.

* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.
** Definitions of industry groups and low-wage employees changed in 2000. These data are not comparable to IC data prior to 2000 See Technical Appendix.

Table I.A.2.f(2003) Standard error for percent of private-sector establishments that offer health insurance that required a waiting period before new employees were eligible for health insurance by firm size and selected characteristics: United States, 2003

| Characteristics | Total | Less than 10 employees | $\begin{gathered} 10-24 \\ \text { employees } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 25-99 } \\ \text { employees } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 100-999 } \\ \text { employees } \end{gathered}$ | 1000 or more employees | Less than 50 employees | 50 or more employees |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| United States | 0.40\% | 0.89\% | 0.98\% | 0.76\% | 0.86\% | 1.30\% | 0.54\% | 0.78\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry group ** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agric., fish., forest. | 4.42\% | 5.98\% | 5.90\% | 4.11\% | 19.39\% | 11.83\% | 4.21\% | 3.04\% |
| Mining and manufacturing | 1.25\% | 3.48\% | 2.60\% | 1.76\% | 1.64\% | 2.62\% | 1.84\% | 1.46\% |
| Construction | 2.12\% | 3.33\% | 5.10\% | 3.71\% | 2.60\% | 2.97\% | 2.31\% | 3.42\% |
| Utilities and transp. | 2.54\% | 5.61\% | 3.13\% | 1.64\% | 8.44\% | 7.47\% | 2.90\% | 4.58\% |
| Wholesale trade | 1.65\% | 4.43\% | 2.46\% | 2.54\% | 3.34\% | 6.03\% | 3.32\% | 4.08\% |
| Fin. svs. and real estate | 2.05\% | 3.50\% | 2.83\% | 2.81\% | 3.94\% | 4.68\% | 2.98\% | 3.29\% |
| Retail trade | 1.05\% | 1.73\% | 3.67\% | 2.57\% | 0.37\% | 2.40\% | 1.78\% | 1.66\% |
| Professional services | 1.79\% | 1.86\% | 2.35\% | 3.40\% | 2.02\% | 3.08\% | 1.99\% | 1.82\% |
| Other services | 1.14\% | 2.48\% | 2.72\% | 1.92\% | 2.33\% | 2.38\% | 1.67\% | 1.29\% |
| Ownership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| For profit, incorporated | 0.45\% | 0.99\% | 1.29\% | 0.99\% | 0.82\% | 1.37\% | 0.47\% | 1.00\% |
| For profit, unincorporated | 1.24\% | 1.30\% | 2.75\% | 1.60\% | 2.79\% | 6.60\% | 1.10\% | 2.51\% |
| Nonprofit | 1.26\% | 3.30\% | 6.33\% | 3.50\% | 2.59\% | 5.30\% | 2.02\% | 1.43\% |
| Unknown | 2.43\% | 3.21\% | 5.32\% | 6.15\% | 9.50\% | 7.98\% | 3.22\% | 6.06\% |
| Age of firm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 5 years | 1.48\% | 2.08\% | 4.32\% | 2.84\% | 5.55\% | 6.98\% | 2.07\% | 3.92\% |
| 5-9 years | 1.33\% | 2.38\% | 2.84\% | 3.42\% | 3.34\% | 6.15\% | 1.81\% | 3.13\% |
| 10-19 years | 0.87\% | 0.88\% | 1.58\% | 1.36\% | 4.15\% | 3.68\% | 0.92\% | 2.32\% |
| 20 or more years | 0.53\% | 1.66\% | 1.23\% | 1.18\% | 1.20\% | 1.69\% | 1.07\% | 1.02\% |
| Unknown | 1.80\% | 25.18\% | 31.62\% * | 14.25\% | 5.11\% | 2.12\% | 21.26\% | 1.82\% |


| Multi/single status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 or more locations | 0.76\% | 7.27\% | 3.64\% | 1.98\% | 0.87\% | 1.31\% | 1.91\% | 0.83\% |
| 1 location only | 0.50\% | 0.93\% | 1.11\% | 0.80\% | 1.87\% | 3.24\% | 0.54\% | 1.00\% |
| Percent full-time employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 25\% | 1.77\% | 3.91\% | 3.50\% | 5.99\% | 6.11\% | 3.80\% | 3.15\% | 2.71\% |
| 25-49 \% | 1.48\% | 2.81\% | 3.46\% | 2.55\% | 0.83\% | 2.68\% | 1.58\% | 1.73\% |
| 50-74 \% | 1.37\% | 2.35\% | 2.08\% | 2.24\% | 2.01\% | 2.33\% | 1.79\% | 1.61\% |
| 75\% or more | 0.61\% | 0.88\% | 1.28\% | 1.01\% | 1.17\% | 1.85\% | 0.69\% | 1.19\% |
| Union presence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No union employees | 0.39\% | 0.98\% | 1.01\% | 0.71\% | 1.02\% | 1.07\% | 0.56\% | 0.50\% |
| Has union employees | 1.91\% | 6.37\% | 6.13\% | 4.41\% | 4.67\% | 2.73\% | 3.03\% | 2.18\% |
| Unknown | 3.04\% | 5.94\% | 11.27\% | 12.25\% | 7.47\% | 3.29\% | 5.59\% | 3.36\% |
| Percent low wage employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $50 \%$ or more low wage | 1.26\% | 2.73\% | 1.85\% | 1.80\% | 1.33\% | 2.98\% | 1.85\% | 1.35\% |
| Less than 50\% low wage | 0.58\% | 0.92\% | 1.47\% | 0.83\% | 1.46\% | 2.34\% | 0.69\% | 0.87\% |
| Unknown | 1.44\% | 4.06\% | 5.76\% | 7.62\% | 4.17\% | 1.80\% | 4.01\% | 1.46\% |

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[^0]:    Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends. 2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component.
    Note: Definitions and descriptions of the methods used for this survey can be found in the Technical Appendix.

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