

Table V.A.2.g(2003) Average length of waiting period (in weeks) before new employees were eligible for health insurance at private-sector establishments that offer health insurance by industry groupings and State: United States, 2003**

Division and State	Total	Agri, fish., forestry and construction	Mining and manufacturing	Retail, other services and unknown	Professional services	All other
United States	8.1	8.9	8.7	9.5	6.3	7.2
New England:						
Connecticut	7.9	8.5	9.1	8.6	6.3	7.6
Maine	8.9	8.0	7.5	11.5	7.0	7.7
Massachusetts	4.9	3.0 *	4.2	6.2	2.9	6.9
New Hampshire	7.1	10.8	9.3	8.9	4.0 *	6.5
Rhode Island	7.0	7.3 *	10.6	8.5	3.6	7.1
Vermont	8.5	14.1	7.7	8.9	6.5	7.9
Middle Atlantic:						
New Jersey	8.8	10.9	9.8	9.8	6.4	8.4
New York	7.0	8.5	11.3	8.3	5.3	5.9
Pennsylvania	6.9	7.6	5.7	8.1	5.9	6.3
East North Central:						
Illinois	7.4	8.4	9.7	8.9	5.4	5.8
Indiana	8.4	9.3	10.8	10.2	5.4	6.5
Michigan	6.9	5.9	9.3	7.7	6.3	5.8
Ohio	7.2	9.4	8.3	7.5	6.7 *	6.3
Wisconsin	6.9	6.1	7.4	7.3	6.4	7.0
West North Central:						
Iowa	6.6	5.3 *	10.6	8.1	5.1	4.8
Kansas	8.7	9.7	8.6	11.6	4.8	6.0
Minnesota	7.0	4.2	9.8	9.6	5.1	5.0
Missouri	8.1	8.5	8.2	9.7	6.5	6.8
Nebraska	7.8	7.6	7.6	9.0	5.4	7.9
North Dakota	7.0	6.0	7.3	8.3	6.5	6.1
South Dakota	8.1	10.6	8.1	8.1	8.0	6.7
South Atlantic:						
Delaware	8.1	14.9	7.9	9.3	7.1	5.3
District of Columbia	5.2	2.4 *	.	7.9	3.2	5.5 *
Florida	9.4	11.1	7.6	11.6	7.2	8.0
Georgia	7.9	11.9	9.8	8.6	6.6	6.5
Maryland	8.7	11.1	11.8	10.0	6.4	7.4
North Carolina	8.1	5.0	7.2	9.8	7.0	8.0

South Carolina	9.4	12.2	10.4	10.0	10.0	6.4
Virginia	8.8	9.4	7.8	11.2	5.6	7.2
West Virginia	8.1	6.0 *	7.8	9.4	6.4	8.5
East South Central:						
Alabama	8.1	9.9	7.1	8.9	6.7	7.5
Kentucky	8.3	12.8	9.0	9.4	7.1	6.2
Mississippi	9.5	12.2	10.1	11.3	7.6	7.7
Tennessee	8.6	9.3	5.8	9.5	7.7	8.3
West South Central:						
Arkansas	10.5	10.9	10.1	11.1	11.4	8.5
Louisiana	9.6	6.5	7.7	11.3	10.0	8.1
Oklahoma	8.8	9.2	10.9	10.2	6.6	8.0
Texas	8.3	7.2	7.3	10.8	6.1	7.4
Mountain:						
Arizona	10.0	12.0	8.6	11.5	7.3	9.1
Colorado	8.1	13.4	14.5	8.5	6.9	5.3
Idaho	11.7	19.8	12.3	12.9	8.5	8.4
Montana	8.8	3.1 *	16.0	11.1	10.8	8.2
Nevada	10.0	10.9	11.3	10.1	8.2	11.1
New Mexico	8.2	11.1	8.7	9.6	5.1	7.8
Utah	8.6	7.9	11.1	11.2	6.1	6.7
Wyoming	7.4	7.6	9.6	7.3	6.1	7.8
Pacific:						
Alaska	9.1	11.8	9.2	9.7	8.0	8.5
California	9.0	10.9	10.2	10.2	6.9	8.9
Hawaii	4.6	2.4 *	4.6	6.1	2.7	4.5
Oregon	8.5	10.0	9.3	9.0	7.1	8.2
Washington	9.8	11.8	8.7	12.5	7.1	8.2

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Table V.A.2.g(2003) Standard error for average length of waiting period (in weeks) before new employees were eligible for health insurance at private-sector establishments that offer health insurance by industry groupings and State: United States, 2003**

Division and State	Total	Agri, fish., forestry and construction	Mining and manufacturing	Retail, other services and unknown	Professional services	All other
United States	0.06	0.27	0.34	0.19	0.14	0.26
New England:						
Connecticut	0.74	1.78	1.13	0.81	0.67	1.49
Maine	0.83	2.31	1.58	1.78	0.80	1.25
Massachusetts	0.45	1.92 *	1.08	0.97	0.64	1.82
New Hampshire	0.72	1.91	1.57	0.82	1.45 *	1.12
Rhode Island	0.40	2.36 *	1.18	0.96	0.61	1.28
Vermont	0.66	2.56	0.94	0.84	1.01	1.40
Middle Atlantic:						
New Jersey	0.77	1.89	2.51	1.83	0.60	1.69
New York	0.47	1.54	2.46	0.77	0.54	0.66
Pennsylvania	0.42	1.66	0.98	1.08	0.53	0.58
East North Central:						
Illinois	0.53	1.70	1.33	1.21	0.48	0.74
Indiana	0.45	1.59	1.89	0.87	0.86	1.16
Michigan	0.26	1.30	0.99	0.49	1.35	1.03
Ohio	0.41	1.95	1.21	0.77	2.19 *	1.26
Wisconsin	0.48	1.56	1.41	0.64	1.20	1.58
West North Central:						
Iowa	0.64	1.61 *	1.99	1.26	0.75	0.81
Kansas	0.90	2.60	1.22	1.81	0.99	0.83
Minnesota	0.30	0.80	1.87	1.30	0.70	0.95
Missouri	0.58	2.37	1.86	1.03	0.69	1.40
Nebraska	0.58	1.30	1.16	1.23	1.54	1.60
North Dakota	0.45	1.34	1.83	1.03	0.99	0.60
South Dakota	0.46	2.91	1.58	0.78	1.00	0.97
South Atlantic:						
Delaware	0.56	2.63	1.98	1.11	1.47	1.21
District of Columbia	0.52	0.97 *	.	1.26	0.59	1.83 *
Florida	0.51	2.17	1.53	1.04	0.57	0.93
Georgia	0.71	3.00	2.46	1.08	0.67	1.36
Maryland	0.43	1.71	2.08	0.85	1.04	1.39

North Carolina	0.73	0.88	0.46	1.34	1.12	0.89
South Carolina	0.46	2.71	1.28	1.05	1.86	0.85
Virginia	0.65	1.35	0.47	1.08	0.63	0.77
West Virginia	0.50	2.54 *	0.88	0.93	0.91	2.13
East South Central:						
Alabama	0.75	2.45	0.76	1.19	1.66	1.27
Kentucky	0.71	2.72	1.20	0.67	1.07	1.48
Mississippi	0.73	3.34	1.43	1.23	1.58	1.29
Tennessee	0.43	2.35	0.97	1.38	0.84	1.45
West South Central:						
Arkansas	0.97	1.80	1.18	1.41	1.99	0.94
Louisiana	0.83	0.94	1.99	1.34	1.16	1.56
Oklahoma	0.58	2.18	1.88	1.62	1.00	1.10
Texas	0.28	0.71	0.85	0.52	0.28	0.63
Mountain:						
Arizona	0.66	1.47	1.98	0.88	0.83	1.04
Colorado	0.67	2.47	2.45	1.43	0.82	0.96
Idaho	0.98	2.23	1.21	1.91	1.21	1.16
Montana	0.96	3.35 *	2.99	1.18	1.82	1.74
Nevada	0.35	1.89	2.45	0.69	0.87	1.91
New Mexico	0.83	1.29	1.54	1.30	0.86	1.39
Utah	0.54	1.20	1.25	1.12	0.82	0.64
Wyoming	0.39	2.19	2.49	1.10	0.94	1.33
Pacific:						
Alaska	0.45	2.48	1.23	1.06	0.89	1.50
California	0.29	0.89	1.44	0.76	0.55	1.09
Hawaii	0.40	0.86 *	1.27	0.61	0.72	0.70
Oregon	0.48	1.74	1.15	0.75	1.05	1.12
Washington	0.89	1.87	1.95	0.78	1.66	1.50

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