

Medical Expenditure Panel Survey - Insurance Component
HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY
Government Unit Questionnaire

Section C - RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSAs (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws. See the definition sheet included with this package for an explanation of these terms.

1. Does your government unit or some other government unit provide health insurance coverage to any person who retired from your government unit in 2011 OR BEFORE, or to any of their survivors?

If PHSAs (COBRA) was the only coverage offered mark "No".

551 Yes - This government unit - Continue with Question 2

4 Yes - Another government unit →

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Enter name of other government unit
Continue with Question 2 if information is available. Otherwise SKIP to Page 3, Section D.

551 No

3 Don't know } **SKIP to Page 3, Section D**

2. In a typical month, how many retirees were enrolled in health insurance through your government unit?

513 **Number of retirees enrolled**

UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSAs (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws.

If this was a self-insured plan, report the premium equivalent.

3a. Were any of the enrolled retirees, reported in Question 2, under 65 years of age?

628 Yes - Continue with Question 3b

2 No - **SKIP to Page 2, Question 4a**

b. In a typical month, how many retirees under 65 years of age were enrolled in health insurance through your government unit?

572 **Number of retirees under 65 enrolled in health insurance**

c. What percentage of those retirees were ENROLLED in SINGLE coverage?

573 % **Retirees under 65 enrolled in single coverage**

d. For a typical plan in 2011, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?

574 \$ **Government unit contribution for single premium**

e. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?

575 \$ **Total single premium**

f. For a typical plan in 2011, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?

576 \$ **Government unit contribution for family premium**

For retirees, if premium varied by family size, report for a family of two.

g. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?

577 \$ **Total family premium**

h. Did a typical plan provide coverage for outpatient prescription drugs for retirees under 65 years of age?

724 Yes No Don't know

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AGE 65 YEARS OR OVER

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSAs (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws.

629 1 Yes - Continue with Question 4b

4a. Were any of the enrolled retirees, reported in Question 2, 65 years of age or over?

2 No - **SKIP to Question 5a**

b. In a typical month, how many retirees 65 years of age or over were enrolled in health insurance through your government unit?

578 Number of retirees 65 years or over enrolled in health insurance

c. What percentage of these retirees were ENROLLED in SINGLE coverage?

579 % Retirees 65 years or over **enrolled in single** coverage

d. For a typical plan in 2011, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?

580 \$.00 **Government unit contribution for single premium**

e. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?

581 \$.00 **Total single premium**

f. For a typical plan in 2011, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?

582 \$.00 **Government unit contribution for family premium**

For retirees, if premium varied by family size, report for a family of two.

g. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?

583 \$.00 **Total family premium**

h. Did a typical plan provide coverage for outpatient prescription drugs for retirees 65 years of age or over?

725 1 Yes 2 No 3 Don't know

NEW RETIREES

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSAs (COBRA) or state continuation-of-benefits laws.

For Questions 5a through 5c, NEW RETIREES refers only to persons who retired from your government unit in 2011.

5a. Did your government unit offer health insurance to any NEW RETIREES?

630 1 Yes - Continue with Question 5b

2 No

3 Don't know

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b. Were NEW RETIREES under 65 years of age eligible for health insurance?

631 1 Yes

2 No

3 Don't know

c. Were NEW RETIREES 65 years of age or over eligible for health insurance?

632 1 Yes

2 No

3 Don't know

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Section D - HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

1a. Which of the listed optional coverage services, if any, did your government unit offer to its ACTIVE employees in 2011 at a premium SEPARATE from the comprehensive health plan premium?

*Report single service insurance plans only.
Do not include single services covered under a comprehensive health plan.*

Long-term care insurance helps to cover the cost of institutional and home care required by the chronically ill or disabled.

Mark (X) all that apply.

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| 192 <input type="checkbox"/> Dental
193 <input type="checkbox"/> Vision
194 <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs
195 <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care
562 <input type="checkbox"/> No optional coverage - SKIP to Question 2a | } | Continue with Question 1b |
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b. What was the total amount paid for optional coverage for all ACTIVE employees at THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT during a typical month in 2011?

720 Monthly optional coverage cost

2a. For 2011, did your government unit impose a waiting period before new employees could be covered by health insurance?

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- 1 Yes - Continue with Question 2b
- 2 No - **SKIP to Section E**

b. For 2011, what was the typical waiting period?

Mark (X) only one.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 weeks | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 months |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 weeks to less than 1 month | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 months |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Until the first day of the next month | |

Section E - EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Estimates are acceptable for all employment, eligibility, and enrollment figures.

Include part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees.

Exclude leased or contract workers and retirees.

1a. How many ACTIVE employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit for a typical pay period in 2011?

201 Eligible employees

b. How many of these ACTIVE employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?

202 Enrolled employees

2a. For the same typical pay period in 2011, did your government unit have any part-time employees?

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- 1 Yes - Continue with Question 2b
- 2 No
- 3 Don't know
- SKIP to Question 3**

b. How many of these part-time employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit?

204 Eligible part-time employees

c. How many of these part-time employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?

205 Enrolled part-time employees

3. Did your government unit offer health insurance to its temporary or seasonal employees in 2011?

Mark (X) only one.

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- | | |
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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> No temporary or seasonal employees |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

4. If your government unit offered health insurance, what is the minimum number of hours per week that an employee must work in order to be eligible for health insurance?

626 Minimum hours worked per week to be eligible

- 721 No minimum number of hours required

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Section F - FRINGE BENEFITS CHARACTERISTICS

1. Did your government unit offer the following fringe benefits to its employees in 2011?

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
050 Paid vacation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
051 Paid sick leave.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
052 Life insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
053 Disability insurance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
054 Retirement/pension plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Did your government unit offer any of these tax-advantaged benefits to its employees in 2011?

See the definition sheet included with this package for an explanation of these benefits.

These plans are also known as Section 125 Cafeteria Plans.

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
627 Employee contributions to health insurance made on a pre-tax basis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
056 Flexible SPENDING Accounts (FSA) for healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
057 Flexible Benefits Plans Full cafeteria plans that offer employees a set of benefits from which to choose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section G - EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

Provide information for a typical pay period in 2011.

Estimates are acceptable.

The following workforce characteristics are used to group similar government units together for analytical purposes.

If none, enter "0".

1. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were women?

016 % Women employees

2. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were 50 years old or older?

017 % Employees 50 years old or older

3. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were union members?

018 % Union members

4. For the employees at this government unit in 2011, approximately what percentage earned -

Less than \$11.50 per hour?
Approximately \$24,000 a year or less

022 % Earned less than \$11.50 per hour

Between \$11.50 and \$26.50 per hour?
Approximately \$24,000 to \$55,000 a year

023 % Earned between \$11.50 and \$26.50 per hour

More than \$26.50 per hour?
Approximately \$55,000 a year or more

024 % Earned more than \$26.50 per hour

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Section H - PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

212 Name (Please print)

213 Title (Please print)

Signature

214 Date (Month/Day/Year)

215 Telephone number

220 Extension

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