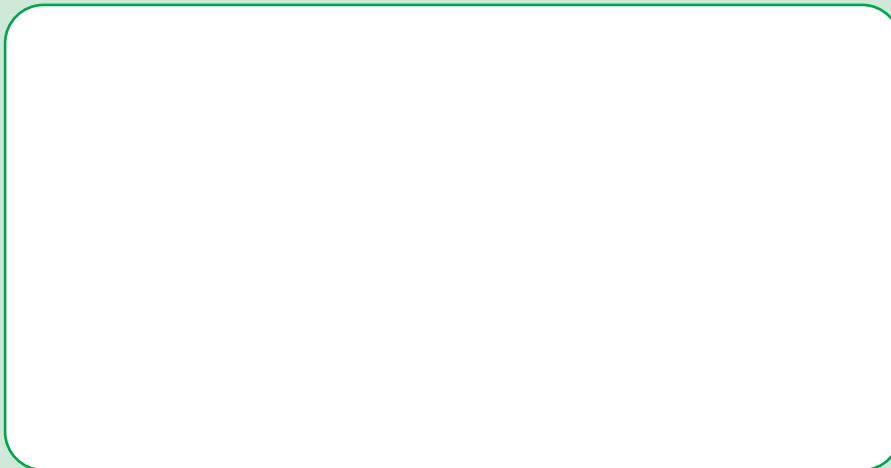


Medical Expenditure Panel Survey  
Insurance Component

# 2021 HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY



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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please report for the location identified on the cover sheet, unless otherwise specified.
2. Please report data for the year **2021**.
3. Estimates are acceptable.
4. For an explanation of unfamiliar terms, refer to the MEPS-20(D) Health Insurance Cost Study definition sheet included with this package.
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### NUMBER OF PLANS

Respond for **ACTIVE** employees only.

**1** In 2021, did your organization offer any health insurance plans to its **ACTIVE** employees at this location?

For this survey, a health insurance plan is defined as a plan where hospital and/or physician coverage is made available to employees.

- 001 1  Yes – Continue with **2**
- 2  No – **SKIP to 3**

**2** During the 2021 plan year, how many different health insurance plan choices did your organization offer to its **ACTIVE** employees at this location?

Do not count single service plans (optional plans) such as dental or vision.

- Single, employee-plus-one, and family coverage providing the same level of benefits from the same insurance company count as ONE plan.
- High and standard options count as TWO plans.
- An HMO and a PPO from the same insurance company count as TWO plans.

- 003  Health insurance plan choices at this location

### PRIOR YEAR OFFERING

**3** In 2020, did your organization offer any health insurance plans to its **ACTIVE** employees at this location?

- 741 1  Yes – Offered
- 2  No – Not offered
- 3  Don't know

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Continue with **4**

## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

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

For Questions 4 through 11b, if the answer is **NONE**, please enter "0".

**Include:**

- Corporate officers and managers
- Employees on the payroll for this location, including: those who work off-site.  
those who are leased or contracted TO other organizations.
- Full-time and part-time employees
- Owners
- Temporary and seasonal employees

**Exclude:**

- Former employees
- Workers leased or contracted FROM other organizations
- Retirees

**4** In 2021, what was the total number of employees your organization had at ALL locations for a typical pay period? 034  Employees at all locations

Complete Questions 5a through 22 for the location listed on the cover sheet.

**5** a. How many employees were on your organization's payroll AT THIS LOCATION for a typical pay period? 200  All employees at this location

If your organization did not offer health insurance in 2021, **SKIP** to **6a**.

**b.** How many of these employees were **ELIGIBLE** for at least one health plan through your organization? 201  Eligible employees

**c.** How many of these employees were **ENROLLED** in any health plan through your organization? 202  Enrolled employees

**6** a. For the same TYPICAL pay period, how many of the employees reported in Question 5a worked part-time? 203  Part-time employees

If your organization did not offer health insurance in 2021, **SKIP** to **7**.

**b.** How many of these part-time employees were **ELIGIBLE** for at least one health plan through your organization? 204  Eligible part-time employees

**c.** How many of these part-time employees were **ENROLLED** in any health plan through your organization? 205  Enrolled part-time employees

**7** How many of the employees reported in Question 5a worked fewer than 30 hours per week? 742  Employees worked fewer than 30 hours

743  No employees worked fewer than 30 hours.

**8** Is the information you provided in Questions 5 through 7 for the location listed on the cover sheet OR did you provide information for multiple locations? 550

1  Information for specified location

2  Information for multiple locations

If your organization did not offer health insurance in 2021, **SKIP** to **10a**.

**Continue with 9**

EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS - Continued

9 What was the minimum number of hours per week that an employee had to work in order to be eligible for health insurance?

626

Input boxes for 626

Minimum hours worked per week to be eligible

721

Input box for 721

No minimum number of hours required.

Provide information for a TYPICAL pay period in 2021. Estimates are acceptable.

10 a. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this location were union members?

018

Input boxes for 018

Union members

729

Input box for 729

No union members

b. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this location were women?

016

Input boxes for 016

Women employees

c. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this location were 50 years old or older?

017

Input boxes for 017

Employees 50 years old or older

d. For the employees at this location, approximately what percentage earned:

Less than \$13.50 per hour?

Approximately \$28,080 a year or less . . . . .

022

Input boxes for 022

Earned less than \$13.50 per hour

Between \$13.50 and \$32.00 per hour?

Approximately \$28,080 to \$66,560 a year . . . . .

023

Input boxes for 023

Earned between \$13.50 and \$32.00 per hour

More than \$32.00 per hour?

Approximately \$66,560 a year or more . . . . .

024

Input boxes for 024

Earned more than \$32.00 per hour

100%

e. For the employees at this location, approximately how many earned more than \$50.50 per hour?

Approximately \$105,040 a year or more

726

Input boxes for 726

Number of employees that earned more than \$50.50 per hour

11 a. For the employees at this location, what percentage telework on a regular basis?

For example, once a week, once a pay period, monthly, etc.

Estimates are acceptable. Include all position types.

796

Input boxes for 796

Teleworking employees

b. For the employees at this location, what percentage are able to do their jobs by teleworking if necessary?

Necessary - Due to pandemic, inclement weather or other circumstances that make it difficult or inadvisable to work in the office.

Estimates are acceptable. Include all position types.

797

Input boxes for 797

Employees able to do their jobs by teleworking

Continue with 12



## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS - Continued

- 12** In 2021, did your organization have a net change in the number of active employees in response to the Coronavirus pandemic or related economic conditions at this location?
- 798
- 1  Yes, net increase
  - 2  Yes, net decrease
  - 3  No net change in number of active employees
  - 4  Don't know

## FRINGE BENEFITS CHARACTERISTICS

- 13** Did your organization offer the following fringe benefits to its employees at this location?
- |   |     | Yes<br>(1)               | No<br>(2)                | Don't<br>know<br>(3)     |
|---|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>If Paid Time Off (PTO) is offered, mark (X) Yes for paid vacation AND paid sick leave.</i>   | 050 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | 051 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | 052 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | 053 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Critical illness insurance is a special form of insurance that pays the policyholder a lump-sum, tax-free payment if they suffer from serious illnesses, including but not limited to cancer, heart attack, kidney failure and stroke.</i> | 795 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | 054 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## TAX-ADVANTAGED BENEFITS

- 14** Did your organization offer any of these tax-advantaged benefits to its employees at this location?
- See the definition sheet MEPS-20(D) included with this package for an explanation of these benefits.*
- |  |     | Yes<br>(1)               | No<br>(2)                | Don't<br>know<br>(3)     |
|--|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 627 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | 056 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | 057 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- Full cafeteria plans that offer employees a set of benefits from which to choose.

**If your organization offered health insurance, continue with 15.**  
**If your organization DID NOT offer health insurance, SKIP to 22.**

**Continue with 15**



### HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES AND INSURANCE BROKERS

**15** Did your organization offer health insurance to active employees through a private exchange (also known as a corporate exchange)?

*A private exchange is created by a consulting company, insurance carrier, or other private organization and not by either a federal or state government. Private exchanges often allow employees to choose from several health insurance options offered on the exchange.*

- 765
- 1  Yes
  - 2  No
  - 3  Don't know

*If your organization has more than 100 employees at all locations, SKIP to 17a. Otherwise, continue with 16.*

**16** Did your organization use a third party, such as an insurance broker or agent, to help purchase the insurance plan(s)?

- 770
- 1  Yes
  - 2  No
  - 3  Don't know

### GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

**17 a.** Did your organization offer any of the listed optional coverage services at a premium SEPARATE from the comprehensive health plan to the active employees at this location?

*Report single service insurance plans only.*

*Do not include single services covered under a comprehensive health plan.*

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

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know (3)
192 Dental . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
193 Vision . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
194 Prescription drugs . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
195 Long-term care . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
562 <input type="checkbox"/> No optional coverage – SKIP to 18			

**b.** What was the total amount paid for optional coverage for all active employees during a TYPICAL MONTH at this location?

*Include both employer and employee contributions.*

720

\$  ,  ,  .00

Monthly total optional coverage cost

**18** Did your organization impose a waiting period before new employees could be covered by health insurance?

- 197
- 1  Yes
  - 2  No
  - 3  Don't know

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**GENERAL HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS - Continued**

**19** Did your organization provide any financial compensation or incentives to employees if they did not elect to receive health insurance coverage through your organization? 723

1  Yes

2  No

3  Don't know

**20** Were employees' SPOUSES eligible for health insurance coverage through your organization? 745

5  All spouses eligible, **HIGHER** employee contribution paid if spouse eligible through own employer.

6  All spouses eligible, **SAME** employee contribution.

7  All spouses eligible, don't know employee contribution.

2  Limited spouses eligible, only if not offered by own employer.

3  No spouses eligible.

4  Don't know

**21** Did your organization offer health insurance coverage to UNMARRIED domestic partners? Yes (1) No (2) Don't know (3)

730 Same sex domestic partners . . . . .

731 Opposite sex domestic partners . . . . .

**22** Did your organization offer an Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICHRA) or Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSEHRA)? 794

1  Yes, offered ICHRA

2  Yes, offered QSEHRA

3  No, did not offer either arrangement

4  Don't know

*ICHRA/QSEHRA are not traditional HRAs. If only a traditional HRA was offered, select 'No'.*

*See the definition sheet MEPS-20(D) included with this package for an explanation of these terms.*

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Continue with **23**



## RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Please complete Questions 23 through 25g for **ALL LOCATIONS**. If the answer is **NONE**, please enter "0".

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through COBRA or state continuation-of-benefits laws. See the definition sheet MEPS-20(D) included with this package for an explanation of these terms.

**23** Did your organization provide health insurance coverage to any person who retired in 2021 OR BEFORE, or to any of their survivors? 551

<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Continue with <b>24</b></p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	<p><b>SKIP to the bottom of page 10 to complete form.</b></p>
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*If COBRA was the only coverage offered, mark "No."*

**24** In a typical month, how many retirees were enrolled in health insurance through your organization at all locations? 513

Number of retirees enrolled

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

**25 a.** Were any of the enrolled retirees, reported in Question 24, under 65 years of age or age 65 or older?

UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE		AGE 65 OR OLDER
<p>628</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>	<p><b>SKIP to Age 65 or Older</b></p>	<p>629</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>

**b.** In a typical month, what was the TOTAL number of retirees, by age category, enrolled in health insurance through your organization at all locations?

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**c.** What percentage of these retirees, by age category, were ENROLLED in SINGLE coverage?

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**d.** For a typical plan, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute, by age category, toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?

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

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**f.** For a typical plan, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute, by age category, toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?

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*If premium varied by family size, report for a family of two.*

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

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# RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS Continued

## NEW RETIREES

For Questions 26a through 26c, NEW RETIREES refers only to persons who retired from your organization in 2021. Exclude any retirees that have coverage through COBRA or state continuation-of-benefits laws.

**26 a. Did your organization offer health insurance to any NEW RETIREES?**

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- 1  Yes – Continue with **26b**
- 2  No
- 3  Don't know

**SKIP to the bottom of this page to complete form.**

**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 age 65 or older eligible for health insurance?**

632

- 1  Yes
- 2  No
- 3  Don't know

500 Remarks

## PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Name (Please print)

212

Title (Please print)

213

Area code      Number      220      Extension

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Email

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### \*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*

**If your organization offered health insurance, please complete the attached MEPS-10(S), Plan Information Questionnaire, for each plan offered (up to four plans). If your organization DID NOT offer health insurance, you have completed the survey.**

**PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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