

Table VII.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 proportion of employees who are full-time or low-wage and State: United States, 2003

Division and State	Total	Percent Full-Time Employees			Percent Low-Wage Employees**		
		75% or more	50-74%	Less than 50%	50% or more	Less than 50%	Unknown
United States	8.1	7.7	8.9	9.6	9.3	7.6	8.6
New England:							
Connecticut	7.9	7.5	9.2	9.0	8.3	8.3	5.8 *
Maine	8.9	8.3	8.3	14.0	13.0	7.1	11.0
Massachusetts	4.9	3.6	6.7	7.5	9.1	4.5	3.9
New Hampshire	7.1	6.6	7.8	8.9	8.3	6.9	7.3
Rhode Island	7.0	6.6	7.4	8.4	9.4	6.2	8.4
Vermont	8.5	8.7	9.5	6.4	9.2	8.3	9.1
Middle Atlantic:							
New Jersey	8.8	8.8	10.6	7.4	7.7	8.5	11.1
New York	7.0	6.6	8.7	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.6
Pennsylvania	6.9	6.5	9.0	7.5	8.2	6.2	8.0
East North Central:							
Illinois	7.4	7.4	6.8	8.3	8.3	6.9	8.4
Indiana	8.4	8.0	9.4	9.7	10.0	7.7	9.1
Michigan	6.9	7.0	5.7	8.4	7.6	6.6	7.7
Ohio	7.2	6.9	7.7	8.6	8.2	7.1	6.7
Wisconsin	6.9	6.7	6.1	8.5	6.9	7.1	6.2
West North Central:							
Iowa	6.6	5.7	8.0	7.7	7.6	6.0	6.6
Kansas	8.7	7.7	10.6	11.3	11.7	7.8	7.3
Minnesota	7.0	5.7	8.0	10.4	7.2	6.8	7.4
Missouri	8.1	8.2	8.7	6.1	9.4	7.2	9.5
Nebraska	7.8	7.3	8.5	9.0	9.0	7.2	7.7
North Dakota	7.0	7.1	5.7	8.3	5.8	7.3	8.3
South Dakota	8.1	7.4	8.2	10.7	9.1	7.9	6.6
South Atlantic:							
Delaware	8.1	8.5	7.5	6.5	9.4	8.5	6.6
District of Columbia	5.2	4.4	8.4	8.2	9.5	4.6	5.6
Florida	9.4	9.1	10.3	11.2	11.2	8.8	9.5
Georgia	7.9	8.0	8.3	7.4	6.6	8.5	7.8
Maryland	8.7	7.7	10.4	13.3	9.6	8.2	9.6
North Carolina	8.1	7.4	8.9	12.0	9.4	7.6	8.2
South Carolina	9.4	8.3	11.5	12.2	10.1	9.0	9.1
Virginia	8.8	7.7	8.5	15.3	10.6	7.5	11.3
West Virginia	8.1	7.9	7.3	10.0	10.0	7.8	5.7

East South Central:

Alabama	8.1	7.7	8.0	10.5	7.9	8.3	7.4
Kentucky	8.3	7.8	9.9	9.9	11.1	7.4	7.3
Mississippi	9.5	9.2	13.3	9.1	8.9	9.9	9.7
Tennessee	8.6	8.4	7.8	10.4 *	8.9	8.2	9.3

West South Central:

Arkansas	10.5	9.6	12.7	13.0	10.9	8.6	13.9
Louisiana	9.6	8.1	16.8	14.0	12.2	7.9	10.8
Oklahoma	8.8	8.8	7.7 *	9.9	9.5	8.5	8.5
Texas	8.3	7.4	11.4	10.6	10.2	7.3	9.0

Mountain:

Arizona	10.0	9.5	10.6	11.9	9.5	9.5	11.9
Colorado	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.5 *	9.7	8.1	7.1
Idaho	11.7	9.4	11.3	17.9	15.3	11.0	10.5
Montana	8.8	7.6	11.5	13.0	9.0	8.2	11.9
Nevada	10.0	9.8	11.5	9.8	13.2	9.8	8.6
New Mexico	8.2	8.2	6.9	10.1	10.2	7.6	7.5
Utah	8.6	8.6	8.3	9.2 *	11.9	7.7	8.5
Wyoming	7.4	7.1	9.2 *	7.7	7.0	6.8	9.8

Pacific:

Alaska	9.1	9.2	8.5	9.0	12.1	9.0	7.5
California	9.0	8.6	10.1	10.4	11.2	8.4	9.8
Hawaii	4.6	4.5	5.3	4.9	5.2	4.1	6.3
Oregon	8.5	8.6	9.0 *	6.9	10.1	7.8	11.3
Washington	9.8	8.8	10.5	14.3	13.8	8.6	11.6

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends. 2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component.

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Table VII.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 proportion of employees who are full-time or low-wage and State: United States, 2003

Division and State	Total	Percent Full-Time Employees			Percent Low-Wage Employees**		
		75% or more	50-74%	Less than 50%	50% or more	Less than 50%	Unknown
United States	0.06	0.11	0.21	0.49	0.33	0.13	0.35
New England:							
Connecticut	0.74	0.65	2.13	2.41	1.06	0.61	2.37 *
Maine	0.83	0.89	1.99	2.26	2.14	0.89	2.11
Massachusetts	0.45	0.34	1.41	1.80	2.26	0.31	0.99
New Hampshire	0.72	0.76	1.18	1.36	1.48	0.87	1.43
Rhode Island	0.40	0.51	1.50	1.85	1.61	0.62	1.67
Vermont	0.66	0.64	2.41	1.36	1.71	0.83	1.28
Middle Atlantic:							
New Jersey	0.77	1.02	1.98	2.03	1.83	0.73	2.30
New York	0.47	0.52	1.29	1.26	0.93	0.47	1.29
Pennsylvania	0.42	0.43	2.48	1.18	0.93	0.65	2.02
East North Central:							
Illinois	0.53	0.61	1.09	1.50	1.31	0.52	1.41
Indiana	0.45	0.78	1.68	1.92	1.87	0.44	1.87
Michigan	0.26	0.45	0.93	1.50	1.11	0.31	2.07
Ohio	0.41	0.49	1.99	1.72	1.08	0.74	1.32
Wisconsin	0.48	0.46	1.21	1.54	1.50	0.66	1.13
West North Central:							
Iowa	0.64	0.75	1.70	1.68	1.00	0.60	1.51
Kansas	0.90	0.70	2.27	2.10	1.61	0.64	1.56
Minnesota	0.30	0.36	1.18	1.66	1.21	0.40	1.26
Missouri	0.58	0.78	1.38	1.36	0.86	0.73	1.57
Nebraska	0.58	0.51	1.32	2.17	1.38	0.78	1.66
North Dakota	0.45	0.51	1.18	1.66	0.62	0.51	1.20
South Dakota	0.46	0.64	1.19	1.41	0.82	0.95	1.22
South Atlantic:							
Delaware	0.56	0.66	0.96	1.55	2.10	0.85	1.38
District of Columbia	0.52	0.58	1.62	2.05	2.06	0.34	1.50
Florida	0.51	0.49	1.95	2.63	1.48	0.52	1.13
Georgia	0.71	0.78	1.58	2.23	1.00	0.77	1.37
Maryland	0.43	0.55	1.62	2.13	0.91	0.56	2.11
North Carolina	0.73	0.57	1.77	2.29	1.60	0.66	1.40
South Carolina	0.46	0.61	1.70	1.93	1.40	0.88	0.60
Virginia	0.65	0.45	1.43	2.66	1.61	0.45	1.94
West Virginia	0.50	0.69	2.08	1.53	1.06	0.92	0.78

East South Central:

Alabama	0.75	0.63	2.31	1.55	0.89	1.00	1.37
Kentucky	0.71	0.83	1.12	2.29	1.24	0.82	1.07
Mississippi	0.73	0.76	2.05	1.73	1.38	1.05	1.41
Tennessee	0.43	0.41	1.20	3.31 *	2.03	0.58	1.23

West South Central:

Arkansas	0.97	0.68	2.69	3.17	1.88	1.01	2.77
Louisiana	0.83	0.90	2.89	2.10	1.50	1.03	1.80
Oklahoma	0.58	0.64	2.60 *	1.99	1.48	0.86	1.38
Texas	0.28	0.33	1.66	1.40	1.28	0.47	0.81

Mountain:

Arizona	0.66	0.65	1.02	2.41	1.28	0.95	1.50
Colorado	0.67	0.78	1.16	2.86 *	2.37	0.80	0.56
Idaho	0.98	0.48	1.27	2.64	1.30	1.33	1.09
Montana	0.96	0.88	1.98	2.32	0.80	1.32	1.60
Nevada	0.35	0.46	2.56	2.07	2.31	0.40	1.05
New Mexico	0.83	0.95	0.91	2.81	1.35	0.61	1.82
Utah	0.54	0.77	1.22	2.79 *	1.63	0.66	1.21
Wyoming	0.39	0.54	2.75 *	1.41	0.71	0.83	2.12

Pacific:

Alaska	0.45	0.43	1.80	1.50	2.17	0.43	1.95
California	0.29	0.38	1.01	1.00	0.81	0.35	0.76
Hawaii	0.40	0.61	1.33	0.97	0.75	0.54	1.05
Oregon	0.48	0.62	2.74 *	1.36	1.13	0.71	1.90
Washington	0.89	0.55	2.64	2.32	2.24	0.56	2.15

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