

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 PHSA (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 2015 OR BEFORE, or to any of their survivors?

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

551 1 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 2 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

If number of retirees enrolled is "0", SKIP to Page 3, Section D.

UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSA (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 1 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 2015, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with SINGLE coverage?

574 \$.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?

575 \$.00 Total single premium

f. For a typical plan in 2015, how much did the GOVERNMENT UNIT contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?

576 \$.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?

577 \$.00 Total family premium

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AGE 65 YEARS OR OVER

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

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- 1 Yes - Continue with Question 4b
- 2 No - **SKIP to Question 5a**

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

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 2015, 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 2015, 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**

NEW RETIREES

Exclude any retirees that have coverage through PHSA (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 2015.

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?

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- 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 - 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 on your government unit's payroll for a TYPICAL pay period in 2015?

740

All employees

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

201

Eligible employees

c. 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 2015, how many employees reported in Question 1a worked part-time?

759

Part-time employees

If none, enter "0".

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. How many of the employees reported in Question 1a worked less than 30 hours per week?

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Employees worked less than 30 hours

743

No employees worked less than 30 hours

4. If your government unit offered health insurance, what was the minimum number of hours per week that an employee had to 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

Provide information for a typical pay period in 2015.

Estimates are acceptable.

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

5a. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were union members?

018

%

Union members

729

No union members

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

016

%

Women employees

If none, enter "0".

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5c. Approximately what percentage of the employees at this government unit were 50 years old or older?

If none, enter "0".

017 %

Employees 50 years old or older

d. For the employees at this government unit in 2015, approximately what percentage earned –

If none, enter "0".

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 \$28.00 per hour?
Approximately \$24,000 to \$58,000 a year

023 %

Earned between \$11.50 and \$28.00 per hour

More than \$28.00 per hour?
Approximately \$58,000 a year or more

024 %

Earned more than \$28.00 per hour

6. For the employees at this government unit in 2015, how many earned more than \$43.50 per hour?

Approximately \$90,000 a year or more

726

Number of employees that earned more than \$43.50 per hour

Section E – FRINGE BENEFITS CHARACTERISTICS

1. Did your government unit offer the following fringe benefits to its employees in 2015?

If Paid Time Off (PTO) is offered, Mark (X) Yes for paid vacation AND paid sick leave.

	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 2015?

See the definition sheet MEPS-20(D) 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"/>

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Section G - PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

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213 Title (Please print)

Signature

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