



Why Ohio Needs Health Reform: By the Numbers

Our broken health care system forces families and businesses to struggle with skyrocketing costs and puts millions of Americans at risk of losing the insurance they have now. Here is how our broken health care system affects people in Ohio.

- 390 residents of Ohio are losing health insurance every day, and 14,000 Americans nationwide lose insurance daily.
- The average family premium in Ohio costs \$1,000 more because our system fails to cover everyone—and \$1,100 more nationally.
- Our broken health insurance system will cost the Ohio economy as much as \$7.1 billion this year in productivity losses due to the uninsured—and up to \$248 billion nationally.
- In Ohio there has been a 14 percent increase in the uninsured rate since 2007.
- 1,500,000 are uninsured today in Ohio.
- In Ohio the combined market share of the top two insurers is 58 percent, limiting employers' and families' health insurance options as well as the care they receive.
- The average family premium will rise from \$12,672 to \$21,623 by 2019 in Ohio without health care reform.
- In Ohio, without health care reform, 184,730 will have lost coverage from January 2008 to December 2010.
- In Ohio, 616,000 people would gain coverage as a result of the House health care reform bill by 2013, and 991,000 would gain coverage by 2019.
- A typical Ohio family will pay \$21,623 for health coverage in 2019 without health care reform.

In their own words

I am an RN and I work for the State of Ohio in the Home Care Waiver Program. This program gives people waivers so they can get health care in their homes. Working in the program has let me see how our healthcare system works—and sometimes does not work—firsthand. It has also helped me navigate the complicated state Medicaid system when faced with health care a crisis in my own life. My grandson was diagnosed with a brain tumor when he was 15. When he was first diagnosed he had his father's insurance, but through my job I also knew about a program called the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps. We applied and received BCMH coverage, which also made him eligible for State Medicaid. Together this helped cover his first round of surgery. After his original surgery we lost the BCMH and Medicaid coverage, since then we have paid extraordinarily high co-pays for a yearly MRI.

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Additional national statistics

- 128,000 small business jobs and \$84 billion per year can be saved with health reform.
- At least 62.1 percent of bankruptcies in 2007 were medical bankruptcies.
- The typical household will pay \$15,000 for health care this year—and they'll pay \$18,000 next year.
- The typical household will be paying \$36,000 for health care by 2020.
- We can save \$600 billion by modernizing our health care system.
- Twenty-five million Americans are underinsured, meaning that out-of-pocket health care costs absorbed 10 percent or more of a family's income or 5 percent of an adult's income.
- Almost 52 million Americans are uninsured.
- Approximately 87 million people—one in three Americans—went without health insurance for some period during 2007 and 2008.