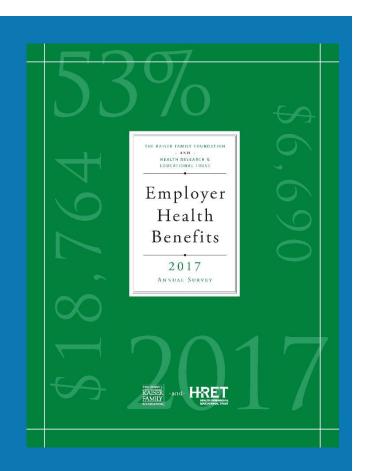


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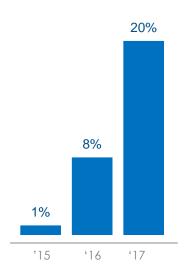
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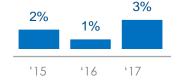
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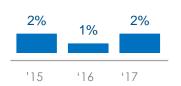
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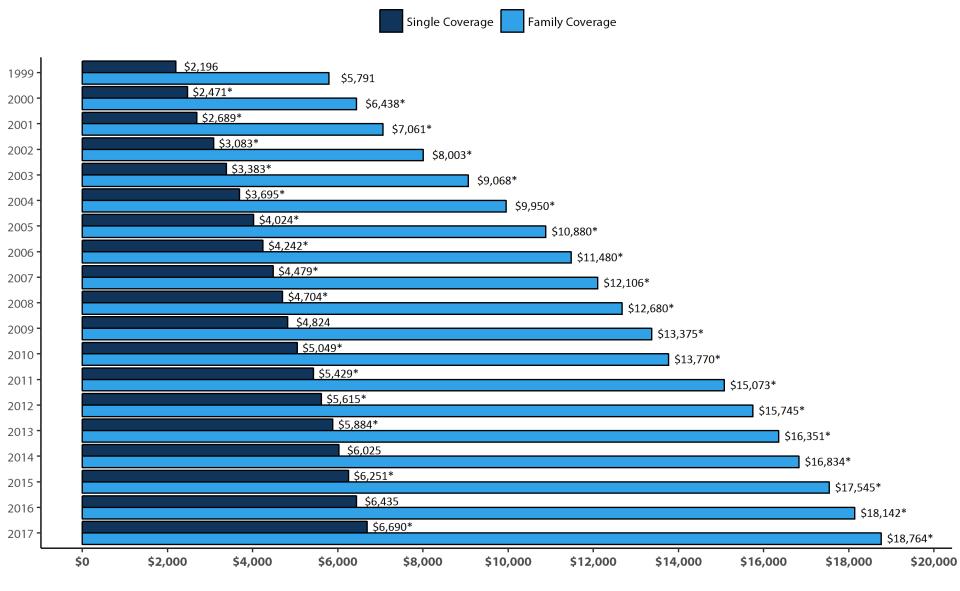


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Average Annual Premiums for Single and Family Coverage, 1999-2017



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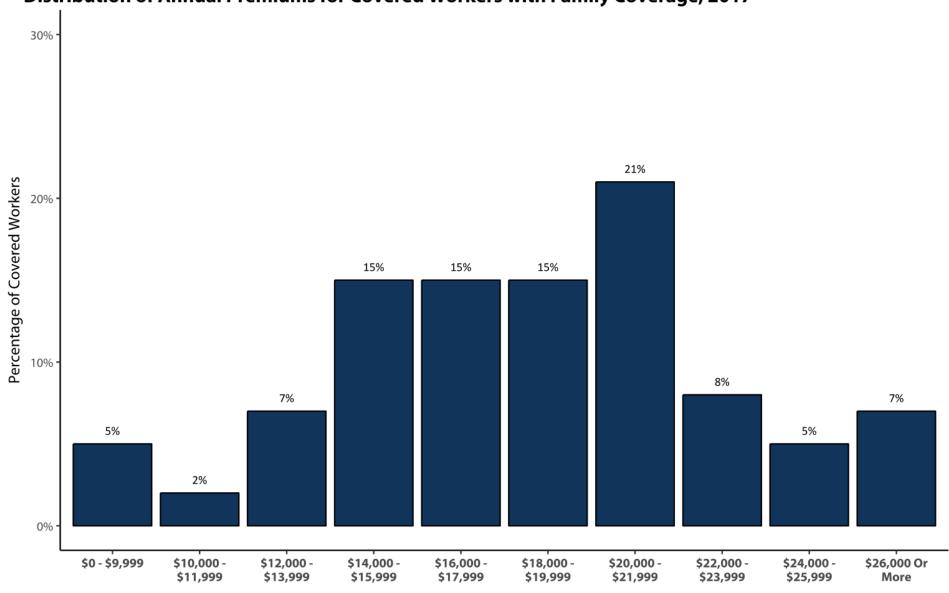
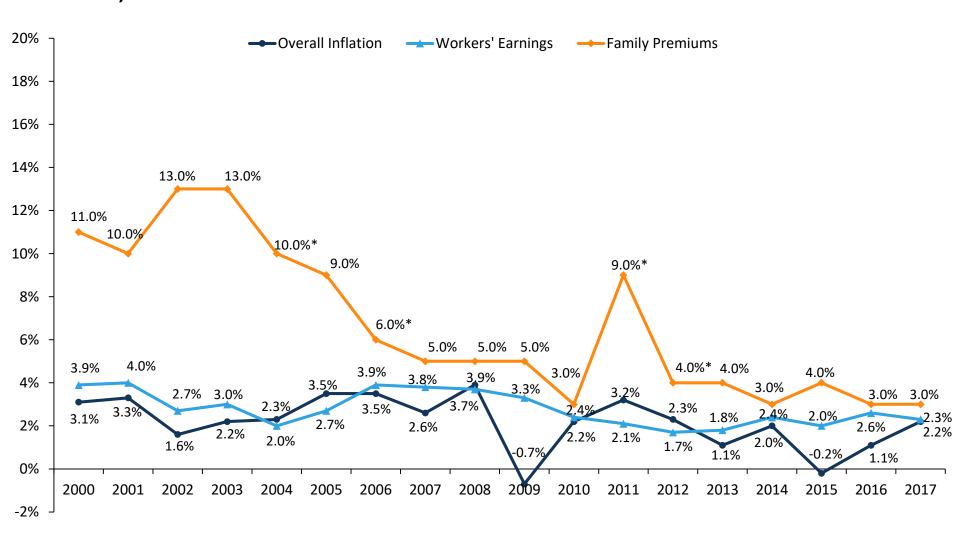


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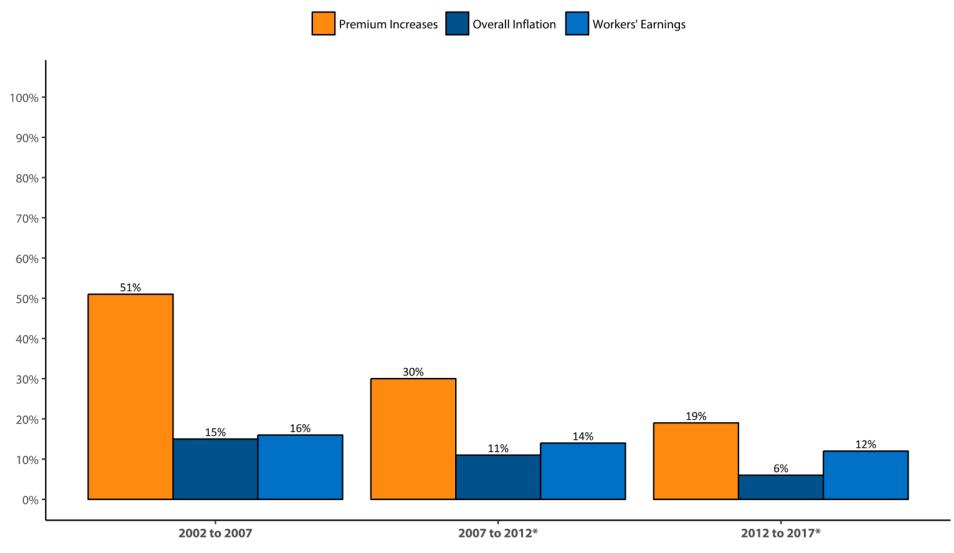


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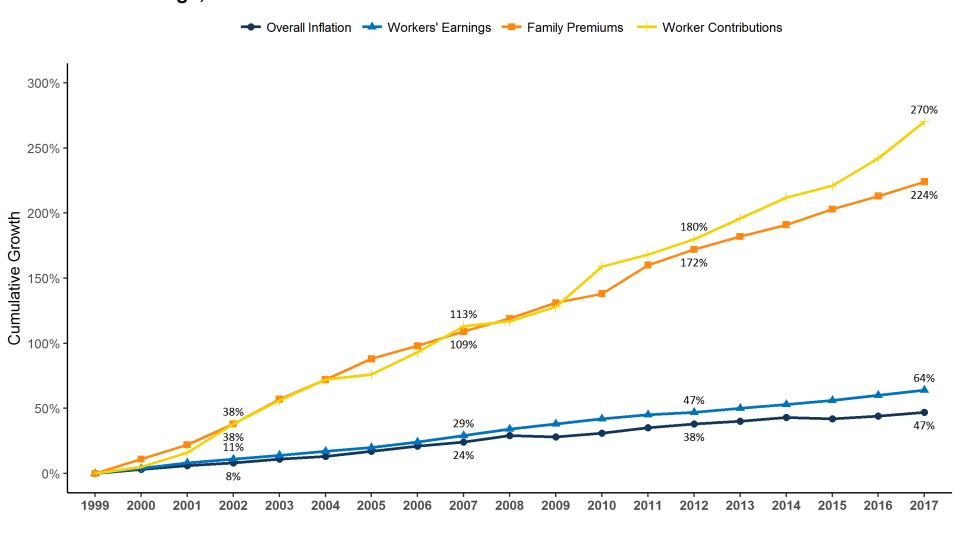


^{*} Percentage change in family premium is statistically different from previous five year period shown (p < .05).

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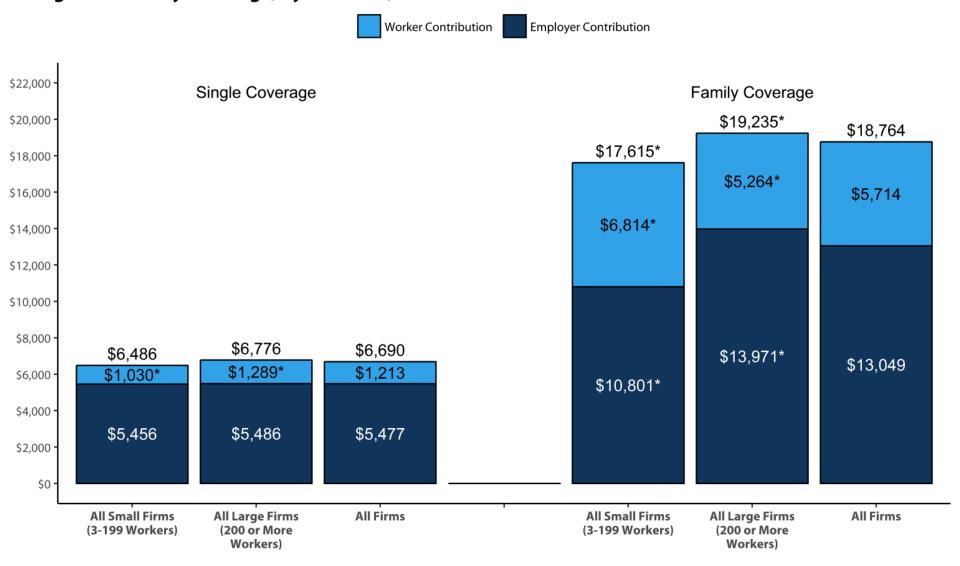
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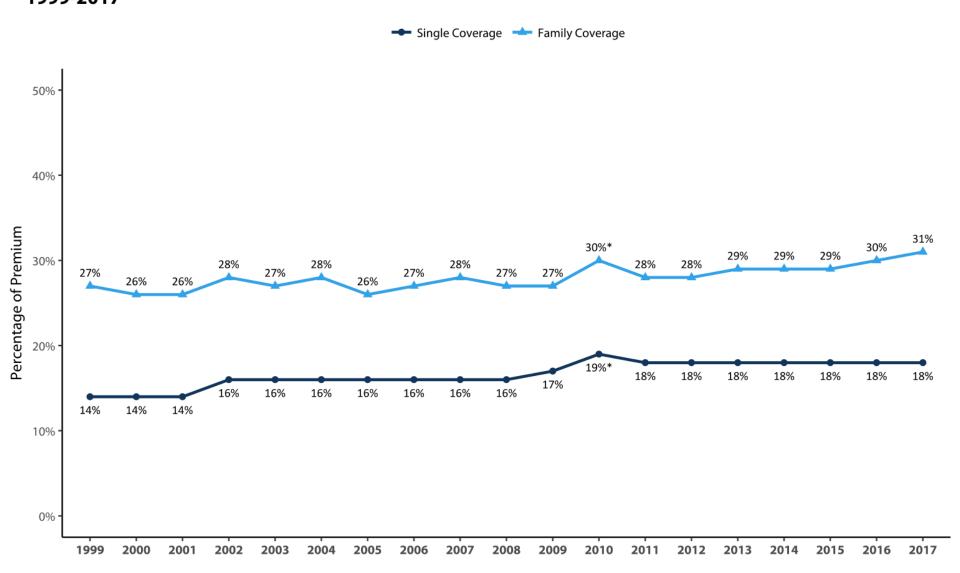
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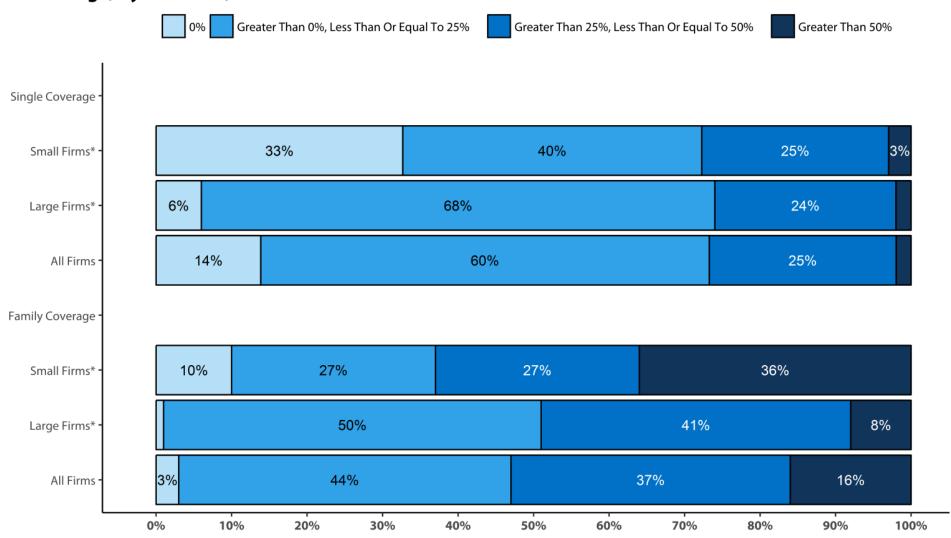
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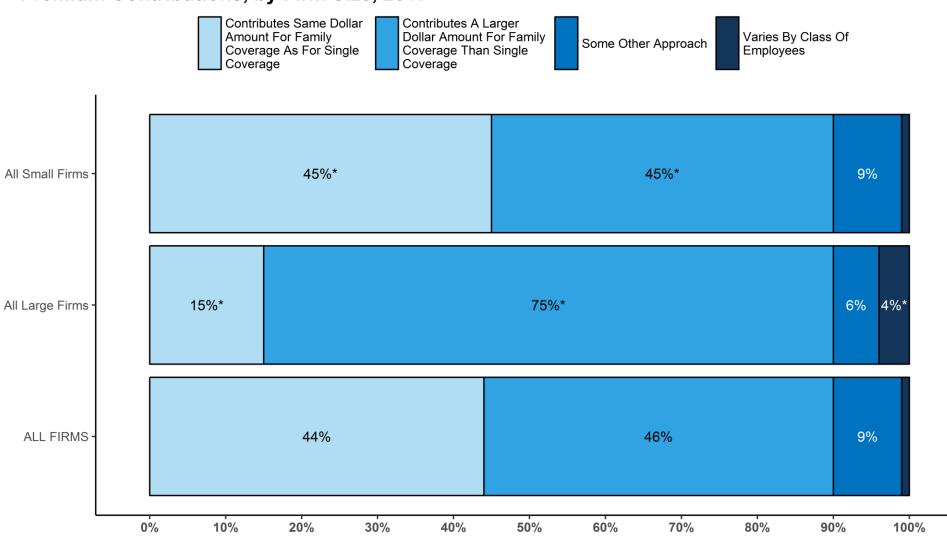
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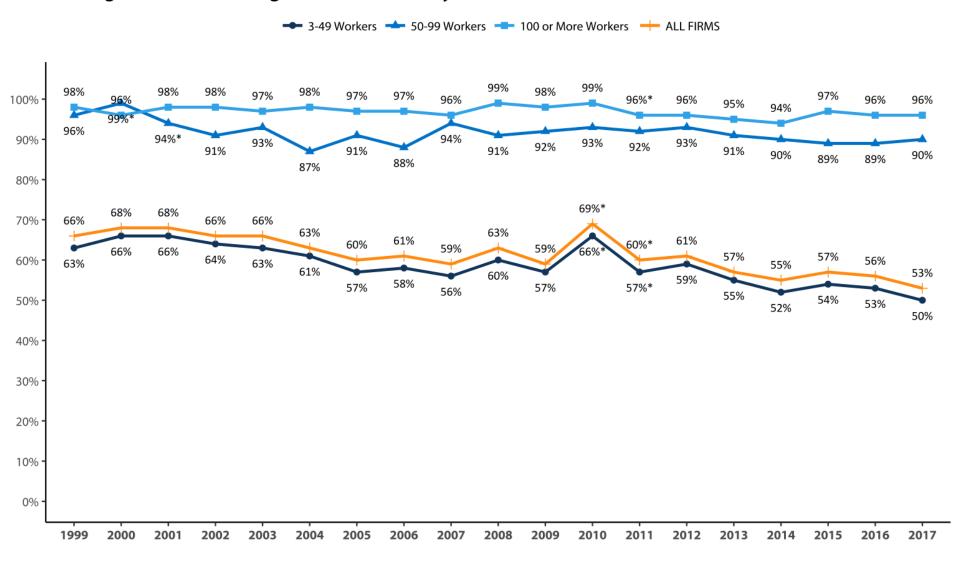
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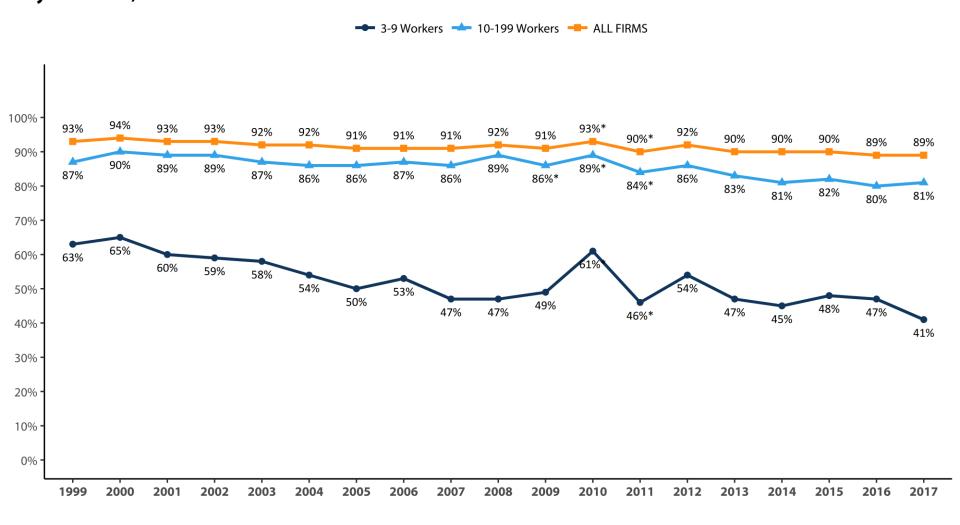
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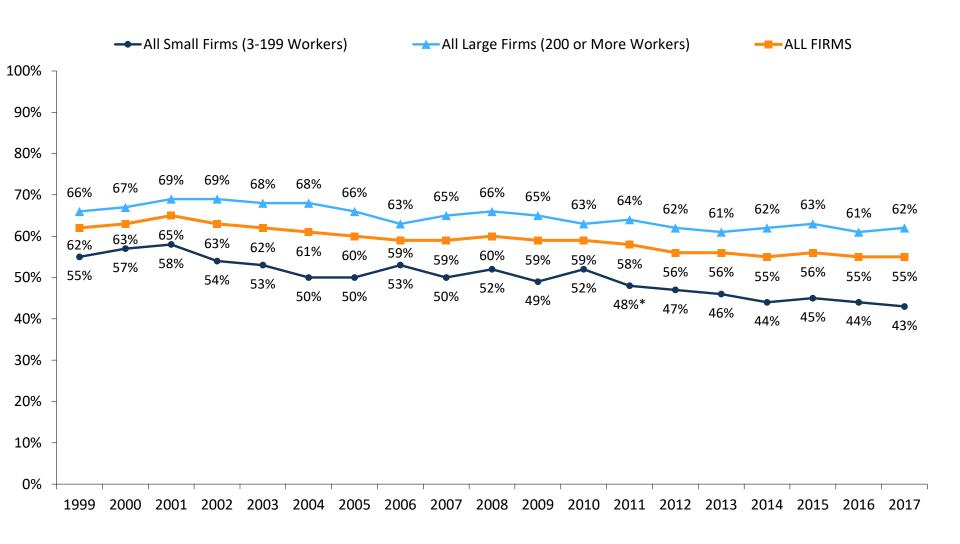
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Percentage of All Workers Covered by Their Employer's Health Benefits, Both In Firms Offering and Not Offering Health Benefits, by Firm Size, 1999-2017

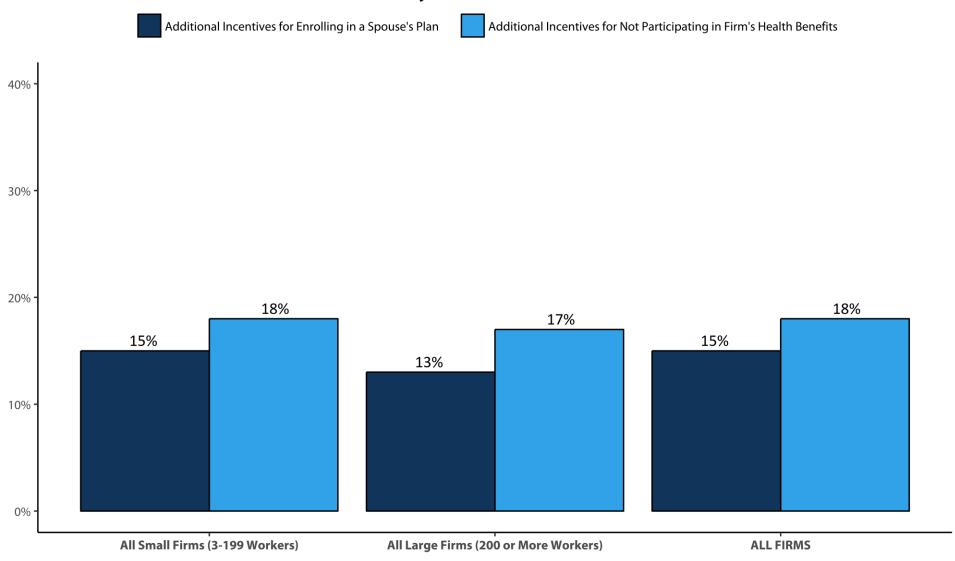


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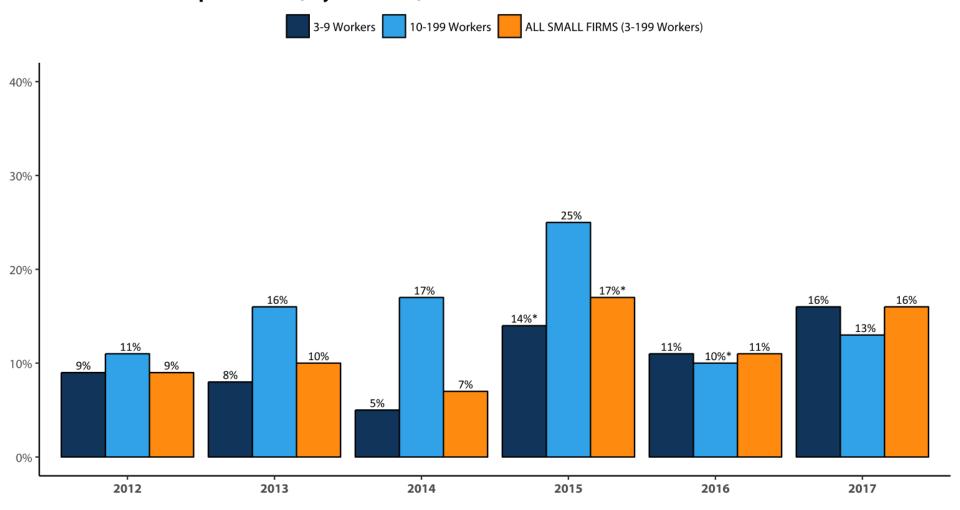
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Tests found no statistical difference from estimate for all other firms not in the indicated size category (p < .05). SOURCE: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 2017

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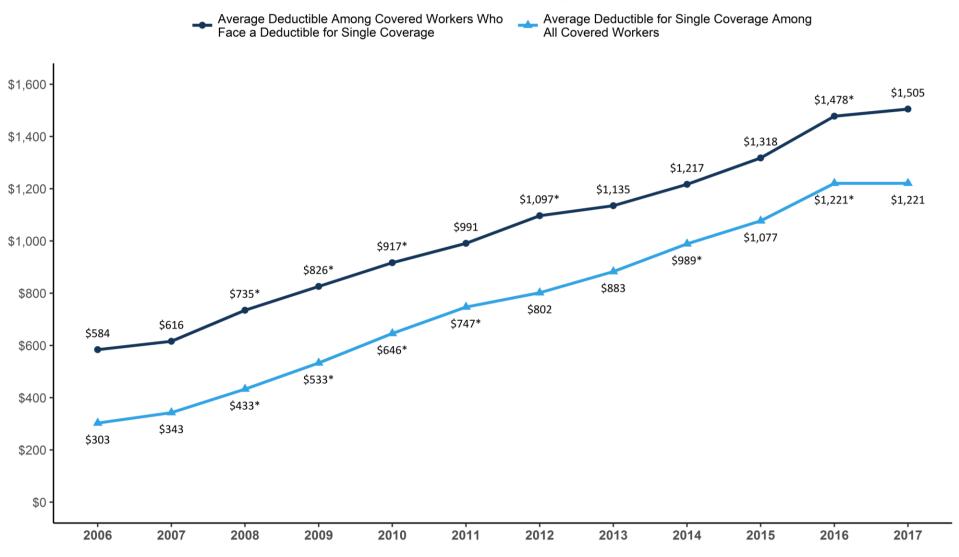
Among Small Firms Not Offering Health Benefits, Percentage That Provide Workers Funds to Purchase Non-Group Insurance, by Firm Size, 2012-2017



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Figure 15
Average General Annual Health Plan Deductibles for Single Coverage, 2006-2017



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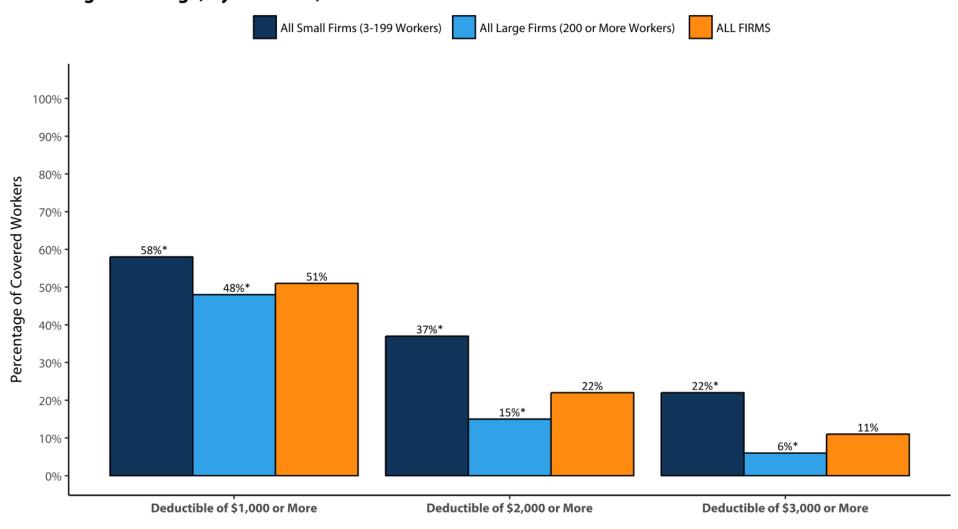
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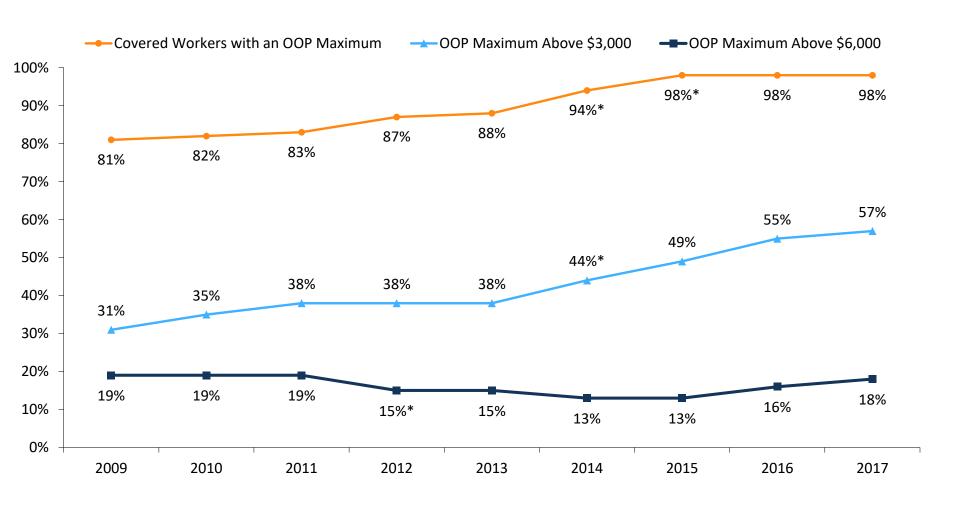
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Percentage of Covered Workers Enrolled in a Plan with a High General Annual Deductible for Single Coverage, by Firm Size, 2017



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NOTE: These estimates include workers enrolled in HDHP/SOs and other plan types. Average general annual health plan deductibles for PPOs, POS plans, and HDHP/SOs are for in-network services.

Figure 18
Percentage of Covered Workers Enrolled in a Plan with an Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Single Coverage, 2009-2017

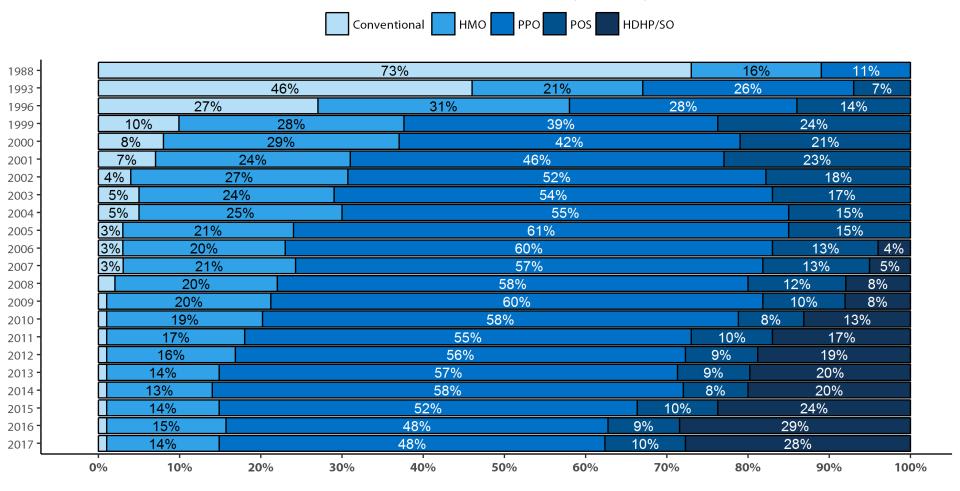


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NOTE: OOP refers to 'out-of-pocket.' Out-of-pocket maximums reported are for in-network services. Covered workers without an OOP maximum are considered to be exposed to at least the specified threshold. Some of these workers may be enrolled in plans whose cost-sharing structure has other limits that make it impossible to reach the specified threshold.

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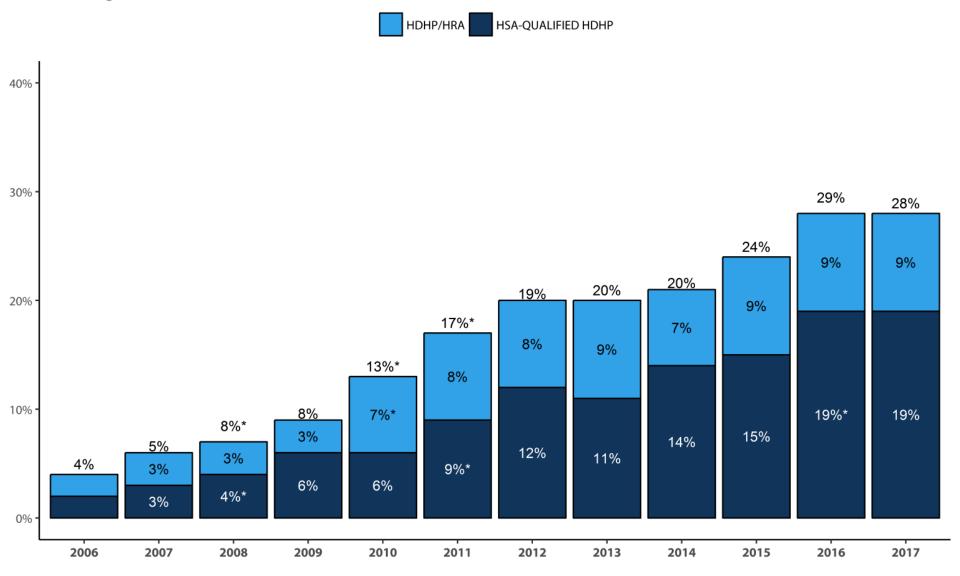
Distribution of Health Plan Enrollment for Covered Workers, by Plan Type, 1988-2017



NOTE: Information was not obtained for POS plans in 1988 or for HDHP/SO plans until 2006. A portion of the change in plan type enrollment for 2005 is likely attributable to incorporating more recent Census Bureau estimates of the number of state and local government workers and removing federal workers from the weights. See the Survey Design and Methods section from the 2005 Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits for additional information.

SOURCE: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1999-2017; KPMG Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1993, 1996; The Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA), 1988.

Figure 20
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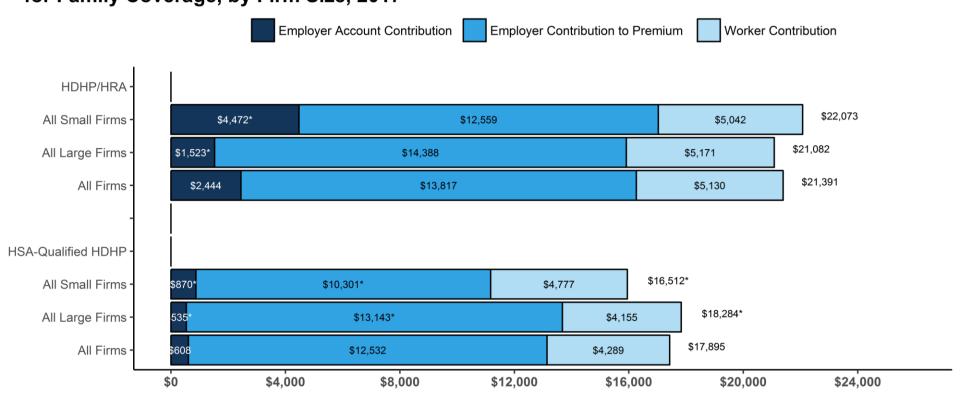
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NOTE: Covered workers enrolled in an HDHP/SO are enrolled in either an HDHP/HRA or a HSA-Qualified HDHP.

SOURCE: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 2006-2017

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Total Annual Costs (Premiums and Account Contributions) for Covered Workers in HDHP/SOs, for Family Coverage, by Firm Size, 2017

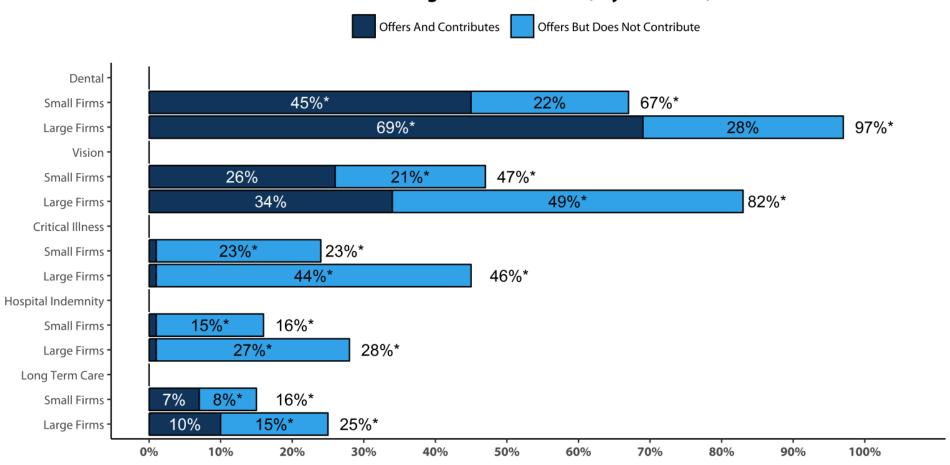


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NOTE: Small Firms have 3-199 workers and Large Firms have 200 or more workers. When those firms that do not contribute to the HSA (47% for single coverage and 46% for family coverage) are excluded from the calculation, the average firm contribution to the HSA for covered workers is \$795 for single coverage and \$1,417 for family coverage. Three percent of covered workers are enrolled in a plan where the firm matches employee HSA contributions. For HDHP/HRAs, we refer to the amount that the employer commits to make available to an HRA as a contribution for ease of discussion. HRAs are notional accounts, and employers are not required to actually transfer funds until an employee incurs expenses. Thus, employers may not expend the entire amount that they commit to make available to their employees through an HRA. Covered workers enrolled in a plan where the firm matches any employee contribution to an HSA account are not included in the average contribution (3% for single coverage and 3% for family coverage). Values shown in the table may not equal the sum of their component parts. The averages presented in the table are aggregated at the firm level and then averaged, which is methodologically more appropriate than adding the averages.

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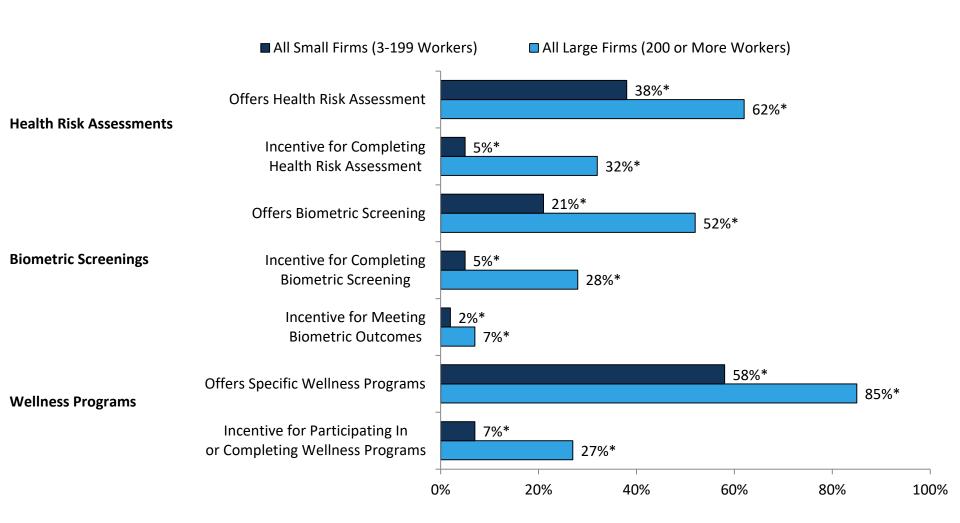
Among Firms Offering Health Benefits, Percentage That Offer Supplemental Insurance
Benefits in Addition to Benefits Offered Through the Health Plan, by Firm Size, 2017



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NOTE: Small Firms have 3-199 workers and Large Firms have 200 or more workers. Critical illness insurance provides a cash benefit when an enrollee is diagnosed with a specified condition, such as cancer. Hospital indemnity plans provide a cash benefit when an enrollee is admitted to the hospital or has a certain type of outpatient surgery. Long term care insurance covers assistance with daily living not generally covered by health insurance such as care from a home health worker or nursing home. The survey asks firms that offer health benefits if they offer or contribute to supplemental benefits that are separate from any their health plans might include.

Figure 23
Among Firms Offering Health Benefits, Percentage of Firms Offering Various Wellness and Health Promotion Activities and Incentives, by Firm Size, 2017



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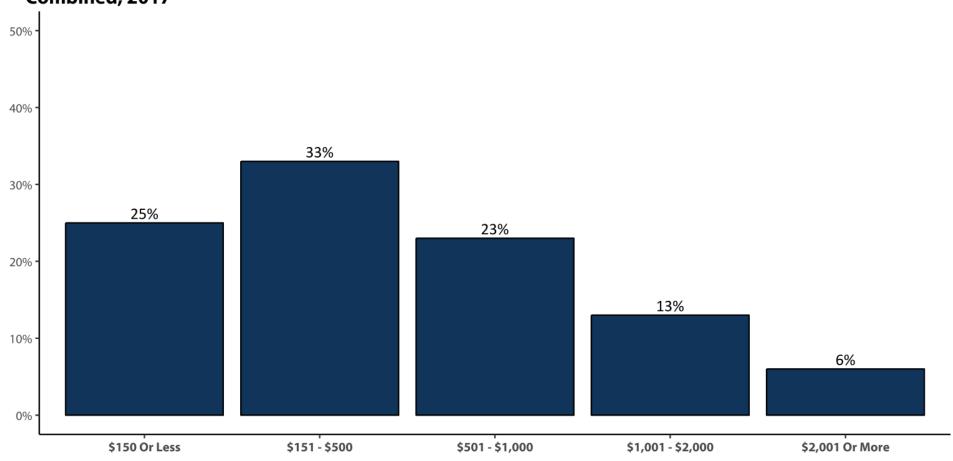
SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation and Health Research & Educational Trust, Employer Health Benefits Survey, 2017.



NOTE: 'Specific Wellness Programs' include 'Programs to Help Employees Stop Smoking', 'Programs to Help Employees Lose Weight', or 'Other Lifestyle or Behavioral Coaching'.

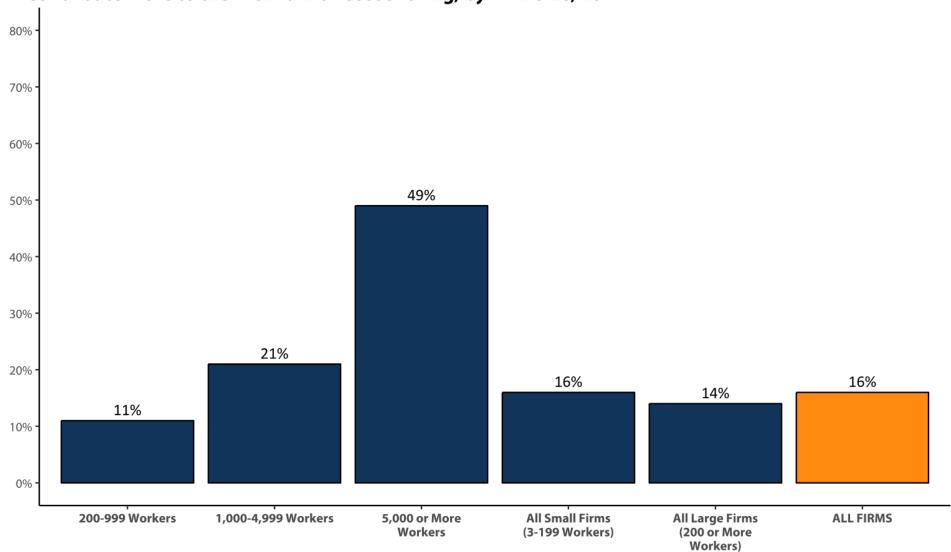
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Among Large Firms That Offer Workers an Incentive to Participate In or Complete Any Health Promotion Programs, Maximum Annual Value of the Incentive for All Programs Combined, 2017



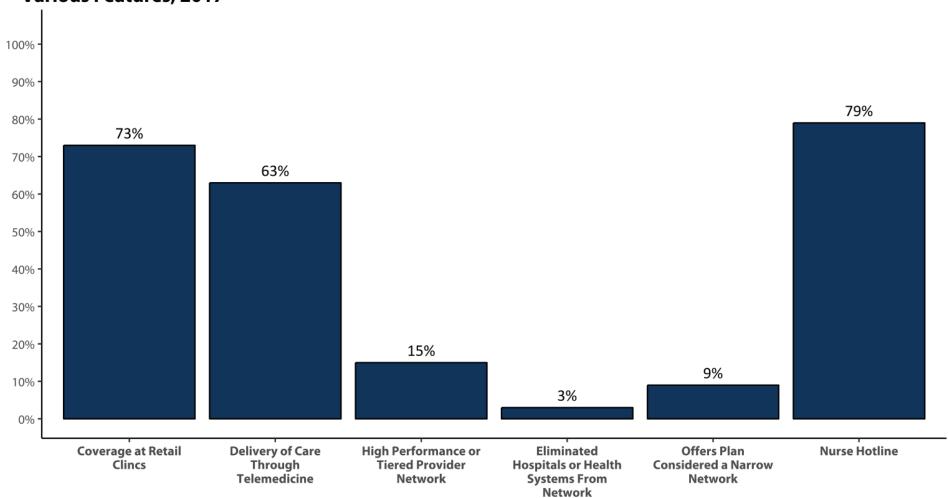
NOTE: Large Firms have 200 or more workers. Includes incentives for health risk assessments, biometric screenings, and wellness programs. Firms with at least one of the listed health promotion programs were asked to report the maximum incentive a worker and his/her dependents could receive for all of the firm's health promotion programs combined. Forty-five percent of offering firms have an incentive to complete any of their health promotion programs.

Figure 25
Among Firms Offering Health Benefits, Percentage That Require Workers Who Use Tobacco to Contribute More to the Premium or Cost Sharing, by Firm Size, 2017



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Figure 26
Among Large Firms Offering Health Benefits, Percentage of Firms Whose Plan Includes
Various Features, 2017



NOTE: Large Firms have 200 or more workers. For Coverage at Retail Clinics, Delivery of Care Through Telemedicine, High Performance or Tiered Provider Network, and Nurse Hotline, firms were asked if their plan with the largest enrollment had these features. The High Performance or Tiered Provider Network question was asked of firms with 50 or more workers.

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