

Ohioans' Experiences with *Increases in Healthcare Costs*



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While the debate continues as to whether the recently passed healthcare reform bill will benefit Americans individually or the healthcare system as a whole, the majority of Americans continue to see their healthcare costs rise. To find out what Ohioans have experienced, the 2010 *Ohio Health Issues Poll* asked insured Ohioans about the cost of their family's healthcare in the past year.

Ohio Adults Paid More for Healthcare in the Past Year

Between the 2009 and 2010 *Polls*, the rate of Ohio adults who have health insurance stayed relatively the same at about 86%. However, the majority of insured Ohioans (53%) reported that the total amount they paid for their family's healthcare in the past year went up. This is similar to the 52% of insured Americans who reported increases in family healthcare costs.¹

About 4 in 10 insured Ohio adults (44%) and insured adults across the nation (40%) reported that their healthcare costs stayed about the same. Only 1% of insured Ohio adults and 3% of insured adults nationally experienced decreases in healthcare costs.

¹ National data are from the Kaiser Family Foundation's March 2010 Health Tracking Poll, available at: www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/upload/8058-T.pdf.

Insured adults reporting that the total amount they pay for their family's healthcare, including the cost of insurance and any expenses not covered by insurance, went up in the past year

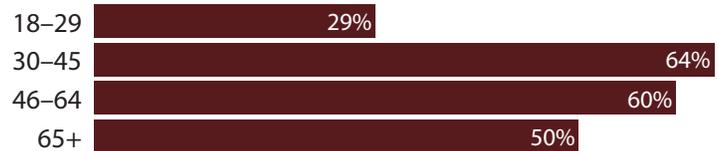


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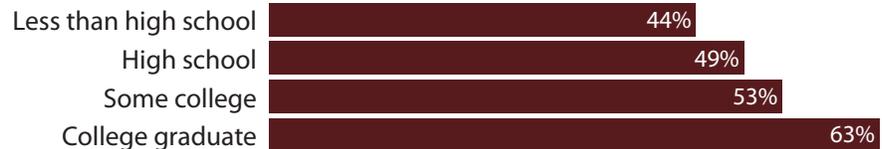
Race



Age



Highest level of education completed



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Cost Increases Most Frequent among Adults Ages 30–64, College Graduates, and Whites

Insured Ohioans in some subgroups were more likely than others to experience increases in costs, including Ohioans who are:

- Ages 30–45 (64%)
- College graduates (63%)
- Ages 46–64 (60%)
- White (55%)

Most Report Small Cost Increases

Among insured Ohio adults who reported an increase in costs, 43% said healthcare costs went up a lot in the past year, while 57% said costs went up a little.

These findings unless otherwise noted are from The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati's *Ohio Health Issues Poll*, part of the *Ohio Poll* conducted May 11–20, 2010, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 898 adults from throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 818 landline interviews and 80 cell phone interviews with people who did not have a landline telephone. In 95 of 100 cases, statewide estimates will be accurate to $\pm 3.3\%$. In addition to sampling error, there are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the *Ohio Health Issues Poll*, please visit www.healthfoundation.org/ohip.html.