



RESPONSIBLE REFORM FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS DEMOCRATS . SENATE . GOV / REFORM

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Texas: The Cost of Inaction

Texas Families Suffer

Texas insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,693. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,690. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,003, a 105 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 50.9 percent of projected Texas median family income. [New America Foundation, [11/2008](#); New America Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

More uninsured Texans

- ✓ Every day, 470 Texans lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, [3/23/2009](#)]
- ✓ During the last two years, 9,321,000 Texans under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 43.9 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, [4/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2007, 5,832,884 Texans under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 27.5 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [8/5/2009](#)]

Texans pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Texas families pay a “hidden tax” of \$1,800 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, [3/23/2009](#)]

Fewer choices due to consolidated market

- ✓ The two largest health insurance companies in Texas have a combined market share of 59 percent. [Health Care for America Now, [7/15/2009](#)]

Texas Businesses Suffer

Fewer Texans have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 56.1 percent of Texans under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2007, 52.1 percent of Texans had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

Fewer Texas small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 37.0 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/16/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2006, 32.2 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/16/2009](#)]

Texas Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Texas spent \$103.6 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), [9/2007](#); CMS [2/2007](#)]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$4,601 per capita, and is 11.7 percent of the Gross State Product. [CMS, [9/2007](#); CMS [2/2007](#)]

Lost economic output of the uninsured due to shorter lives and poorer health

- ✓ This year, the Texas economy will lose \$15 billion - \$30 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, [5/29/2009](#)]