



# Indiana Health Care Fact Sheet

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## *Did you know that...*

- ❖ **In Indiana, there are 790,000 Hoosiers with no health insurance coverage at all.** That is 13% of the state's population, including 152,000 children.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ **We have one of the highest per capita rates of medically bankrupt families, with 30,000 new filings in 2007, half due to illness and medical bills<sup>2</sup>.** And surprisingly, 75% of those declaring bankruptcy for medical reasons had health insurance when they got sick.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ **We lost 120,000 manufacturing jobs from 2000 to 2008<sup>4</sup>.** Many of the service sector jobs replacing those jobs lack health insurance. From 1999 to 2004, Indiana had the nation's second highest percentage decline in workers receiving employer-sponsored health insurance.<sup>5</sup>
- ❖ **"Healthcare costs in Indiana are among the highest in the country. Our rising cost of health insurance coverage, combined with lost productivity due to illness, has made Indiana a less desirable place to do business."** Governor Mitch Daniels, quoted in newspapers across the state in June, 2005.
- ❖ **Indianapolis is the second most expensive city in the nation for per family health insurance premiums<sup>6</sup>.** Anthem/WellPoint, headquartered in Indianapolis, is one of the largest health insurance companies in the nation. The former CEO, Larry Glasscock, received a *bonus* of \$42.5 million in 2003. It takes 3493 years for a minimum wage worker to make that much money. And that worker probably wouldn't have health insurance!
- ❖ **Indiana has a history of innovation in the medical arena.** Eli Lilly and Indiana University Medical Center are known for creative ideas and innovative thinking. In the 70's we passed medical malpractice legislation that served as a model for many other states. We can lead the way again.
- ❖ **The most efficient, cost effective way to care for the state's population is to have a government sponsored program of insurance, like Medicare, to cover everyone.** Patients would have free choice of doctors and hospitals. Universal health insurance doesn't mean spending more. It means spending wisely. There is simply no better way to do it.

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<sup>1</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/index.jsp>

<sup>2</sup> FSSA Indiana <http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/2287.htm>

<sup>3</sup> Himmelstein, Warren, Thorne, and Woolhandler. 2/2/05. Health Affairs.

<sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported by AFL-CIO <http://www.aflcio.org/>

<sup>5</sup> FSSA Indiana <http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/2287.htm>

<sup>6</sup> Hewitt Associates 2004 survey in The Wall Street Journal Online