

**Table 149. Percent of Workers Participating in Health Care Benefit Programs and Percent of Participants Required to Contribute: 2006**

[Based on National Compensation Survey, a sample survey of 10,370 private industry establishments of all sizes, representing about 103 million workers; see Appendix III. See also Table 634]

Characteristic	Percent of workers participating—				Single coverage medical care		Family coverage medical care	
	Medical care	Dental care	Vision care	Outpatient prescription drug coverage	Employee contributions required (percent)	Average monthly contribution <sup>1</sup> (dol.)	Employee contributions required (percent)	Average monthly contribution <sup>1</sup> (dol.)
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>52</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76.05</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>296.88</b>
White-collar occupations . . .	57	41	24	54	80	76.69	91	303.36
Blue-collar occupations . . .	60	38	25	57	67	73.20	80	279.03
Service occupations . . . . .	27	18	13	27	80	80.41	91	311.79
Full-time <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	64	44	26	60	75	75.39	87	294.46
Part-time <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	13	10	7	12	79	86.75	88	339.90
Union <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	80	63	48	77	51	57.28	60	196.60
Nonunion . . . . .	49	33	19	46	80	78.34	92	308.88

<sup>1</sup> The average is presented for all covered workers and excludes workers without the plan provision. Averages are for plans stating a flat monthly cost. <sup>2</sup> Employees are classified as working either a full-time or part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. <sup>3</sup> Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *National Compensation Survey: Employee Benefits in Private Industry in the United States, March, 2006*. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/sp/ebsm0004.pdf>>.