



The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

the District of Columbia: The Cost of Inaction

District of Columbia Families Suffer

District of Columbia insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$6,050. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$12,262. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,851, a 103 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 44.3 percent of projected the District of Columbia median family income. [New America Foundation, [11/2008](#); New America Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

More uninsured Washingtonians

- ✓ Every day, 40 Washingtonians lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, [3/23/2009](#)]
- ✓ During the last two years, 146,000 Washingtonians under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 28.4 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, [4/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2007, 60,803 Washingtonians under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 11.6 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [8/5/2009](#)]

District of Columbia Businesses Suffer

Fewer Washingtonians have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 60.6 percent of Washingtonians under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2007, 58.6 percent of Washingtonians had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

District of Columbia Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, the District of Columbia spent \$4.8 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), [9/2007](#); CMS [2/2007](#)]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$8,295 per capita, and is 8.1 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 the District of Columbia economy will lose \$200 million - \$430 million due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, [5/29/2009](#)]