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Trends in Confidence About Future of Health Insurance Benefits

WASHINGTON—The percentage of people confident that their employer or union will continue offering health care benefits has declined over the last decade. How has this trend changed over time?

The Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) and Mathew Greenwald & Associates 2010 Health Confidence Survey found the following:

- The percentage of respondents who were *extremely* or *very* confident health benefits will continue to be offered fell from 59 percent in 2009 to 52 percent in 2010. It had been as high as 68 percent in 2000.
- The percentage *somewhat* confident increased from 25 percent in 2009 to 30 percent in 2010.
- The percentage *not* confident did not change significantly between 2009 and 2010, but is more than double the rate it was in 2000 (16 percent not confident in 2010, up from 7 percent in 2000).
- The decline appears to have accelerated since the passage earlier this year of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, the legislation overhauling the nation's health care system.

Confidence That Employer or Union Will Continue to Offer Health Insurance, (Among Those With Employment-Based Coverage), Selected Years, 2000–2010

	2000	2004	2009	2010
Extremely or very confident	68%	62%	59%	52%
Somewhat confident	25	23	25	30
Not too or not at all confident	7	13	15	16

Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute and Mathew Greenwald & Associates, 2000–2010 Health Confidence Surveys.

Full results of the 2010 Health Confidence Survey appear in the September *EBRI Notes*, available at www.ebri.org

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