

Are Part-Timers Losing Health Coverage?

The percentage of workers with coverage through their own job has been trending downward since 2007 regardless of hours worked per week, according to a new report from the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI).

However, in relative terms, part-time workers have experienced a much larger decline in coverage than full-time workers, according to the report. EBRI explains that between 2007 and 2012, workers employed 40 or more hours per week experienced a 3 percent reduction in the likelihood of having coverage from their own job, while those employed 30–39 hours per week experienced a 12 percent decline, and those employed fewer than 30 hours per week experienced a 20 percent decline.

In 2012, 60.5 percent of workers employed 40 or more hours per week had coverage from their own job, while 33.6 percent of workers employed 30–39 hours per week, and 12.8 percent of workers employed less than 30 hours per week, had such coverage (figure, right).

The EBRI report, “Trends in Health Coverage for Part-Time Workers, 1999–2012” is published in the May 2014 *EBRI Notes*, and is available [online here](#).

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