Data for this chapter are from the National Compensation Survey. The data in this survey are presented as a percentage of full-time employees participating in a health plan with the particular cost management strategy. This data-set is maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The data are available on the BLS Web page at http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/. Preliminary data are released in a news release format. The most recent news releases are in the section titled “ECONOMIC NEWS RELEASES.” More detailed tabulations are available at the above Web page under the section titled “PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION.”

Before 1999, data from the Employee Benefit Survey were released in three separate publications covering medium and large private establishments (establishments with 100 or more employees), small private establishments (establishments with 99 or fewer employees), and state and local governments. Starting with the 1999 data, BLS began publishing data for all private industry. The section titled “PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION” provides supplementary data for 1999 and 2000 under the old format of medium and large private establishments and small private establishments.