

# South Carolina

Trends in Employer Insurance Costs, 2010–2019



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Fund

	Year <sup>1</sup>				Average annual change		
	2010	2015	2018	2019	2010-19	2015-19	2018-19
<b>Employer-Sponsored Insurance Premium Costs</b>							
Single coverage							
South Carolina	\$4,835	\$5,880	\$6,708	\$6,691	3.7%	3.3%	-0.3%
United States	\$4,940	\$5,963	\$6,715	\$6,972	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%
Family coverage							
South Carolina	\$13,234	\$16,764	\$19,284	\$20,973	5.2%	5.8%	8.8%
United States	\$13,871	\$17,322	\$19,565	\$20,486	4.4%	4.3%	4.7%
<b>Employee Contribution to Premium Costs</b>							
Single coverage							
South Carolina	\$1,006	\$1,220	\$1,427	\$1,416	3.9%	3.8%	-0.8%
United States	\$1,021	\$1,255	\$1,427	\$1,489	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%
Family coverage							
South Carolina	\$3,641	\$4,771	\$5,301	\$8,202	9.4%	14.5%	54.7%
United States	\$3,721	\$4,710	\$5,431	\$5,726	4.9%	5.0%	5.4%
Combined average <sup>2</sup> (% of median income)							
South Carolina	\$2,924 (6.1%)	\$3,883 (7.6%)	\$4,336 (7.2%)	\$6,410 (10.7%)	9.1%	13.4%	47.8%
United States	\$2,975 (5.8%)	\$3,849 (6.6%)	\$4,396 (6.8%)	\$4,606 (6.8%)	5.0%	4.6%	4.8%
<b>Employee Deductible Costs</b>							
Single coverage <sup>3</sup>							
South Carolina	\$1,139	\$1,767	\$1,721	\$2,151	7.3%	5.0%	25.0%
United States	\$1,025	\$1,541	\$1,846	\$1,931	7.3%	5.8%	4.6%
Combined average <sup>2</sup> (% of median income)							
South Carolina	\$2,054 (4.3%)	\$2,616 (5.1%)	\$2,775 (4.6%)	\$3,626 (6.0%)	6.5%	8.5%	30.7%
United States	\$1,713 (3.3%)	\$2,573 (4.4%)	\$2,992 (4.6%)	\$3,199 (4.7%)	7.2%	5.6%	6.9%
<b>Total Potential Out-of-Pocket Costs (Employee Contribution + Deductible)</b>							
Combined average <sup>2</sup> (% of median income)							
South Carolina	\$4,978 (10.4%)	\$6,499 (12.8%)	\$7,111 (11.9%)	\$10,036 (16.7%)	8.1%	11.5%	41.1%
United States	\$4,688 (9.1%)	\$6,422 (11.1%)	\$7,388 (11.4%)	\$7,806 (11.5%)	5.8%	5.0%	5.7%

Notes: 1. Additional data available in report appendix. 2. Single and family premium, contribution, and deductible costs are weighted to the state distribution of single and family households. 3. Only single deductibles are included since family plans typically use this rate per family member.  
Data: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component (MEPS-IC), 2010-2019; Current Population Survey (CPS), 2010-2020.