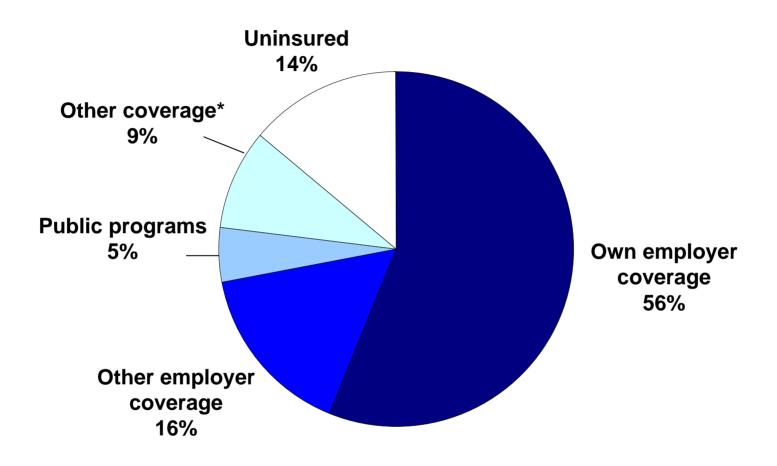
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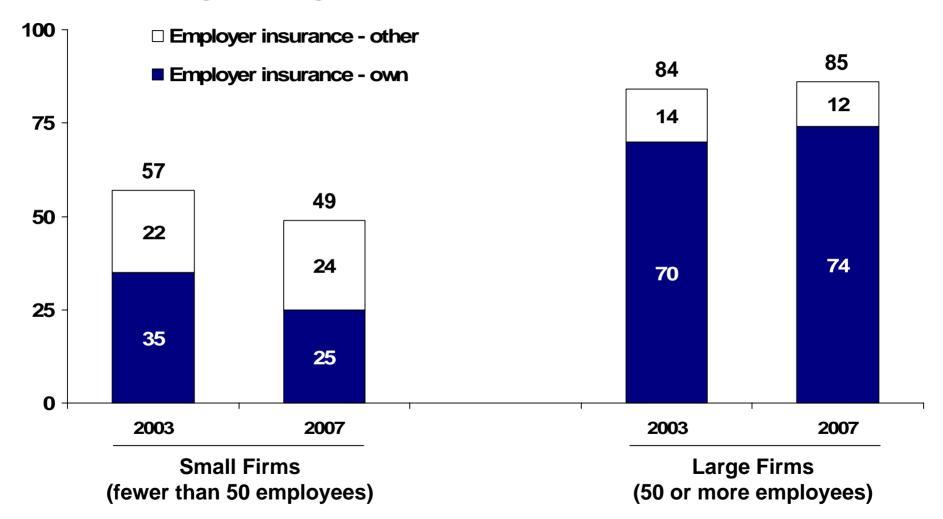


122.2 Million Full- and Part-Time Workers Ages 19–64

<sup>\*</sup>Includes those with individual insurance and "other" responses. Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2007).

Figure 2. Employer-Sponsored Insurance Coverage Declined Among Small-Firm Employees, 2003–2007

Percent of working adults<sup>^</sup> ages 19–64

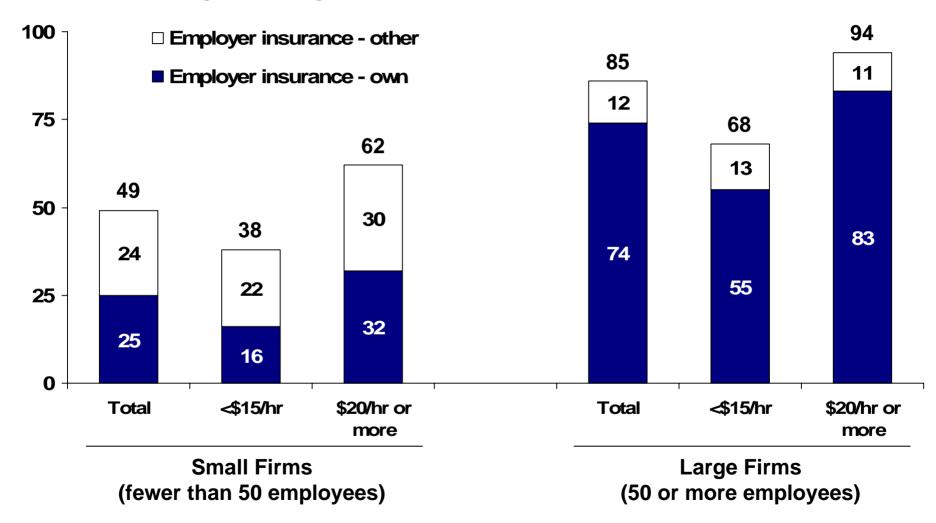


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## Figure 3. Low-Wage Employees in Small Firms Are Less Likely to Have Employer-Sponsored Insurance Coverage

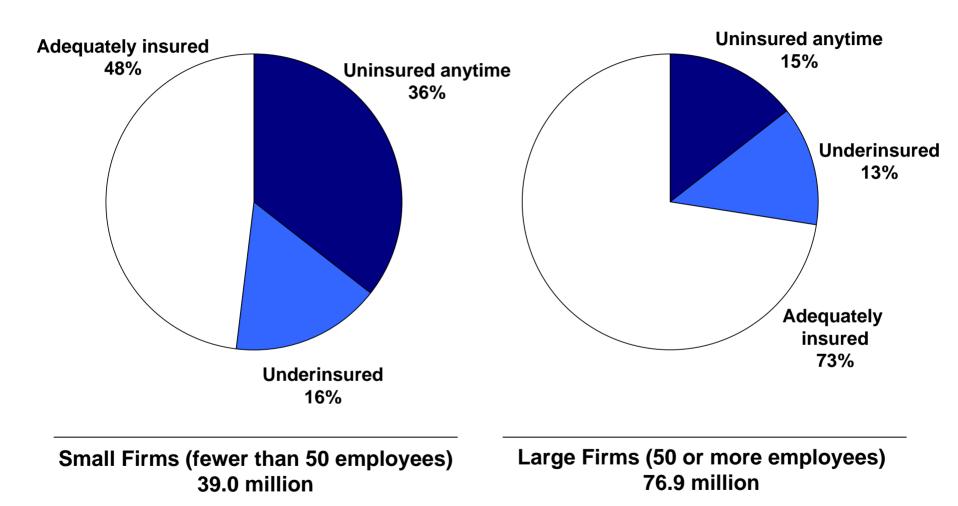
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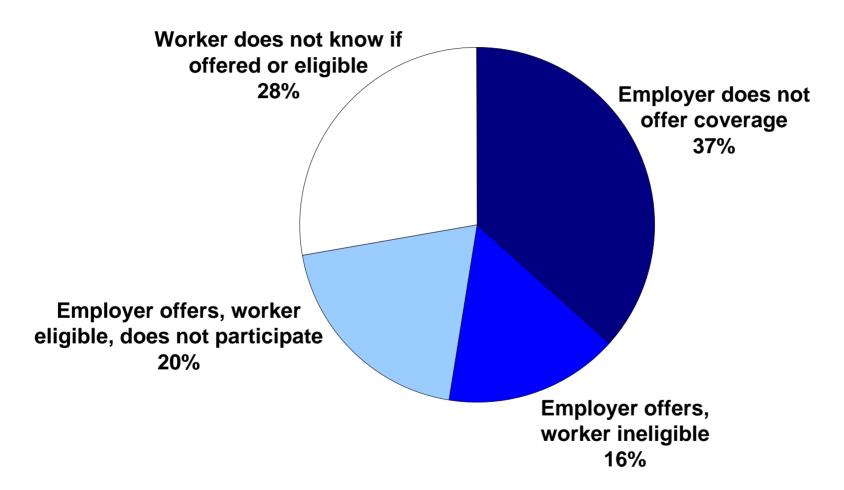
Figure 4. Over Half of Working Adults in Small Firms Were Uninsured or Underinsured During the Year, 2007



^Includes both part-time and full-time workers.

Underinsured is defined as having continuous health insurance coverage and spending 10 percent or more of income on out-of-pocket health care costs (or 5 percent or more if low income), or having deductibles of 5 percent or more of income. Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2007).

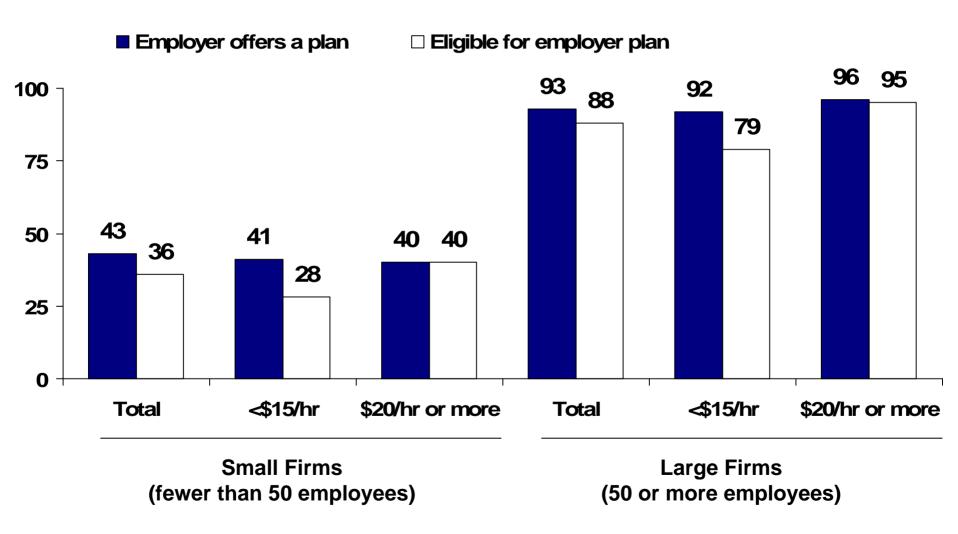
Figure 5. More Than Half of Uninsured Workers Are Ineligible for Their Firm's Plan or Employed by Firms That Do Not Offer Health Benefits



17.3 Million Uninsured Workers Ages 19–64

Figure 6. Workers in Small Firms Are Less Likely to Be Offered and Eligible for Health Insurance from Their Employer

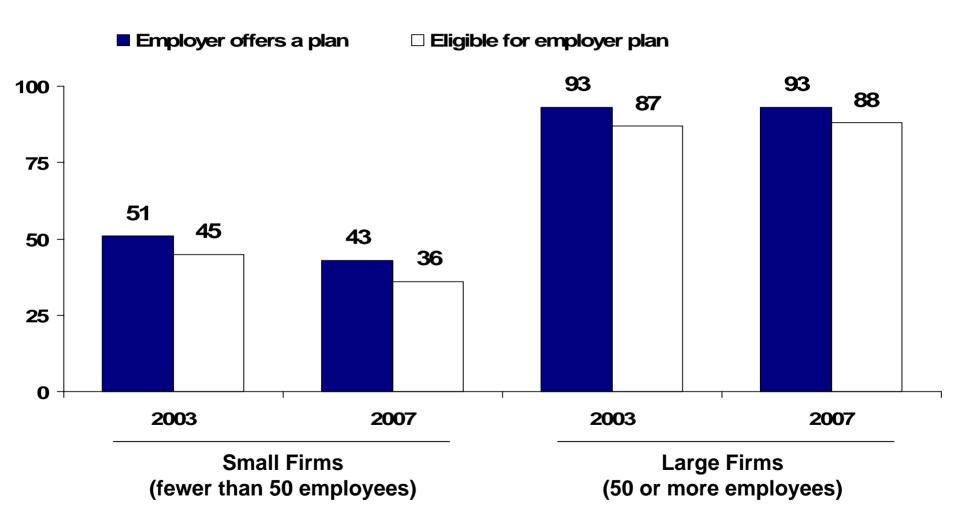
Percent of working adults<sup>^</sup> ages 19–64



^Includes both part-time and full-time workers.

Figure 7. Share of Small Firms Offering Benefits to Employees and Employee Eligibility Declined, 2003–2007

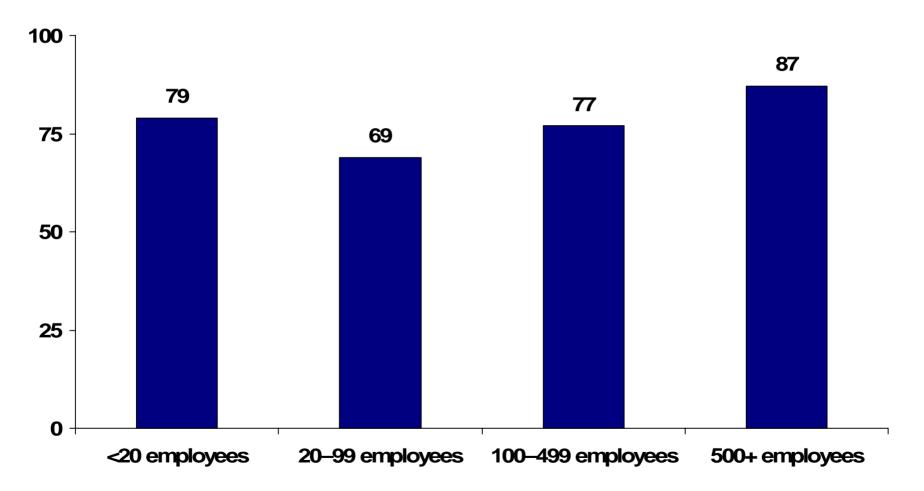
Percent of working adults<sup>^</sup> ages 19–64



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Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Surveys (2003 and 2007).

Figure 8. When Employees in Small Firms Are Offered and Eligible for Employer-Sponsored Coverage, Take-Up Rate Is High

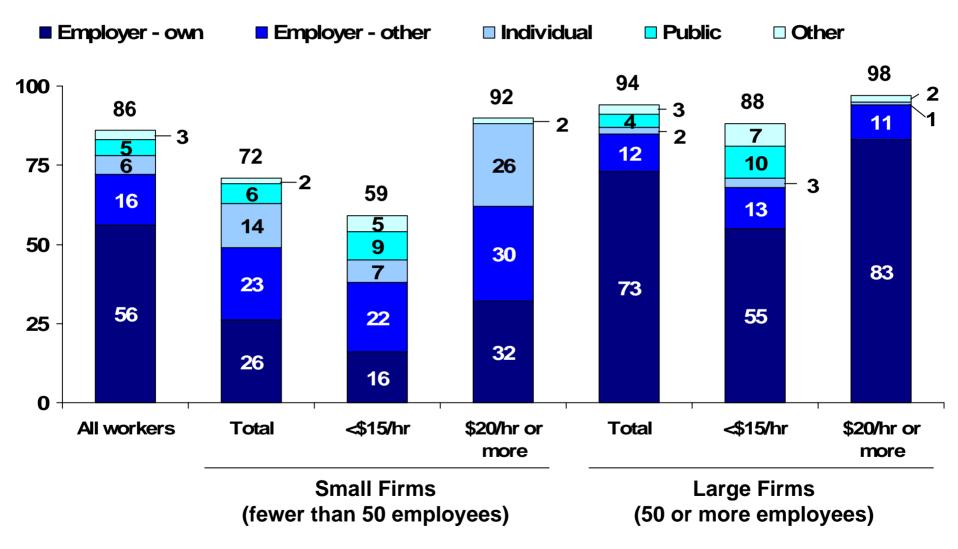
Percent of working adults<sup>^</sup> ages 19–64 who are eligible for and take up employer-sponsored insurance



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Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2007).

Figure 9. Low-Wage Workers in Small Firms Are Less Likely to Have Health Insurance Than High-Wage Workers in Small Firms

Insurance sources for working adults ages 19–64



<sup>^</sup>Includes both part-time and full-time workers.

# Figure 10. The Individual Insurance Market Is Not an Affordable Option for Small-Firm Workers^

| Working adults ages 19–64: Has individual coverage or   | Total | <50<br>employees | 50+<br>employees | <\$15/hr | \$20/hr+ |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| tried to buy it in past three years   | 25%   | 38%              | 18%              | 25%      | 25%      |
| Among those:  |       |                  |                  |          |          |
| Found it very difficult or impossible to find coverage they needed                                | 39%   | 44%              | 34%              | 43%      | 34%      |
| Found it very difficult or impossible to find affordable coverage                                 | 54    | 57               | 50               | 63       | 36       |
| Were turned down, charged a higher price, or had a specific health problem excluded from coverage | 26    | 33               | 19               | 23       | 23       |
| Any of the above  | 62    | 69               | 54               | 67       | 50       |
| Never bought a plan*  | 67    | 69               | 67               | 78       | 55       |

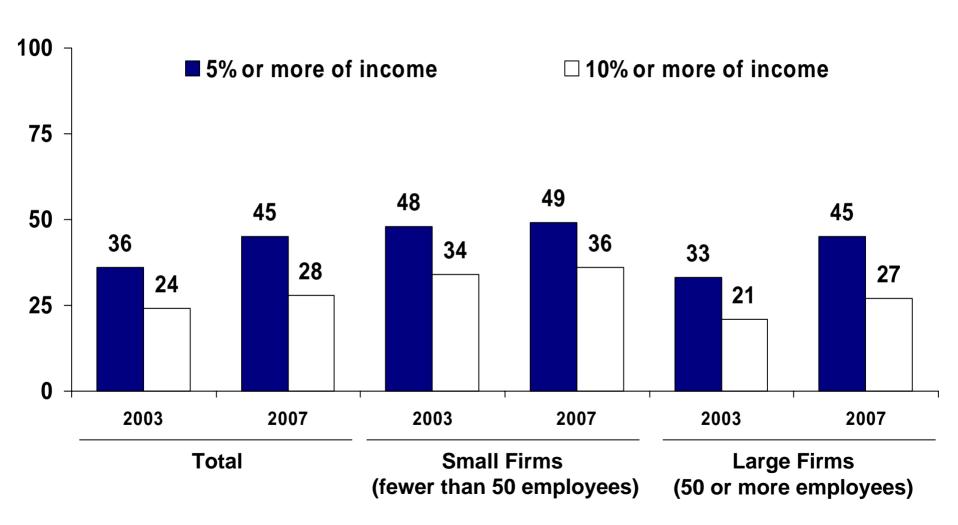
<sup>^</sup>Includes both part-time and full-time workers.

<sup>\*</sup>Among those who tried to buy a plan.

Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2007).

Figure 11. Share of Workers Spending Large Shares of Income on Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses Increased, 2003–2007

Percent of working adults<sup>^</sup> ages 19–64 with own employer-sponsored insurance

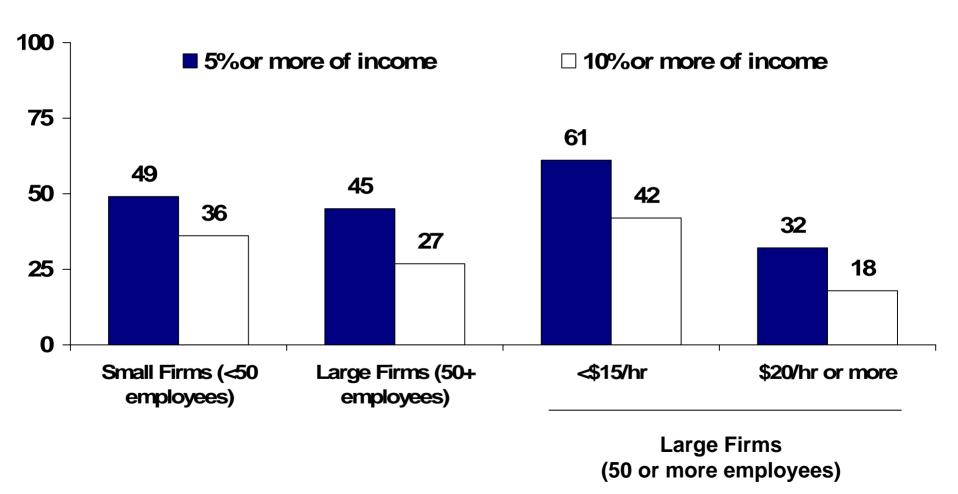


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Figure 12. Workers with Lower Wages, Regardless of Employer Size, Are More Likely to Spend Large Share of Income on Out-of-Pocket Medical Costs and Premiums

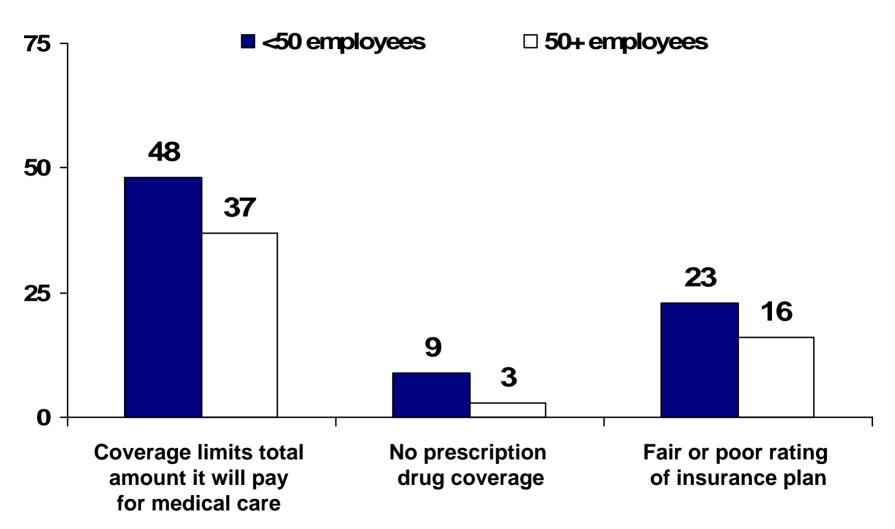
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### Figure 13. Insurance Benefits Are Not as Generous for Workers in Small Businesses

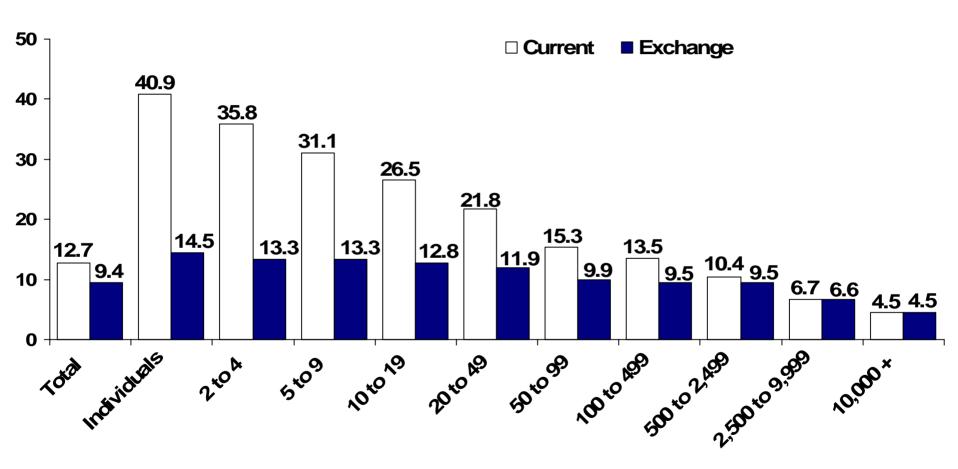
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Figure 14. Cost of Administering Health Insurance as a Percentage of Claims Under Current Law and the Proposed Exchange, by Group Size

#### **Percent**



Data: Estimates by The Lewin Group for The Commonwealth Fund.

Source: Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System, *The Path to a High Performance U.S. Health System: A 2020 Vision and the Policies to Pave the Way* (New York: The Commonwealth Fund, Feb. 2009).