



New Nationwide Study Illustrates Health Plans' Vital Role in Californians' Health Care Access, Jobs, and Economy

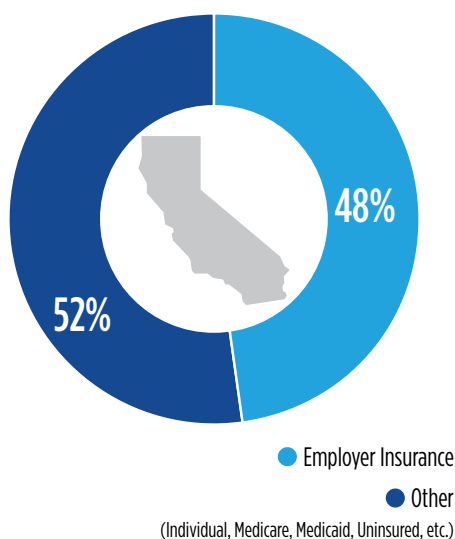
A new nationwide study released by AHIP shows that health plans play a vital role in supporting the economy and employees throughout the nation, including here in California. The AHIP study looked at state-by-state statistics such as how many people are covered by insurance from an employer, how many people are employed by the industry, and the percentage of premiums paid by employers, among other statistics.

Some of the key highlights from the study include:

The health insurance industry employs more than
161,659 Californians.

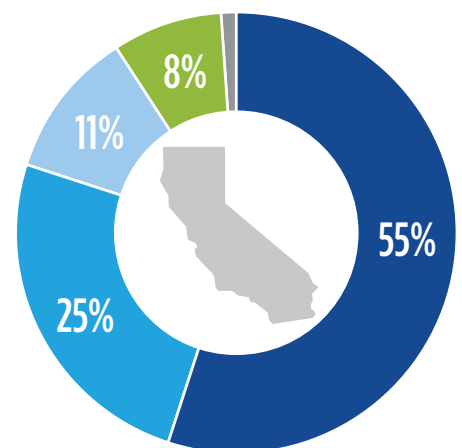
\$2.7 billion collected in state premium taxes
from the entire insurance industry supports California's economy.

48% of Californians get their health coverage from their employer.



55% of Californians have private health plan coverage.

● Private ● Medicaid ● Medicare
● Uninsured ● Other Public



116 community hospitals supported by employer insurance payments.

40,113 active physicians financed by employer insurance payments.

The AHIP study is an important reminder of health plans' vital role in supporting California's economy and the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of Californians.