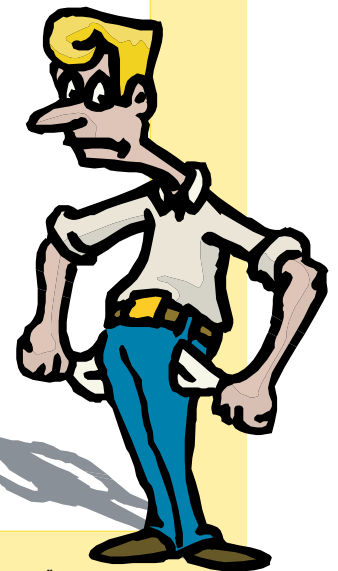


America's Domestic Concern #1: Exploding Health Costs Are Devastating Working Families

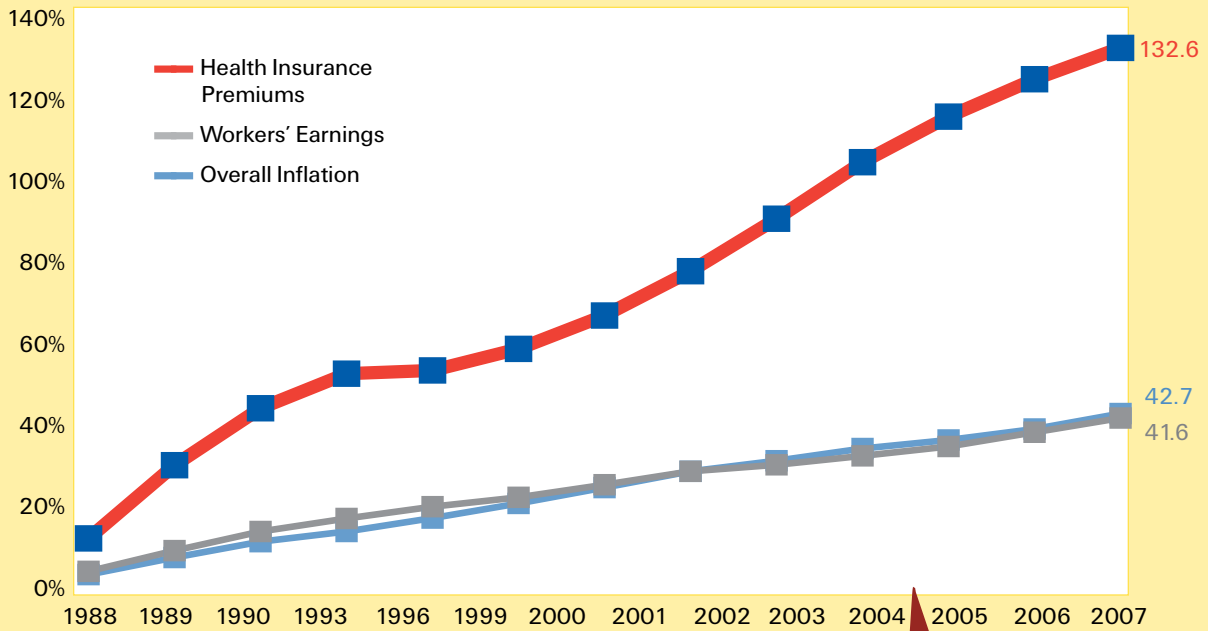
- ▶ One in four American say their family has had a problem paying for medical care during the past year—and two-thirds of them had insurance.
- ▶ Nearly 30 percent say someone in their family has delayed medical care in the past year.
- ▶ Health care costs contribute to an estimated 25 percent of housing problems.
- ▶ Health costs are a factor in half of personal bankruptcies. Since 2000, an estimated 5 million families have filed for bankruptcy in the aftermath of serious medical problems. In fact, every 30 seconds in the United States someone files for “medical bankruptcy.”
- ▶ Premiums for family health coverage have surged.
- ▶ More than one-third of people who have health insurance worry about losing it.
- ▶ Health care is a major issue in every union contract negotiation.



ABC News/Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today, *Health Care in America 2006 Survey*, 10/17/06; Himmelstein, D. E. Warren, D. Thorne, and S. Woolhandler, “Illness and Injury as Contributors to Bankruptcy,” *Health Affairs Web Exclusive* W5-63, 2/2/05; Elizabeth Warren, testimony before House Judiciary Committee, 7/17/07; Kaiser Health Security Watch, June 2007

WHY IT HURTS: Health Premiums Rising 3 Times Faster Than Inflation and Wages

PERCENT INCREASE 1988-2007

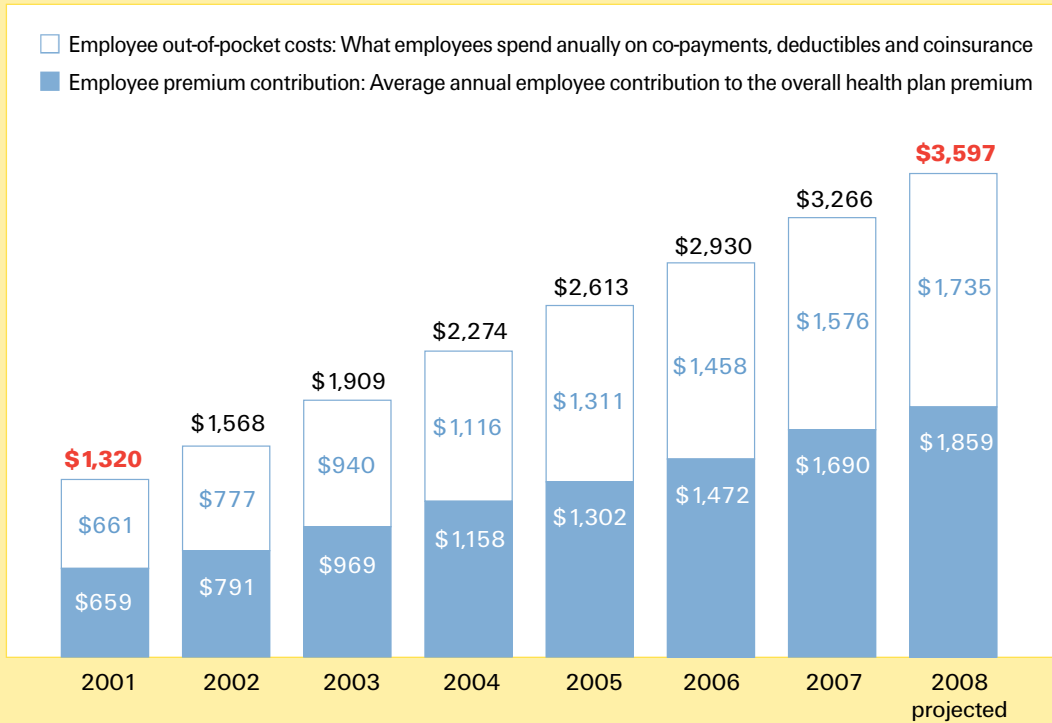


Average total premium for family coverage
Kaiser Family Foundation HRET Employer Health Benefits Surveys



DOUBLE-WHAMMY of Health Care Costs

WHILE PREMIUM COSTS HAVE BEEN SOARING, SO HAVE WORKERS' OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS.



Hewitt Health Value Initiative

*And America's per person health care spending is projected to **DOUBLE** by 2016.*

