

The Maclver Institute

Our Wisconsin: Health Care Scorecard

	2011	2018	Notes
Percentage insured	89% covered for entire year (2011 Wisconsin Family Health Survey. Source)	92% covered for entire year (2016 Wisconsin Family Health Survey. Source)	Total health insurance coverage has increased in recent years. The Wisconsin DHS keeps track of the figures in its annual Family Health Survey.
Medicaid enrollment	1,011,600 individuals, 18% of WI population (2011. Source)	948,600 individual., 17% of WI population (2017. Source)	The number and total percentage of Wisconsinites enrolled in Medicaid has fallen in recent years, differing from the observed nationwide trend. In 2011, 18% of Americans nationwide were enrolled in Medicaid. By 2017, that figure had risen to 21%.
Employer-based insurance enrollment	3,054,500 individuals, 55% of WI population (2011. Source)	3,191,800 individuals, 57% of WI population (2017. Source)	Wisconsin has a higher percentage of its populus receiving employer-based insurance than the nationwide average. In both 2011 and 2017, 49% of Americans were enrolled in employer-based insurance.
Average individual monthly premium	\$478 total. Employer paying \$376, employee paying \$102. (2013. Source)	\$536 total. Employer paying \$415, employee paying \$122. (2017. Source)	The Kaiser Family Foundation reports on average annual single premiums per enrolled employee. The national average for 2018 was a \$531 monthly premium, lower than in Wisconsin. In 2013, the national average monthly premium was \$464. Figures may not add up because of rounding.
Average family monthly premium	\$1,389 total. Employer paying \$1,064, employee paying \$325. (2013. Source)	\$1,565 total. Employer paying \$1,162, employee paying \$404. (2017. Source)	The Kaiser Family Foundation reports on average annual family premiums per enrolled employee. The national average was \$1,557 in 2017, and \$1,336 in 2013. Similar to single plan premiums, Wisconsinites pay slightly more than the national average for family plan premiums. Figures may not add up because of rounding.
Emergency room visits	404,269 (2011 number of emergency visits for injuries. Source)	419,092 (2017 number of emergency visits for injuries. Source)	The Wisconsin DHS tracks and reports emergency room visits, one metric of health and wellness. The rate at which Wisconsinites visited emergency rooms for injuries increased by 3.6% between 2011 and 2017, despite an overall population growth smaller than 2%.
Total MA budget	\$13,628,222,200 (2011-13 budget. Source , page 352)	\$20,010,627,900 (2017-19 budget. Source , page 317)	Gov. Walker's first biennial budget spent \$13.6 billion on total Medical Assistance (MA) programs comprising of Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus benefits. Considering only inflation, the 2011 figure would total approximately \$15.3 billion in 2019 dollars.
Medicare spending by residence	\$9,140 (2011. Source)	\$9,608 (2014. Source)	2014 is the most recent figure available for this dataset. The Kaiser Family Foundation measures average Medicare spending per enrollee by residence in each state and nationwide. Wisconsin's trend upwards follows the national trend, though average spending by residence is below the national average, which was \$10,756 in 2011 and \$10,986 in 2014.
Life expectancy	80.2 (2009-2011. Source)	80.0 (2015-2017. Source)	Life expectancy is represented by three-year rolling averages for infants born during those years. The average life expectancy has fallen slightly in Wisconsin in recent years. Nationally, life expectancy has increased during the same time period. The national average of 79.7 years in 2017 is slightly below the Wisconsin average.
Infant mortality rate	6.3 per 1,000 live births (2011. Source)	6.2 per 1,000 live births (2016. Source)	Wisconsin's DHS produces annual reports on annual births, infant mortality rates, and other birth-related statistics. Birth rates have slightly fallen in Wisconsin. The most recent report was published in the summer of 2018 and covers 2016 figures.
Teenage birth rate	23.2 per 1,000 women aged 15-16 (2011. Source)	15.0 per 1,000 women aged 15-19 (2016. Source)	This statistic comes from the same annual as the above figure. The teenage birth rate fell dramatically, by 35%, between 2011 and 2016.
Number of doctors	252.6 active physicians per 100,000 population. (2010. Source)	260.0 active physicians per 100,000 population. (2016. Source)	The number of active physicians in the state population has increased, but is below the national average. For 2010, Wisconsin's physician workforce was ranked 23rd in the states and was below the national rate of 258.2. By 2016, Wisconsin had fallen to 25th among the states, below the new national rate of 270.1.
Out-of-pocket costs	\$4,973 combined average out-of-pocket costs for single and family plans (2011. Source)	\$7,379 combined average out-of-pocket costs for single and family plans (2017. Source)	Average out-of-pocket costs are the sum of employee contributions and annual deductibles paid for single and family plans. Averages in Wisconsin were lower than the national averages for both years. In 2011, the national average out-of-pocket costs for single and family plans was \$5,088. In 2017, it was \$7,240. All numbers are specific to employer-based plans and are reported by the Commonwealth Foundation.
Deductible costs	\$2,253 combined average deductible for single and family plans (2011. Source)	\$3,332 combined average deductible for single and family plans (2017. Source)	Average deductibles were higher than the national average in both years. In 2011, the annual combined average deductible for single and family plans nationwide was \$1,918. In 2017, it was \$2,991. All numbers are specific to employer-based plans and are reported by the Commonwealth Foundation.
Total health care spending per capita	\$7,971 (2011. Source)	\$8,702 (2014. Source)	The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare report on total publicly and privately funded health care spending per capita every five years. Spending for both years examined was higher than the national average of \$7,292 in 2011 and \$8,045 in 2014.

2011 column is to be considered the beginning of Gov. Scott Walker's term, and 2018 the end. For the 2018 column, most recent publicly available data may be for 2017 or earlier, as noted. As Gov. Evers goes into his first term, we will add a new column to track success under his administration when data become available.