BROAD PARTICIPATION
More than 2,400 employers participated in 2018, ranging in size from 10 employees to more than 300,000.

HIGHEST STANDARDS
Designed by statisticians at Research Triangle Institute, the survey uses scientific sampling and weighting methodologies.

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Health benefit cost growth ticked upward 2018, with small employers feeling the most pressure. While the average per-employee cost rose by a moderate 3.6% overall, among small employers (10-499 employees) cost rose by 5.4%. Prescription drug benefits remained a top cost driver, with double-digit growth in spending on specialty drugs. After six years of relatively stable cost increases, many large employers are foregoing the short-term savings offered by cost-shifting for investments in future cost control, such as telemedicine, expert medical opinion services, enhanced care management programs, and access to Centers of Excellence.

The comprehensive report on survey results will discuss cost management strategies focused on improving healthcare quality and efficiency and how employers are working to create a culture of health in which employees are engaged in caring for their health and well-being. It will also provide trends in cost, employee contributions, enrollment and plan design for each of the major medical plan types — PPOs, HMOs and CDHPs — and for prescription drugs, dental plans, voluntary benefits, retiree medical coverage and more.

Although the report provides an overview of results for employers of all sizes, it focuses on organizations with 500 or more employees. An appendix of nearly 100 tables of survey responses, broken down by employer size, region and industry, is sold separately.

AVERAGE 2018 TOTAL HEALTH BENEFIT COST PER EMPLOYEE

The sample graph on the right displays how health benefit cost varied by selected industries in 2018.

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