EMLOYEE RESULTS SURVEYED 2,000 EMPLOYEES AT BUSINESSES; 375 WERE FROM BUSINESSES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR (GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION)

72% of employees are enrolled in major medical/health insurance through their employer.

Employees are enrolled in the following voluntary benefits through their employer:

30% supplemental life insurance.
28% long-term disability insurance.
27% short-term disability insurance.
36% voluntary dental insurance.
32% voluntary vision insurance.
10% cancer or other specified disease insurance.
12% critical illness insurance.
12% voluntary hospital insurance.

VALUE OF BENEFITS

64% of employees say if their employer offered voluntary insurance benefits, they would be at least somewhat likely to purchase them.
43% of employees say they strongly or completely consider voluntary insurance benefits to be a part of a comprehensive benefits program.
83% agree they see a growing need for voluntary insurance.
21% have left a job or turned down a job offer due to the benefits offered.

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

60% of employees would be able to pay less than $1,000 for out-of-pocket expenses if an unexpected serious illness or accident occurred today.
26% of employees say that due to high medical costs they have avoided going to the doctor; 16% have delayed a medical procedure.
24% of employees say that within the last year, they or a family member had to miss a week or more of work due to illness or injury.
18% of employees say they could only go one week without a paycheck; 43% could go less than one month.

IMPORTANCE OF BENEFITS

49% of employees would be at least somewhat likely to accept a job offer that included a slightly lower compensation but a more robust benefits package.
31% percent of employees say that improving their benefits package is one thing their employer could do to keep them in their job.

Employees say that a benefits package is at least somewhat important to:
Job satisfaction: 94%
Loyalty to employer: 86%
Work productivity: 96%
Well-being: 95%
Financial health: 96%

Employees say they would most like their employers to offer the following during open enrollment:

50% say health and wellness discounts.
30% say health reimbursement account.
37% say home or auto insurance discounts.
26% say flexible spending account.
29% say scholarship or tuition reimbursement.
18% say identify theft or fraud protection.

Employees say they would prefer an insurance agent to communicate with them via the following:
Email: 48%
In person: 18%
Phone: 16%
Mail: 9%
Text: 5%
Online live chat: 5%

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