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### Introduction

Nationally, a growing number of employers faced with growing employee health care premium costs either have chosen to drop health care benefits for their employees or to pass on to their employees a greater share of coverage costs. As a consequence, more employees and their dependents either go without health insurance, apply for state purchased health care programs supported with public funds, or seek uncompensated care at hospitals and community clinics.

In response to these trends, the 2005 State Legislature enacted SHB 1486. This legislation directed the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Health Care Authority (HCA) in coordination the Employment Security Department (ESD) to report on the employment status of Medical Assistance clients and Basic Health Program (BHP) enrollees. Due to funding limitations and privacy and state public disclosure restrictions on the release of employer-specific information, Governor Gregoire directed the agencies to submit a report that would include information on:

- The number of Medical Assistance and BHP employees by industry type and size;
- The employee size of the employer by industry type; and,
- The number of hours worked by employees with Medical Assistance and BHP medical coverage.

In addition, ESD has made available a supplemental report with individual employer information, which has been submitted to the Governor and Legislature within state and federal confidentiality laws.

The following public report provides aggregate data within the constraints of confidentiality laws.

### Findings

Findings are based on the analysis of linked Employment Security Department (ESD) quarterly earnings data, monthly DSHS medical eligibility data, and monthly medical insurance data for calendar year 2004. Information about the employment of clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage is summarized in the tables that follow. Note that ESD quarterly earnings data do not include self-employment or unreported earnings.

#### OVERALL EMPLOYMENT LEVELS

- 1. In the average quarter in calendar year 2004, there were 107,643 persons (28 percent of all DSHS medical clients aged 16-64) with DSHS medical coverage and ESD-reported earnings in the quarter** (see Table 1A "All Firms"). The number of employed DSHS medical assistance clients ranged from a low of 96,075 clients in 2004Q1 to a peak of 115,638 clients in 2004Q3.
- 2. Most employed DSHS Medical Assistance clients worked part time.**
  - **The median hours worked among employed DSHS Medical Assistance clients was 17 hours per week** (for their primary employer).
  - On average, 57 percent of employees with DSHS coverage worked 20 hours per week or less for their primary employer in the quarter.
  - Another 26 percent worked 21 to 34 hours per week for their primary employer, while only 17 percent worked 35 hours per week or more for their primary employer.
- 3. The vast majority of employed clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage had a single employer (per quarter with employment).** In cases where the client had more than one employer in the quarter, the primary employer was defined to be the employer for whom the client worked the greatest number of hours in the quarter.

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4. Adding employed (non-client) *parents* of dependents with DSHS medical coverage to the count of employed *clients* with DSHS medical coverage pushed employment counts significantly higher. **In the average quarter in 2004, there were 232,481 employed clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage** (see Table 2A "All Firms"). By "parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage" we mean the head of household, spouse, or unmarried co-parent associated with a DSHS medical assistance client.
5. **Employed (non-client) *parents* with dependents enrolled in DSHS medical coverage are more likely to be working full-time than employed DSHS *clients* with medical coverage.** Fifty percent of employed parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage worked 35 or more hours per week for their primary employer, compared to only 17 percent of employed clients with DSHS medical coverage.

### EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY AND FIRM SIZE

1. **Clients with DSHS medical assistance were most frequently employed in the following industries:**
  - Accommodation and food services (21,960 employed clients per quarter)
  - Retail trade (17,683 per quarter)
  - Health and social assistance (15,408 per quarter)
  - Administrative and waste services (11,898 per quarter)
2. **Half of employed clients with DSHS medical coverage worked for firms with more than 100 employees; 17 percent of clients worked for firms with less than 10 employees.**
3. **Adding employed parents of dependents with DSHS medical assistance significantly increased the count of persons employed in the following industries:**
  - Health and social assistance (17,062 additional employed parents of dependents with DSHS coverage per quarter)
  - Retail trade (14,819 per quarter)
  - Manufacturing (14,293 per quarter)
  - Agriculture (13,815 per quarter)
  - Accommodation and food services (12,588 per quarter)
  - Construction (9,323 per quarter)
4. **There was significant variation in average hours worked by industry.**
  - Among employed clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage, median hours worked per week were lowest (less than 20 hours per week) in the educational services and administrative services industries.
  - Hours per week were highest in manufacturing and wholesale trade (36.9 hours per week), among those industries employing a significant number of clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage.
5. **We found significant variation by industry in the likelihood that an employed client or parent of a dependent with DSHS medical coverage was in a household with other insurance.** For each employed client or parent, we identified whether any member of their household was covered through other insurance (such as employer-provided medical coverage) in the quarters in which they were employed. We did not have information on the specific source of the other insurance, and could not identify whether the employee's primary employer was the source of the coverage. Nevertheless, this provides a rough estimate of the percentage of clients or parents who have health insurance for themselves and/or their dependents through their primary employer.
  - A relatively **high** proportion of clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage employed in the public administration (21 percent) or educational services (19 percent) industries were in households with other insurance.
  - A relatively **low** proportion of clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage employed in the agricultural (5 percent), administrative services (7 percent), or construction (9 percent) industries were in households with other insurance.

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TABLE 1A.  
Employed Clients with DSHS Medical Coverage: By Industry of Primary Employer

CY 2004	Number of Employed Clients with DSHS Coverage					Industry Profile		
	QUARTER				YEARLY average per quarter	Average Monthly Total Employment (2004)	% of employed clients in a household with other insurance	Median weekly hours with primary employer, per employed DSHS client
	1	2	3	4				
<b>All Firms</b>	<b>96,075</b>	<b>108,361</b>	<b>115,638</b>	<b>110,498</b>	<b>107,643</b>	<b>2,693,886</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	55,687	63,514	65,486	59,952	61,160			
21 to 34 hours per week	26,732	27,730	30,375	28,460	28,324			
35+ hours per week	13,656	17,117	19,777	22,086	18,159			
<b>Agriculture, Forestry (11)</b>	<b>3,257</b>	<b>7,265</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>5,830</b>	<b>82,372</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>12.6</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,774	5,208	5,250	2,955	3,797			
21 to 34 hours per week	903	1,114	1,431	958	1,102			
35+ hours per week	580	943	1,226	976	931			
<b>Mining (21)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>25.8</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	13	12	20	19	16			
21 to 34 hours per week	8	11	17	10	12			
35+ hours per week	10	12	13	14	12			
<b>Utilities (22)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>26.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	35	40	40	25	35			
21 to 34 hours per week	18	23	22	9	18			
35+ hours per week	25	25	34	34	30			
<b>Construction (23)</b>	<b>3,474</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b>4,759</b>	<b>4,438</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>152,842</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>16.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	2,188	2,472	2,650	2,453	2,441			
21 to 34 hours per week	902	980	1,232	1,066	1,045			
35+ hours per week	384	716	877	919	724			
<b>Manufacturing (31-33)</b>	<b>4,797</b>	<b>5,457</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>6,072</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>269,406</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>25.7</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	2,038	2,316	2,562	2,361	2,319			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,533	1,407	1,696	1,359	1,499			
35+ hours per week	1,226	1,734	2,124	2,352	1,859			
<b>Wholesale Trade (42)</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>115,398</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>23.8</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	842	1,004	1,094	918	965			
21 to 34 hours per week	533	594	583	541	563			
35+ hours per week	515	648	744	873	695			

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	1	2	3	4				
<b>Retail Trade (44)</b>	<b>16,676</b>	<b>17,161</b>	<b>17,585</b>	<b>19,310</b>	<b>17,683</b>	<b>306,989</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>19.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	9,013	8,926	8,705	9,871	9,129			
21 to 34 hours per week	5,013	5,229	5,239	5,351	5,208			
35+ hours per week	2,650	3,006	3,641	4,088	3,346			
<b>Transportation, Warehousing (48)</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>109,126</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20.5</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	962	941	1,101	897	975			
21 to 34 hours per week	474	494	501	574	511			
35+ hours per week	369	464	545	603	495			
<b>Information (51)</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>96,647</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	610	628	646	684	642			
21 to 34 hours per week	250	226	254	242	243			
35+ hours per week	165	192	188	248	198			
<b>Finance, Insurance (52)</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>101,108</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>27.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	633	697	684	650	666			
21 to 34 hours per week	516	575	627	544	566			
35+ hours per week	541	525	609	760	609			
<b>Real Estate, Leasing (53)</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>50,150</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>17.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,284	1,409	1,391	1,211	1,324			
21 to 34 hours per week	512	558	591	540	550			
35+ hours per week	433	509	565	587	524			
<b>Professional Technical Services (54)</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>2,259</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>133,394</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>16.1</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,313	1,371	1,208	1,254	1,287			
21 to 34 hours per week	532	465	535	501	508			
35+ hours per week	319	390	413	504	407			
<b>Corporate Management Enterprise (55)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>32,951</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	23	24	20	17	21			
21 to 34 hours per week	15	8	17	14	14			
35+ hours per week	13	16	12	22	16			

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<b>Administrative Waste Services (56)</b>	<b>9,945</b>	<b>11,531</b>	<b>13,135</b>	<b>12,981</b>	<b>11,898</b>	<b>130,509</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	7,018	8,041	9,089	8,232	8,095			
21 to 34 hours per week	2,032	2,187	2,577	2,665	2,365			
35+ hours per week	895	1,303	1,469	2,084	1,438			
<b>Educational Services (61)</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>3,734</b>	<b>3,533</b>	<b>238,819</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>10.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	2,670	2,677	2,622	2,622	2,648			
21 to 34 hours per week	682	740	370	851	661			
35+ hours per week	208	229	201	261	225			
<b>Health, Social Assist (62)</b>	<b>14,763</b>	<b>15,386</b>	<b>15,851</b>	<b>15,632</b>	<b>15,408</b>	<b>316,036</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>20.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	7,275	7,522	7,589	7,206	7,398			
21 to 34 hours per week	4,816	4,721	4,895	4,646	4,770			
35+ hours per week	2,672	3,143	3,367	3,780	3,241			
<b>Arts, Entertainment (71)</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>4,078</b>	<b>3,415</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>59,843</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,787	2,313	2,580	2,013	2,173			
21 to 34 hours per week	765	787	994	808	839			
35+ hours per week	424	486	504	594	502			
<b>Accommodation, Food Services (72)</b>	<b>20,177</b>	<b>22,325</b>	<b>23,434</b>	<b>21,903</b>	<b>21,960</b>	<b>208,451</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>15.2</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	13,053	14,469	14,311	13,418	13,813			
21 to 34 hours per week	5,747	6,117	7,005	6,240	6,277			
35+ hours per week	1,377	1,739	2,118	2,245	1,870			
<b>Other Services (81)</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>3,892</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>113,927</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	2,148	2,310	2,245	2,103	2,202			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,060	1,021	1,234	1,097	1,103			
35+ hours per week	451	581	614	692	585			
<b>Public Administration (92)</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>155,084</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>17.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,007	1,134	1,679	1,043	1,216			
21 to 34 hours per week	420	473	555	444	473			
35+ hours per week	398	456	513	450	454			



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CY 2004	Number of Employed Clients with DSHS Coverage					Profile		
	QUARTER				YEARLY average per quarter	Average Monthly Total Employment (2005Q1)	Percent of DSHS covered employees with other insurance	Median weekly hours per employee with DSHS coverage
	1	2	3	4				
<b>All Firms</b>	<b>96,075</b>	<b>108,361</b>	<b>115,638</b>	<b>110,498</b>	<b>107,643</b>	<b>2,702,258</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	55,687	63,514	65,486	59,952	61,160			
21 to 34 hours per week	26,732	27,730	30,375	28,460	28,324			
35+ hours per week	13,656	17,117	19,777	22,086	18,159			
<b>100 Employees or More</b>	<b>47,888</b>	<b>54,111</b>	<b>57,466</b>	<b>56,950</b>	<b>54,104</b>	<b>1,275,074</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>17.7</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	26,621	30,975	31,720	29,585	29,725			
21 to 34 hours per week	13,810	14,176	15,134	14,803	14,481			
35+ hours per week	7,457	8,960	10,612	12,562	9,898			
<b>50 to 99 Employees</b>	<b>9,571</b>	<b>10,871</b>	<b>11,572</b>	<b>10,410</b>	<b>10,606</b>	<b>324,728</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>17.7</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	5,299	6,271	6,319	5,399	5,822			
21 to 34 hours per week	2,685	2,688	3,091	2,698	2,791			
35+ hours per week	1,587	1,912	2,162	2,313	1,994			
<b>20 to 49 Employees</b>	<b>13,131</b>	<b>15,168</b>	<b>16,108</b>	<b>14,382</b>	<b>14,697</b>	<b>420,628</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	7,778	8,893	9,019	7,779	8,367			
21 to 34 hours per week	3,640	3,909	4,466	3,832	3,962			
35+ hours per week	1,713	2,366	2,623	2,771	2,368			
<b>10 to 19 Employees</b>	<b>9,139</b>	<b>10,218</b>	<b>10,614</b>	<b>10,094</b>	<b>10,016</b>	<b>275,761</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>16.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	5,560	6,235	6,171	5,671	5,909			
21 to 34 hours per week	2,532	2,546	2,814	2,685	2,644			
35+ hours per week	1,047	1,437	1,629	1,738	1,463			
<b>Less than 10 Employees</b>	<b>16,343</b>	<b>17,993</b>	<b>19,878</b>	<b>18,662</b>	<b>18,219</b>	<b>406,067</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	10,428	11,140	12,257	11,518	11,336			
21 to 34 hours per week	4,064	4,411	4,870	4,442	4,447			
35+ hours per week	1,851	2,442	2,751	2,702	2,437			

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### Employed Clients or Parents of Dependents with DSHS Medical Coverage: By Industry of Primary Employer

CY 2004	Number of Employed Clients or Parents					Industry Profile		
	QUARTER				YEARLY average per quarter	Average Monthly Total Employment (2004)	% of employed clients or parents in a household with other insurance	Median weekly hours with primary employer, per DSHS client/parent
	1	2	3	4				
<b>All Firms</b>	<b>221,752</b>	<b>235,414</b>	<b>240,080</b>	<b>232,678</b>	<b>232,481</b>	<b>2,693,886</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>27.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	85,439	92,148	93,421	85,332	89,085			
21 to 34 hours per week	67,990	62,738	62,208	59,297	63,058			
35+ hours per week	68,323	80,528	84,451	88,049	80,338			
<b>Agriculture, Forestry (11)</b>	<b>15,644</b>	<b>22,127</b>	<b>22,470</b>	<b>18,338</b>	<b>19,645</b>	<b>82,372</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>26.3</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	5,327	9,809	9,082	7,354	7,893			
21 to 34 hours per week	5,217	4,379	4,816	3,957	4,592			
35+ hours per week	5,100	7,939	8,572	7,027	7,160			
<b>Mining (21)</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>38.6</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	32	32	37	35	34			
21 to 34 hours per week	30	30	32	25	29			
35+ hours per week	76	91	101	95	91			
<b>Utilities (22)</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>36.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	78	68	66	48	65			
21 to 34 hours per week	56	68	53	31	52			
35+ hours per week	144	151	160	142	149			
<b>Construction (23)</b>	<b>12,793</b>	<b>13,605</b>	<b>14,207</b>	<b>13,526</b>	<b>13,533</b>	<b>152,842</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>28.8</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	5,090	4,709	4,700	4,398	4,724			
21 to 34 hours per week	4,383	3,757	3,938	3,636	3,929			
35+ hours per week	3,320	5,139	5,569	5,492	4,880			
<b>Manufacturing (31-33)</b>	<b>19,071</b>	<b>19,752</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>20,353</b>	<b>19,970</b>	<b>269,406</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>36.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	3,832	3,901	3,884	3,923	3,885			
21 to 34 hours per week	5,517	4,386	4,545	3,695	4,536			
35+ hours per week	9,722	11,465	12,274	12,735	11,549			
<b>Wholesale Trade (42)</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>7,508</b>	<b>7,341</b>	<b>115,398</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>36.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,546	1,752	1,778	1,454	1,633			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,688	1,586	1,561	1,359	1,549			
35+ hours per week	3,681	4,062	4,201	4,695	4,160			

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TABLE 2A.

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CY 2004	Number of Employed Clients or Parents					Industry Profile		
	QUARTER				YEARLY average per quarter	Average Monthly Total Employment (2004)	% of employed clients or parents in a household with other insurance	Median weekly hours with primary employer, per DSHS client/parent
	1	2	3	4				
<b>Retail Trade (44)</b>	<b>32,051</b>	<b>32,038</b>	<b>31,947</b>	<b>33,970</b>	<b>32,502</b>	<b>306,989</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>27.7</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	12,090	11,678	11,270	12,307	11,836			
21 to 34 hours per week	9,873	9,343	8,948	8,705	9,217			
35+ hours per week	10,088	11,017	11,729	12,958	11,448			
<b>Transpo, Warehousing (48)</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>5,303</b>	<b>5,604</b>	<b>5,475</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>109,126</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>31.6</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,803	1,664	1,861	1,459	1,697			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,470	1,343	1,291	1,332	1,359			
35+ hours per week	2,036	2,296	2,452	2,684	2,367			
<b>Information (51)</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>96,647</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>27.9</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	890	865	889	922	892			
21 to 34 hours per week	615	516	553	507	548			
35+ hours per week	821	879	824	976	875			
<b>Finance, Insurance (52)</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>4,737</b>	<b>4,787</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>4,761</b>	<b>101,108</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>35.2</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,020	1,084	1,067	971	1,036			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,320	1,366	1,345	1,146	1,294			
35+ hours per week	2,368	2,287	2,375	2,694	2,431			
<b>Real Estate, Leasing (53)</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>5,147</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>4,819</b>	<b>5,014</b>	<b>50,150</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>29.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,889	1,987	1,932	1,663	1,868			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,144	1,124	1,143	1,034	1,111			
35+ hours per week	1,860	2,036	2,123	2,122	2,035			
<b>Prof Tech Services (54)</b>	<b>5,003</b>	<b>4,953</b>	<b>4,718</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>133,394</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>27.2</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,991	2,045	1,806	1,782	1,906			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,360	1,074	1,137	1,061	1,158			
35+ hours per week	1,652	1,834	1,775	1,890	1,788			
<b>Corp Mgmt Enterprise (55)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>32,951</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>34.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	31	32	30	29	31			
21 to 34 hours per week	29	17	30	28	26			
35+ hours per week	39	48	57	65	52			

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CY 2004	Number of Employed Clients or Parents					Industry Profile		
	QUARTER				YEARLY average per quarter	Average Monthly Total Employment (2004)	% of employed clients or parents in a household with other insurance	Median weekly hours with primary employer, per DSHS client/parent
	1	2	3	4				
<b>Administrative/Waste Services (56)</b>	<b>18,487</b>	<b>20,257</b>	<b>21,889</b>	<b>21,477</b>	<b>20,528</b>	<b>130,509</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>18.5</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	9,967	10,840	11,816	10,576	10,800			
21 to 34 hours per week	4,695	4,403	4,848	4,761	4,677			
35+ hours per week	3,825	5,014	5,225	6,140	5,051			
<b>Educational Services (61)</b>	<b>10,139</b>	<b>10,057</b>	<b>8,554</b>	<b>9,736</b>	<b>9,622</b>	<b>238,819</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16.6</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	5,418	5,377	6,333	4,919	5,512			
21 to 34 hours per week	3,203	3,297	1,112	3,344	2,739			
35+ hours per week	1,518	1,383	1,109	1,473	1,371			
<b>Health, Social Assist (62)</b>	<b>32,300</b>	<b>32,561</b>	<b>32,787</b>	<b>32,230</b>	<b>32,470</b>	<b>316,036</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>30.1</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	10,474	10,411	10,631	9,916	10,358			
21 to 34 hours per week	11,100	10,022	9,937	9,178	10,059			
35+ hours per week	10,726	12,128	12,219	13,136	12,052			
<b>Arts, Entertainment (71)</b>	<b>5,784</b>	<b>6,325</b>	<b>6,781</b>	<b>6,131</b>	<b>6,255</b>	<b>59,843</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>23.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	2,474	2,998	3,233	2,691	2,849			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,672	1,538	1,757	1,474	1,610			
35+ hours per week	1,638	1,789	1,791	1,966	1,796			
<b>Accommodation, Food Services (72)</b>	<b>32,929</b>	<b>35,075</b>	<b>36,112</b>	<b>34,075</b>	<b>34,548</b>	<b>208,451</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>20.2</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	16,669	17,793	17,544	16,390	17,099			
21 to 34 hours per week	11,002	11,134	11,573	10,746	11,114			
35+ hours per week	5,258	6,148	6,995	6,939	6,335			
<b>Other Services (81)</b>	<b>8,184</b>	<b>8,385</b>	<b>8,463</b>	<b>8,093</b>	<b>8,281</b>	<b>113,927</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>25.7</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	3,284	3,482	3,306	3,010	3,271			
21 to 34 hours per week	2,525	2,273	2,479	2,219	2,374			
35+ hours per week	2,375	2,630	2,678	2,864	2,637			
<b>Public Administration (92)</b>	<b>4,696</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>5,487</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,895</b>	<b>155,084</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>31.1</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	1,533	1,621	2,156	1,485	1,699			
21 to 34 hours per week	1,088	1,082	1,109	1,059	1,085			
35+ hours per week	2,075	2,192	2,222	1,956	2,111			

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CY 2004	Number of Employed Clients or Parents					Profile		
	QUARTER				YEARLY average per quarter	Average Monthly Total Employment (2005Q1)	% of employed clients or parents in a household with other insurance	Median weekly hours with primary employer, per DSHS client/parent
	1	2	3	4				
<b>All Firms</b>	<b>221,752</b>	<b>235,414</b>	<b>240,080</b>	<b>232,678</b>	<b>232,481</b>	<b>2,702,258</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>27.0</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	85,439	92,148	93,421	85,332	89,085			
21 to 34 hours per week	67,990	62,738	62,208	59,297	63,058			
35+ hours per week	68,323	80,528	84,451	88,049	80,338			
<b>100 Employees or More</b>	<b>107,026</b>	<b>114,536</b>	<b>116,506</b>	<b>114,837</b>	<b>113,226</b>	<b>1,275,074</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>27.8</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	39,099	43,951	44,755	40,063	41,967			
21 to 34 hours per week	33,460	31,173	29,723	29,037	30,848			
35+ hours per week	34,467	39,412	42,028	45,737	40,411			
<b>50 to 99 Employees</b>	<b>22,874</b>	<b>24,437</b>	<b>24,890</b>	<b>23,277</b>	<b>23,870</b>	<b>324,728</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>29.8</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	7,867	8,794	8,746	7,585	8,248			
21 to 34 hours per week	6,748	6,041	6,143	5,565	6,124			
35+ hours per week	8,259	9,602	10,001	10,127	9,497			
<b>20 to 49 Employees</b>	<b>30,648</b>	<b>33,143</b>	<b>33,827</b>	<b>31,046</b>	<b>32,166</b>	<b>420,628</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>28.1</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	11,729	12,534	12,568	10,831	11,916			
21 to 34 hours per week	9,207	8,475	8,886	7,942	8,628			
35+ hours per week	9,712	12,134	12,373	12,273	11,623			
<b>10 to 19 Employees</b>	<b>21,400</b>	<b>22,366</b>	<b>22,216</b>	<b>21,719</b>	<b>21,925</b>	<b>275,761</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>26.2</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	8,641	9,105	8,677	8,278	8,675			
21 to 34 hours per week	6,791	5,855	6,010	5,819	6,119			
35+ hours per week	5,968	7,406	7,529	7,622	7,131			
<b>Less than 10 Employees</b>	<b>39,799</b>	<b>40,932</b>	<b>42,641</b>	<b>41,799</b>	<b>41,293</b>	<b>406,067</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>23.1</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	18,102	17,764	18,675	18,575	18,279			
21 to 34 hours per week	11,781	11,194	11,446	10,934	11,339			
35+ hours per week	9,916	11,974	12,520	12,290	11,675			

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Table 3

**Reporting Client Employment Patterns – Full Time vs. Part  
Time Employment, Number of Employers**

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**TABLE 3.**  
**Client Employment Patterns**

CY 2004	Employed Clients with DSHS Coverage					Employed Clients or Parents of Clients				
	Quarter				YEARLY average per quarter	Quarter				YEARLY average per quarter
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4	
<b>Worked for One Employer</b>	<b>83,447</b>	<b>89,517</b>	<b>93,930</b>	<b>91,492</b>	<b>89,597</b>	<b>192,350</b>	<b>193,666</b>	<b>193,871</b>	<b>192,587</b>	<b>193,119</b>
1 to 20 hours per week	47,391	51,287	51,853	48,415	49,737	70,814	71,679	71,466	66,456	70,104
21 to 34 hours per week	23,395	22,684	24,442	23,211	23,433	58,223	49,279	47,565	46,835	50,476
35+ hours per week	12,661	15,546	17,635	19,866	16,427	63,313	72,708	74,840	79,296	72,539
<b>Worked for Two or More Employers</b>	<b>12,628</b>	<b>18,844</b>	<b>21,708</b>	<b>19,006</b>	<b>18,047</b>	<b>29,402</b>	<b>41,748</b>	<b>46,209</b>	<b>40,091</b>	<b>39,363</b>
TOTAL WEEKLY HOURS										
HOURS WITH PRIMARY EMPLOYER										
1 to 20 hours per week	6,128	8,917	9,728	8,381	8,289	9,766	13,257	13,892	12,533	12,362
21 to 34 hours per week	2,051	3,103	3,598	2,991	2,936	4,491	6,534	7,084	5,818	5,982
21 to 34 hours per week	2,090	3,114	3,530	3,090	2,956	5,192	6,751	7,017	6,058	6,255
35+ hours per week	117	207	307	165	199	368	678	979	525	638
35+ hours per week	1,247	1,932	2,403	2,159	1,935	4,575	6,708	7,626	6,404	6,328
35+ hours per week	995	1,571	2,142	2,220	1,732	5,010	7,820	9,611	8,753	7,799
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYED</b>	<b>96,075</b>	<b>108,361</b>	<b>115,638</b>	<b>110,498</b>	<b>107,643</b>	<b>221,752</b>	<b>235,414</b>	<b>240,080</b>	<b>232,678</b>	<b>232,481</b>
<b>TOTAL WORKING-AGE MEDICAL CLIENTS (16-64)</b>	<b>387,311</b>	<b>385,090</b>	<b>382,144</b>	<b>378,540</b>	<b>383,271</b>					
<b>TOTAL MEDICAL CLIENTS</b>	<b>958,144</b>	<b>955,280</b>	<b>954,784</b>	<b>951,713</b>	<b>954,980</b>					



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### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Findings are based on the analysis of linked Employment Security Department (ESD) quarterly earnings data, monthly DSHS medical eligibility data, and monthly medical insurance data for calendar year 2004. ESD quarterly earnings data do not include self-employment or unreported earnings.

Employees were counted as clients of DSHS medical coverage if they had at least one month of DSHS medical coverage in the quarter(s) in which they were employed. Similarly, employed non-client parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage were counted if they were part of a household with at least one person who received DSHS medical coverage for at least one month in the quarter(s) they were employed. Furthermore, the "parent" had to be identified as the head of household, spouse of the head of household, or unmarried co-parent of a child in common with the head of household in the quarter(s) of employment.

Counts of employed clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage were associated with a single "primary employer" in each calendar quarter. The industry or firm size associated with the primary employer was used to allocate employment counts in tables 1A-B and 2A-B. In cases where the client had more than one employer in the quarter, the primary employer was defined to be the employer for whom the client worked the greatest number of hours in the quarter. The vast majority of employed clients or parents of dependents with DSHS medical coverage had a single employer per quarter with employment.

Firm size was based on the number of covered employees in the third month of the calendar quarter under consideration.

For each employed client or parent, we identified whether any member of their household was covered through other insurance (such as employer-provided medical coverage) in the quarters in which they were employed. We did not have information on the specific source of the other insurance, and could not identify whether the employee's primary employer was the source of the coverage. This provides a rough estimate of the percentage of clients or parents who have health insurance for themselves and/or their dependents through their primary employer.