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Health benefits coverage among male workers

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The proportion of prime working-age married men with employer-provided health benefits declined substantially over the 1979-92 period, especially among younger, less educated workers. This article examines the distribution of employer-provided health benefits using data from the March Current Population Survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census over the 1980-1993 period. Married men specifically were chosen for the analysis because changes in health benefit coverage for them are likely to reflect the net impact of changes in labor market structure affecting the supply and demand of jobs that provide health benefits.

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