

# 2018 health care spending up due to higher prices

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Average employer-sponsored insurance spending rose to \$5,892 per person in 2018, according to the Health Care Cost Institute annual *Health Care Cost and Utilization Report*.

To assess the trends within four categories of service (inpatient admissions; outpatient visits and procedures; professional services; and [prescription drugs](#)), the authors of the report used deidentified claims data for 160 million U.S. individuals (

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