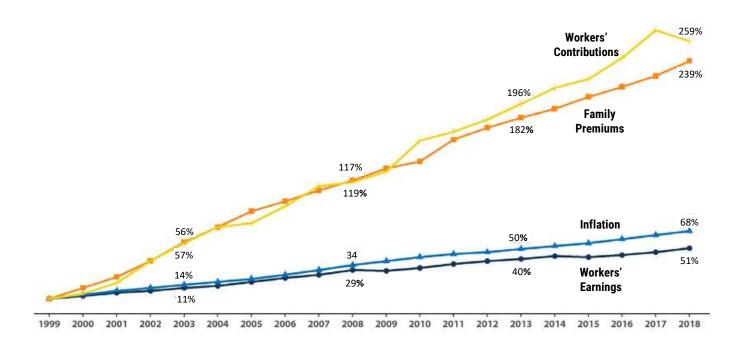
Healthcare Costs Rise Much Faster than Wages

Healthcare premiums, and worker contributions to premiums, have been rising faster than inflation and wages for decades, as the graph below shows.

Today, the average premium for employer-based health insurance for a family of 4 is \$19,616. (That works out to \$9.43 per hour for a full-time worker.)

CUMULATIVE INCREASES IN FAMILY PREMIUMS, WORKER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILY PREMIUMS, INFLATION, AND WORKERS' EARNINGS 1999-2018



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Employer Health Benefits Survey, 2018, 10/3/18, www.kff.org/slideshow/2018-employer-health-benefits-chartpack (slides 3 and 6).