

# O-EPIC Premium Assistance

## Fast Facts

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The Oklahoma Employer/Employee Partnership for Insurance Coverage (O-EPIC) is a program to assist small business owners, employees and their spouses with health insurance premiums. Find out more information by visiting [www.insureoklahoma.org](http://www.insureoklahoma.org).

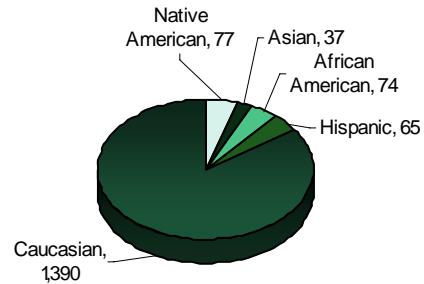
## Employer Sponsored Insurance (ESI)

	Total Currently Enrolled			New Enrollment this Month		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Employee	613	732	1,345	52	69	121
Spouse	80	218	298	7	22	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>150</b>

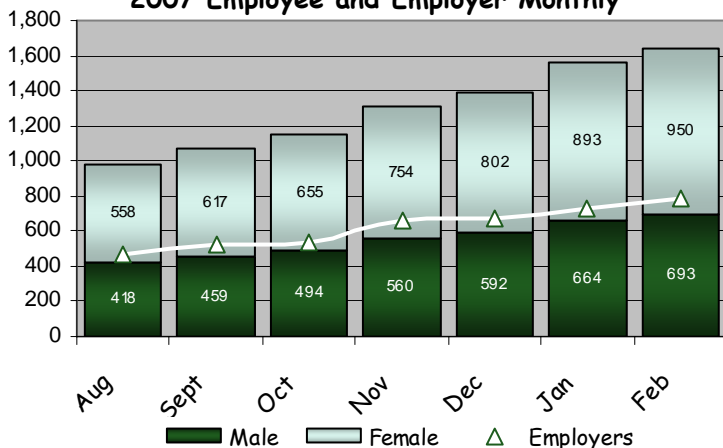
	Current	New
Business Activity	787	74

\*Some approved businesses may not have any approved employees.

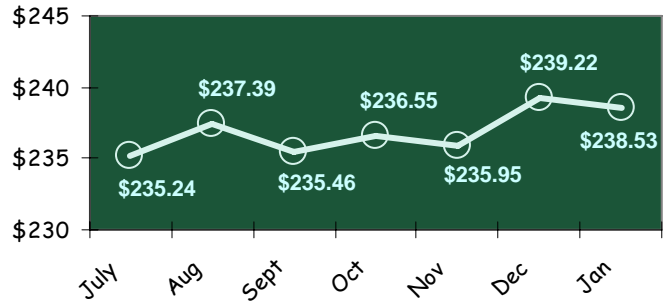
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Race Breakdown of Employees



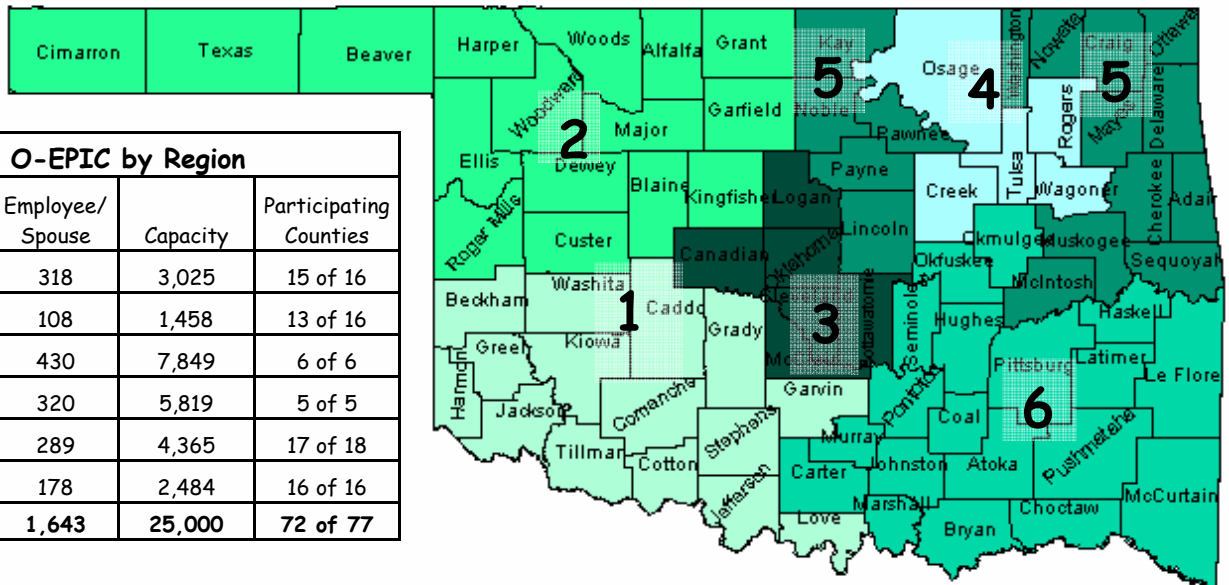
2007 Employee and Employer Monthly



Average OHCA Premium Assistance Payments



\*Effective February 2007 OHCA Per Member Per Month reporting will be of the previous month due to semi-monthly payments versus monthly payments.



O-EPIC by Region			
	Employers	Employee/Spouse	Participating Counties
Region 1	121	318	15 of 16
Region 2	47	108	13 of 16
Region 3	232	430	6 of 6
Region 4	179	320	5 of 5
Region 5	128	289	17 of 18
Region 6	80	178	16 of 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>72 of 77</b>

Data is valid as of the date of the report; any subsequent figures for this group for this time period may vary. [www.insureoklahoma.org](http://www.insureoklahoma.org)

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## Individual Plan (IP)

*Applications are now being accepted for the second phase of the plan to provide health insurance to qualified Oklahoma citizens. The O-EPIC Premium Assistance Individual Plan (IP) enrollment officially kicked off Tuesday, January 9.*

The O-EPIC IP is available to Oklahomans who fall into one of three groups: working adults who are not eligible for an O-EPIC employer-sponsored qualified health plan and work for an Oklahoma small business with 50 or fewer employees; temporarily unemployed adults who are eligible to receive unemployment benefits through the Oklahoman Employment Security Commission; or working adults with a disability who work for any size employer and have a "ticket to work."

Additional qualifications include being an Oklahoma resident, between the ages of 19 and 64, not currently enrolled in or have an open application for Medicaid or Medicare, provide proof of U.S. citizenship (or qualified alien), provide Social Security numbers for all household members, and have an annual gross household income within the qualifying guidelines.

"This new program has the potential to reach a whole new segment of Oklahoma's uninsured population. We're reaching out to those people who quite possibly may never have had the opportunity to purchase health insurance coverage," said Mike Fogarty, chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

O-EPIC IP is designed to provide Oklahoma individuals with health insurance for themselves and their spouse if needed. The employee's household income must be at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level to participate in the program.

"We don't want people to look at the income levels and immediately assume that they make too much money to qualify. There are additional factors at play such as household size as well as some income disallowances that can work in their favor. My best advice would be to just go ahead and fill out an application," said Matt Lucas, program manager for the O-EPIC program.

Premiums for the O-EPIC IP plan are based on income with premiums for an individual ranging from \$0 to \$49.33 per month and for a couple, \$0 to \$66.44. Participants are also required to make co-payments for services, such as \$10 per office visit and \$10 for a brand prescription.

As of February 5th, there were a total of 111 pre-approved applicants for the O-EPIC Individual Plan; 32 will be effective March 1, 2007 and 79 for April 1, 2007.

For more information about the O-EPIC program or an application, call 1-888-365-3742, or visit the web site at <http://www.insureoklahoma.org>.