

# **Study: Carson City 10th most expensive metro area for employer-sponsored health care**

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High costs for treating insured adults makes Carson City the 10th most expensive metropolitan area in the United States for health care costs, a study released Wednesday said.

Carson City has an annual health care cost of \$5,931 per person for people with employer-sponsored health insurance, according to the report from Thomson Reuters Healthcare.

No specific figures were available for Reno, but a map included with the report shows costs for treating children and adults through employer-sponsored health insurance were roughly the same as the national average and costs for senior citizens were slightly lower.

Overall spending in Carson City was 145 percent of the national average in 2009, the report said. Costs for treating children through employer-sponsored health insurance in Carson City were 90 percent of the national average, and costs for senior citizens were 85 percent of the national average.

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