

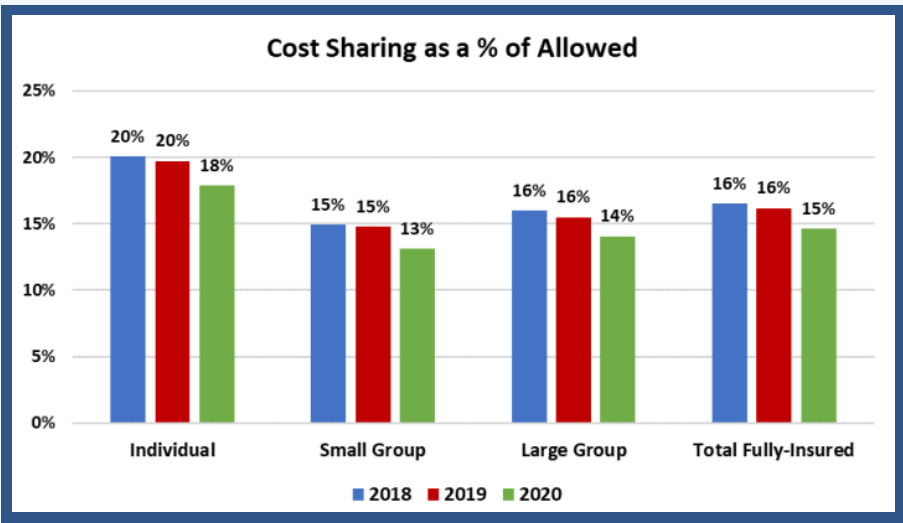
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OHIC Releases Rhode Island Market Summary Data

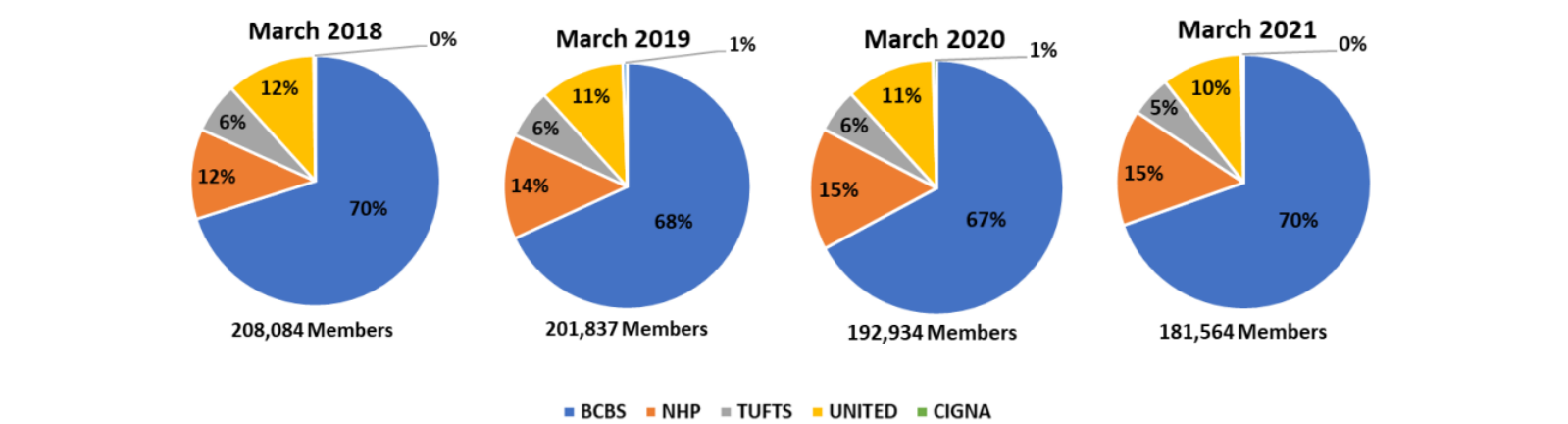
The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) collected and aggregated data on trends in health insurance enrollment, enrollment demographics, cost trends, claims, and other important information in order to highlight trends and shifts in the Rhode Island market. The data to create the market summary was collected from Rhode Island's insurers as part of the annual rate review filing process earlier this year. As the office continues to prioritize making health care more accessible and affordable for Rhode Islanders, the data from this market summary is intended to highlight the major cost drivers of health insurance premiums for advocates and policymakers. Highlighted below are some of the graphs from the summary, for the full Rhode Island Market Summary [click here](#).

The Individual Market has the highest cost sharing as a percentage of allowed claims



- In 2020, the Individual Market enrollees pay 18% of their total allowed claims in cost sharing. This is higher than the Small Group Market at 13% and the Large Group Market at 14%.
- A portion of the Individual Market pays very little in cost sharing due to cost sharing reduction (CSR) subsidies. This data suggests that unsubsidized enrollees within the Individual Market pay significantly more in cost sharing compared to the Group Markets.
- The cost sharing as a percentage of the allowed PMPMs have decreased from 2019 to 2020 most likely due to COVID's impact on the mix services.

Across the entire Fully-Insured Market in Rhode Island, the market share has remained fairly consistent for the past four years.

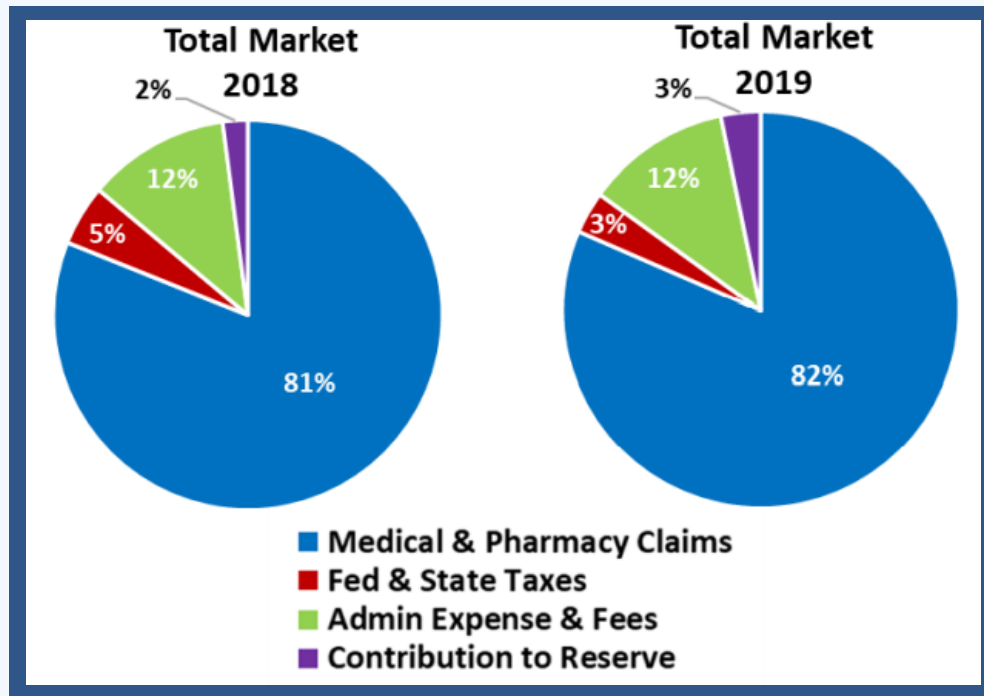


In the overall Fully-Insured segment, 82% of premium was used for medical and pharmacy claims in 2019

➡ In the overall Fully-Insured Market segment, the components of premium have been fairly consistent from 2018 to 2019.

➡ The overall contribution to reserve increased slightly from 2% in 2018 to 3% in 2019.

➡ Compared to the Individual and Small Group Market, the Large Group Market has lower administrative expenses and contribution to reserve as a percentage of premium.



The analysis in this report is based on work conducted by Jennifer Smagula and Bela Gorman, both of whom are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and Fellows of the Society of Actuaries.

Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner: Staff Spotlight

In 2004, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed legislation establishing OHIC as the first state agency in the nation dedicated solely to health insurance oversight. In addition to ensuring commercial health insurance is affordable, and accessible for Rhode Islanders, our office is charged with guarding the solvency of the state's health insurers, protecting the interests of consumers, encouraging policies that improve the quality and efficiency of health care service delivery, and directing insurers towards policies that advance the welfare of the public through overall efficiency, improved health care quality, and appropriate access. With such a large scope, that includes advocating on behalf of nearly 200,000 commercially insured Rhode Islanders, OHIC is run by only eleven staff members. For the next year in our monthly newsletters, we will feature one member of our staff to highlight our incredible employees and showcase the impact our small team has had on health care in Rhode Island.



“What I enjoy most about my role at OHIC is collaborating with community stakeholders and state agency staff to promote health policy improvements for all Rhode Islanders.”

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