

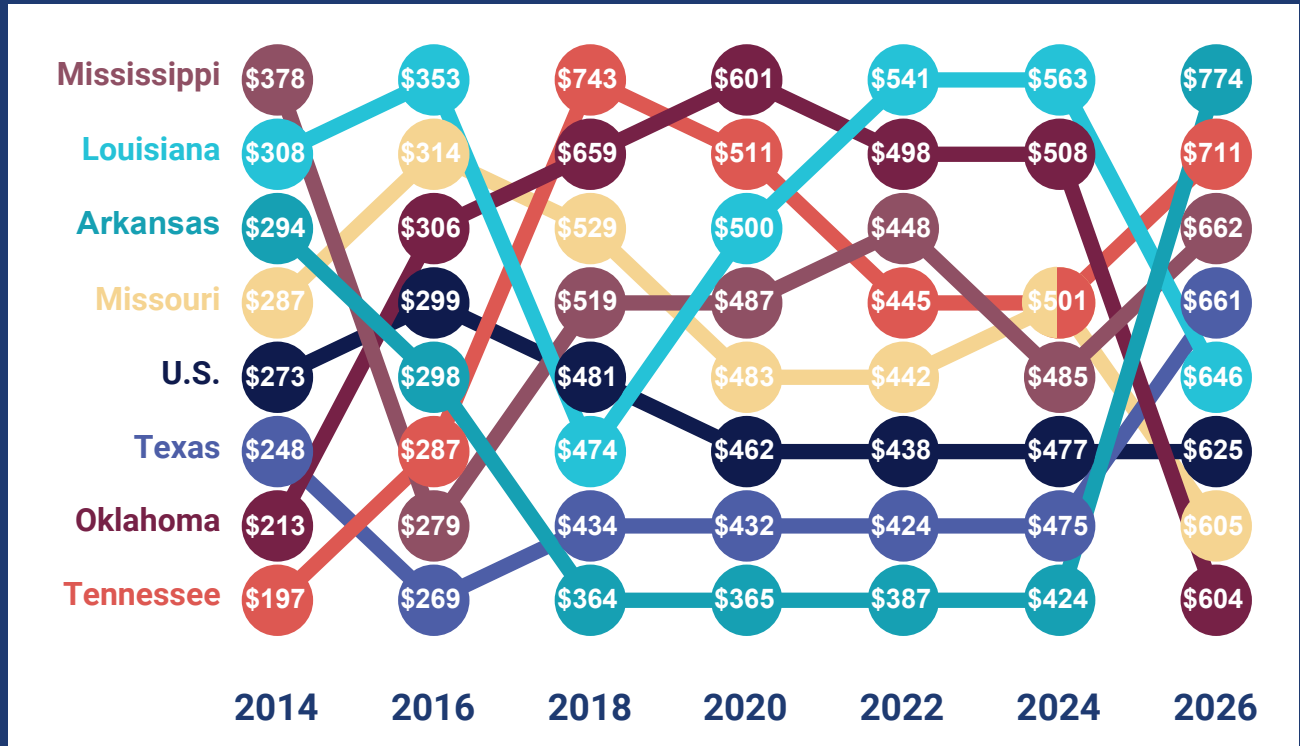
ARKANSAS

Number of states with premiums lower than Arkansas

AVERAGE MONTHLY MARKETPLACE BENCHMARK PREMIUMS

The graph below displays the average benchmark premiums for Arkansas and the surrounding states in even-numbered years from 2014 through 2026. Arkansas experienced a large increase between 2025 and 2026, reflecting a plan pricing strategy that concentrated increases in benchmark plans. Because benchmark premiums are used to calculate Affordable Care Act premium tax credits, they do not necessarily reflect what many consumers pay out of pocket.

2015	32
2016	28
2017	8
2018	5
2019	6
2020	6
2021	11
2022	8
2023	13
2024	12
2025	15
2026	44



Note: Includes the District of Columbia.

Note: Average benchmark premiums were calculated using the second-lowest-cost silver plan for a 40-year-old.
Source: Adapted from KFF analysis of Healthcare.gov data, www.kff.org/affordable-care-act/state-indicator/marketplace-average-benchmark-premiums. Accessed January 2026.

