



# Faces Of ObamaCare

## *ObamaCare Is Turning Into A "Wonderful" Train Wreck For Americans Across The Nation*

**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV): "ObamaCare Has Been Wonderful For America."** (NBC's ["Meet The Press"](#) 7/14/13)

### **OBAMACARE IS DEALING A BLOW TO COUNTLESS AMERICANS AS THEY SEE THEIR JOBS CUT AND THEIR HOURS SLASHED**

#### *California*

#### **ObamaCare May Force Movie Productions To Be Shot In Foreign Countries, Costing American Jobs.**

"One of the unintended consequences, say some industry insiders, is that it could lead to productions running to foreign countries, given that ACA doesn't apply to U.S. citizens working abroad." (Paul Bond, "ObamaCare Hits Hollywood: Studios Brace For The Affordable Care Act," [Hollywood Reporter](#), 6/26/13)

- **Companies Will Be Forced To Wrap Productions Within 90 Days To Comply With ObamaCare, Resulting In Lost Wages For Employees.** "Some also say the number of production days in the U.S. are likely to be cut due to ACA because there's a 90-day waiting period before productions must either pay a penalty or offer health insurance to full-time workers. That rule provides big incentives for a production to wrap in less than three months." (Paul Bond, "ObamaCare Hits Hollywood: Studios Brace For The Affordable Care Act," [Hollywood Reporter](#), 6/26/13)

#### *Florida*

**Two Of Tampa's "Premiere Public Colleges," Hillsborough Community College And St. Petersburg College, Are Cutting Adjunct Faculty Members' Hours To Comply With ObamaCare.** "The area's two premiere public colleges are among a growing number cutting the hours of adjunct faculty members to keep them from qualifying for coverage under the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's initiative to get more Americans insured. Hillsborough Community College and St. Petersburg College officials say there's nothing insidious about the strategy - that instead, it's an economic necessity in an environment where elevating their largely part-time faculties to health-benefit status could cost millions of dollars they don't have." (Jerome Stockfish, "St. Pete College, HCC Cut Adjuncts' Hours Over Health Care," [Tampa Tribune](#), 7/15/13)

- **Hillsborough Community College's "Reviews Suggest About 110 Would Be Affected ..."** "At Hillsborough Community College, there are 272 full-time faculty and 1,490 part-timers. The

college has not yet compiled how many part-time employees would cross the 30-hour-a-week threshold, but previous reviews suggest about 110 would be affected - including nonfaculty employees.” (Jerome Stockfish, “St. Pete College, HCC Cut Adjuncts’ Hours Over Health Care,” [Tampa Tribune](#), 7/15/13)

- **St. Petersburg College “Has Identified 91 Adjunct Faculty And Other Employees” That Will Face Cuts To Their Hours.** “At St. Petersburg College, there are 325 full-time faculty and 1,406 part-timers. The college has identified 91 adjunct faculty and other employees who have been working more than 30 hours a week.” (Jerome Stockfish, “St. Pete College, HCC Cut Adjuncts’ Hours Over Health Care,” [Tampa Tribune](#), 7/15/13)

## *Georgia*

**Regal Entertainment Group Plans To Cut The Hours Of Thousands Of Employees.** “Regal Entertainment Group, which operates Regal Cinemas and United Artists Theatres in metro Atlanta and has more than 6,800 theaters across the country, plans to cut the hours of thousands of employees to avoid having to provide costly health care insurance coverage under ObamaCare, according to a company memo obtained by Fox News.” (Christopher Seward, “Regal Cutting Theater Workers’ Hours Due To ObamaCare,” [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), 4/17/13)

- **Non-Salaried Workers Will Be Made Part-Timers And Put Below The Average 30-Hour-A-Week Threshold.** “Non-salaried workers will be made part-timers, putting them below the average 30-hour-a-week threshold where employers must provide health insurance under the Affordable Care Act or face a possible penalty, according to Fox’s report.” (Christopher Seward, “Regal Cutting Theater Workers’ Hours Due To ObamaCare,” [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), 4/17/13)

## *Indiana*

**An Indiana Auction House Is Being Forced To Shift Full-Time Employees To Part-Time And Reduce Hours.** “Similar to other businesses across the country, Wolfe’s Auto Auction in Terre Haute says it is cutting work hours of several of its employees because of the insurance mandates of the federal Affordable Care Act. Ten full-time employees will be reduced to part-time status, while part-timers will work no more than 25 to 28 hours per week, said Dan Wolfe, one of the owners of the family-owned business. The reason cited? The Affordable Care Act defines a full-time worker as anyone who works 30 hours or more each week, and businesses will be required to provide health insurance to all of their full-time employees.” (Sue Loughlin, “Affordable Care Act Insurance Mandates Leading Some Businesses To Cut Employees’ Work Hours,” [The Tribune-Star](#), 6/25/13)

**In Indiana, ObamaCare Is Forcing Schools To Cut Employee Hours.** “Schools across Indiana are cutting back the hours of teacher assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other aides to avoid having to offer them health insurance under the federal health care employer mandate that begins next year.” (Maureen Groppe, “Indiana Schools’ Dilemma: Offer Health Insurance To Part-Timers Or Cut Hours,” [Courier-Journal](#), 6/8/13)

- **Lafayette School Corporation Has Had To Cut The Hours Of 150 Non-Certified Employees.** ““We cannot go out and raise the price of our product to assist us covering this. We would have to go the taxpayers and ask for some type of increase and I just don’t see that happening,” said Les Huddle, superintendent of the Lafayette School Corporation, where more than 150 of the schools approximately 600 non-certified employees have had their hours reduced to meet the federal definition of part-time.” (Maureen Groppe, “Indiana Schools’ Dilemma: Offer Health Insurance To Part-Timers Or Cut Hours,” [Courier-Journal](#), 6/8/13)

- **The Shelbyville Central School System Is Cutting Hours For Teacher Aides, Substitutes, Bus Drivers And Coaches.** “The Shelbyville Central School System likewise is cutting back the hours of about 100 instructional aides as well as hours for some substitute teachers, bus drivers and coaches.” (Maureen Groppe, “Indiana Schools’ Dilemma: Offer Health Insurance To Part-Timers Or Cut Hours,” [Courier-Journal](#), 6/8/13)

### *Iowa*

**Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield Will Shutter Its Sioux City Office, Eliminating 106 Local Jobs Due To ObamaCare.** “Citing concerns about the new federal health insurance law, Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield said Wednesday it will shutter its First Administrators office in Sioux City, eliminating 106 jobs.” (Dave Dreeszen, “Sioux City Insurance Office To Close; 106 Local Jobs Lost,” [Sioux City Journal](#), 7/10/13)

- **ObamaCare’s “Ever-Increasing Number And Complexity Of Federal Regulations, Mandates And The Rising Costs Associated With These Changes” Were To Blame.** “Wellmark, Iowa's largest health insurer, attributed the decision to the ‘ever-increasing number and complexity of federal regulations, mandates and the rising costs associated with these changes.’ Major provisions of the Affordable Care Act, which revamps the nation's health care system, take effect next year.” (Dave Dreeszen, “Sioux City Insurance Office To Close; 106 Local Jobs Lost,” [Sioux City Journal](#), 7/10/13)

### *Michigan*

**Michigan Companies Are “Cutting Back Employee Hours” Due To ObamaCare.** “The debate over the Affordable Care Act -- or ObamaCare -- it is already impacting some Michigan workers: Many part-time workers told 24 Hour News 8 their hours are getting cut to avoid qualifying for insurance. Russ' Restaurant is among the local companies cutting back employee hours due to the Affordable Care Act, saying that non-managing employees can't work more than 25 hours a week.” (Dani Carlson, “Part-Time Hours Cut Due To Health Care,” [WOODTV](#), 6/11/13)

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### *Missouri*

**In Missouri, A Business Has Had To Cut Employees’ Hours Due To ObamaCare.** “After receiving emails from several employees at Maritz in Kirksville telling us that hours were being cut, we did some checking. We did receive confirmation from Sherry Ward, Vice President of Corporate Services, that effective July 1, Maritz will be limiting employees to no more than 25 hours each week. In a written statement, Ward blamed the Affordable Care Act for the changes in hours. The statement reads in part, ‘the new guidelines require companies to proactively manage average hours worked on a weekly basis or incur significant additional costs.’” (“Affordable Care Act Blamed For Maritz Cuts,” [KTVO-CBS](#), 6/10/13)

### *Nebraska*

**Due To ObamaCare, The Papillion-La Vista School District Has Planned To Cut The Hours Of As Many As 281 Part-Time Employees.** “Officials in the Papillion-La Vista school district plan to cut the hours of as many as 281 part-time employees, most of them paraprofessionals, to avoid the cost of a federal mandate to provide health insurance to employees working at least 30 hours a week.” (Joe Dejka, “The Cost Of Progress? School Districts Cut Part-Time Hours To Save Cash,” [Omaha World-Herald](#), 5/23/13)

**Council Bluffs Community Schools Will Have To Pay \$87,000 In ObamaCare-Related Fees, Despite Offering Health Insurance To Paraprofessionals.** “Although the Council Bluffs Community Schools already offer health insurance to paraprofessionals working at least 35 hours- nearly all of them- the district will have to pay \$87,000 in ObamaCare-related fees next year, said Janet Reiners, executive director of human resources.” (Joe Dejka, “The Cost Of Progress? School Districts Cut Part-Time Hours To Save Cash,” [Omaha World-Herald](#), 5/23/13)

### **North Carolina**

**In North Carolina, The Wake County Public School System Is “Restricting Its 3,300-Plus Substitutes To Working Less Than 30 Hours A Week.”** “McCoy Faulkner collects \$81 a day as a substitute teacher in the Wake County (N.C.) Public School System. A mere sub, he has no benefits. ... But instead of adding subs like Faulkner to its health care plan, the school system is looking for ways to avoid doing so. Wake is considering restricting its 3,300-plus substitutes to working less than 30 hours a week, effective July 1.” (John Murawski, “For Some Workers, Health Reform Brings No Coverage, Fewer Hours,” [The News & Observer](#), 6/11/13)

### **Ohio**

**Jeff Vernon, A Restaurant Worker In The Toledo Area, Is Preparing For His Hours To Be Cut.** “My first step was - I've got to cut my budget,” said Jeff Vernon, who already lives in a small apartment in west Toledo. Now, he's looking to cut back even more. Vernon works at the Scrambler Marie's restaurant on Secor Road. He said he's about to have his hours trimmed because of ObamaCare. He told us the people he works for tried to find a different solution.” (Holly Roney, “ObamaCare: Is It Worth If For Local Workers,” [Toledo News Now](#), 6/26/13)

**Toledo-Area Restaurant Owner Shane Beukre Is Being Forced To Cut Staff Or Reduce Employees' Hours.** “We talked to the owner of the restaurant Shane Beukre. He said any business with 50 or more employees will have to offer insurance to workers with 30 or more hours a week. If he does not do that, he gets fined \$2,000 per employee. Beukre told us he's cutting some people down to under 30 hours to help with costs to his business and the workers.” (Holly Roney, “ObamaCare: Is It Worth If For Local Workers,” [Toledo News Now](#), 6/26/13)

**Ohio's Upper Arlington School District Plans To Trim Some Employees' Hours From 32.5 To 28 Hours Per Week.** “The highly rated Upper Arlington school district is one of a growing number of school systems around the country that is making the understandable decision to trim some employees' hours from 32.5 to 28 hours per week, lest they be faced with a bill of \$225,000 next year to insure these workers under the ironically named Affordable Care Act.” (Editorial, “Unhealthy Side Effects, Employers Seek Ways To Avoid Health-Care Law's Burdens” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 4/14/13)

### **Pennsylvania**

**ObamaCare Will Force The East Penn School District To Reduce The Hours Of Eleven Food Service Employees.** “Eleven East Penn School District food service employees will have their hours cut to 29.75 hours a week – just 15 minutes shy of the 30-hours-a-week that triggers the mandate that employers provide health benefits under ObamaCare.” (Margie Peterson, “East Penn Cuts Cafeteria Workers' Hours To Avoid ObamaCare,” [The Morning Call](#), 6/27/13)

**Pennsylvania's Southern Lehigh School District Is Cutting Hours To Avoid ObamaCare.** “Southern Lehigh School District is reducing the hours of secretaries, custodians, cafeteria workers and other part-timers so it doesn't have to provide them with health care under the Affordable Care Act.” (Melinda Rizzo, “Southern Lehigh To Reduce Part-Time Hours To Avoid ObamaCare,” [The Morning Call](#), 6/13/13)

### *Texas*

**ObamaCare Mandates Forced Local Entrepreneur To Sell Two Of His Stores “Because It Would Cost Him 30-Thousand Dollars More Out Of His Payroll.”** KETK’s TERESA SARDINA: “Bob Westbrook franchise owner tells us, the Affordable Health Care Act is the reason why he sold some of his stores because it would cost him \$30 thousand dollars more out of his payroll.” WESTBROOK: “We knew we had a decision to make and that decision came very swiftly and quickly, when we sold two of our Cici's Pizza's here in Tyler and we retained the one in Longview but that got us under the 50 employees.” (NBC’s [KETK-TX](#), 7/15/13)

### *Virginia*

**Bill Saxman, Owner Of Shenandoah Spring Water Said That He Has Held Off On Expanding His Business “Because He Doesn’t Know What His Costs Will Be” After ObamaCare Is Enacted.** “Saxman also told Cuccinelli Friday that he's running out of space at his Staunton facility and he would like to expand, but he can't afford to right now, because he doesn't know what his costs will be next year, when the new healthcare system takes effect.” (Editorial, “Businesses Need Stability,” [Waynesboro News Virginian](#), 7/15/13)