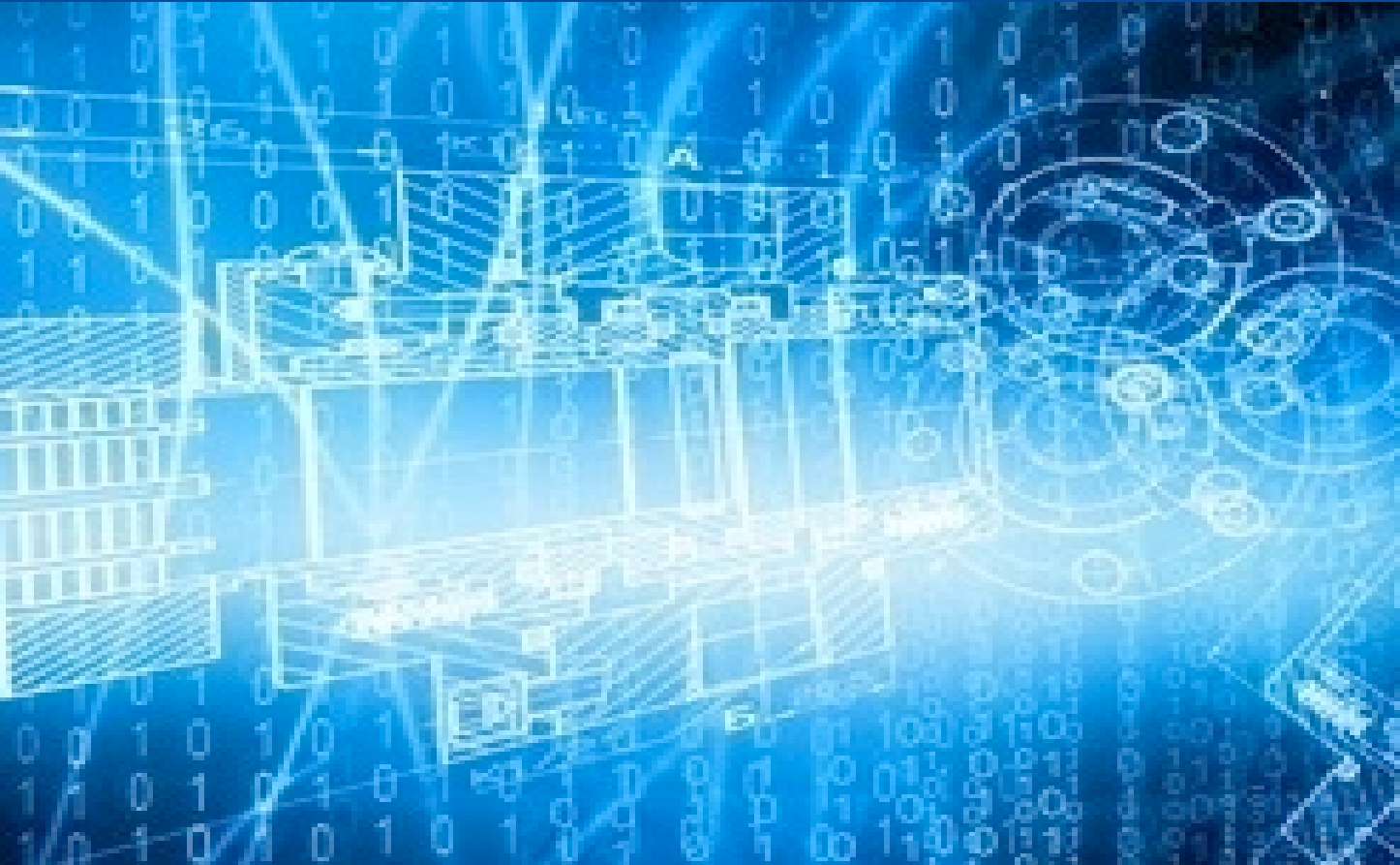


# Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Snapshot through August 2020



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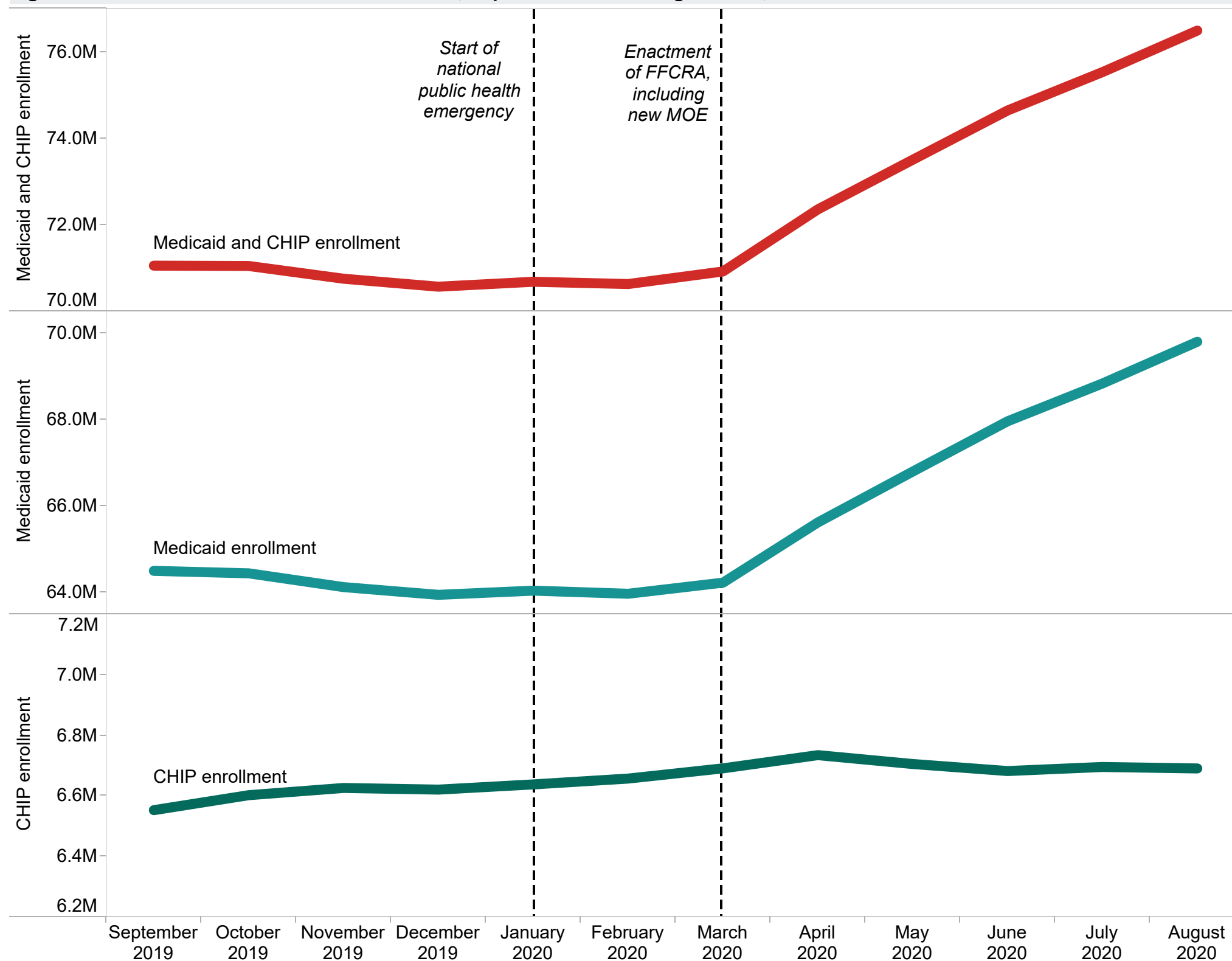
# Background

- This is a Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services (CMCS) Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Learning Collaborative (MAC LC) project that monitors Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment trends, primarily using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Performance Indicator Data.
- The MAC LC is a CMCS project that provides a forum for facilitated discussion and learning across CMS and states, with the goal of implementing and improving the programs, tools, and systems needed to ensure high-performing state health insurance programs. The MAC LC has enabled CMS to more effectively identify issues and also monitor and improve program performance.
- This snapshot is a companion to the monthly Medicaid & CHIP August 2020 Application, Eligibility, and Enrollment Data posted on [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov).
- The Enrollment Trends project primarily relies on Performance Indicator Data. All states—including the District of Columbia—provide data each month about their Medicaid and CHIP eligibility and enrollment activity. These data reflect a range of indicators related to key application, eligibility, and enrollment processes within the state Medicaid and CHIP agency. The complete data set is available on [Data.Medicaid.gov](https://www.Data.Medicaid.gov).

# Enrollment Snapshot

- To be responsive to questions on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, particularly given the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), this Enrollment Snapshot captures high level information on the most recently submitted month of Performance Indicator Data within the context of the previous 12 months, focusing on:
  - Total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment
  - Medicaid enrollment
  - CHIP enrollment
  - Adult enrollment
  - Child enrollment
  - Medicaid and CHIP applications received
- We are also looking at trends in the number of unemployed people compared to enrollment using state unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Figure 1. National Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, September 2019 to August 2020, CMS Performance Indicator Data**



**Table 1. National Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, September 2019 to August 2020**




Date	Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment
September 2019	71,057,440	64,504,021	6,553,419
October 2019	71,050,143	64,447,321	6,602,822
November 2019	70,755,490	64,128,817	6,626,673
December 2019	70,571,322	63,950,074	6,621,248
January 2020	70,685,207	64,046,783	6,638,424
February 2020	70,632,749	63,975,067	6,657,682
March 2020	70,923,151	64,231,716	6,691,435
April 2020	72,358,018	65,622,963	6,735,055
May 2020	73,504,738	66,798,975	6,705,763
June 2020	74,643,522	67,960,961	6,682,561
July 2020	75,530,308	68,834,340	6,695,968
August 2020	76,489,912	69,798,789	6,691,123

**Annual trend, September 2019 to August 2020**




From September 2019 to August 2020, national Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 5,432,472 individuals (7.6%).

- National Medicaid enrollment increased by 5,294,768 individuals (8.2%).
- National CHIP enrollment increased by 137,704 individuals (2.1%).

**Monthly trend, July 2020 to August 2020**

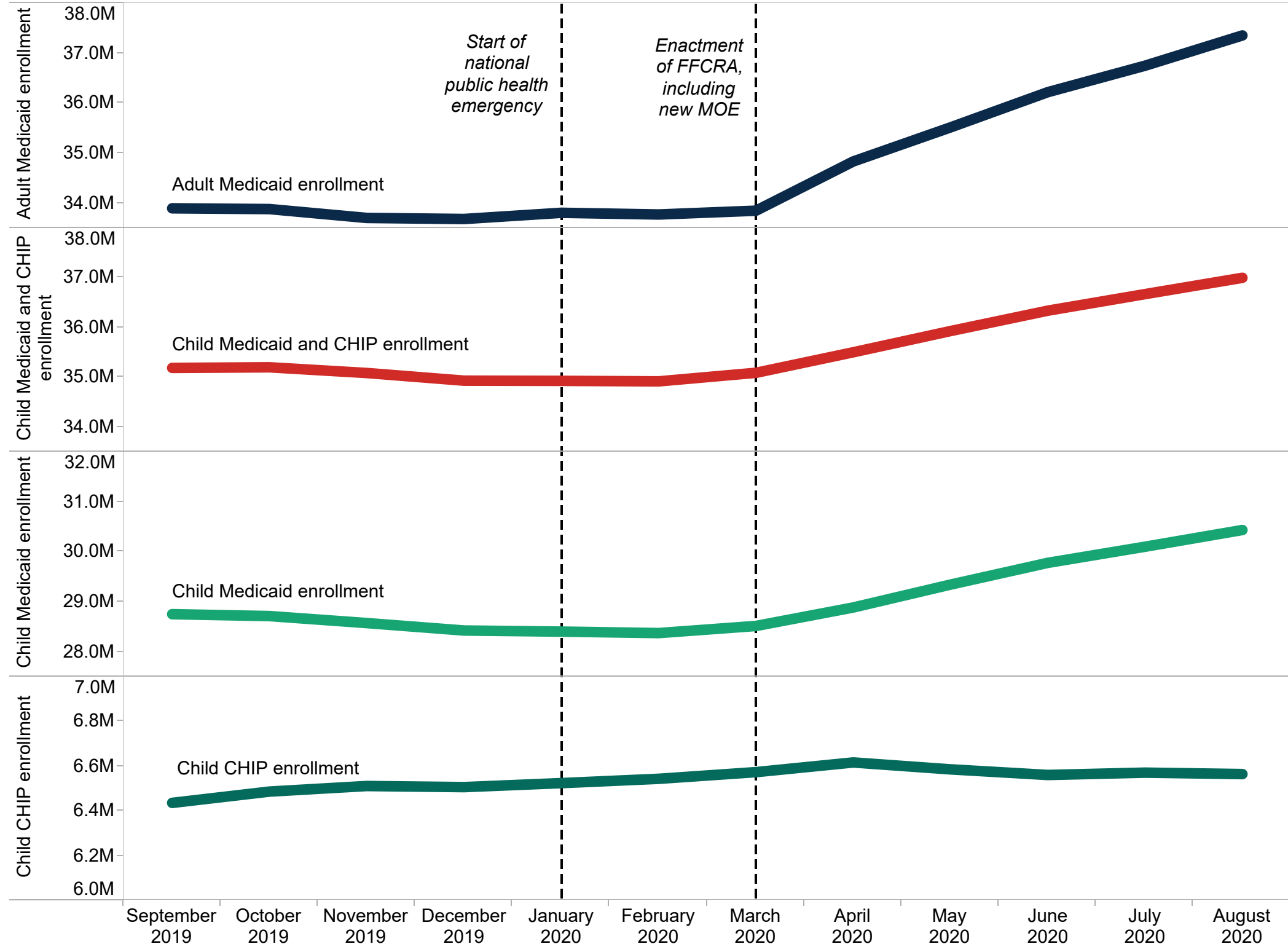
<u>Total enrollment</u>	<u>Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 959,604 (+1.3%) 	Increased by 964,449 (+1.4%) 	Decreased by 4,845 (-0.1%) 

**Cumulative change, February 2020 to August 2020**

<u>Total enrollment</u>	<u>Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 5,857,163 (+8.3%) 	Increased by 5,823,722 (+9.1%) 	Increased by 33,441 (+0.5%) 

**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicators as of November 3, 2020.  
**Note:** This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 50 states and the District of Columbia. "FFCRA" refers to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. "MOE" refers to the FFCRA's maintenance of effort requirement, which makes available a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to each state or territory's federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) during the emergency. As a condition of receiving the FMAP increase, states must meet several requirements pertaining to eligibility and maintenance of enrollment.

**Figure 2. National adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, September 2019 to August 2020, CMS Performance Indicator Data**



**Table 2. National adult and child enrollment, September 2019 to August 2020**



Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	Child CHIP enrollment
September 2019	33,893,964	35,185,929	28,750,185	6,435,744
October 2019	33,878,712	35,198,059	28,711,800	6,486,259
November 2019	33,701,409	35,083,368	28,572,200	6,511,168
December 2019	33,680,416	34,929,478	28,423,201	6,506,277
January 2020	33,804,146	34,925,508	28,401,360	6,524,148
February 2020	33,770,575	34,915,328	28,371,970	6,543,358
March 2020	33,846,234	35,087,290	28,514,060	6,573,230
April 2020	34,831,152	35,500,204	28,883,715	6,616,489
May 2020	35,513,146	35,927,329	29,341,742	6,585,587
June 2020	36,217,751	36,337,248	29,776,727	6,560,521
July 2020	36,747,300	36,670,514	30,099,562	6,570,952
August 2020	37,352,482	36,998,337	30,433,846	6,564,491

**Annual trend, September 2019 to August 2020**



From September 2019 to August 2020, national adult and child enrollment increased by 5,270,926 individuals (7.6%).

- National adult enrollment increased by 3,458,518 individuals (10.2%).
- National child enrollment increased by 1,812,408 individuals (5.2%).

**Monthly trend, July 2020 to August 2020**

<u>Adult Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 605,182 (+1.6%) 	Increased by 327,823 (+0.9%) 

**Cumulative change, February 2020 to August 2020**

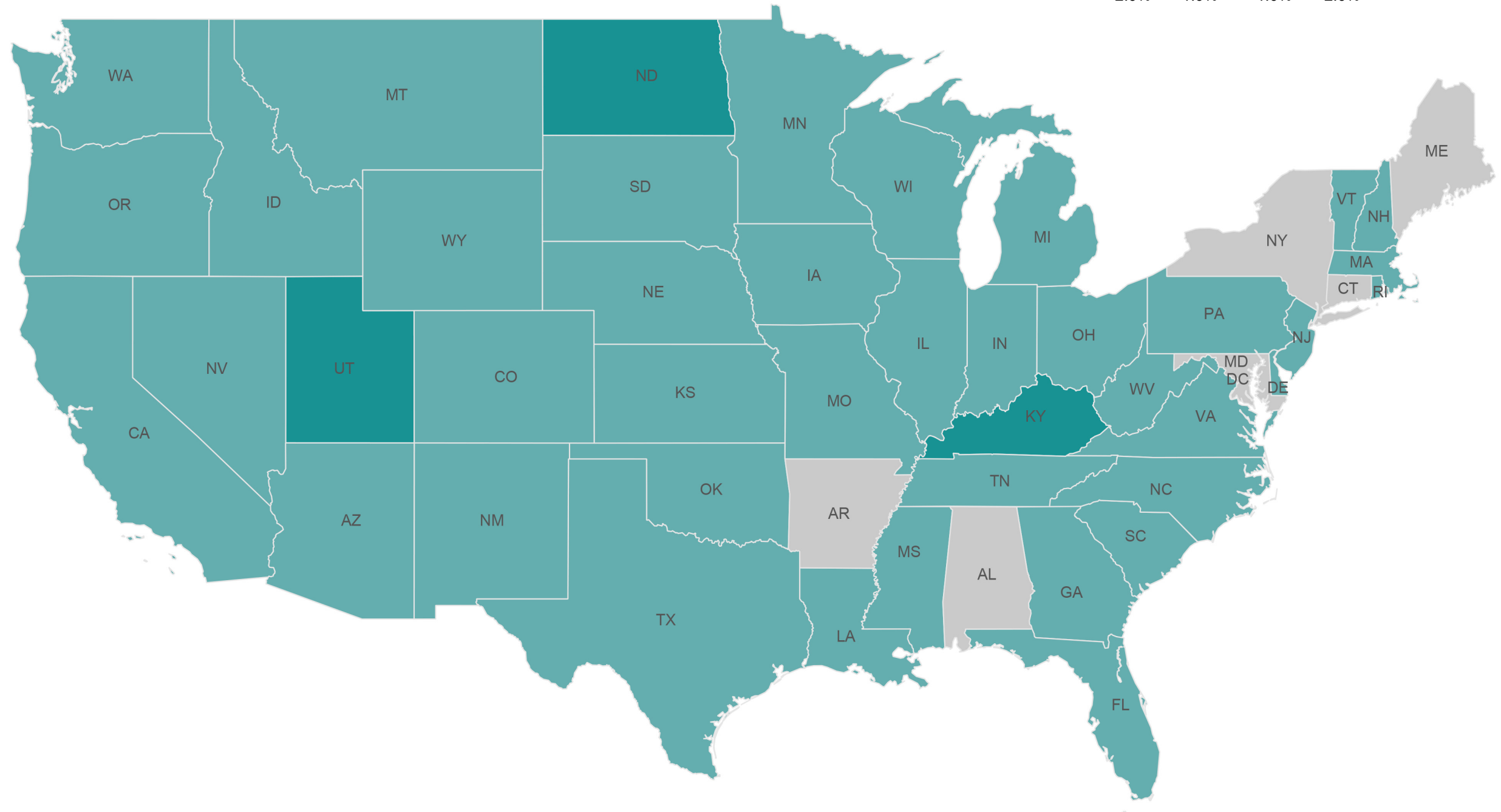
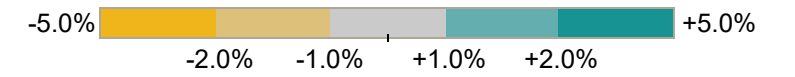
<u>Adult Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 3,581,907 (+10.6%) 	Increased by 2,083,009 (+6.0%) 

**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicators as of November 3, 2020.  
**Note:** This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 49 states. Arizona is excluded because the state did not report the breakouts for adult and child enrollment between September 2019 and August 2020. The District of Columbia began reporting the breakouts for adult and child enrollment in August 2020, but is excluded from this analysis because the breakouts are missing for previous months. "FFCRA" refers to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. "MOE" refers to the FFCRA's maintenance of effort requirement, which makes available a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to each state or territory's federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) during the emergency. As a condition of receiving the FMAP increase, states must meet several requirements pertaining to eligibility and maintenance of enrollment.

**Figure 3. Change in total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, July 2020 to August 2020, CMS Performance Indicator Data**

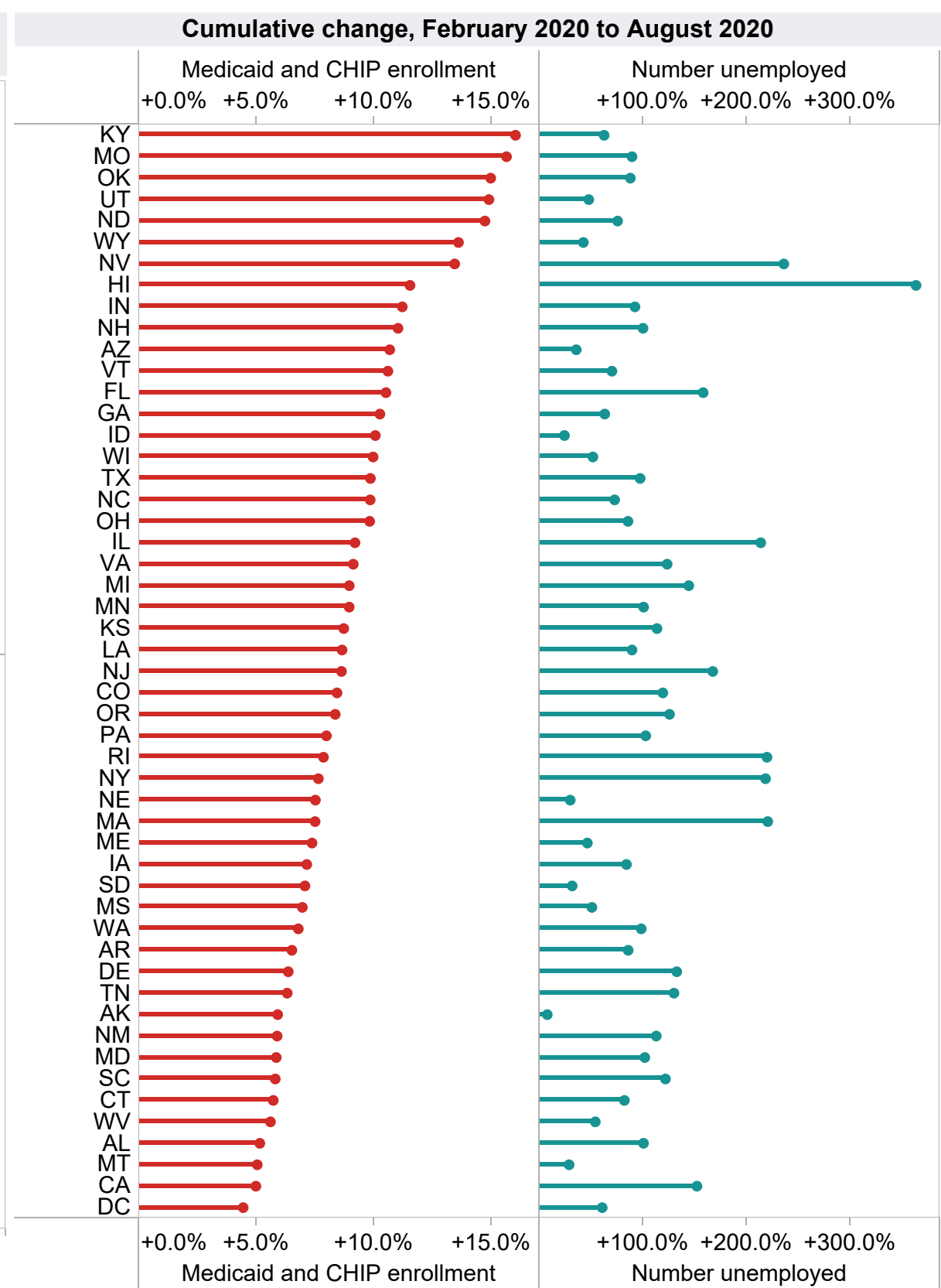
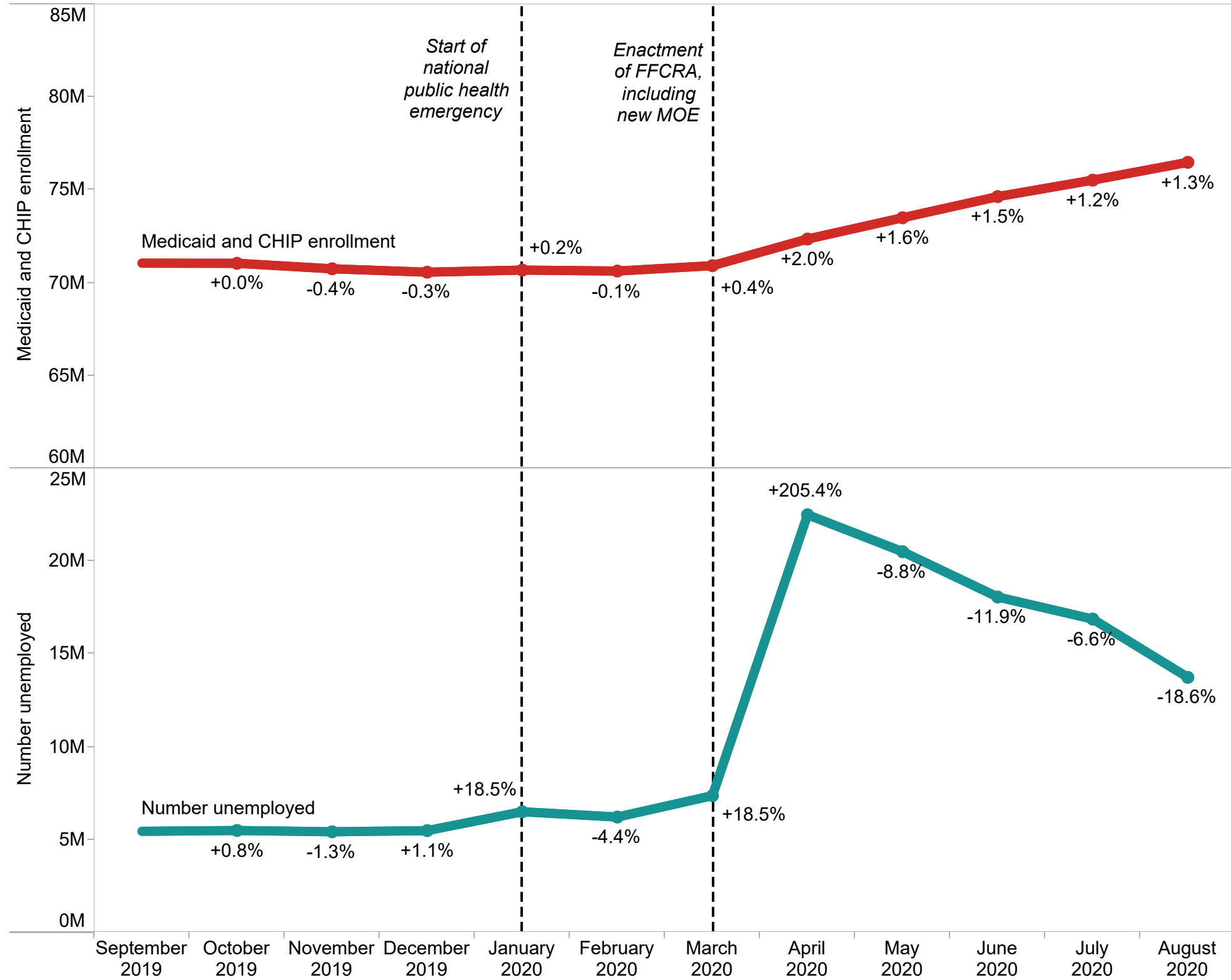
**Between July 2020 and August 2020, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 1.0 to 2.0 percent in 40 states.** In 3 states—Kentucky, North Dakota, and Utah—total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 2.0 to 5.0 percent. An additional 7 states and the District of Columbia had modest changes of less than 1.0 percent between July 2020 and August 2020.

**Percentage change in Medicaid and CHIP enrollment**



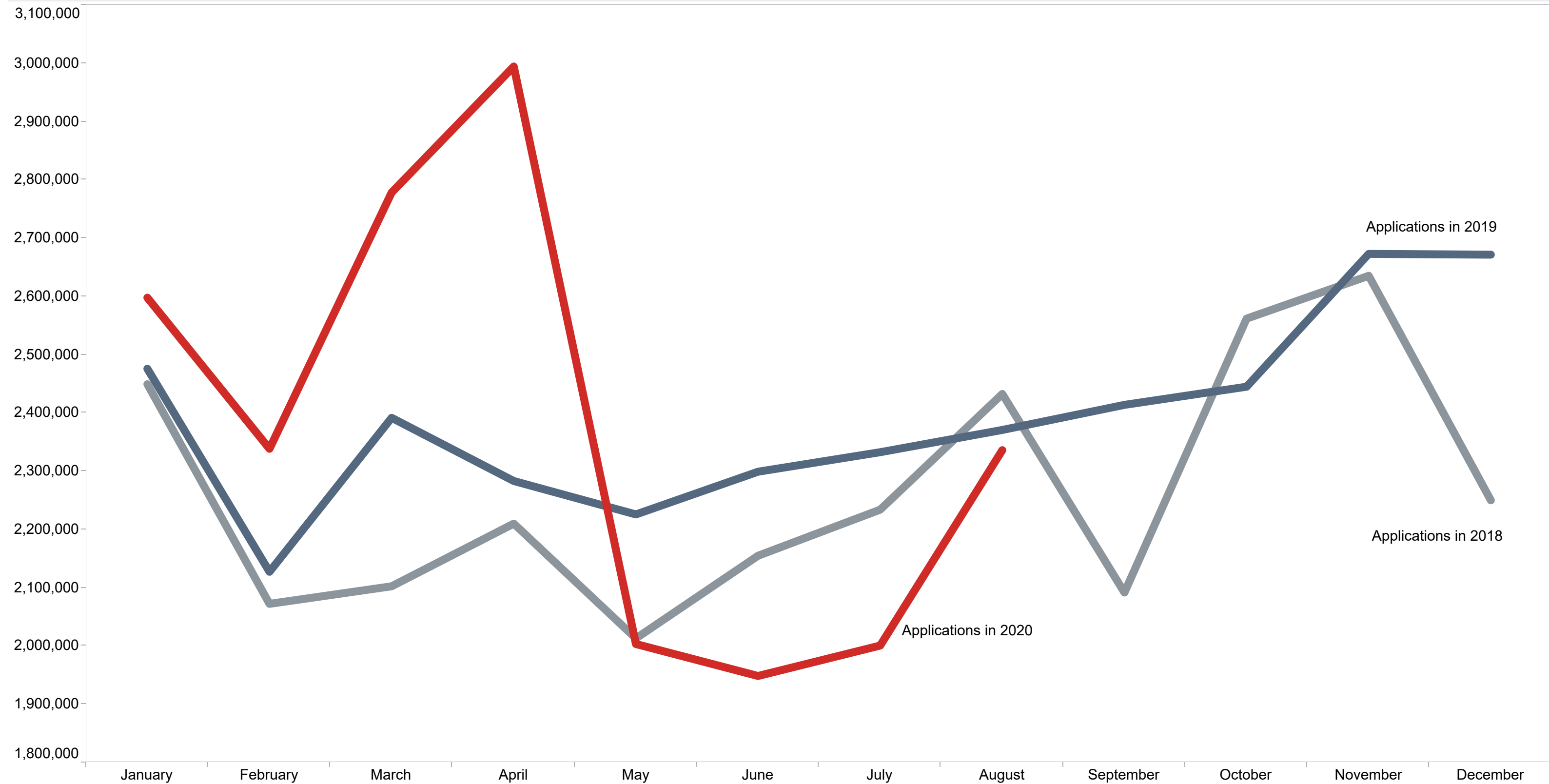
**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicators as of November 3, 2020.  
**Note:** This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

**Figure 4. Medicaid and CHIP enrollment from the CMS Performance Indicator Data compared to unemployment data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2019 to August 2020**



**Sources:** (1) Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicators as of November 3, 2020 and (2) State Employment and Unemployment Data (Monthly) from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of November 3, 2020.  
**Note:** This analysis includes data from 50 states and the District of Columbia. "FFCRA" refers to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. "MOE" refers to the FFCRA's maintenance of effort requirement, which makes available a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to each state or territory's federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) during the emergency. As a condition of receiving the FMAP increase, states must meet several requirements pertaining to eligibility and maintenance of enrollment.

**Figure 5. National Medicaid and CHIP applications received in 2020 compared to annual trends for 2018 and 2019, CMS Performance Indicator Data**



**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicators as of November 3, 2020.

**Note:** This analysis includes preliminary applications data from 41 states and the District of Columbia. Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Kansas, Maine, Rhode Island, and Tennessee did not report applications data for one or more months between January 2018 and August 2020.

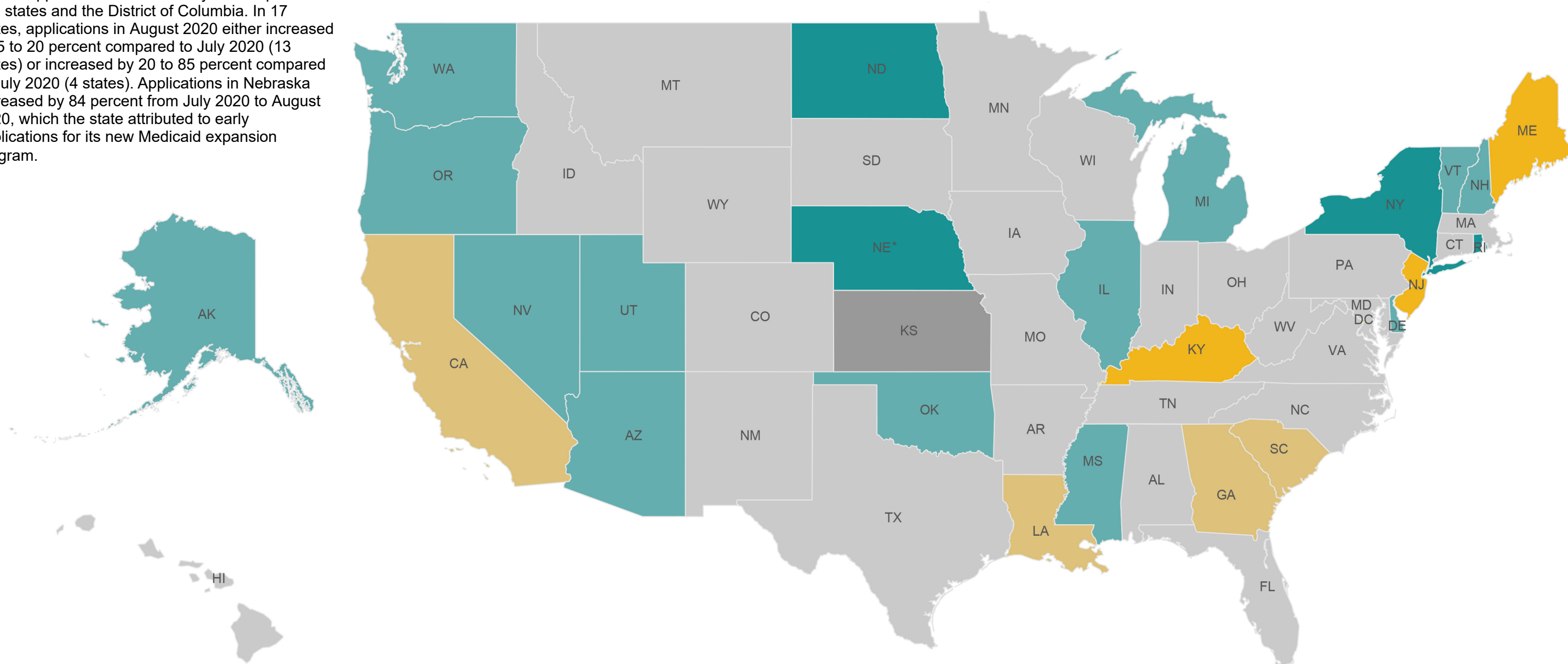


**Figure 6. Change in Medicaid and CHIP applications received, July 2020 to August 2020, CMS Performance Indicator Data**

**Nationally, the number of Medicaid and CHIP applications was about 14 percent higher in August 2020 compared to July 2020.**

Applications changed by 5 percent or less in 25 states. Applications decreased by 5 to 85 percent in 7 states and the District of Columbia. In 17 states, applications in August 2020 either increased by 5 to 20 percent compared to July 2020 (13 states) or increased by 20 to 85 percent compared to July 2020 (4 states). Applications in Nebraska increased by 84 percent from July 2020 to August 2020, which the state attributed to early applications for its new Medicaid expansion program.

**Percentage change in Medicaid and CHIP applications**



**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicators as of November 3, 2020.

**Note:** This analysis includes preliminary applications data from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Kansas is excluded because the state did not report applications data for July 2020 and August 2020.

**\* State context:** In Nebraska, Medicaid and CHIP applications increased by 84 percent from July 2020 to August 2020. The state attributed this increase to early applications for its new Medicaid expansion program, Heritage Health Adult, for which it began accepting applications on August 1, 2020. Coverage for eligible adults will begin on October 1, 2020.