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# 2026 Medicaid & CHIP Beneficiaries at a Glance



## KEY FACTS

**77,050,295**

Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment,  
September 2025<sup>1</sup>

**28,612,983**

\*\* Female Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiaries  
of Reproductive Age, 2023<sup>1</sup>

**36,741,197**

Children Enrolled in Medicaid and  
CHIP, September 2025<sup>1</sup>

**\$977.4 Billion**

\*\*\* Total Medicaid and CHIP  
Expenditures, 2024<sup>1</sup>

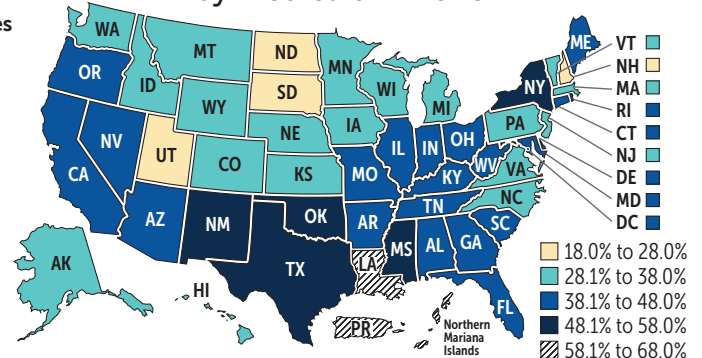
**8,682,598**

\* Individuals Dually Eligible  
for Medicare and Medicaid,  
June 2024<sup>1</sup>

**75.1%**

\*\*\*\* Medicaid Beneficiaries  
Enrolled in Comprehensive  
Managed Care, 2022<sup>1</sup>

42% of U.S. Births Were Covered  
by Medicaid in 2023<sup>2</sup>



\* Individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid are also called dually eligible beneficiaries. This number includes beneficiaries with full Medicaid benefits.

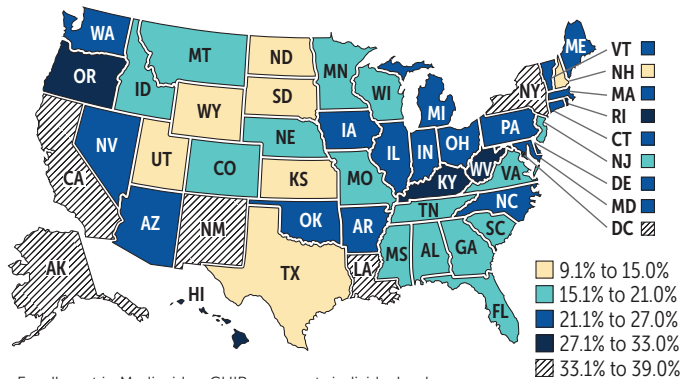
\*\* Includes female beneficiaries ages 15 to 49 eligible for full Medicaid or CHIP benefits or the equivalent.

\*\*\* Includes federal, state, and local expenditures.

\*\*\*\* Includes the 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico.

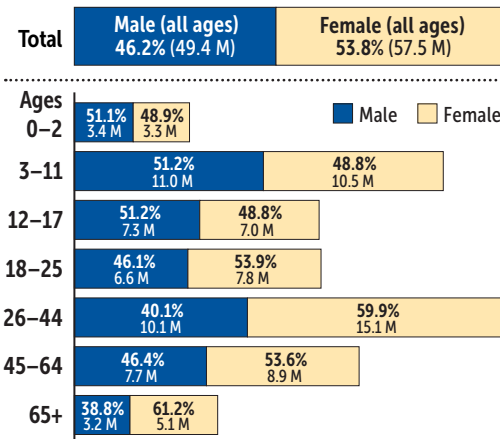
## BENEFICIARY CHARACTERISTICS

Percentage of Child and Adult Population  
Enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, 2024<sup>3</sup>

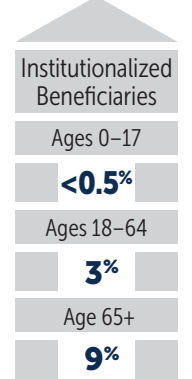


Note: Enrollment in Medicaid or CHIP represents individuals who are eligible for full Medicaid or CHIP benefits.

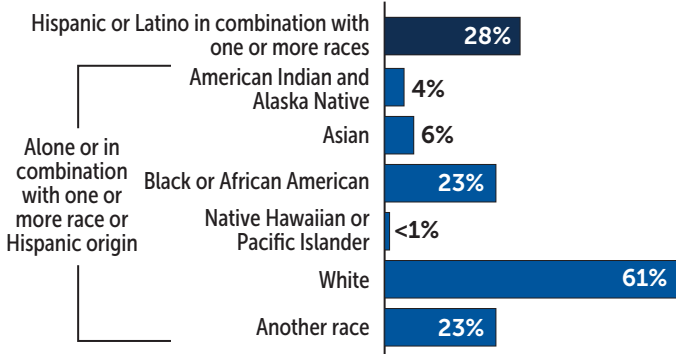
Beneficiaries by Age and Sex, 2023<sup>1</sup>



Institutionalized  
Status, 2023<sup>4</sup>

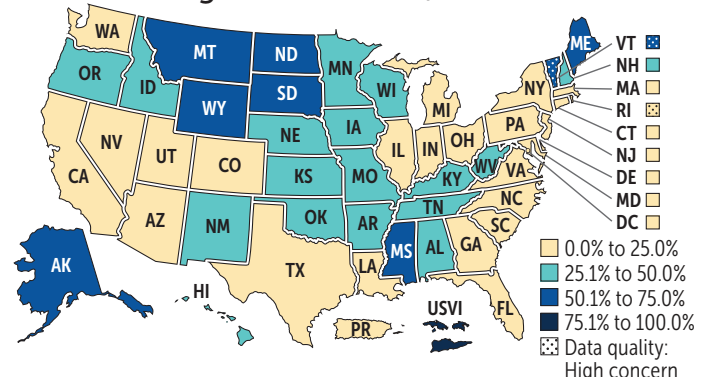


Percentage of Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries  
by Race and Ethnicity, 2023<sup>4</sup>



Notes: The Census Bureau collects race and ethnicity through separate questions. This exhibit shows responses to both. Individuals identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race, so this category is always in combination with one or more race categories. The six race categories are not mutually exclusive because respondents can select multiple races. Each race category in the exhibit includes everyone who selected that race, alone or in combination with others.

Percentage of Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiaries  
Living in Rural Areas, 2023<sup>1</sup>



Notes: Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries were assigned a rural or urban classification based on the beneficiary's ZIP code from their last valid address in 2023. Rural and urban assignments are based on the 2010 Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) coding system. Beneficiaries whose ZIP code does not match to a RUCA code were assigned to a "missing or unknown" category and are included in the denominator. In RI and VT, 20.1 to 50 percent of beneficiaries have missing or unknown residence. In KS and WY, 10 to 20 percent of beneficiaries have missing or unknown residence. For all other states, <3 percent of beneficiaries have missing or unknown residence.

If you would like more information about the Medicaid and CHIP programs and their beneficiaries, please see the following additional resources:

- The **2026 Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiary Profile** provides an overview of the characteristics, health status, access, utilization, expenditures, and experience of the beneficiaries served by Medicaid and CHIP. It is available at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/index.html>
- CMS developed the **Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard** to increase public transparency and accountability about the programs' administration and outcomes. It is available at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/scorecard/index.html>

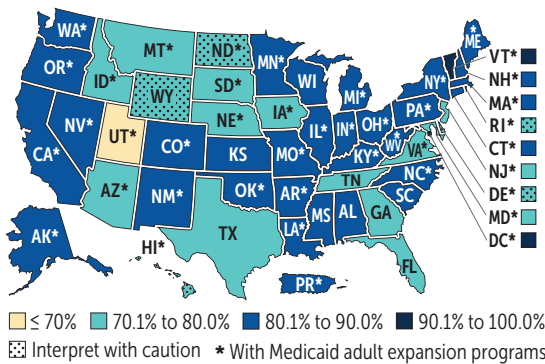
## Key Finding

# 38%

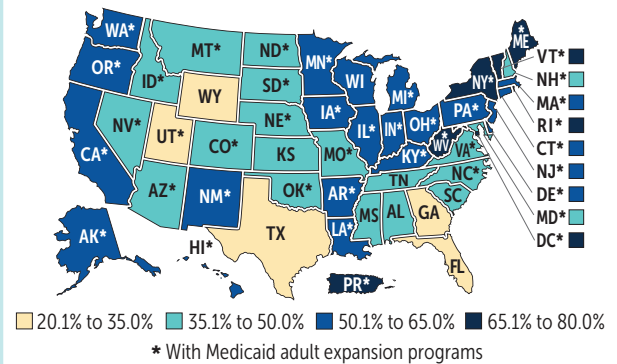
of households with at least one household member covered by Medicaid or CHIP reported receiving food stamp or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in the past 12 months<sup>4</sup>

## Percentage of Children and Adults with Family Income Below the Federal Poverty Threshold Enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, 2023<sup>4</sup>

### Children (Ages 0–17)



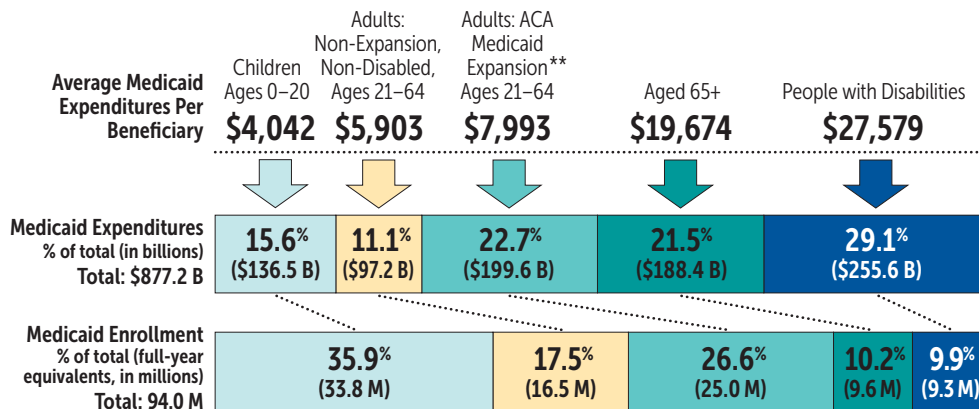
### Adults (Ages 18–64)



Notes: Includes individuals ages 0 to 64 whose family income was less than the federal poverty threshold and were covered by Medicaid, CHIP, or other public insurance coverage for low-income populations. In the child map, results for DE, HI, ND, RI, and WY should be interpreted with caution due to wide confidence intervals (>20 percentage points). States shown with asterisks had Medicaid adult expansion programs as of December 2023.

## BENEFICIARY ENROLLMENT AND EXPENDITURES

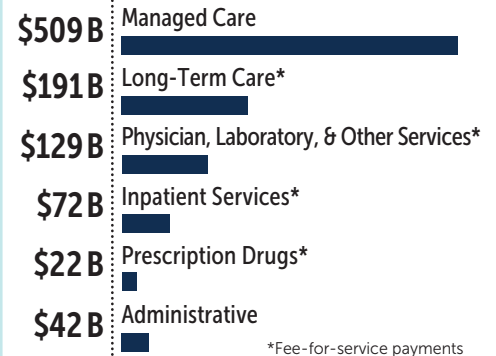
### Medicaid Average Cost, Expenditures, and Enrollment, by Beneficiary Category, 2023<sup>1</sup>



Note: Children and adults who are eligible for Medicaid on the basis of disability are included in the category of people with disabilities.

\*\* Adults: ACA Medicaid Expansion = Adults made newly eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act beginning in 2014.

### Annual Medicaid and CHIP Expenditures by Service Category, 2024<sup>1</sup>

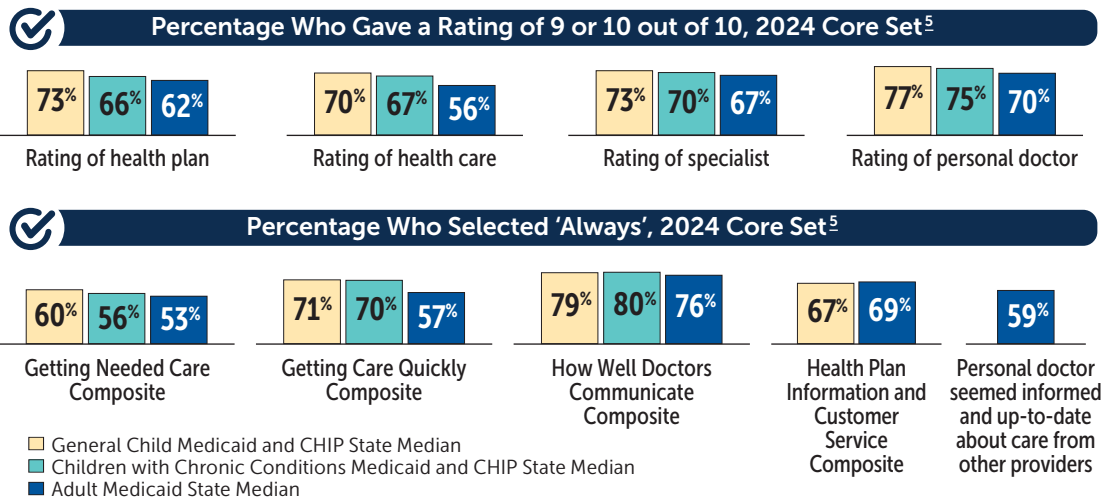


Note: Expenditures by service category do not sum to the total expenditures. Total expenditures also include Medicare payments for some beneficiaries and adjustments to prior year payments.

## BENEFICIARY EXPERIENCE

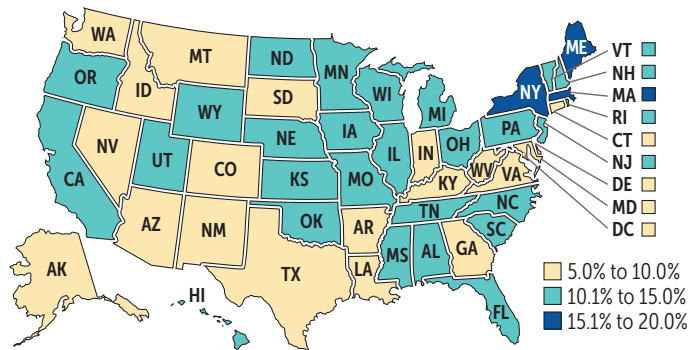
### Medicaid and CHIP Experience of Care Survey Results

These measures show information on the experiences of Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries with their health care and give a general indication of how well the health care met their expectations. The Child Medicaid and CHIP survey results and the Adult Medicaid survey results include respondents from 47 states. States submit separate results for the general child population and for children with chronic conditions.



Notes: Ratings measures show the state median percentage of beneficiaries who selected "9" or "10" on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 representing the highest score. The remaining measures show the state median percentage of beneficiaries who selected "Always" on a four-point scale ranging from "Never" to "Always." Results include surveys that were conducted from July 2023 through June 2024 and reflect the care a beneficiary received in the six months prior to the survey.

## Percentage of Medicaid Beneficiaries Who Were Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, 2024<sup>1</sup>

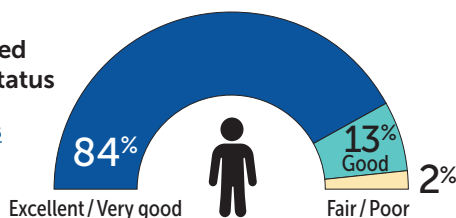


Notes: Dually eligible individuals are enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid. About 72% receive full benefits, and the remaining 28% receive partial benefits. Full-benefit dually eligible individuals are Medicare beneficiaries who qualify for the full package of Medicaid benefits. They often separately qualify for assistance with Medicare premiums and cost sharing through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs). Partial-benefit dually eligible individuals are enrolled only in Medicare and an MSP. The exhibit to the left includes only those beneficiaries with full Medicaid benefits.

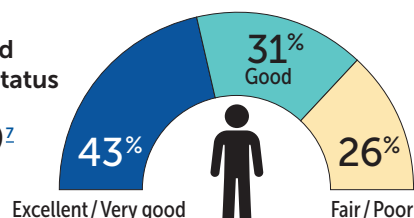
## BENEFICIARY HEALTH STATUS AND CONDITIONS

### Current Health Status of Children and Adults, 2023<sup>6,7</sup>

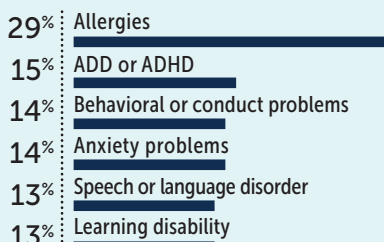
#### Parent-Reported Current Health Status of Children (Ages 0–17)<sup>6</sup>



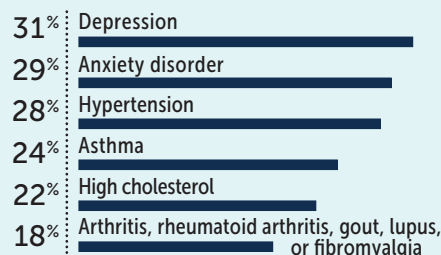
#### Self-Reported Current Health Status of Adults (Ages 18–64)<sup>7</sup>



#### Parent-Reported Common Conditions of Children (Ever Had), (Ages 0–17)<sup>6</sup>



#### Self-Reported Health Conditions of Adults (Ever Had), (Ages 18–64)<sup>7</sup>



Notes: These categories are not mutually exclusive or exhaustive. Allergies include food, drug, insect, and other. ADD or ADHD refers to Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. The prevalence of behavioral or conduct problems, ADD or ADHD, learning disabilities, and speech or language disorders is among children ages 3 to 17.

## BENEFICIARY MENTAL HEALTH

### Parent-Reported Mental Health Status of Children (Ages 3–17), 2023<sup>6</sup>

**33%**

Currently has mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem

### Self-Reported Mental Health Status of Adults (Ages 18–64), 2023<sup>7</sup>

**22%**

Regularly had feelings of worry, nervousness, or anxiety

**10%**

Regularly had feelings of depression

#### Children Receiving Mental Health Care, 2023<sup>6</sup>



**13%** Received mental health care in past 12 months



**11%** Currently taking or has taken medication for ADD or ADHD, autism or ASD, or difficulties with emotions, concentration, or behavior in past 12 months



**20%** Received mental health counseling or therapy in past 12 months



**26%** Currently taking or has taken medication for emotional or mental health issues in past 12 months

Notes: To qualify as having a "mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem," the child must qualify on the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Screener criteria for ongoing emotional, developmental, or behavioral conditions criteria and/or have any of 10 conditions currently. "Regularly had feelings of worry, nervousness or anxiety" is defined as: (1) feeling worried, nervous, or anxious daily and describing the level of those feelings as "somewhere in between a little and a lot" or "a lot," OR (2) feeling worried, nervous, or anxious weekly and describing the level of those feelings as "a lot." "Regularly had feelings of depression" is defined as: (1) feeling depressed daily and describing the level of those feelings as "somewhere in between a little and a lot" or "a lot," OR (2) feeling depressed weekly and describing the level of those feelings as "a lot." Children's receipt of mental health care is defined as receiving any treatment or counseling from a mental health professional based on parent-report. Adults' receipt of mental health care is based on self-report. ASD refers to Autism spectrum disorder.

## DATA SOURCES

1. Based on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) administrative data.
2. Based on National Center for Health Statistics data.
3. Based on CMS administrative data and U.S. Census data.
4. Based on Mathematica analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) data. Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) data were also used in the federal poverty threshold maps.
5. Based on Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and CMS analysis of the AHRQ CAHPS Database for the July 2023 to June 2024 data collection period. State median calculations include CAHPS submissions authorized for use in 2024 Child and Adult Core Sets reporting.
6. Based on Mathematica analysis of National Survey of Children's Health data.
7. Based on Mathematica analysis of National Health Interview Survey data.

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