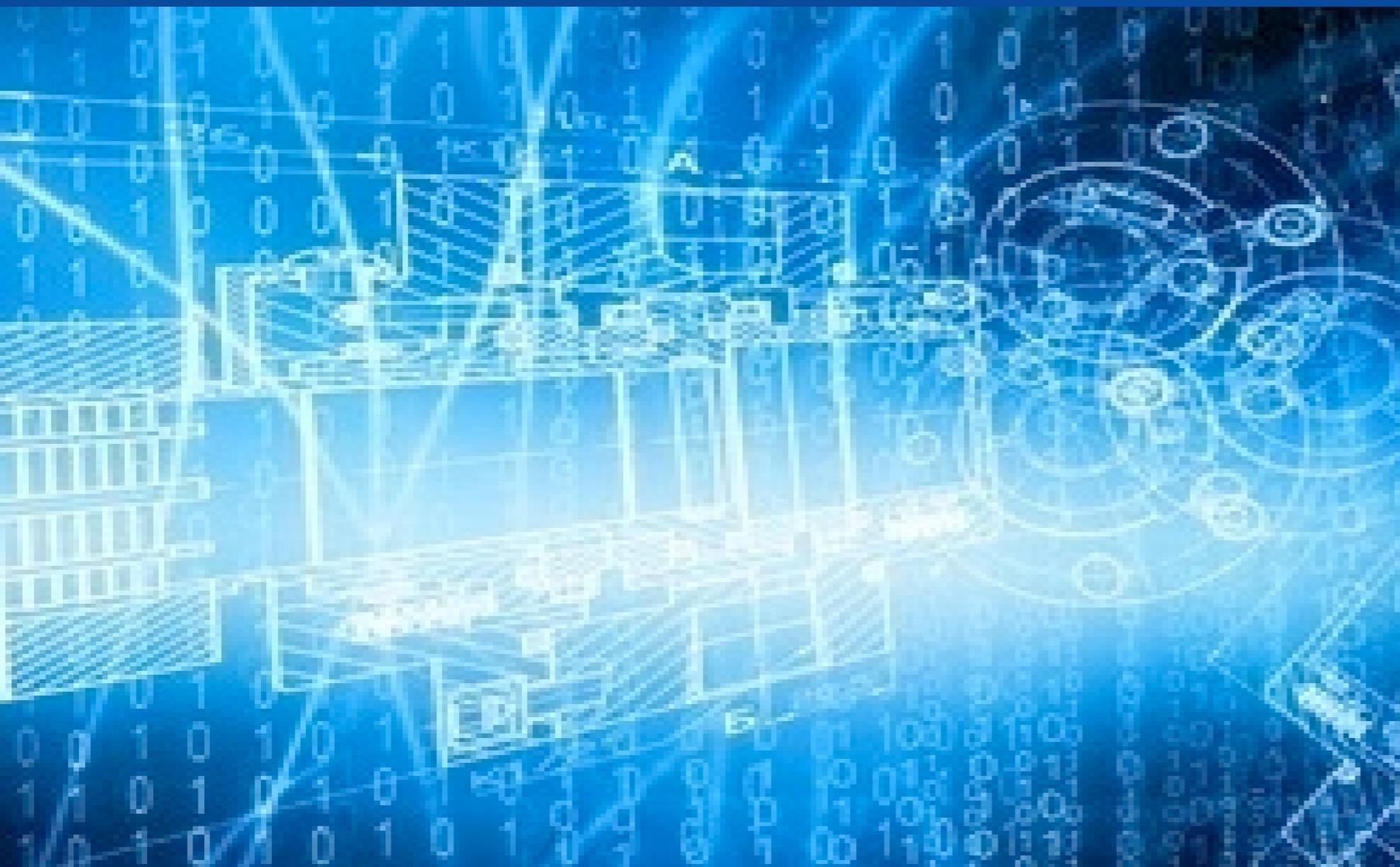


March 2021 Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Snapshot



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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 trends since February 2020,¹ focusing on:
 - Total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment
 - Medicaid enrollment
 - CHIP enrollment
 - Adult enrollment
 - Child enrollment
- This analysis also captures high level information on the trend in the number of Medicaid and CHIP applications received by states.

¹ February 2020 serves as a baseline prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the enactment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) in March 2020. FFCRA includes a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement, which makes available a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to each state or territory's federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) during the national PHE. As a condition of receiving the FMAP increase, states must meet several requirements pertaining to eligibility and maintenance of enrollment.

Key Findings

- In March 2021, 81,698,467 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP (+651,979 compared to February 2021).
 - 74,863,883 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid (+640,162 compared to February 2021).
 - 6,834,584 individuals were enrolled in CHIP (+11,817 compared to February 2021).
- Since February 2020, enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP has increased by 11,010,607 individuals (15.6%).
 - Medicaid enrollment increased by 10,836,146 individuals (16.9%).
 - CHIP enrollment increased by 174,461 individuals (2.6%).
- The Medicaid enrollment increases are likely driven by FFCRA's MOE requirement.

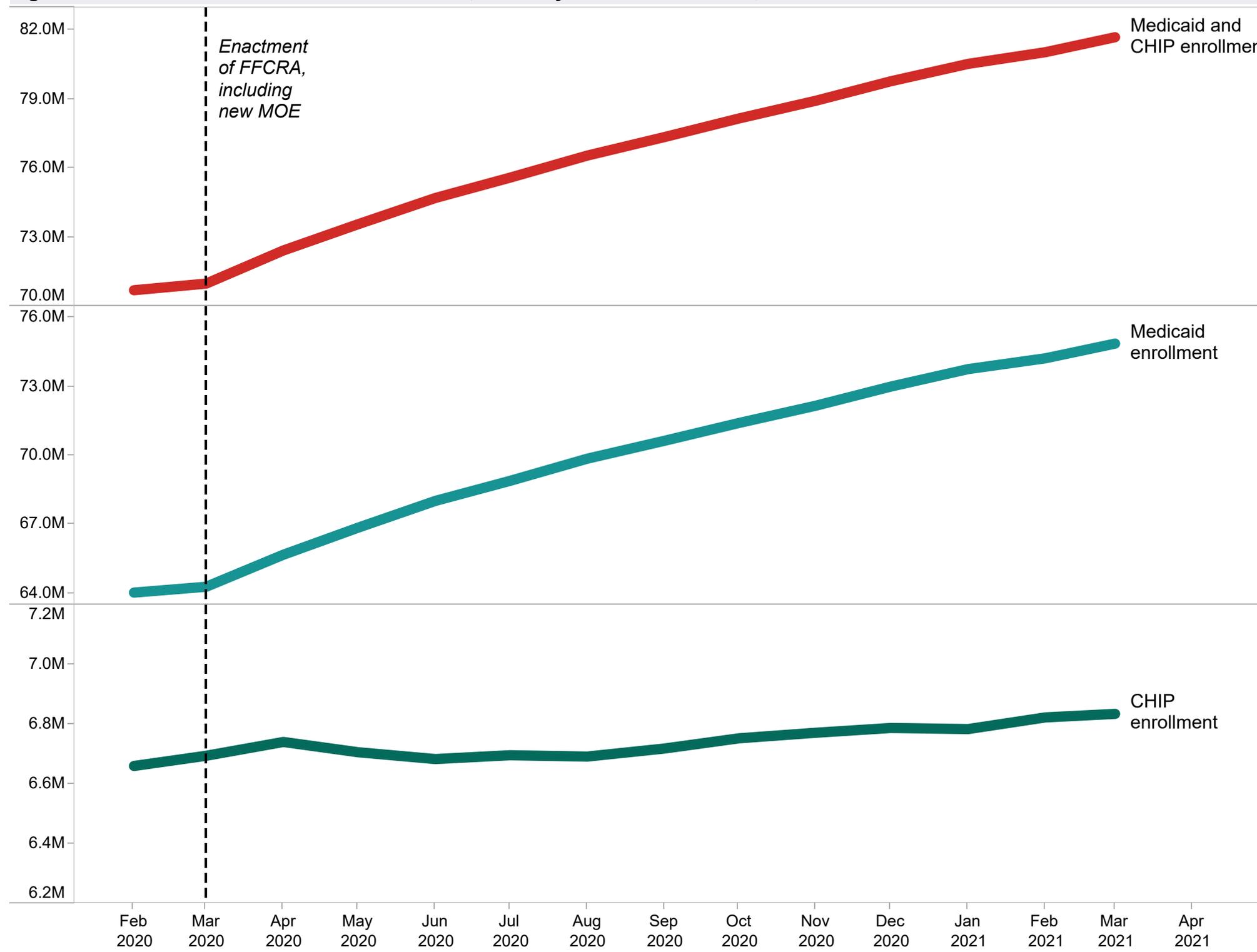
Key Findings (continued)

- In March 2021, over 2.2 million applications for Medicaid and CHIP were submitted directly to states.¹
 - The number of direct applications was about 5 percent higher in March 2021 compared to February 2021. Each year from 2018 to 2021, applications have increased in March after declining in February.
- In March 2021, over 160,000 applications for Medicaid and CHIP were transferred from the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) to states.¹
 - The number of transferred applications was about 28 percent higher in March 2021 compared to February 2021. The March 2021 uptick follows the start of the 2021 Special Enrollment Period on February 15, 2021.²

¹ These counts include applications received by the 48 states and the District of Columbia with complete applications data from February 2020 to March 2021. Kansas and Maine are excluded due to missing applications data during this time period.

² On January 28, 2021, [CMS announced](#) that it would provide a Special Enrollment Period for individuals to apply for and enroll in coverage via the HealthCare.gov Marketplace platform from February 15, 2021 through May 15, 2021. On March 23, 2021, [President Biden announced](#) that CMS would extend access to the Special Enrollment Period through August 15, 2021.

Figure 1. National Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, February 2020 to March 2021, CMS Performance Indicator Data



Date	Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment
March 2021	81,698,467	74,863,883	6,834,584
February 2021	81,046,488	74,223,721	6,822,767
January 2021	80,537,834	73,754,115	6,783,719
December 2020	79,782,581	72,995,197	6,787,384
November 2020	78,938,471	72,166,966	6,771,505
October 2020	78,163,979	71,411,134	6,752,845
September 2020	77,352,267	70,633,734	6,718,533
August 2020	76,546,335	69,854,698	6,691,637
July 2020	75,586,191	68,890,063	6,696,128
June 2020	74,699,696	68,016,386	6,683,310
May 2020	73,559,217	66,853,058	6,706,159
April 2020	72,418,165	65,677,618	6,740,547
March 2020	70,976,240	64,281,892	6,694,348
February 2020	70,687,860	64,027,737	6,660,123

Annual trend, April 2020 to March 2021

From April 2020 to March 2021, national Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 9,280,302 individuals (12.8%).

- National Medicaid enrollment increased by 9,186,265 individuals (14.0%).
- National CHIP enrollment increased by 94,037 individuals (1.4%).

Monthly trend, February 2021 to March 2021

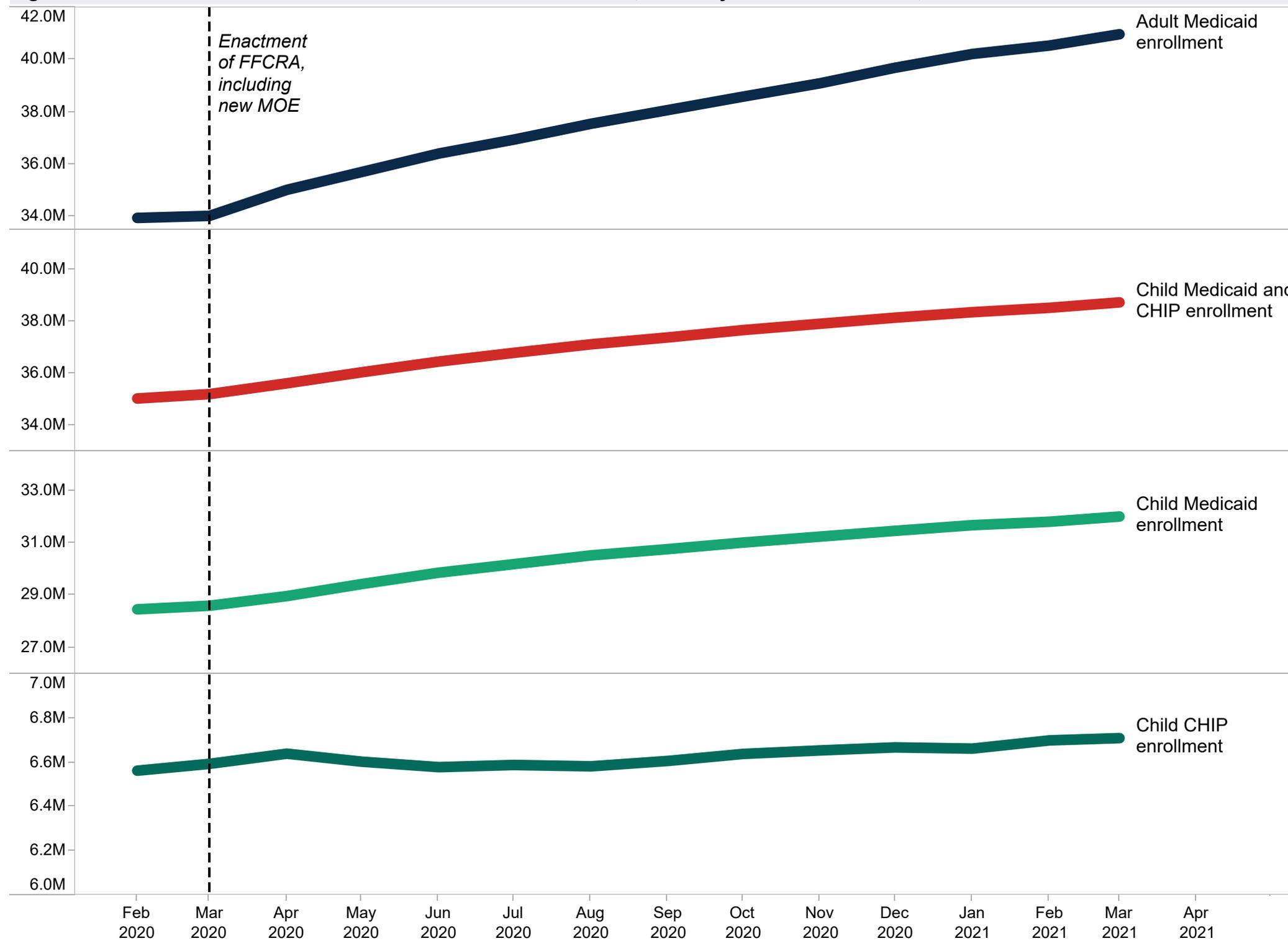
<u>Total enrollment</u>	<u>Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 651,979 (+0.8%) ↑	Increased by 640,162 (+0.9%) ↑	Increased by 11,817 (+0.2%) ↑

Cumulative change, February 2020 to March 2021*

<u>Total enrollment</u>	<u>Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 11,010,607 (+15.6%) ↑	Increased by 10,836,146 (+16.9%) ↑	Increased by 174,461 (+2.6%) ↑

Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.
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 national public health emergency. As a condition of receiving the FMAP increase, states must meet several requirements pertaining to eligibility and maintenance of enrollment.
 *The cumulative change compares the most recent enrollment data to February 2020, which serves as a baseline of enrollment prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the FFCRA's MOE requirement. For additional information on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment prior to February 2020, please see Appendix A.

Figure 2. National adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, February 2020 to March 2021, CMS Performance Indicator Data



Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	Child CHIP enrollment
March 2021	40,970,583	38,716,614	32,006,923	6,709,691
February 2021	40,539,282	38,508,865	31,809,302	6,699,563
January 2021	40,216,600	38,339,425	31,677,129	6,662,296
December 2020	39,690,199	38,129,375	31,461,546	6,667,829
November 2020	39,099,406	37,896,263	31,242,079	6,654,184
October 2020	38,587,198	37,652,095	31,013,765	6,638,330
September 2020	38,077,302	37,371,537	30,764,812	6,606,725
August 2020	37,552,472	37,106,481	30,524,234	6,582,247
July 2020	36,946,274	36,777,509	30,189,171	6,588,338
June 2020	36,416,510	36,443,254	29,864,735	6,578,519
May 2020	35,709,894	36,031,961	29,428,694	6,603,267
April 2020	35,028,350	35,608,582	28,969,156	6,639,426
March 2020	34,034,610	35,194,886	28,601,431	6,593,455
February 2020	33,956,090	35,025,981	28,463,375	6,562,606

Annual trend, April 2020 to March 2021

From April 2020 to March 2021, national adult and child enrollment increased by 9,050,265 individuals (12.8%).

- National adult enrollment increased by 5,942,233 individuals (17.0%).
- National child enrollment increased by 3,108,032 individuals (8.7%).

Monthly trend, February 2021 to March 2021

<u>Adult Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 431,301 (+1.1%)	Increased by 207,749 (+0.5%)

Cumulative change, February 2020 to March 2021*

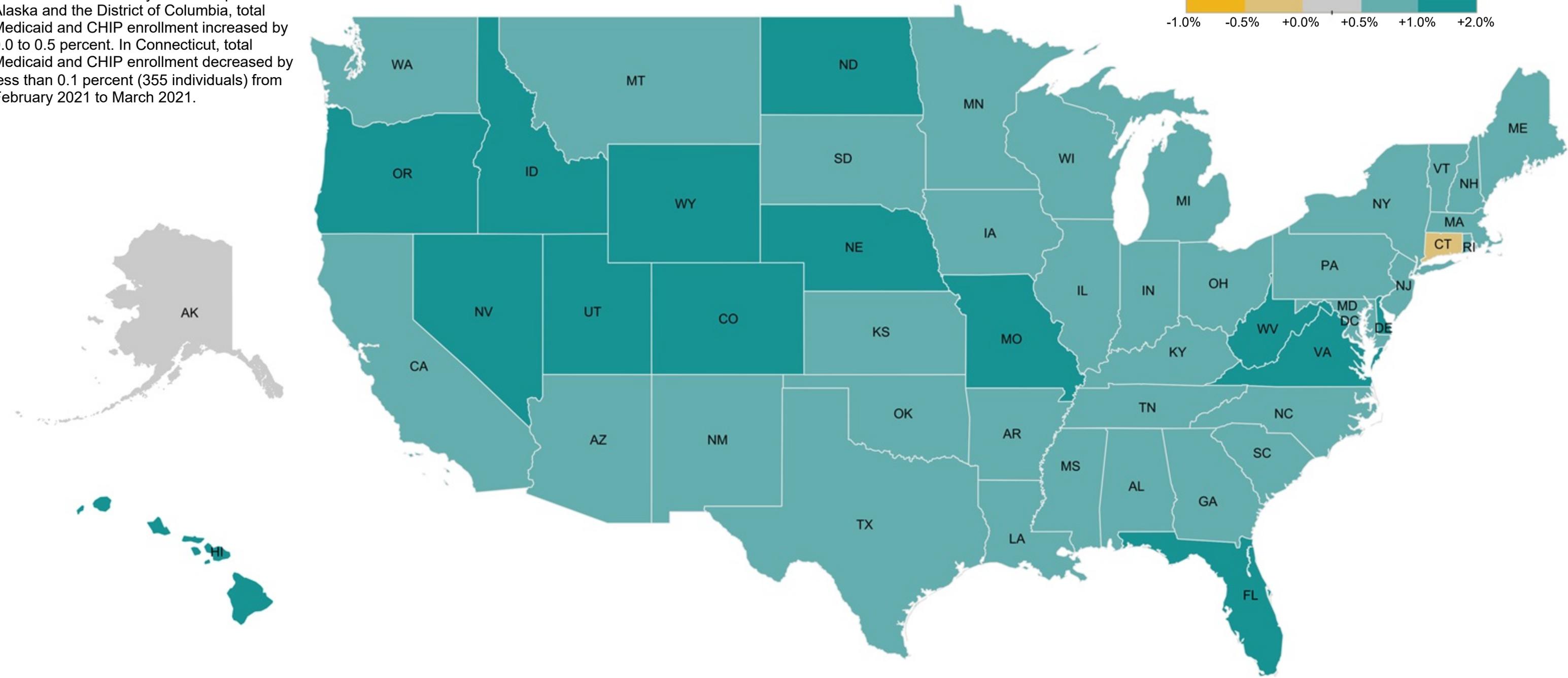
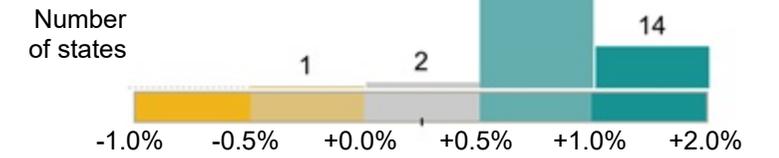
<u>Adult Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 7,014,493 (+20.7%)	Increased by 3,690,633 (+10.5%)

Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.
Note: This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Arizona is excluded because the state did not report the breakouts for adult and child enrollment between February 2020 and March 2021. "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 national public health emergency. As a condition of receiving the FMAP increase, states must meet several requirements pertaining to eligibility and maintenance of enrollment.
 *The cumulative change compares the most recent enrollment data to February 2020, which serves as a baseline of enrollment prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the FFCRA's MOE requirement. For additional information on adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP prior to February 2020, please see Appendix B.

Figure 3. Change in total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, February 2021 to March 2021, CMS Performance Indicator Data

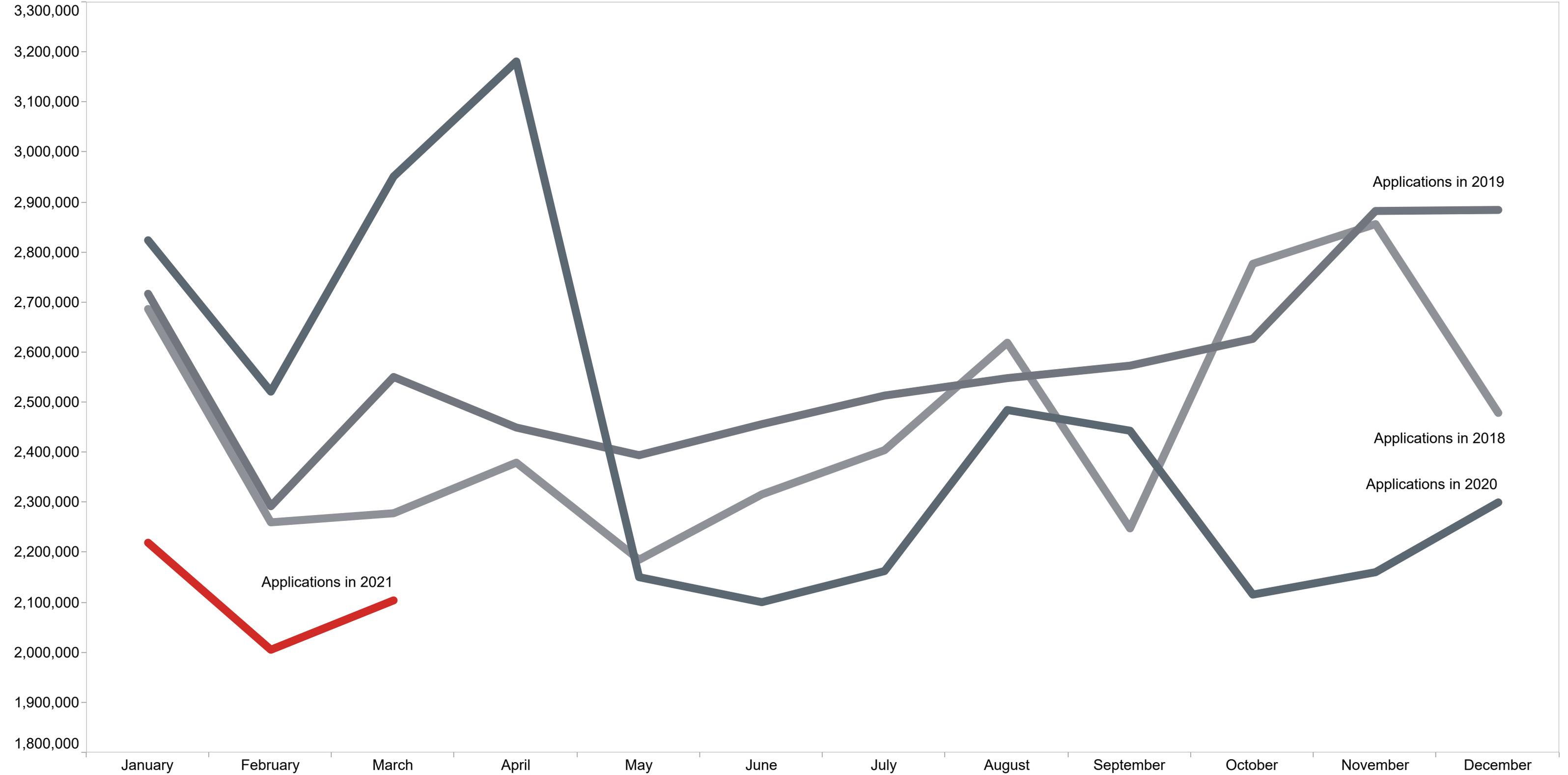
Between February 2021 and March 2021, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 0.5 to 1.0 percent in 34 states. In 14 states, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 1.0 to 2.0 percent. In Alaska and the District of Columbia, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 0.0 to 0.5 percent. In Connecticut, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment decreased by less than 0.1 percent (355 individuals) from February 2021 to March 2021.

Percentage change in Medicaid and CHIP enrollment



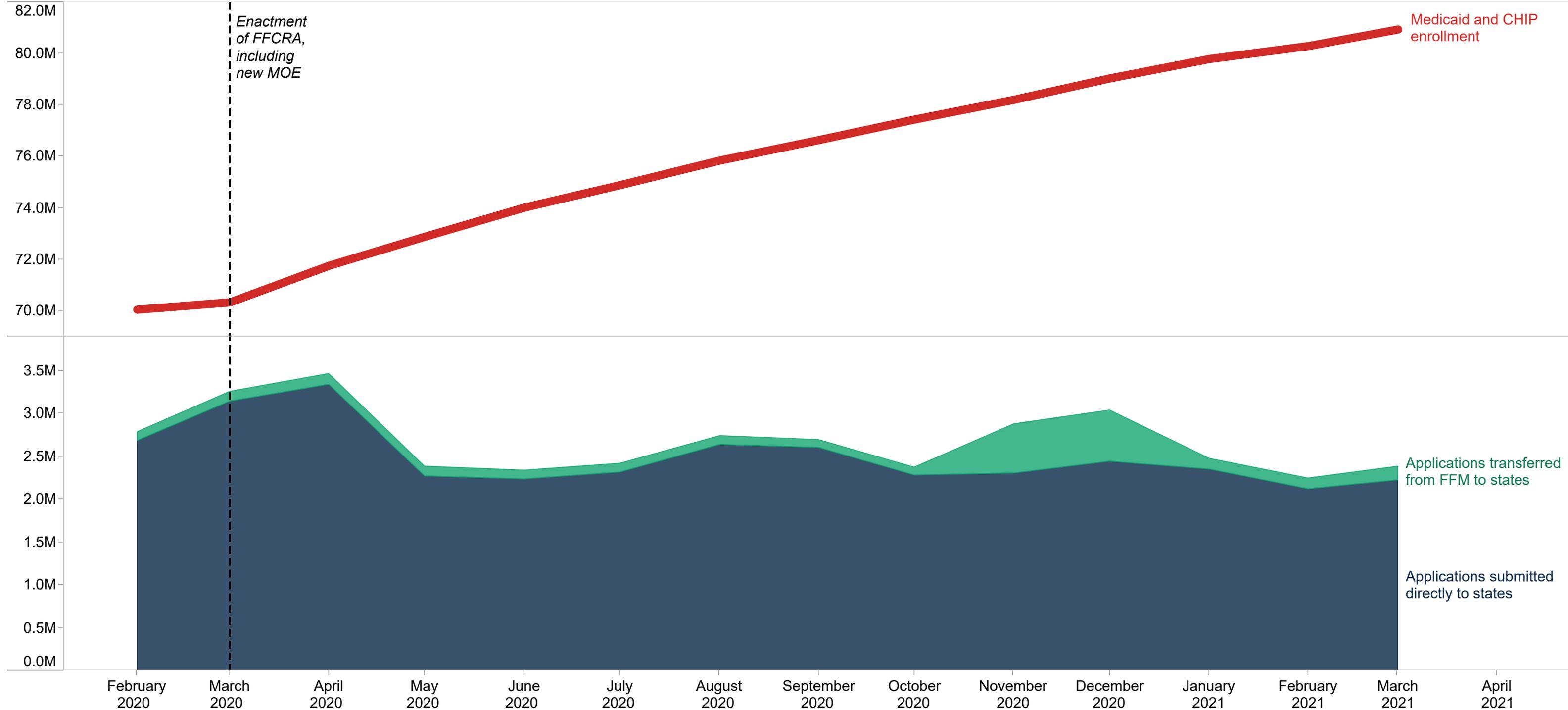
Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.
Note: This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Figure 4. National Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states from 2018 to 2021, CMS Performance Indicator Data



Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.
Note: Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency with the authority to make Medicaid or CHIP eligibility determinations, including the Medicaid agency, a separate CHIP agency, or a state-based marketplace. Applications transferred from the FFM are not included. This analysis includes preliminary applications data from 44 states and the District of Columbia. Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Maine, and Tennessee are excluded because these states did not report applications data for one or more months between January 2018 and March 2021.

Figure 5. Comparison of Medicaid and CHIP enrollment with the number of applications received, February 2020 to March 2021, CMS Performance Indicator Data



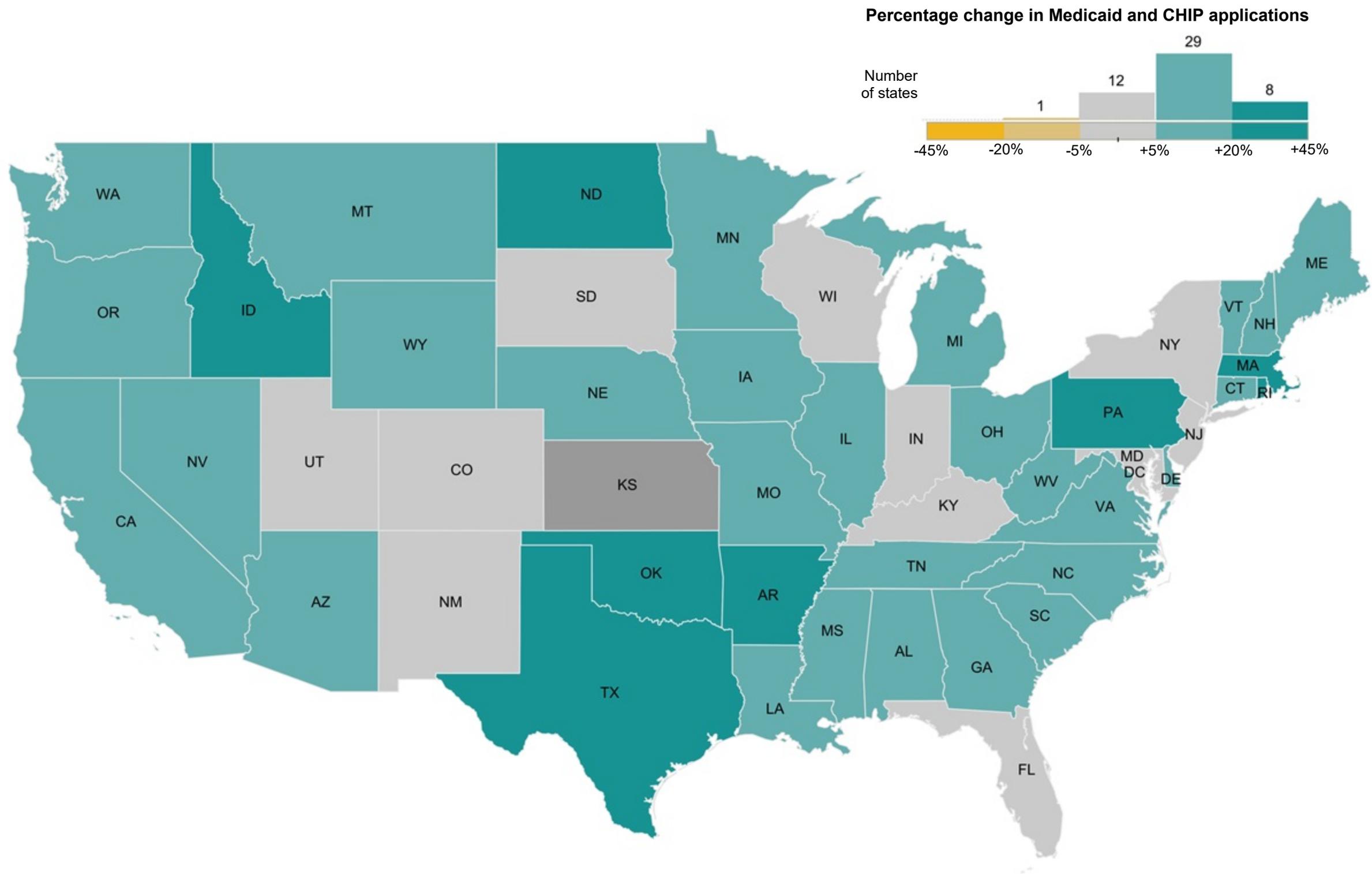
Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.

Note: Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency with the authority to make Medicaid or CHIP eligibility determinations, including the Medicaid agency, a separate CHIP agency, or a state-based marketplace. Applications transferred from the FFM to states include any assessed or determined account transfers received by states from the FFM for Medicaid or CHIP. This analysis includes preliminary enrollment, applications, and account transfer data from 48 states and the District of Columbia. Kansas and Maine did not report applications data for one or more months between February 2020 and March 2021, and so are excluded from this analysis.

Data quality: Two states (Tennessee and Wyoming) that used the FFM for eligibility and enrollment functions for plan year 2020 did not report applications transferred from the FFM to the state for one or more months between February 2020 and October 2020. Three states (South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wyoming) using the FFM for plan year 2021 did not report applications transferred from the FFM to the state for one or more months between November 2020 and March 2021. South Carolina experienced account transfer-related system challenges in February 2021, which may have contributed to a decline in the number of applications received in the month. Nevada transitioned to a state-based marketplace for plan year 2020, but unexpectedly reported 2,245 applications transferred from the FFM to the state in January 2021. New Jersey and Pennsylvania transitioned to state-based marketplaces for plan year 2021; as of June 30, 2021, both states are working with CMS to report their data correctly before and after the transition. These six states are retained in the analysis despite these concerns about data quality.

Figure 6. Change in Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states, February 2021 to March 2021, CMS Performance Indicator Data

Nationally, the number of Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states was about 5 percent higher in March 2021 compared to February 2021. In 37 states, applications either increased by 5 to 20 percent (29 states) or by 20 to 45 percent (8 states) from February 2021 to March 2021. Applications changed by 5 percent or less in 11 states and the District of Columbia. In Hawaii, applications decreased by 5.1 percent from February 2021 to March 2021.



Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.

Note: Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency with the authority to make Medicaid or CHIP eligibility determinations, including the Medicaid agency, a separate CHIP agency, or a state-based marketplace. Applications transferred from the FFM are not included. 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 February 2021 and March 2021.

Appendices

Appendix A. National Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, December 2019 to March 2021

Date	Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment
December 2019	70,626,835	64,000,680	6,626,155
January 2020	70,739,195	64,098,670	6,640,525
February 2020	70,687,860	64,027,737	6,660,123
March 2020	70,976,240	64,281,892	6,694,348
April 2020	72,418,165	65,677,618	6,740,547
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Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.
Note: This table summarizes Medicaid and CHIP enrollment since December 2019. This table is provided as a supplement to Figure 1, and includes preliminary enrollment data from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Appendix B. National adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, December 2019 to March 2021

Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	Child CHIP enrollment
December 2019	33,870,983	35,047,779	28,519,074	6,528,705
January 2020	33,995,955	35,040,608	28,496,798	6,543,810
February 2020	33,956,090	35,025,981	28,463,375	6,562,606
March 2020	34,034,610	35,194,886	28,601,431	6,593,455
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March 2021	40,970,583	38,716,614	32,006,923	6,709,691

Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of June 24, 2021.
Note: This table summarizes adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP since December 2019. This table is provided as a supplement to Figure 2, and includes preliminary enrollment data from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Arizona is excluded from both Figure 2 and Appendix B because the state did not report the breakouts for adult and child enrollment between February 2020 and March 2021.

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 March 2021 Medicaid & CHIP 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.