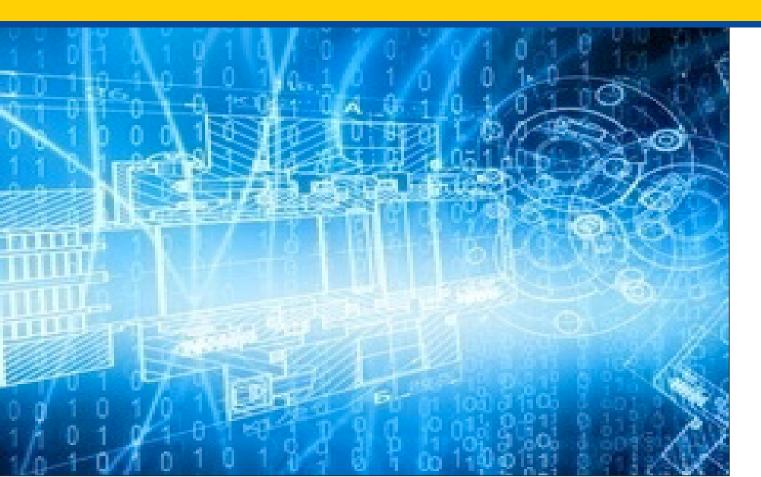


MAGI Application Processing Time Snapshot Report: January 2024 - March 2024



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MAGI Application Processing Data

The Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) application processing time data represent the length of time it takes state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) agencies to conduct all final MAGI determinations (including Medicaid MAGI and CHIP) for individuals at application, regardless of date of application.

- Application processing time data are influenced by state policies, practices including verification processes, and other factors including application volume, staffing, and level of automation in a state's eligibility system.
- States may prioritize processing older applications, and, as these are completed, the data would reflect longer processing times, with the volume and age of pending applications decreasing.
- Processing time data do not reflect the state's volume of pending applications.
- This processing time data excludes renewals and redeterminations.

Current Issue

- The MAGI Application Processing Time Report (Processing Time Report) is published on an annual basis with the Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard. To date, we have published annual data for <u>2018</u> <u>2023</u>.
- Since 2022, the Processing Time Report has been released on a quarterly basis.
- This Processing Time Report reflects January 2024 March 2024 data for all statesⁱ and includes processing time data during the period in which states are returning to regular eligibility and enrollment operations following the end of the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FCCRA).
- All Processing Time Reports are available on <u>Medicaid.gov</u>.

i. For each reporting month, states submit preliminary Performance Indicator (PI) data, and a month later, updated PI data. Preliminary data carries over to the updated report, and states are not expected to make changes to their preliminary processing time data when they submit the updated PI report. For the vast majority of states, there are no changes to the processing time data between the two reports. For states that do make changes to the processing time data, it is typically due to a lag in data availability. In these instances, the change is considered a correction and CMS requires the state to apply the correction to the processing time data in both the preliminary and updated reports. This report reflects states' preliminary MAGI processing time data for January 2024 – March 2024.

Methodology

The Performance Indicator MAGI application processing time data reflect the number of calendar days between the date the state agency *receives* an initial application and the date the state agency *makes a final eligibility determination*.

- As part of their monthly Medicaid and CHIP Performance Indicator report to CMS, states report processing time data at the individual level[†] and include both final eligible and ineligible determinations[†].
- Application processing time data excludes renewals and other redeterminations based on beneficiary changes in circumstances, iii presumptive eligibility determinations, and final determinations from the Federally Facilitated Exchange (FFE).

i. In January – March 2024, Florida, Indiana, Nevada, South Dakota, and Wisconsin incorrectly reported their processing time data at the application level, as opposed to the individual level. See slides 12 – 26 for state-level data and limitations notes.

ii. In January – March 2024, New York and Pennsylvania did not report data for all MAGI determinations. Pennsylvania did not report data for all MAGI determinations at applications in its preliminary report. However, for alignment with the Medicaid and CHIP Unwinding Operations Snapshot, the report includes preliminary data for the state. See slides 12 – 26 for state-level data and limitations notes.

iii. In January – March 2024, Alaska, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota incorrectly included redeterminations in their application processing time data. See slides 12 – 26 for state-level data and limitations notes.

Data Quality

States with significant data quality issues are excluded from the national-level statistics presented in this report. Significant data quality issues are excluded from the national calculations presented in this report, including:

- Missing a significant portion of determinations.
- Failing to include all calendar days that elapsed between receipt of the application and the final determination.
- Including a significant portion of renewal processing time data with MAGI application processing time data.
- Failing to report determinations in the correct time categories.

For the period of January 2024 – March 2024:

 Nevada and South Dakota did not report MAGI application processing time data that aligned with CMS's specifications. These two states are excluded from the national-level statistics; however, their state-level data are included in the tables throughout this report.

MAGI Application Processing Time Categories

These reports reflect the percentage of MAGI determinations at application that were processed within each of the following time categories:

- Less than 24 hours.
- 1-7 days.
- 8 30 days.
- 31 45 days.
- Greater than 45 days.

Processing Time Report Key Findings

Of the states that reported Medicaid MAGI application processing time data to CMS's specifications for the **January 2024 – March 2024 period**:

- < 24 Hours: 42 percent of all MAGI determinations at application were processed in under 24 hours.
- Within 7 days: 55 percent of all MAGI determinations at application were processed within seven days:
 - o In 16 states, more than 60 percent of MAGI determinations at application were processed within 7 days.
 - In 21 states, 40 percent or less of MAGI determinations at application were processed within 7 days.
- > 45 Days: 14 percent of all MAGI determinations at application were processed in more than 45 days.

Prior Year Comparisons

In the January – March 2024 compared to the January – March 2023 MAGI application processing time data, there was a:

- 11-percentage point decrease in the percentage of MAGI determinations at application processed in under 24 hours, from 53% in 2023 to 42% in 2024.
- 11-percentage point decrease in the percentage processed within 7 days, from 66% in 2023 to 55% in 2024:
 - 16 states reported an increase of at least 1 percentage point.ⁱⁱ
 - 25 states reported a decrease of at least 1 percentage point.ⁱⁱⁱ
- 7-percentage point increase in the percentage processed in more than 45 days, from 7% in 2023 to 14% in 2024.

States' focus on unwinding-related activities and the increase in application volume in Q1 2024 compared to Q1 2023 most likely contributed to the longer application processing times.

• In Q1 2024, there were ~7 million applications submitted to the Medicaid and or CHIP agencies, compared to ~4.7 million applications submitted in Q1 2023 (+46.7%)

MAGI Application Processing Time								
	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours		Percent of Determinations Processed 1–7 days		Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days			
National Totals Per Month ^{iv}	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024		
January	51%	44%	13%	13%	7%	12%		
February	54%	39%	13%	13%	7%	15%		
March	54%	43%	14%	13%	8%	14%		
January – March Average	53%	42%	13%	13%	7%	14%		

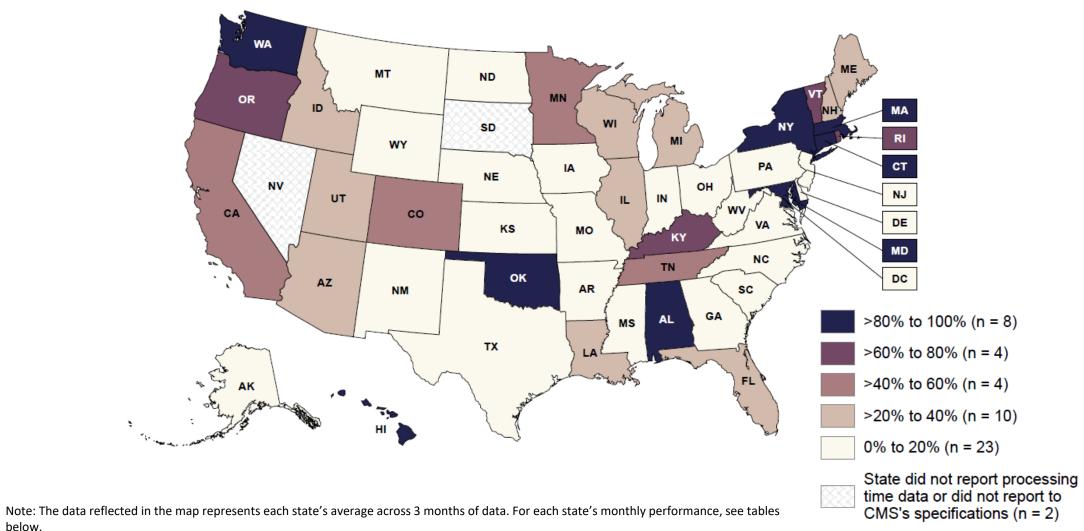
i. In both periods (January – March 2023 and January – March 2024), NV and SD were excluded from the national totals. CA was excluded in January – March 2023 from the national totals. The data may not align with the Q1 2023 Medicaid MAGI and CHIP Application Processing Time Report due to the submission of state corrections.

ii. States include AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DE, DC, HI, ME, MI, MN, MT, ND, RI, SC, and VA.

iii. States include FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MS, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NC, OH, TN, TX, UT, VT, WV, WI, and WY.

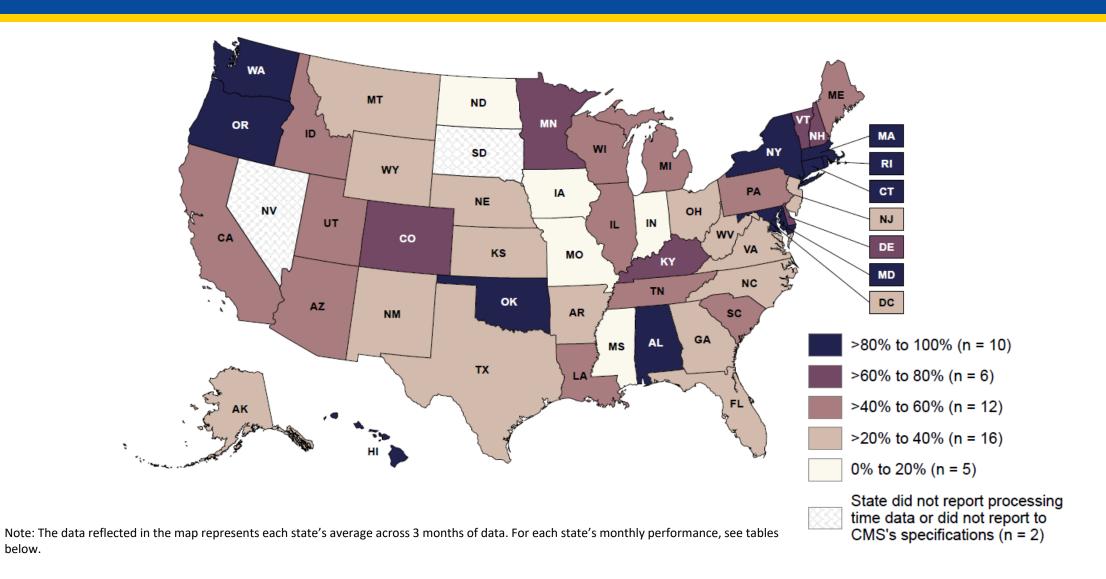
iv. The national total for each month is a weighted average of the percentage of determinations conducted within each category across states, with each state's percentage weighted by the number of determinations the state conducted within the month. The January – March average is weighted by the number of determinations conducted nationally in each of the three months.

Percentage of Medicaid MAGI and CHIP Determinations at Application Processed Within 24 Hours, January 2024 – March 2024



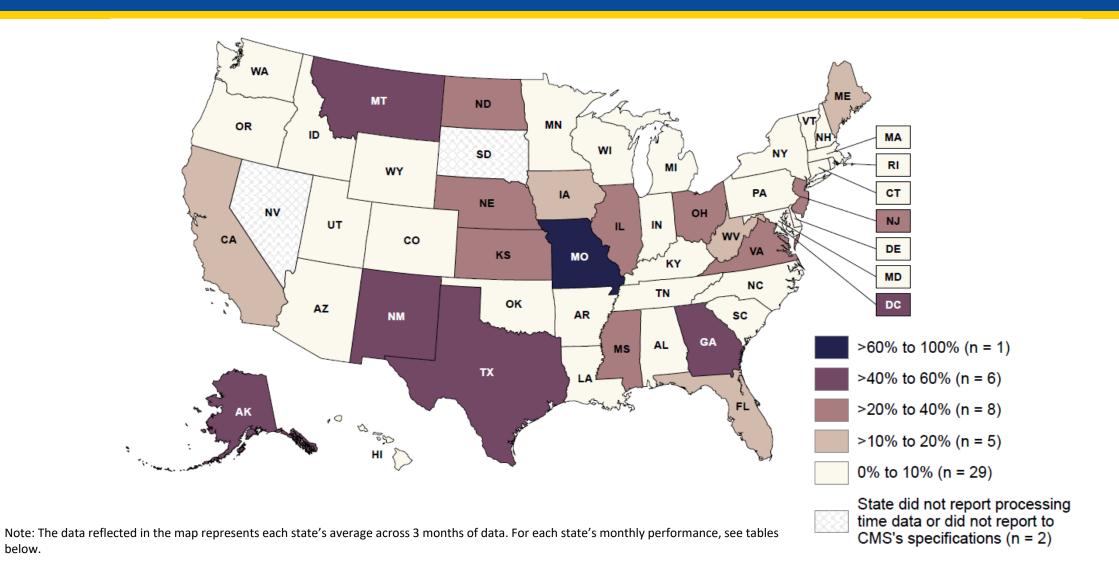
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Percentage of Medicaid MAGI and CHIP Determinations at Application Processed Within 7 Days, January 2024 – March 2024



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Percentage of Medicaid MAGI and CHIP Determinations at Application Processed in More Than 45 Days, January 2024 – March 2024



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State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8-30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	81%	6%	10%	2%	2%
Alabama	February*	81%	7%	10%	2%	1%
	March*	81%	7%	10%	1%	1%
	January ^{(V)*}	2%	34%	20%	6%	38%
Alaska	February ^{(V)*}	4%	19%	20%	5%	53%
	March ^{(V)*}	3%	23%	24%	6%	43%
	January*	34%	10%	43%	12%	1%
Arizona	February*	37%	10%	44%	8%	1%
	March*	41%	12%	38%	8%	2%
	January*	7%	27%	49%	10%	7%
Arkansas	February*	6%	27%	56%	5%	6%
	March*	8%	35%	44%	7%	6%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8-30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January ^{(VIII),(IX)*}	51%	10%	16%	11%	13%
California	February ^{(VIII),(IX)*}	43%	11%	20%	10%	16%
	March ^{(VIII),(IX)*}	54%	8%	18%	9%	11%
	January*	41%	23%	21%	10%	5%
Colorado	February*	42%	19%	27%	8%	5%
	March*	41%	22%	22%	10%	4%
	January*	98%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Connecticut	February*	98%	2%	1%	0%	0%
	March*	98%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	January*	5%	56%	17%	22%	0%
Delaware	February*	5%	48%	28%	19%	0%
	March*	5%	68%	13%	15%	0%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8-30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	21%	25%	16%	9%	29%
District of Columbia	February*	14%	20%	15%	8%	44%
	March*	11%	18%	15%	9%	47%
	January ^{(III)*}	21%	11%	27%	28%	13%
Florida	February ^{(III)*}	19%	11%	33%	21%	16%
	March ^{(III)*}	21%	13%	35%	20%	11%
	January*	3%	17%	27%	14%	40%
Georgia	February*	2%	16%	27%	13%	41%
	March*	8%	14%	24%	12%	42%
	January*	82%	5%	4%	2%	5%
Hawaii	February*	81%	5%	6%	2%	7%
	March*	79%	5%	7%	2%	7%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	30%	12%	37%	16%	4%
Idaho	February*	37%	20%	31%	10%	2%
	March*	37%	7%	39%	14%	3%
	January*	27%	23%	25%	8%	18%
Illinois	February*	26%	20%	23%	8%	24%
	March*	23%	18%	20%	7%	32%
	January ^{(III)*}	1%	10%	42%	37%	9%
Indiana	February ^{(III)*}	1%	14%	48%	26%	9%
	March ^{(III)*}	1%	15%	50%	23%	11%
	January*	5%	7%	36%	36%	16%
Iowa	February*	6%	6%	48%	25%	14%
	March*	7%	6%	41%	30%	17%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	12%	16%	21%	24%	27%
Kansas	February*	15%	19%	26%	17%	24%
	March*	21%	18%	39%	9%	14%
	January*	59%	12%	27%	2%	0%
Kentucky	February*	60%	13%	26%	1%	0%
	March*	62%	12%	25%	1%	0%
	January*	35%	18%	32%	9%	7%
Louisiana	February*	34%	18%	32%	8%	8%
	March*	38%	21%	30%	6%	6%
	January*	21%	12%	39%	11%	17%
Maine	February*	23%	18%	42%	6%	11%
	March*	27%	39%	20%	5%	9%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8-30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	95%	5%	0%	0%	0%
Maryland	February*	94%	6%	0%	0%	0%
	March*	93%	6%	0%	0%	0%
	January*	84%	12%	4%	0%	0%
Massachusetts	February*	84%	13%	2%	0%	0%
	March*	86%	10%	4%	0%	0%
	January*	27%	24%	19%	22%	8%
Michigan	February*	32%	23%	23%	15%	7%
	March*	36%	21%	23%	14%	6%
	January*	58%	22%	20%	0%	0%
Minnesota	February*	55%	23%	22%	0%	0%
	March*	53%	27%	20%	0%	0%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	1%	8%	46%	22%	23%
Mississippi	February*	1%	14%	44%	19%	22%
	March*	1%	12%	39%	19%	29%
	January*	13%	11%	11%	7%	58%
Missouri	February*	9%	5%	8%	6%	72%
	March*	7%	6%	7%	16%	64%
	January*	11%	14%	21%	15%	38%
Montana	February*	10%	17%	21%	10%	42%
	March*	12%	12%	20%	15%	41%
	January*	8%	11%	38%	20%	23%
Nebraska	February*	11%	17%	36%	15%	20%
	March*	17%	38%	13%	15%	17%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8-30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January ^{(I),(III),(IV)}	-	41%	46%	12%	2%
Nevada	February ^{(I),(III),(IV)}	-	42%	46%	11%	1%
	March ^{(I),(III),(IV)}	-	46%	45%	9%	1%
	January*	27%	36%	31%	2%	4%
New Hampshire	February*	29%	40%	27%	1%	3%
	March*	30%	41%	25%	1%	2%
	January ^{(VII)*}	4%	37%	24%	11%	24%
New Jersey	February ^{(VII)*}	3%	33%	29%	11%	24%
	March*	4%	25%	24%	12%	35%
	January*	19%	5%	11%	8%	57%
New Mexico	February*	14%	6%	11%	11%	58%
	March*	19%	8%	13%	13%	47%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January ^{(VI)*}	99%	0%	1%	0%	0%
New York	February ^{(VI)*}	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	March ^{(VI)*}	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	January*	7%	18%	28%	42%	6%
North Carolina	February*	7%	21%	29%	32%	11%
	March*	7%	23%	23%	33%	14%
	January*	1%	5%	24%	38%	32%
North Dakota	February*	1%	5%	32%	29%	32%
	March*	1%	15%	45%	23%	16%
	January*	15%	22%	34%	11%	18%
Ohio	February*	13%	22%	34%	9%	22%
	March*	13%	23%	32%	9%	22%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1–7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Oklahoma	February*	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	March*	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	January*	78%	17%	5%	0%	0%
Oregon	February*	77%	17%	5%	0%	0%
	March*	76%	19%	5%	0%	0%
	January ^{(V),(VI)*}	14%	26%	42%	12%	4%
Pennsylvania	February ^{(V),(VI)*}	16%	24%	48%	8%	5%
	March ^{(V),(VI)*}	20%	33%	35%	8%	4%
	January*	67%	17%	10%	2%	4%
Rhode Island	February*	62%	16%	14%	2%	5%
	March*	66%	16%	10%	2%	5%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
	January*	5%	16%	67%	5%	6%
South Carolina	February*	8%	36%	42%	7%	8%
	March*	11%	57%	25%	3%	6%
	January ^{(۱),(۱11),(V)}	-	40%	36%	20%	4%
South Dakota	February ^{(I),(III),(V)}	-	47%	37%	14%	3%
	March	-	-	-	-	-
	January*	49%	14%	22%	8%	6%
Tennessee	February*	41%	13%	20%	18%	8%
	March*	37%	13%	28%	12%	11%
	January*	7%	22%	18%	13%	40%
Texas	February*	7%	17%	17%	12%	46%
	March*	7%	16%	16%	13%	47%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
Utah	January*	31%	21%	36%	8%	5%
	February*	29%	20%	38%	9%	5%
	March*	29%	22%	36%	7%	6%
Vermont	January*	67%	5%	9%	14%	6%
	February*	53%	4%	15%	20%	8%
	March*	62%	4%	18%	9%	6%
Virginia	January*	20%	16%	21%	24%	19%
	February*	19%	17%	21%	23%	21%
	March*	17%	18%	22%	22%	21%
Washington	January*	87%	6%	3%	1%	2%
	February*	85%	6%	4%	1%	4%
	March*	84%	7%	4%	1%	4%

State	Month	Percent of Determinations Processed < 24 Hours	Percent of Determinations Processed 1-7 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 8–30 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed 31–45 Days	Percent of Determinations Processed > 45 Days
West Virginia	January*	18%	18%	35%	17%	12%
	February*	18%	19%	36%	14%	13%
	March*	18%	21%	36%	14%	12%
Wisconsin	January ^{(III)*}	23%	16%	37%	21%	3%
	February ^{(III)*}	30%	18%	35%	15%	2%
	March ^{(III)*}	34%	20%	35%	10%	1%
Wyoming	January*	12%	4%	35%	42%	7%
	February*	20%	9%	43%	20%	9%
	March*	17%	11%	45%	13%	13%
National Totals ¹	January	44%	13%	19%	12%	12%
	February	39%	13%	22%	11%	15%
	March	43%	13%	20%	10%	14%

^{1.} The national total for each month is a weighted average of the percentage of determinations conducted within each category across states; each state's percentage is weighted by the number of determinations the state conducted within the month.

Data Limitation Categories

- (I) Determinations conducted in less than 24 hours are reported under the 1-7 days category.
- (II) Includes some non-MAGI determinations on applications.
- (III) Incorrectly reporting processing time at application level, as opposed to the individual level.
- (IV) MAGI determinations conducted in 6-7 days are reported under the 8-30 days category.
- (V) Incorrectly includes redeterminations.
- (VI) Does not include all MAGI determinations on applications.
- (VII) Incorrectly includes reinstatements.
- (VIII) Includes some non-Medicaid or CHIP determinations on applications.
- (IX) Reflects incorrect start dates for processing time on some reopened applications.

Key

- Due to system limitations, state did not report data for the processing time category.
- * State's monthly application processing time data is included in the national total.

National totals are calculated for only states reporting complete data that comports with CMS's reporting specifications.

January, February, and March 2024 national totals include 49 states (Nevada and South Dakota are excluded in all months).