what medicaid brings to Colorado





1.2 million children and adults¹

CHILDREN COVERED² 35%

are insured by Medicaid (Health First Colorado) or CHIP (CHP+). Those covered include parents, pregnant women, and people with disabilities.

by the numbers

CHIP¹

expansion⁴

Medicaid⁵

of Colorado

Percent of **children** (ages 0–18) living in rural or metro areas covered by Medicaid or CHIP, 2023⁶

Percent of adults (ages 19-64) living in rural or

metro areas covered by Medicaid, 2023⁶

15%

18%

33%

37%

Medicaid and CHIP are a critical

source of coverage in rural parts

Children ages 0—18 in Colorado who were covered by Medicaid in 2023

ADULTS COVERED²

15%

Adults ages 19–64 in Colorado who were covered by Medicaid in 2023



522,443

350,083

125,136

Metro

Rural

Metro

Rural

Colorado received \$8 billion in federal support for Medicaid in 2023. Medicaid enrollment

Children enrolled in Medicaid or

Adults enrolled because of ACA

Dually eligible for Medicare and

E.s

Adults insured with Medicaid are least likely to report having medical debt

Adults ages 19–64 who were continuously insured and **reported having medical debt**, by insurance type, 2024⁷

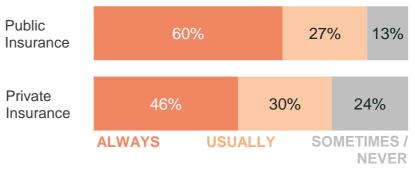
This accounted for 64% of total Medicaid spending in the state.³





Medicaid helps youth with mental and behavioral health needs access care

Youth ages 12–17 with a **mental health condition** whose insurance covered mental health services, 2022⁸



Public insurance = Medicaid, medical assistance, or any kind of government assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability

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