Missouri Medicaid Basics

2020 At-a-Glance

What is Medicaid?

Missouri's Medicaid program (MO HealthNet) provides health insurance for low-income children and parents, seniors, pregnant women, and people with disabilities. It allows Missourians to see a doctor when they are sick, get checkups, buy medications, and go to the hospital. Having health insurance allows Missourians to maintain their health, go to work, and take care of their families.

Who is enrolled in MO HealthNet?

Many different types of people are covered, though most enrollees are kids.

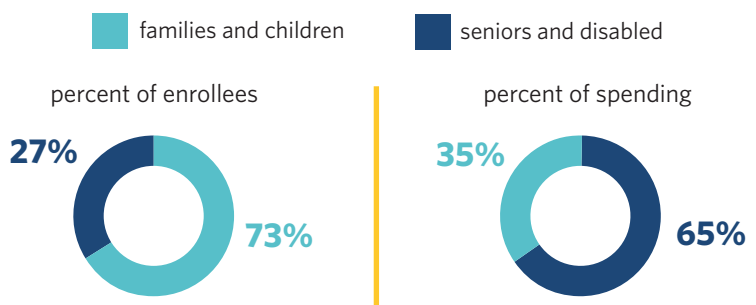Eligible groups include parents, children, pregnant women, seniors, and persons who are blind or disabled.
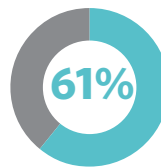
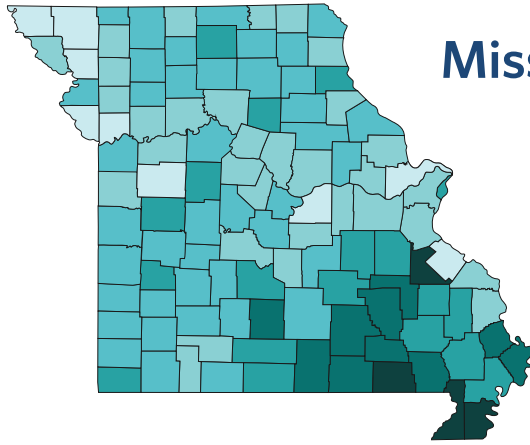**61%** of enrollees are under the age of 19.

Missouri currently has some of the strictest eligibility requirements in the country.

A non-disabled adult with children will qualify if their income is **below 21% of the federal poverty line.** This means a family of four must earn **less than $5,550 a year.**

Adults who are not parents are not eligible, regardless of income.

Families and children use fewer resources.

■ families and children   ■ seniors and disabled

percent of enrollees
27%
73%

percent of spending
35%
65%

Across the state, MO HealthNet:

Covers **1** out of every **7** people

Covers more than **1/3** of all children

Pays for **2/3** of the cost of nursing home care
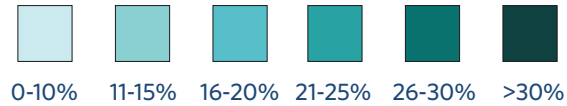
Missourians from all across the state are enrolled in MO HealthNet

Percent of population enrolled by county

0-10%	11-15%	16-20%	21-25%	26-30%	>30%

How is MO HealthNet financed?

The majority of MO HealthNet is funded through the federal government

Less than ¼ of MO HealthNet's funding comes from state general revenue:

21%
State General Revenue

27%
Other

52%
Federal Funds

How has COVID-19 impacted enrollment?

More Missourians are eligible for coverage due to the pandemic and its economic impact.

Enrollment increased by 17% during the first nine months of the pandemic (January-September 2020).

COVID-19 Enrollment Growth by Eligibility Group (January-September 2020)	
	Increase
Persons with Disabilities	11.6%
Older Adults	5.4%
Custodial Parents	24.2%
Pregnant Women	76.6%
Children (CHIP and Medicaid)	17.2%
Total	17.1%

During the public health emergency, the federal government has increased its share of financing to offset the costs of increased enrollment.

As a condition of receiving these temporary enhanced funds, states may not remove anyone from the Medicaid rolls, accounting for much of the increase in the table above.

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To learn more about MO HealthNet eligibility and enrollment, covered services, delivery systems, financing and expenditures, and more, read our full **Missouri Medicaid Basics 2020 publication.**