

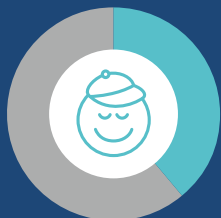
Missouri Medicaid Basics

2025 At-a-Glance

Across the state in 2024, MO HealthNet:



Covers **1** out of every **5** people



Covers **39%** of children



Pays for **2/3** of nursing home care

What is Medicaid?

Missouri's Medicaid program (MO HealthNet) provides health insurance for low-income children and parents, adults aged 19-64, seniors aged 65+, pregnant women, and people with disabilities. It allows Missourians to see a doctor when they are sick, get check-ups, 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, adults aged 19-64, seniors aged 65+, and persons who are blind or disabled.



MO HealthNet Income Eligibility

Covered Populations	Income Guidelines
Non-CHIP Children (ages 1-18)	<148% FPL*
CHIP-premium Children	<300% FPL*
Pregnant Women	<196% FPL*
Individuals with a Disability	<85% FPL*
Older Adults (age 65+)	<85% FPL*
Blind Individuals	<100% FPL*
Parents	~11-14% FPL*
Expansion Adults (age 19-64)	<133% FPL*

*Federal Poverty Level (e.g., \$25,820 per year for a family of three in 2024)

48%

of enrollees are under the age of 19

Families and children use fewer resources.

Although families and children make up 58% of all enrollees, they use only 30% of MO HealthNet's budget. By contrast, older adults and people with disabilities comprise 18% of enrollees but use 50% of the budget.

Medicaid benefits all Missourians.

Medicaid is a state and federal partnership. The federal government provides \$1.88 for every dollar that Missouri spends on MO HealthNet.

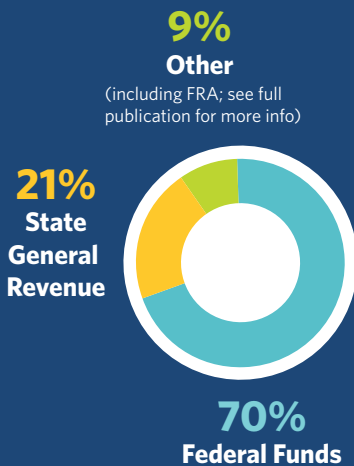
In SFY 2025, the federal government is expected to provide \$12.7 billion for MO HealthNet, providing critical revenue support to the state and freeing up dollars to support education, public safety, and other priorities. This funding also ripples through local economies, creating economic growth and development.

In rural areas, more than one in four Missourians are covered by MO HealthNet. Federal funding supports hospitals and other health care providers in rural areas that rely on Medicaid dollars to keep their doors open.

How is MO HealthNet financed?

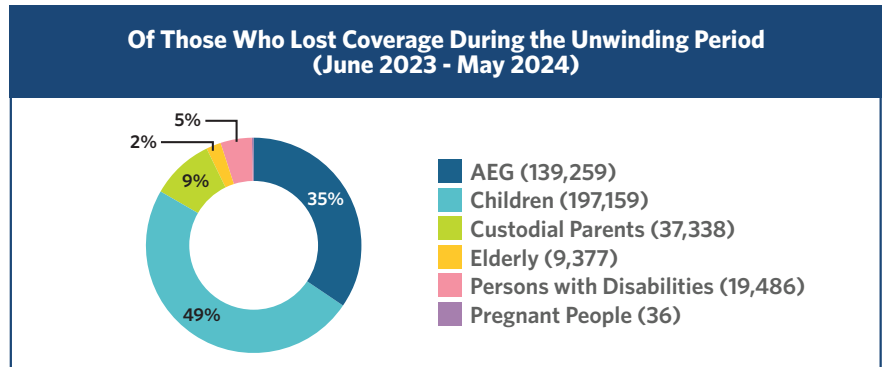
The majority of MO HealthNet is funded through the federal government.

About 1/5 of MO HealthNet's funding for SFY 2025 comes from state general revenue:



Impacts to enrollment since the end of the public health emergency

Missouri took 12 months to complete the initial cycle of annual eligibility reviews since the end of the PHE on May 11, 2023. This is known as the "unwinding" period.



Of the almost 1.4 million cases reviewed, 29% lost coverage. Almost three-quarters of these terminations were the result of missing paperwork, not necessarily because they no longer qualify.

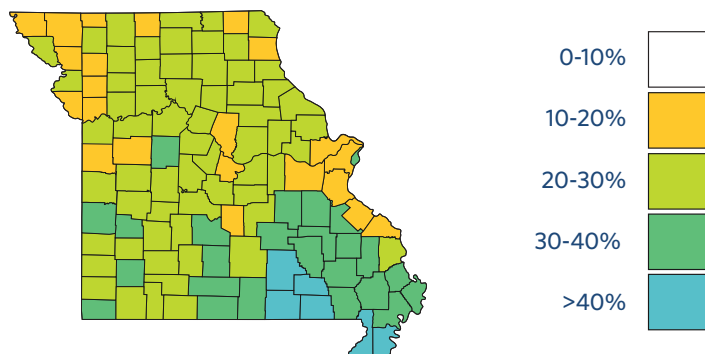
Children were disproportionately impacted, accounting for almost half of the disenrollments. Nearly two-thirds of these children lost coverage due to paperwork and processing issues.

Pending applications continued to increase, creating a significant backlog and longer processing times.

Call center wait times and call abandonment rates increased to become the highest in the country.

Missourians from across the state are enrolled in MO HealthNet

Average MO HealthNet Enrollment by County



To learn more about MO HealthNet eligibility and enrollment, covered services, delivery systems, financing and expenditures, and more, read our full [Missouri Medicaid Basics 2025](#) publication.