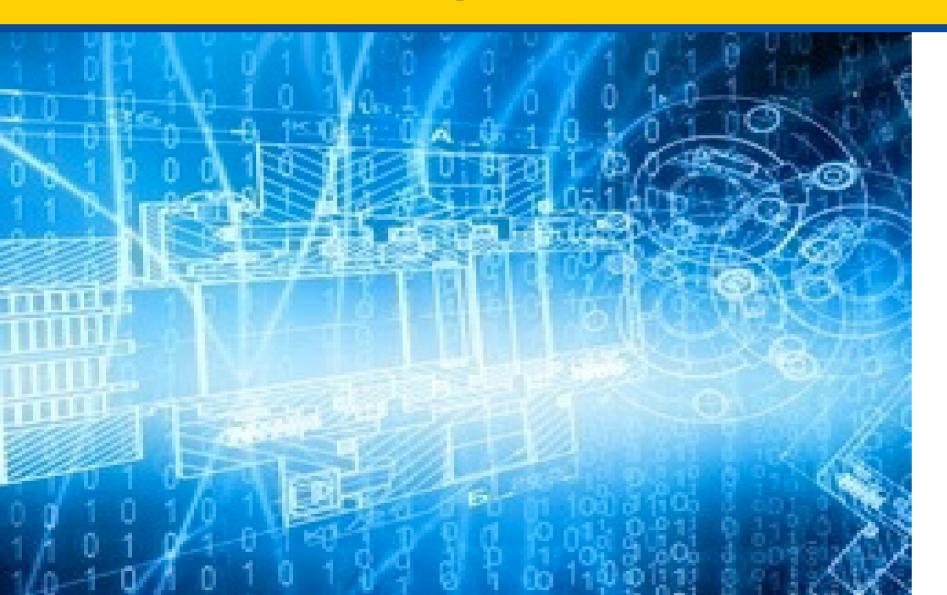




# December 2023 Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Snapshot



Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

### **Enrollment Snapshot**

- To monitor states' progress after the end of the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition and states' return to regular eligibility operations, including conducting full renewals, this Enrollment Snapshot captures high level information on the most recently submitted month of Performance Indicator Enrollment Data<sup>1</sup> within the context of trends prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), as well as trends prior to the end of the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition,<sup>2,3</sup> focusing on:
  - Total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment;
  - Medicaid enrollment;
  - CHIP enrollment;
  - Adult enrollment; and
  - Child enrollment.
- This analysis also captures high level information on the trend in the number of Medicaid and CHIP applications received by states.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance Indicator Enrollment Data counts individuals receiving full-scope and comprehensive Medicaid and CHIP benefits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> February 2020 serves as the baseline prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the enactment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) in March 2020. March 2023 serves as the baseline before states began disenrolling individuals from Medicaid coverage after the end of the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/unwinding-and-returning-regular-operations-after-covid-19/index.html">https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/unwinding-and-returning-regular-operations-after-covid-19/index.html</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 6008 of FFCRA included a Medicaid continuous enrollment condition through March 31, 2023, and states that complied received a temporary federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) increase.

## **Key Findings**

- In December 2023, **85,094,448** individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP, a decrease of **785,863** individuals (0.9%) from November 2023.<sup>1</sup>
  - 77,913,798 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid in December 2023, a decrease of 786,068 individuals (1.0%) from November 2023.<sup>2</sup>
  - 7,180,650 individuals were enrolled in CHIP in December 2023, an increase of 205 individuals (0.0%) from November 2023.
- As of December 2023, enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP has decreased by **8,773,558** individuals (9.3%) since March 2023, the final month of the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.<sup>3</sup>
  - Medicaid enrollment has decreased by 8,816,761 individuals (10.2%).
  - CHIP enrollment has increased by 43,203 individuals (0.6%).
- Between February 2020 and March 2023, enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP increased by **22,992,937** individuals (32.4%) to **93,868,006**.
  - Medicaid enrollment increased by 22,6350,766 individuals (35.3%).
  - CHIP enrollment increased by 342,171 individuals (5.0%).

Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of February 8, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance Indicator Enrollment Data counts individuals receiving full-scope and comprehensive Medicaid and CHIP benefits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nearly a third of the Medicaid enrollment decrease was due to Texas. In Texas, Medicaid enrollment decreased by 5.2 percent (220,182 individuals).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Pub. L. No. 116-127, Sec 6008, Temporary Increase of Medicaid FMAP. Note that Sec. 6008 of the FFCRA is amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 117-328.

# **Key Findings (continued)**

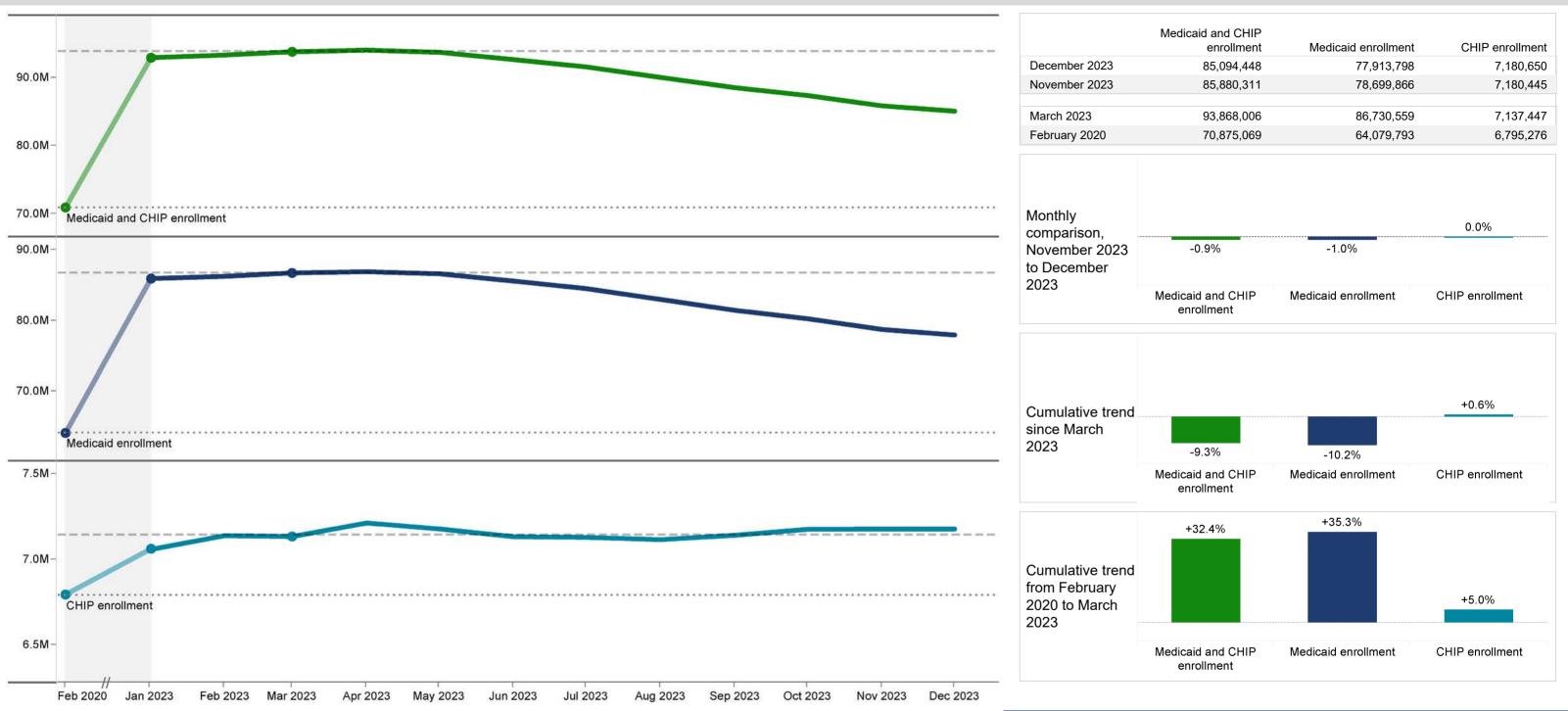
- In December 2023, **2,289,981** applications for Medicaid and CHIP were submitted directly to states.<sup>1</sup>
  - The number of applications submitted directly to states was 3.5 percent lower in December 2023 compared to November 2023.
- In December 2023, 897,329 applications were transferred from the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) to states.<sup>2</sup>
  - The number of transferred applications was 13.6 percent higher in December 2023 compared to November 2023.

Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of February 8, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These counts include applications received by 50 states and the District of Columbia. For additional information, please see Figure 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>These counts include account transfer data from 33 states that use the federal healthcare.gov platform. For additional information, please see Figure 6.

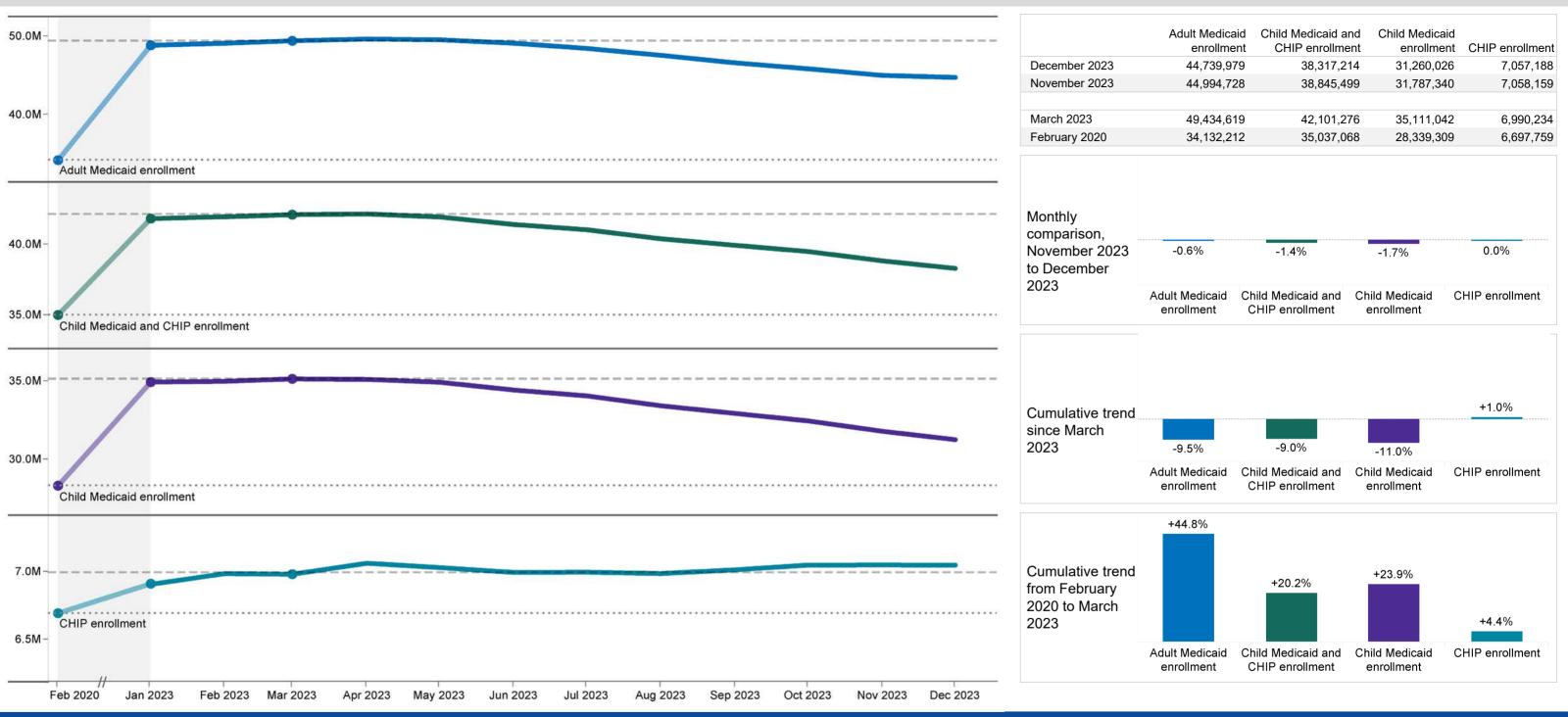
Figure 1. National Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, February 2020 to December 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data



Note: This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 50 states and the District of Columbia. February 2020 serves as the baseline of enrollment prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Medicaid continuous enrollment condition. The grey area on the line graphs represents the overall trend between February 2020 and January 2023, and is included to provide additional context to the annual trend from January 2023 to December 2023. March 2023 serves as the baseline of enrollment prior to the end of FFCRA's Medicaid continuous enrollment condition, after which states may initiate the disenrollment of individuals who have not had their Medicaid eligibility successfully renewed in the past 12 months. For additional information on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment from December 2023, please see Appendix A.

Data Context: Nearly a third of the December 2023 decrease in Medicaid enrollment is due to Texas. In Texas, Medicaid enrollment decreased by 5.2 percent (220,182 individuals).

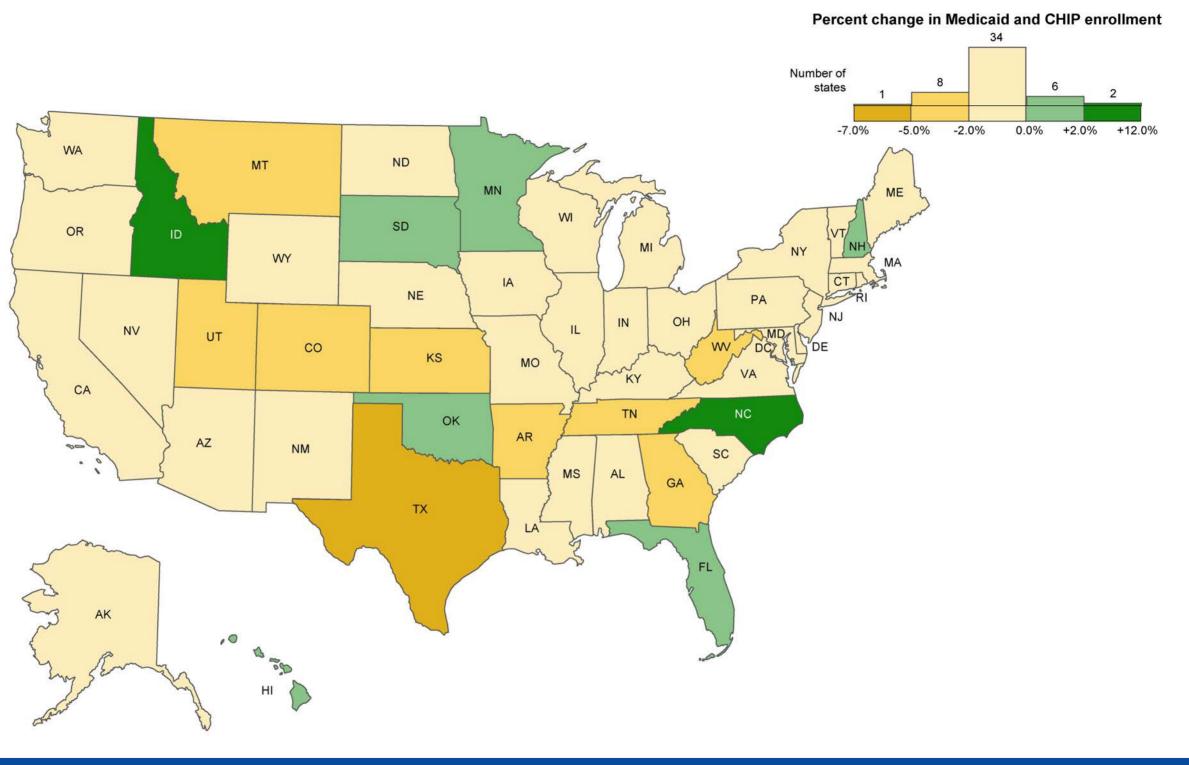
Figure 2. National adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, February 2020 to December 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data



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 December 2023. February 2020 serves as the baseline of enrollment prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Medicaid continuous enrollment condition. The grey area on the line graphs represents the overall trend between February 2020 and January 2023, and is included to provide additional context to the annual trend from January 2023 to December 2023. March 2023 serves as the baseline of enrollment prior to the end of FFCRA's Medicaid continuous enrollment condition, after which states may initiate the disenrollment of individuals who have not had their Medicaid eligibility successfully renewed in the past 12 months. For additional information on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment from December 2019 to December 2023, please see Appendix B.

Data Context: The December 2023 decrease in Adult Medicaid enrollment is primarily driven by New York and Texas. In New York, Adult Medicaid enrollment decreased by 1.7 percent (81,387 individuals). In Texas, Adult Medicaid enrollment decreased by 6.3 percent (66,612 individuals). Nearly a third of the December 2023 decrease in Child Medicaid enrollment is due to Texas. In Texas, Child Medicaid enrollment decreased by 4.9 percent (153,570 individuals).

Nationally, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment decreased by 0.9 percent from November 2023 to December 2023. Total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased between 0 and 12 percent in 8 states. In 2 states (Idaho and North Carolina), total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by more than 2 percent. (1) In 6 states, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by less than 2 percent. In 33 states and the District of Columbia, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment decreased by less than 2 percent. In 8 states, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment decreased between 2 and 5 percent. In 1 state (Texas), total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment decreased by 5.3 percent. (2)



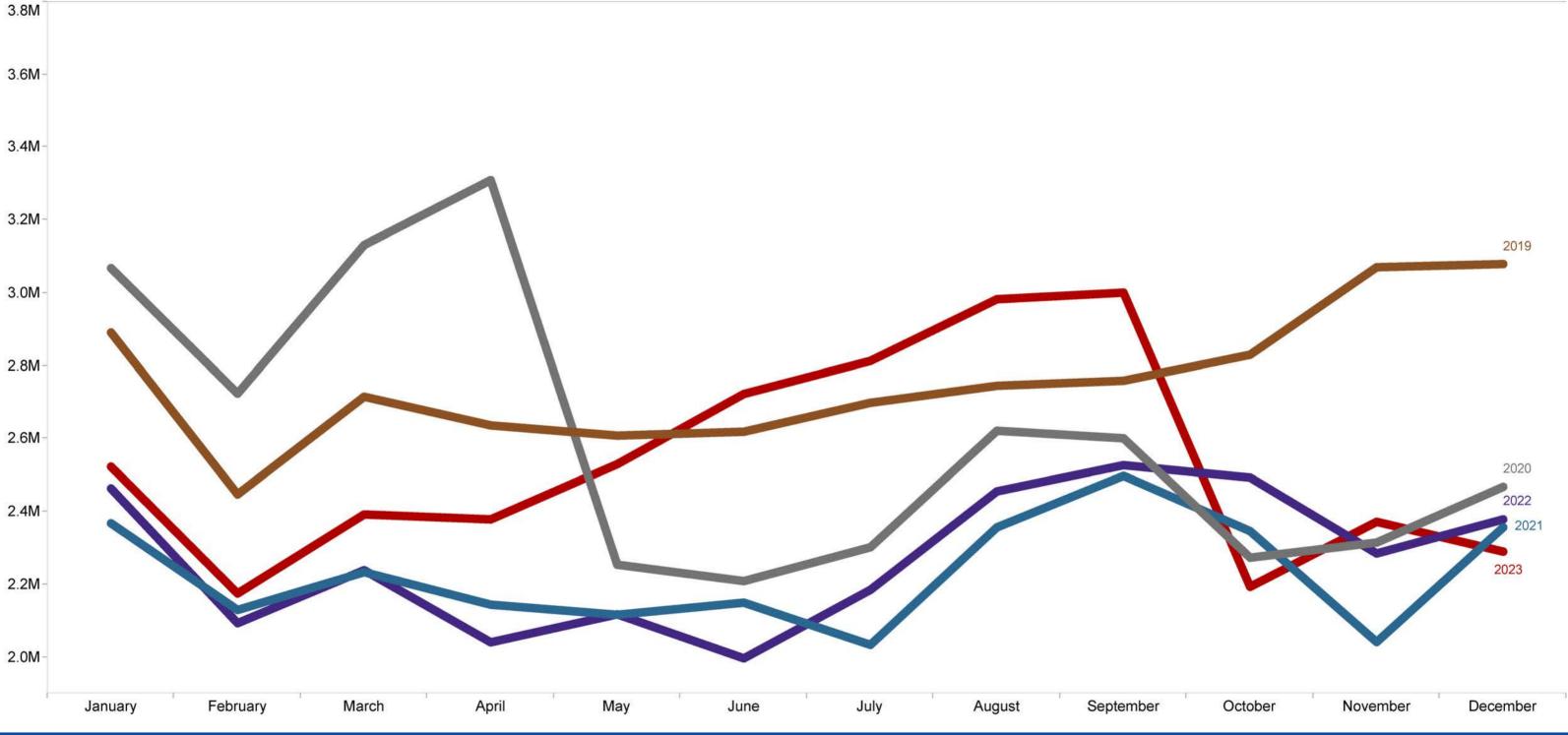
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**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of February 8, 2024.

Note: This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

**Data Context:** (1) In Idaho, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 5.8 percent (18,311 individuals). In North Carolina, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 11.8 percent (267,788 individuals). North Carolina implemented its Medicaid expansion program on December 1, 2023. (2) In Texas, total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment decreased by 5.3 percent (243,833 individuals).

Figure 4. National Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states from 2019 to 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data

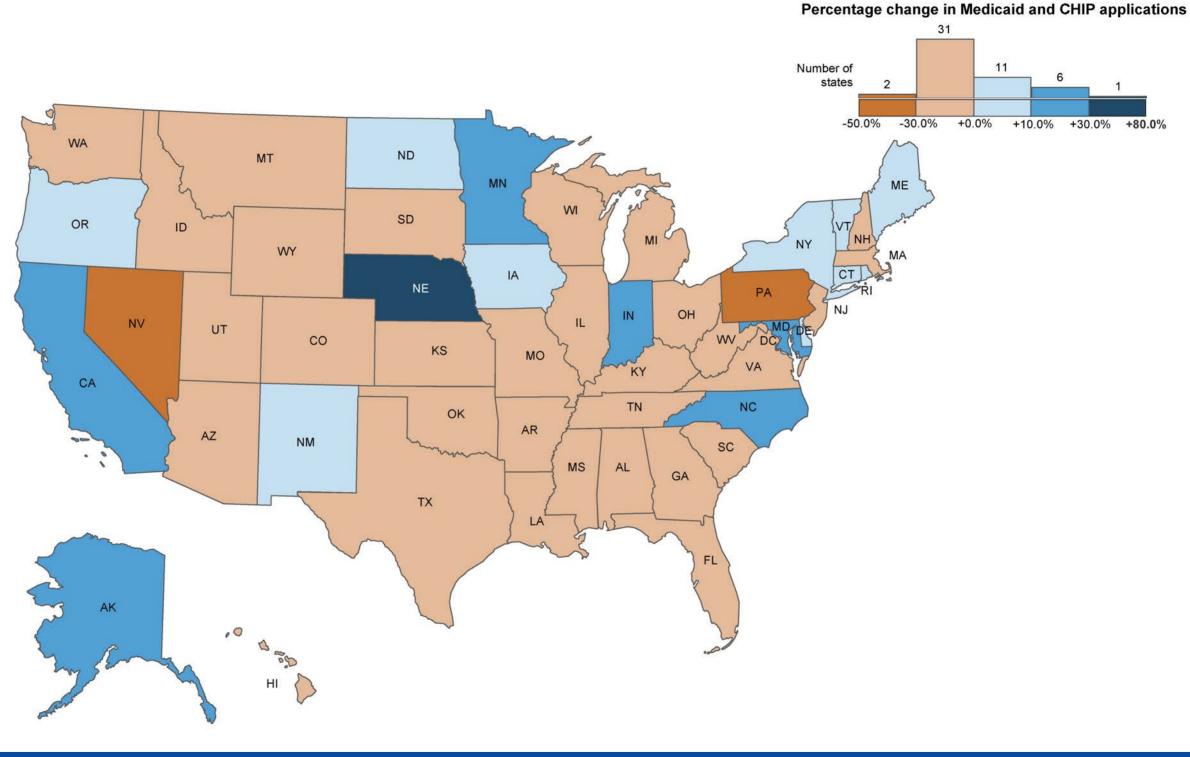


Note: Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency to make Medicaid or CHIP eligibility determinations, including the Medicaid agency, a separate CHIP agency, or a state-based marketplace. Applications transferred from the FFM are not included. This analysis includes preliminary data from 50 states and the District of Columbia. Fluctuations in state-reported Medicaid and CHIP applications may be observed throughout a given year as a result of open enrollment activities or other seasonal changes.

Data Context: Tennessee did not report applications data in January and February 2019. Maine did not report applications data in June 2020. Kansas did not report applications data from January 2019 to April 2023. New York is currently addressing an existing data issue. To date, the state has corrected its October 2023 to December 2023 data. They are continuing to retrospectively correct the issue. Because New York's prior application volume was significant compared to other states, New York's data updates may change 8 the 2023 national trend for new applications in future reports. CMS will continue to update this data as it becomes available.

Figure 5. Change in Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states, November 2023 to December 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data

Nationally, the number of Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states was 3.5 percent lower in December 2023 compared to November 2023. In 2 states (Nevada and Pennsylvania), applications decreased by more than 30 percent. In 31 states, applications decreased by less than 30 percent. In 10 states and the District of Columbia, applications increased by less than 10 percent. In 6 states, applications increased between 10 and 30 percent. In 1 state (Nebraska), applications increased by 76.0 percent. (2)



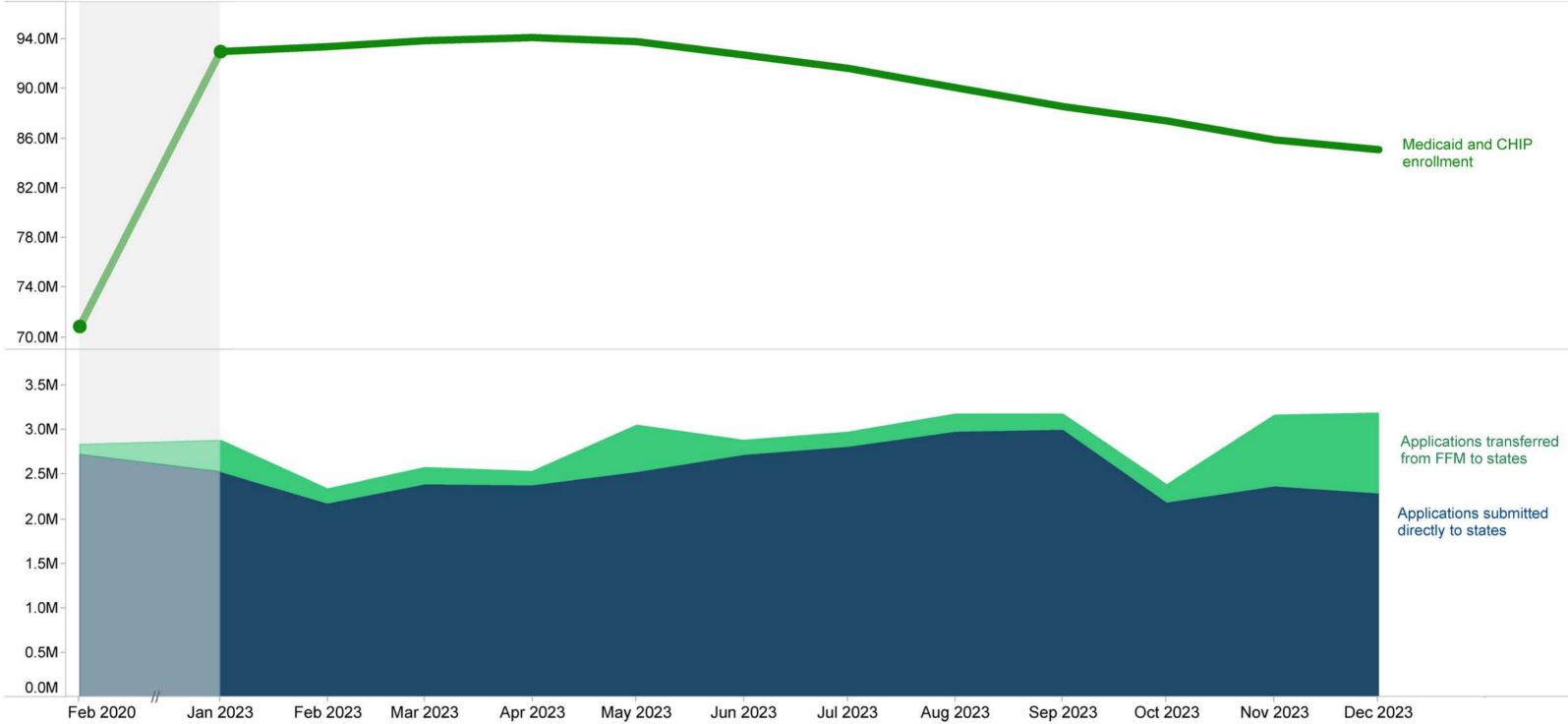
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Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of February 8, 2024.

**Note:** Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency 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 data from 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Data Context: (1) In Nevada, applications decreased by 37.4 percent (11,813 applications). In Pennsylvania, applications decreased by 40.4 percent (63,640 applications). (2) In Nebraska, applications increased by 76.0 percent (3,862 applications).

Figure 6. Comparison of Medicaid and CHIP enrollment with the number of applications received, February 2020 to December 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data



Note: Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency 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 the total number of accounts electronically transferred from the FFM to states for Medicaid or CHIP. This analysis includes preliminary enrollment and applications data from 50 states and the District of Columbia, and account transfer data from 33 states that use the federal healthcare gov platform. The grey area on the graphs represents the overall trend between February 2020 and January 2023, and is included to provide context to the annual trend from January 2023 to December 2023. Data Context: Maine did not report applications data in June 2020. Kansas did not report applications data from February 2020 to April 2023. New York is currently addressing an existing data issue that results in an applications overcount. To date, the state has corrected its October 2023 to December 2023 data. The state is continuing to retrospectively correct the issue. Because New York's prior application volume was significant compared to other states, New York's data updates may change the 2023 national trend for 10 new applications in future reports. CMS will continue to update this data as it becomes available.

# Appendices

Appendix A. National Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, December 2019 to December 2023											
Date	Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment	Date	Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment				
December 2019	70,831,958	64,126,472	6,705,486	January 2023	92,990,815	85,929,147	7,061,668				
January 2020	70,970,464	64,254,880	6,715,584	February 2023	93,387,155	86,244,718	7,142,437				
February 2020	70,875,069	64,079,793	6,795,276	March 2023	93,868,006	86,730,559	7,137,447				
March 2020	71,182,012	64,336,771	6,845,241	April 2023	94,116,543	86,900,762	7,215,781				
April 2020	72,579,406	65,691,314	6,888,092	May 2023	93,789,473	86,608,001	7,181,472				
May 2020	73,668,817	66,812,117	6,856,700	June 2023	92,710,302	85,573,712	7,136,590				
June 2020	74,798,617	67,966,721	6,831,896	July 2023	91,638,622	84,506,110	7,132,512				
July 2020	75,694,657	68,848,558	6,846,099	August 2023	90,080,932	82,961,331	7,119,601				
August 2020	76,628,157	69,773,309	6,854,848	September 2023	88,557,278	81,412,236	7,145,042				
September 2020	77,451,182	70,592,933	6,858,249	October 2023	87,404,180	80,225,060	7,179,120				
October 2020	78,231,914	71,345,240	6,886,674	November 2023	85,880,311	78,699,866	7,180,445				
November 2020	78,997,858	72,075,450	6,922,408	December 2023	85,094,448	77,913,798	7,180,650				
December 2020	79,834,005	72,900,325	6,933,680								
January 2021	80,497,768	73,566,036	6,931,732								
February 2021	80,991,597	74,048,953	6,942,644								
March 2021	81,649,603	74,669,774	6,979,829								
April 2021	82,222,836	75,229,121	6,993,715								
May 2021	82,666,524	75,650,141	7,016,383								
June 2021	83,178,666	76,138,676	7,039,990								
July 2021	83,705,129	76,658,571	7,046,558								
August 2021	84,329,168	77,251,476	7,077,692								
September 2021	84,855,220	77,759,391	7,095,829								
October 2021	85,371,281	78,293,737	7,077,544								

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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.

78,790,280

79,343,803

79,872,015

80,290,134

80,816,103

81,263,352

81,797,596

82,215,113

82,781,463

83,324,147

83,768,499

84,294,023

84,845,610

85,377,797

Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of February 8, 2024.

Appendix B. National adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, December 2019 to December 2023											
Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment	Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment		
December 2019	34,060,282	35,063,603	28,455,567	6,608,036	January 2023	48,857,277	41,823,962	34,909,044	6,914,918		
January 2020	34,201,518	35,066,314	28,447,445	6,618,869	February 2023	49,115,586	41,951,877	34,957,074	6,994,803		
February 2020	34,132,212	35,037,068	28,339,309	6,697,759	March 2023	49,434,619	42,101,276	35,111,042	6,990,234		
March 2020	34,329,497	35,105,771	28,361,423	6,744,348	April 2023	49,662,945	42,149,978	35,078,888	7,071,090		
April 2020	35,219,367	35,578,806	28,791,835	6,786,971	May 2023	49,565,771	41,940,114	34,900,911	7,039,203		
May 2020	35,856,503	35,994,952	29,241,144	6,753,808	June 2023	49,121,170	41,407,468	34,403,891	7,003,577		
June 2020	36,559,052	36,399,633	29,672,528	6,727,105	July 2023	48,461,713	41,041,988	34,036,790	7,005,198		
July 2020	37,097,955	36,734,294	29,995,985	6,738,309	August 2023	47,571,013	40,401,028	33,405,781	6,995,247		
August 2020	37,684,311	37,056,464	30,311,006	6,745,458	September 2023	46,600,111	39,940,411	32,917,311	7,023,100		
September 2020	38,211,922	37,335,832	30,589,391	6,746,441	October 2023	45,846,582	39,504,893	32,447,413	7,057,480		
October 2020	38,709,251	37,597,977	30,825,818	6,772,159	November 2023	44,994,728	38,845,499	31,787,340	7,058,159		
November 2020	39,225,523	37,829,533	31,024,446	6,805,087	December 2023	44,739,979	38,317,214	31,260,026	7,057,188		
December 2020	39,812,245	38,058,753	31,244,628	6,814,125							
January 2021	40,305,024	38,210,935	31,400,626	6,810,309							
February 2021	40,616,508	38,376,748	31,557,308	6,819,440							
March 2021	41,050,184	38,588,149	31,733,213	6,854,936							
April 2021	41,432,149	38,763,632	31,896,652	6,866,980							
May 2021	41,723,298	38,898,622	32,010,351	6,888,271							
June 2021	42,062,473	39,056,637	32,146,758	6,909,879							
July 2021	42,441,803	39,191,224	32,276,382	6,914,842							
August 2021	42,837,955	39,403,068	32,458,611	6,944,457							
September 2021	43,201,337	39,552,285	32,590,281	6,962,004							
October 2021	43,560,503	39,697,207	32,753,940	6,943,267							

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Source: Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of February 8, 2024.

#### 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 December 2023 Medicaid & CHIP Application, Eligibility, and Enrollment Data posted on <u>Medicaid.gov</u>.
- 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.