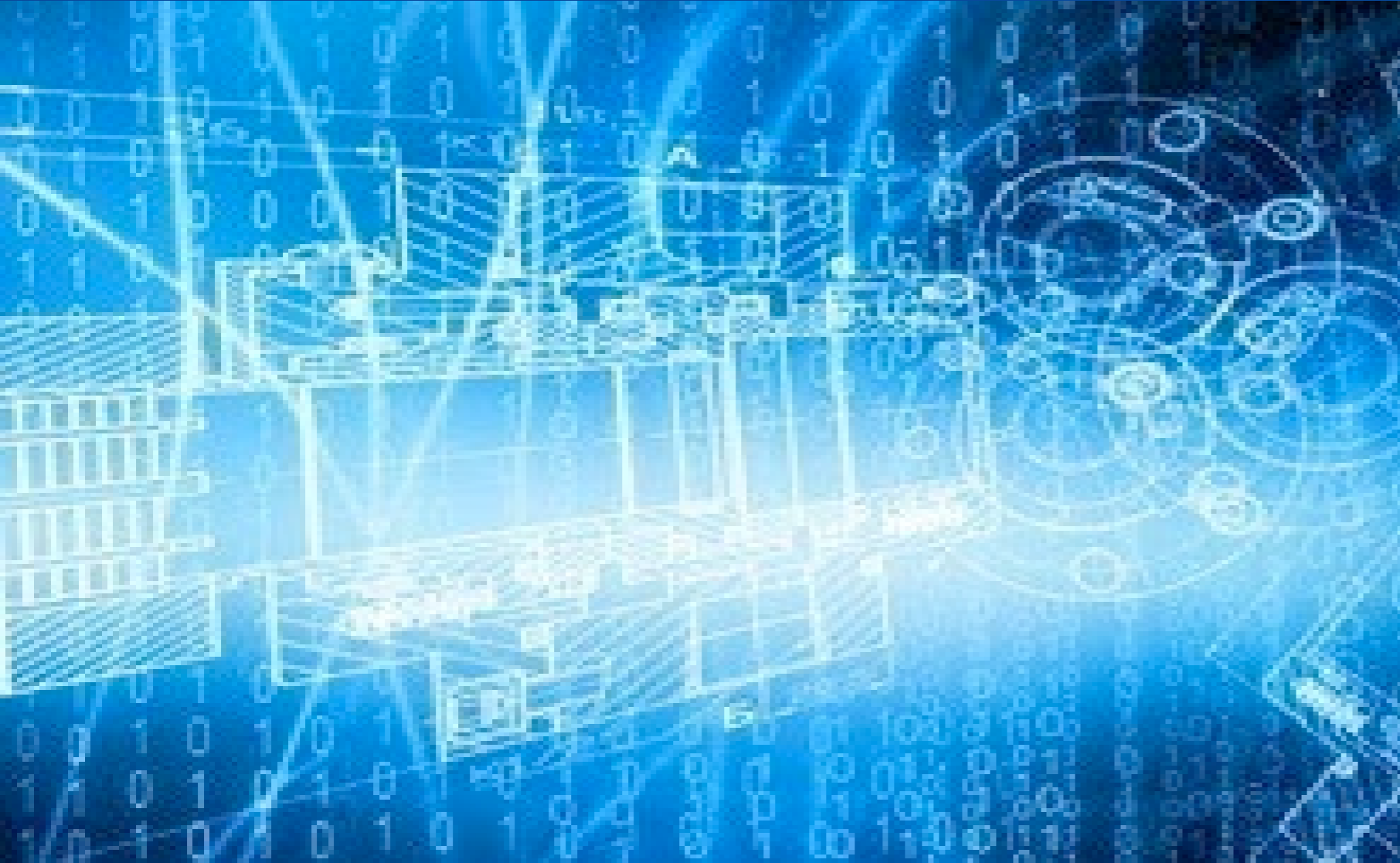


# March 2023 Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trends Snapshot



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# Enrollment Snapshot

- To be responsive to questions on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, particularly given the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), 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 since February 2020<sup>2</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>1</sup> Performance Indicator Enrollment Data counts individuals receiving full-scope and comprehensive Medicaid and CHIP benefits.

<sup>2</sup> February 2020 serves as a baseline prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the enactment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) in March 2020.

# Key Findings

- In March 2023, **93,876,834** individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.<sup>1</sup>
  - **86,714,574** individuals were enrolled in Medicaid in March 2023, an increase of 538,538 individuals from February 2023.
  - **7,162,260** individuals were enrolled in CHIP in March 2023, a decrease of 43,874 individuals from February 2023.<sup>2</sup>
- Since February 2020, enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP has increased by **23,001,765** individuals (32.5%).
  - Medicaid enrollment has increased by **22,634,781** individuals (35.3%).
  - CHIP enrollment has increased by **366,984** individuals (5.4%).
- The Medicaid enrollment increases are likely driven by COVID-19 and the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).<sup>3</sup>
- Section 6008 of FFCRA includes a Medicaid continuous enrollment condition, which states must comply with through March 31, 2023 to receive a temporary federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) increase.
- March 2023 is the last month of Performance Indicator Enrollment Data that reflects the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition.

**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.

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

<sup>2</sup> The decrease in CHIP enrollment is primarily driven by the state of Texas. In Texas, CHIP enrollment decreased by 14.4 percent (58,065 individuals), while child Medicaid enrollment increased by 2.0 percent (79,474 individuals); the state attributes these fluctuations to an update in its reporting methodology.

<sup>3</sup> Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Pub. L. No. 116-127, Sec 6008, Temporary Increase of Medicaid FMAP, available at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/COMPS-15683/pdf/COMPS-15683.pdf>. Note that Sec. 6008 of the FFCRA is amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 117-328. <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr2617/BILLS-117hr2617enr.pdf>.

# Key Findings (continued)

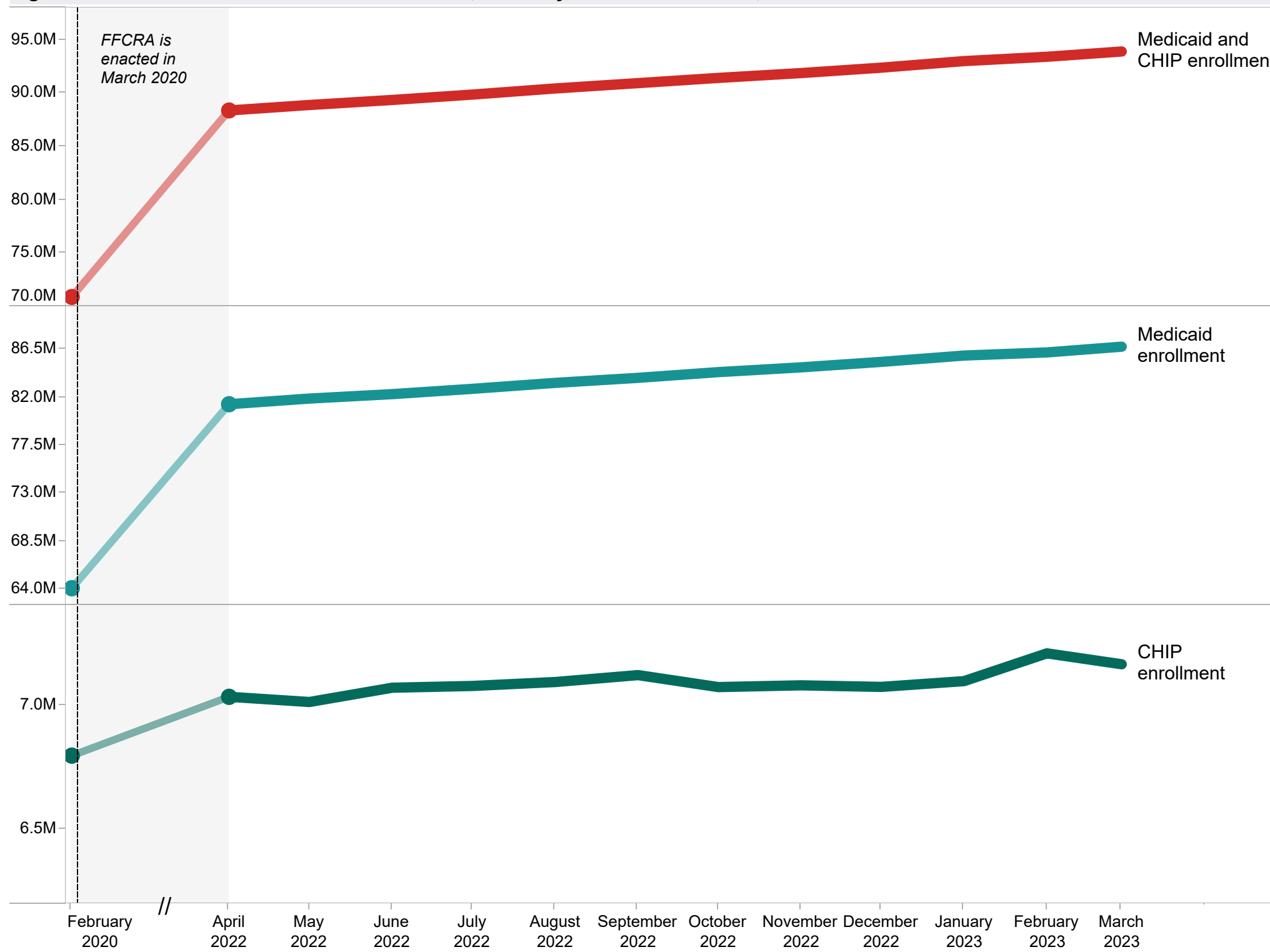
- In March 2023, **2,345,654** applications for Medicaid and CHIP were submitted directly to states.<sup>1</sup>
  - The number of applications submitted directly to states was 9.4 percent higher in March 2023 compared to February 2023.
- In March 2023, **174,711** applications were transferred from the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) to states.<sup>2</sup>
  - The number of transferred applications was 12 percent higher in March 2023 compared to February 2023.

**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.

<sup>1</sup> These counts include applications received by 49 states and the District of Columbia. Kansas is excluded because the state did not report applications data for January 2023 and February 2023. For additional information, please see Figure 6.

<sup>2</sup> These counts include applications and account transfer data from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Kansas is excluded because the state did not report applications data for any month during the analysis. For additional information, please see Figure 5.

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



Date	Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment
March 2023	93,876,834	86,714,574	7,162,260
February 2023	93,382,170	86,176,036	7,206,134
January 2023	92,978,057	85,883,500	7,094,557
December 2022	92,360,467	85,289,087	7,071,380
November 2022	91,854,934	84,777,237	7,077,697
October 2022	91,400,736	84,330,074	7,070,662
September 2022	90,913,433	83,794,654	7,118,779
August 2022	90,413,769	83,322,802	7,090,967
July 2022	89,839,664	82,764,521	7,075,143
June 2022	89,335,682	82,267,610	7,068,072
May 2022	88,863,634	81,852,908	7,010,726
April 2022	88,353,579	81,322,054	7,031,525
February 2020	70,875,069	64,079,793	6,795,276

**Annual trend, April 2022 to March 2023**

From April 2022 to March 2023, national Medicaid and CHIP enrollment increased by 5,523,255 individuals (6.3%).

**Monthly trend, February 2023 to March 2023**

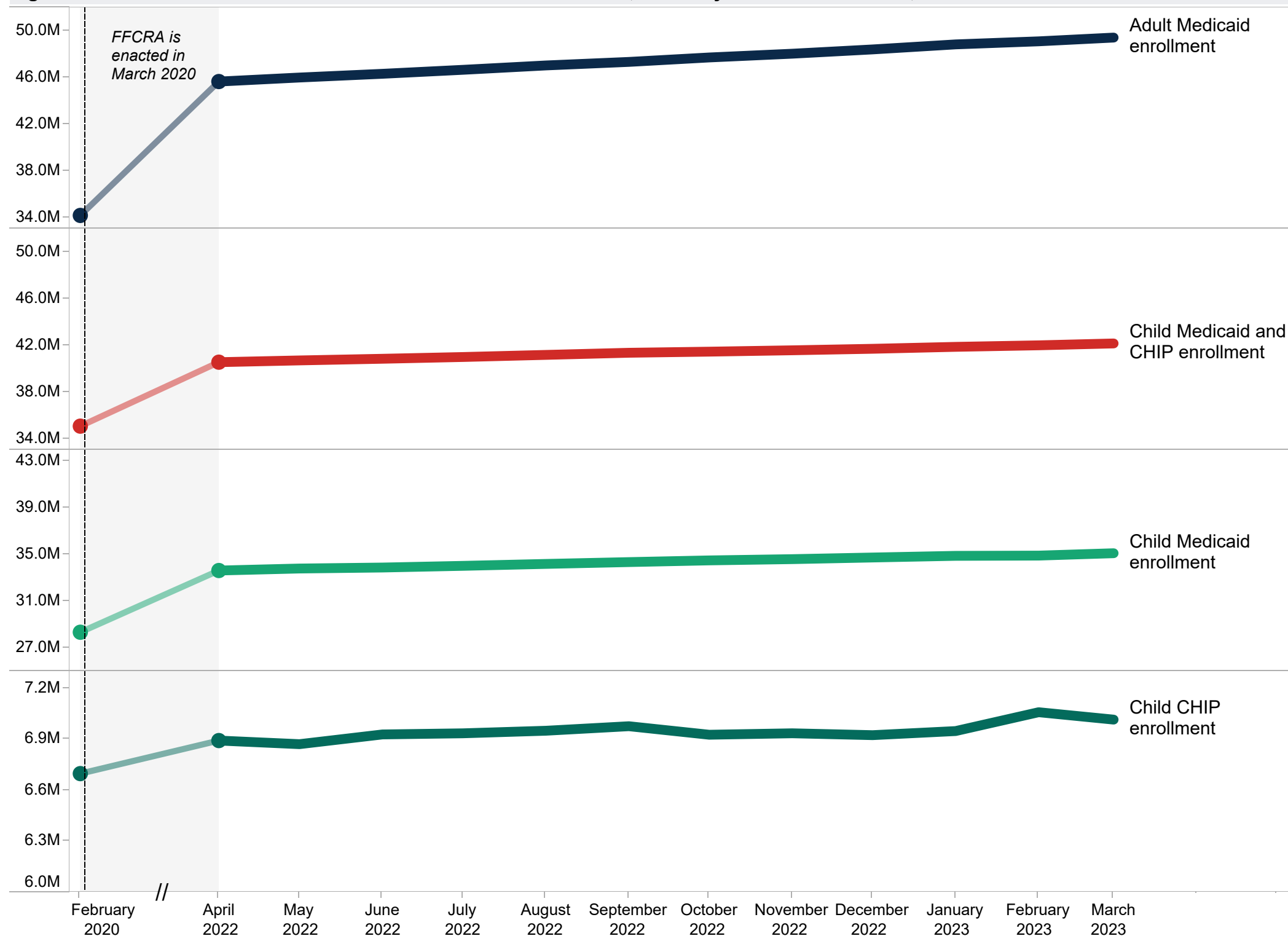
<u>Total enrollment</u>	<u>Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 494,664 (+0.5%) ↑	Increased by 538,538 (+0.6%) ↑	Decreased by 43,874 (-0.6%) ↓

**Cumulative change, February 2020 to March 2023\***

<u>Total enrollment</u>	<u>Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 23,001,765 (+32.5%) ↑	Increased by 22,634,781 (+35.3%) ↑	Increased by 366,984 (+5.4%) ↑

**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.  
**Note:** This analysis includes preliminary enrollment data from 50 states and the District of Columbia. "FFCRA" refers to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Section 6008 of FFCRA includes a continuous enrollment condition, which states must comply with through March 31, 2023 to receive a temporary federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) increase.  
**Data Context:** The decrease in CHIP enrollment is primarily driven by the state of Texas. In Texas, CHIP enrollment decreased by 14.4 percent (58,065 individuals), while child Medicaid enrollment increased by 2.0 percent (79,474 individuals); the state attributes these fluctuations to an update in its reporting methodology.  
 \*The cumulative change compares the most recent enrollment data to February 2020, which serves as a baseline of enrollment prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and FFCRA's continuous enrollment condition. For additional information on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment from December 2019 to March 2023, please see Appendix A.

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



Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	Child CHIP enrollment
March 2023	49,405,893	42,138,832	35,123,785	7,015,047
February 2023	49,084,085	41,978,394	34,919,894	7,058,500
January 2023	48,821,242	41,847,241	34,899,434	6,947,807
December 2022	48,388,936	41,680,336	34,756,670	6,923,666
November 2022	48,021,012	41,550,790	34,616,125	6,934,665
October 2022	47,698,483	41,434,247	34,508,074	6,926,173
September 2022	47,316,819	41,338,808	34,362,568	6,976,240
August 2022	47,012,901	41,155,762	34,206,105	6,949,657
July 2022	46,637,555	40,974,139	34,039,601	6,934,538
June 2022	46,295,581	40,823,731	33,895,760	6,927,971
May 2022	45,975,268	40,681,575	33,810,777	6,870,798
April 2022	45,630,632	40,530,292	33,638,376	6,891,916
February 2020	34,132,212	35,037,068	28,339,309	6,697,759

**Annual trend, April 2022 to March 2023**  
 From April 2022 to March 2023, national adult and child enrollment increased by 5,383,801 individuals (6.2%).

**Monthly trend, February 2023 to March 2023**

<u>Adult Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 321,808 (+0.7%)	Increased by 160,438 (+0.4%)

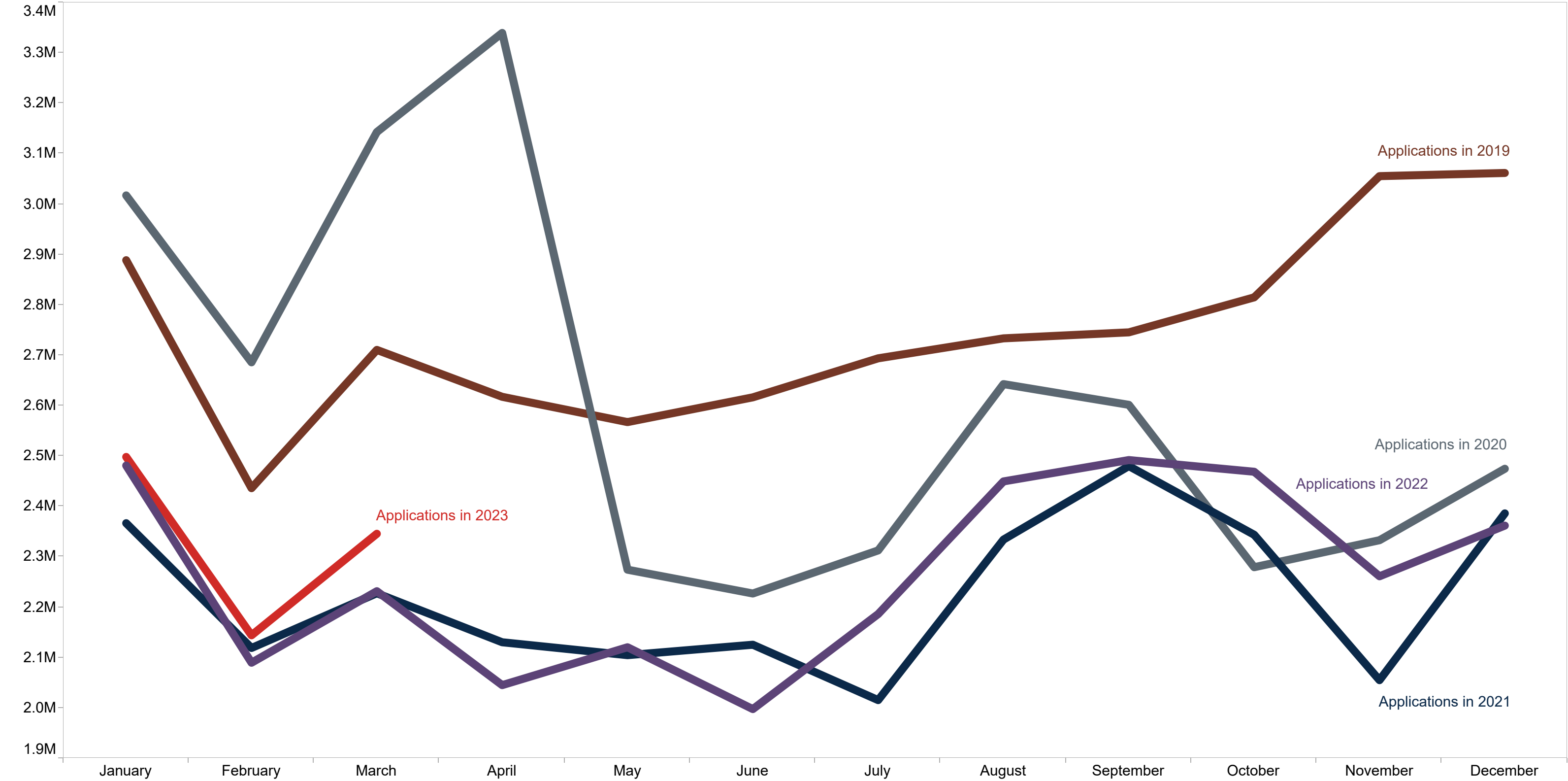
**Cumulative change, February 2020 to March 2023\***

<u>Adult Medicaid enrollment</u>	<u>Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment</u>
Increased by 15,273,681 (+44.7%)	Increased by 7,101,764 (+20.3%)

**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.  
**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 March 2023. "FFCRA" refers to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Section 6008 of FFCRA includes a continuous enrollment condition, which states must comply with through March 31, 2023 to receive a temporary federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) increase.  
**Data Context:** The decrease in CHIP enrollment is primarily driven by the state of Texas. In Texas, CHIP enrollment decreased by 14.4 percent (58,065 individuals), while child Medicaid enrollment increased by 2.0 percent (79,474 individuals); the state attributes these fluctuations to an update in its reporting methodology.  
 \*The cumulative change compares the most recent enrollment data to February 2020, which serves as a baseline of enrollment prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and FFCRA's continuous enrollment condition. For additional information on adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP from December 2019 to March 2023, please see Appendix B.



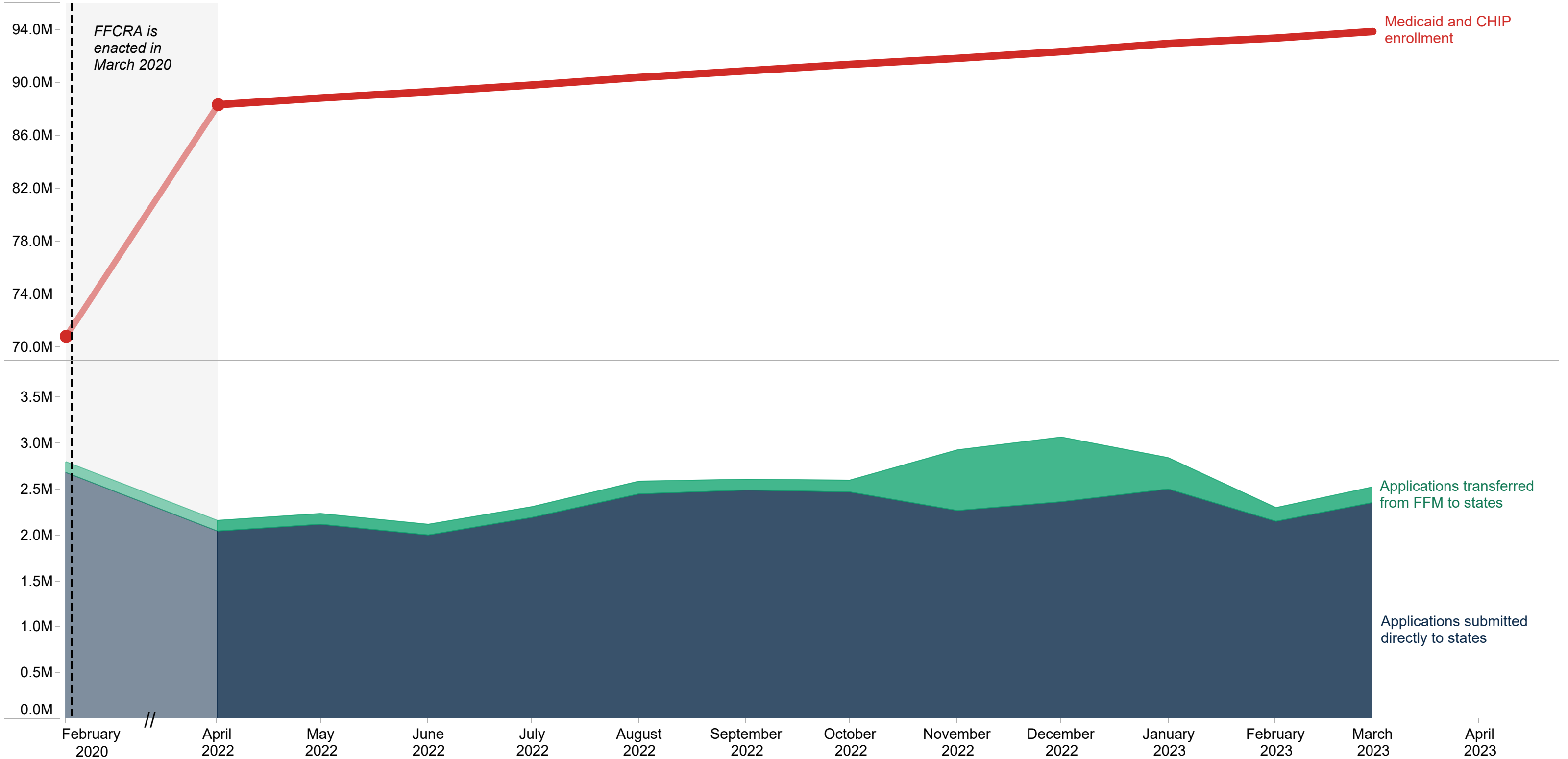
**Figure 4. National Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states from 2019 to 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data**



**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.  
**Note:** Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency with the authority 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 applications data from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Kansas did not report applications data for any month between January 2019 and March 2023 and so is excluded.  
**Data context:** Tennessee did not report applications in January and February 2019. Maine did not report applications in June 2020.



**Figure 5. Comparison of Medicaid and CHIP enrollment with the number of applications received, February 2020 to March 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data**

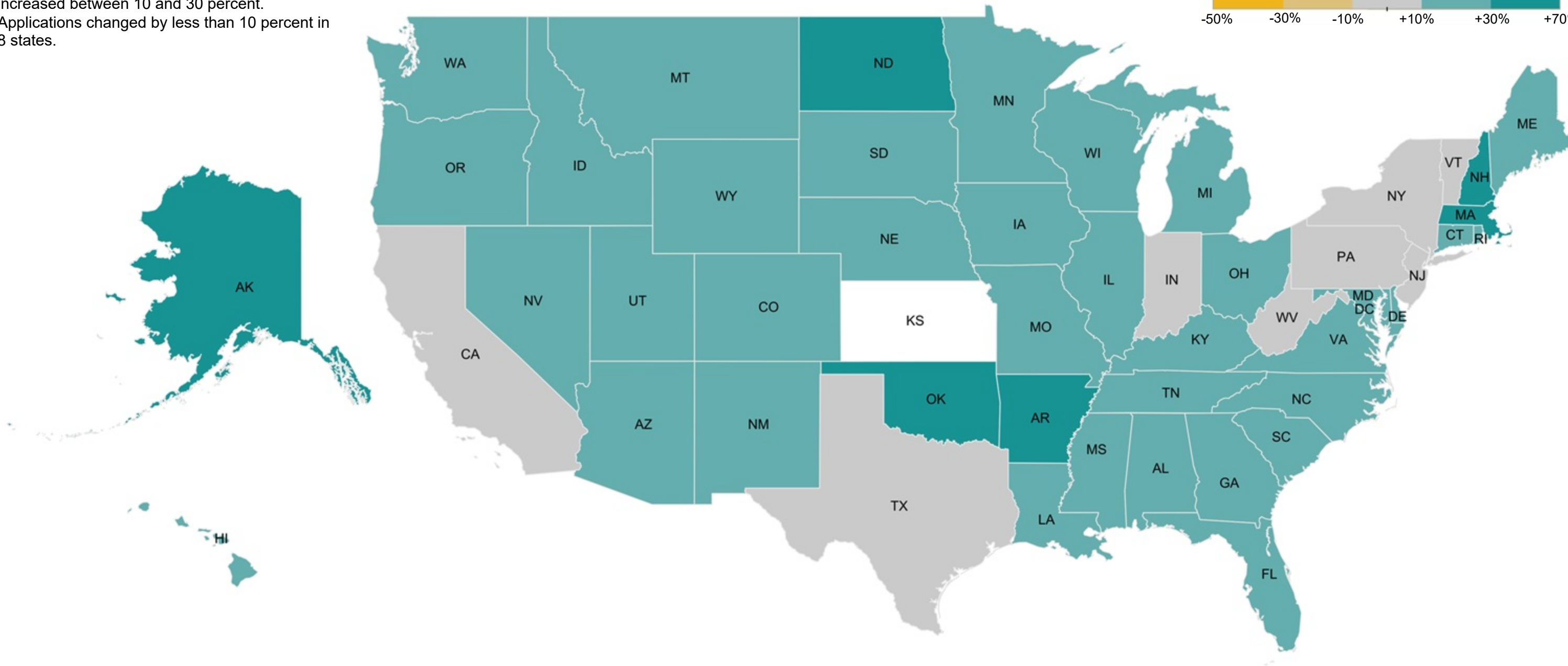
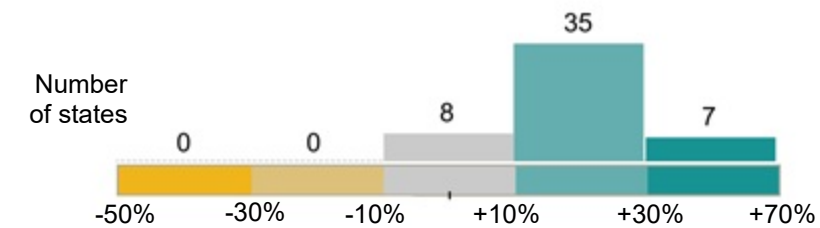


**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.  
**Note:** Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency with the authority to make Medicaid or CHIP eligibility determinations, including the Medicaid 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 data from 50 states and the District of Columbia, and applications and account transfer data for 49 states and the District of Columbia. Kansas did not report data on applications submitted directly to the state for any month between February 2020 and March 2023, and so is excluded.  
**Data context:** Maine did not report applications in June 2020.

**Figure 6. Change in Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states, February 2023 to March 2023, CMS Performance Indicator Data**

**Nationally, the number of Medicaid and CHIP applications submitted directly to states was about 9 percent higher in March 2023 compared to February 2023.** In 6 states and the District of Columbia, applications increased by over 30 percent. In 35 states, applications increased between 10 and 30 percent. Applications changed by less than 10 percent in 8 states.

**Percentage change in Medicaid and CHIP applications**



**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.

**Note:** Applications submitted directly to states include applications received by any state agency with the authority 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 applications data from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Kansas is excluded because the state did not report applications data for February 2023 and March 2023.

# Appendices

**Appendix A. National Medicaid and CHIP enrollment, December 2019 to March 2023**

Date	Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Medicaid enrollment	CHIP enrollment
December 2019	70,831,958	64,126,472	6,705,486
January 2020	70,970,464	64,254,880	6,715,584
February 2020	70,875,069	64,079,793	6,795,276
March 2020	71,180,486	64,335,254	6,845,232
April 2020	72,603,073	65,715,458	6,887,615
May 2020	73,692,617	66,836,391	6,856,226
June 2020	74,821,865	67,990,487	6,831,378
July 2020	75,716,684	68,871,171	6,845,513
August 2020	76,649,189	69,794,984	6,854,205
September 2020	77,470,692	70,613,157	6,857,535
October 2020	78,251,746	71,365,841	6,885,905
November 2020	79,018,355	72,096,775	6,921,580
December 2020	79,854,706	72,921,948	6,932,758
January 2021	80,587,745	73,653,859	6,933,886
February 2021	81,077,118	74,132,757	6,944,361
March 2021	81,725,954	74,745,277	6,980,677
April 2021	82,297,819	75,303,542	6,994,277
May 2021	82,737,799	75,721,370	7,016,429
June 2021	83,247,491	76,208,165	7,039,326
July 2021	83,770,429	76,724,825	7,045,604
August 2021	84,393,610	77,316,995	7,076,615
September 2021	84,918,769	77,824,151	7,094,618
October 2021	85,433,210	78,357,124	7,076,086
November 2021	85,903,624	78,853,610	7,050,014
December 2021	86,459,003	79,406,102	7,052,901
January 2022	87,001,050	79,935,132	7,065,918
February 2022	87,420,554	80,354,031	7,066,523
March 2022	87,925,846	80,877,212	7,048,634
April 2022	88,353,579	81,322,054	7,031,525
May 2022	88,863,634	81,852,908	7,010,726
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January 2023	92,978,057	85,883,500	7,094,557
February 2023	93,382,170	86,176,036	7,206,134
March 2023	93,876,834	86,714,574	7,162,260

**Source:** Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Performance Indicator Data as of May 23, 2023.  
**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.

**Appendix B. National adult and child enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, December 2019 to March 2023**

Date	Adult Medicaid enrollment	Child Medicaid and CHIP enrollment	Child Medicaid enrollment	Child CHIP enrollment
December 2019	34,060,282	35,063,603	28,455,567	6,608,036
January 2020	34,201,518	35,066,314	28,447,445	6,618,869
February 2020	34,132,212	35,037,068	28,339,309	6,697,759
March 2020	34,328,184	35,105,558	28,361,219	6,744,339
April 2020	35,214,430	35,607,410	28,820,916	6,786,494
May 2020	35,850,187	36,025,068	29,271,734	6,753,334
June 2020	36,551,670	36,430,263	29,703,676	6,726,587
July 2020	37,089,106	36,765,170	30,027,447	6,737,723
August 2020	37,674,174	37,087,633	30,342,818	6,744,815
September 2020	38,200,133	37,367,131	30,621,404	6,745,727
October 2020	38,697,170	37,629,890	30,858,500	6,771,390
November 2020	39,213,415	37,862,138	31,057,879	6,804,259
December 2020	39,799,763	38,091,936	31,278,733	6,813,203
January 2021	40,309,930	38,296,006	31,483,543	6,812,463
February 2021	40,618,590	38,460,187	31,639,030	6,821,157
March 2021	41,045,039	38,669,645	31,813,861	6,855,784
April 2021	41,425,878	38,844,876	31,977,334	6,867,542
May 2021	41,714,861	38,978,334	32,090,017	6,888,317
June 2021	42,052,806	39,135,129	32,225,914	6,909,215
July 2021	42,430,127	39,268,200	32,354,312	6,913,888
August 2021	42,825,679	39,479,786	32,536,406	6,943,380
September 2021	43,187,859	39,629,312	32,668,519	6,960,793
October 2021	43,545,525	39,774,114	32,832,305	6,941,809
November 2021	43,908,348	39,867,089	32,952,531	6,914,558
December 2021	44,323,348	39,995,973	33,079,536	6,916,437
January 2022	44,709,018	40,136,300	33,208,015	6,928,285
February 2022	44,980,310	40,271,016	33,342,258	6,928,758
March 2022	45,302,093	40,444,772	33,534,602	6,910,170
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# 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 March 2023 Medicaid & CHIP Application, Eligibility, and Enrollment Data posted on [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov).
- 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](https://www.Data.Medicaid.gov).