

Resolution Opposing the “One Big Beautiful Bill” and Defending the Health, Safety, and Rights of Atlantic City Residents

WHEREAS, the so-called “One Big Beautiful Bill” recently passed by Congress threatens the health, economic security, and basic rights of thousands of Atlantic City residents by slashing Medicaid funding, imposing harmful restrictions on SNAP benefits, and gutting other vital social safety net programs; and

WHEREAS, this legislation directs an unprecedented \$75 billion in new funding to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), fueling expanded detention and deportation efforts that target immigrant families, increase fear, and destabilize diverse communities like Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, the bill undermines crucial environmental protections and eliminates support for clean energy initiatives at a time when Atlantic City faces growing climate risks from rising sea levels, coastal storms, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the bill prioritizes tax cuts and economic benefits for corporations and the ultra-wealthy, exacerbating economic inequality and threatening the livelihoods of working-class families in Atlantic City and throughout South Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City is a majority-minority city, home to vibrant immigrant, Black, Brown, and working-class communities who are most vulnerable to the bill’s devastating impacts on healthcare, food security, housing stability, and environmental safety; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Council recognizes its moral and civic duty to stand up for policies that safeguard public health, protect community safety, advance environmental justice, and defend the human dignity of all residents, regardless of income or immigration status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Atlantic City Council firmly and unequivocally opposes the “One Big Beautiful Bill,” and calls for immediate action from all levels of government to mitigate its harm and protect Atlantic City residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Atlantic City Council urges U.S. Senator Cory Booker, U.S. Representative Andy Kim, New Jersey State Senator Vince Polistina, and Assembly Members Don Guardian and Claire Swift to actively oppose this legislation, advocate for robust protections for our most vulnerable communities, and fight for policies that uplift working families over corporate interests;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Atlantic City Council calls on the Governor of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Legislature to develop and support state-level measures that shield residents from the destructive effects of this federal legislation, including preserving healthcare access, strengthening food assistance, and advancing environmental protections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to U.S. Senator Cory Booker, U.S. Senator Andy Kim, Governor Phil Murphy, New Jersey State Senator Vince

Polistina, Assembly Members Don Guardian and Claire Swift, and relevant community organizations and advocacy groups across Atlantic County and South Jersey.

1,722,000 children and adults are enrolled in New Jersey Medicaid

Among all Medicaid enrollees in New Jersey:

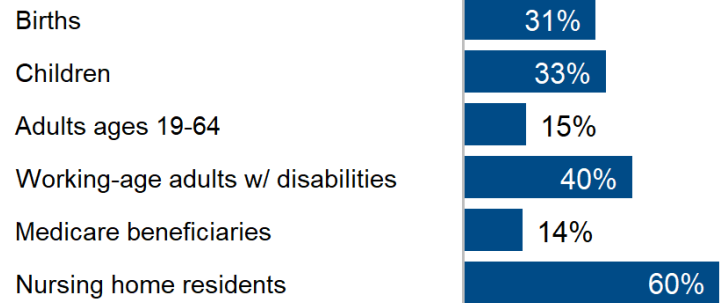
3 in 8 (35%) are children

1 in 50 (2%) live in a rural area

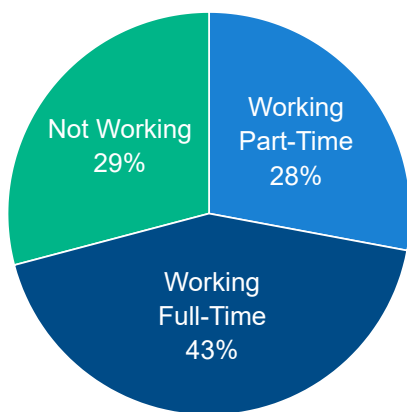
1 in 6 (18%) have three or more chronic conditions

NJ expansion status: **Adopted** Adults in expansion group: **568,000**

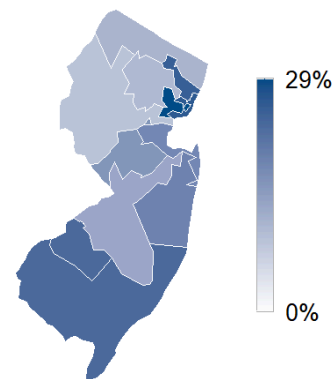
In New Jersey, Medicaid covers...



A majority (71%) of Medicaid adults are working in New Jersey

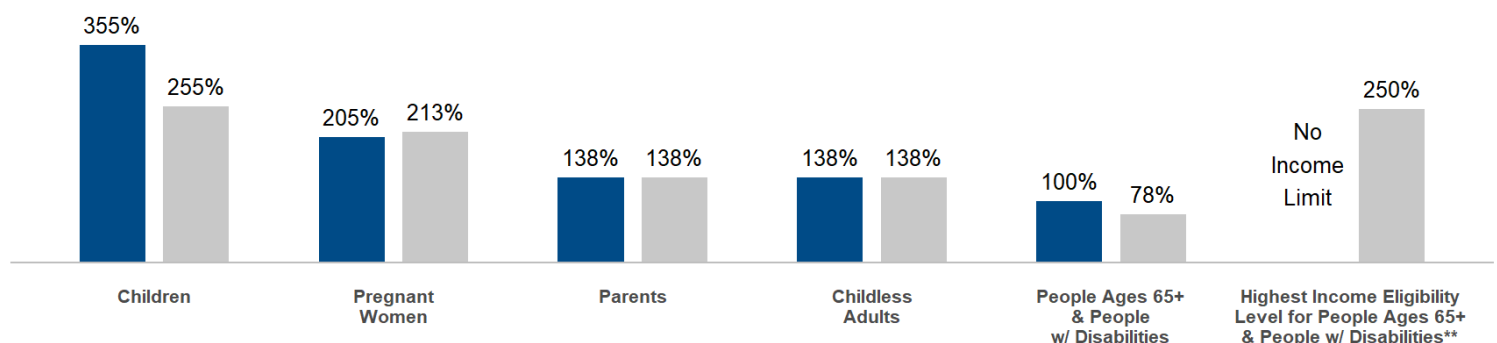


Medicaid covers from 9% to 29% of people in NJ's congressional districts



Medicaid eligibility limits as a percent of the federal poverty level (FPL)*

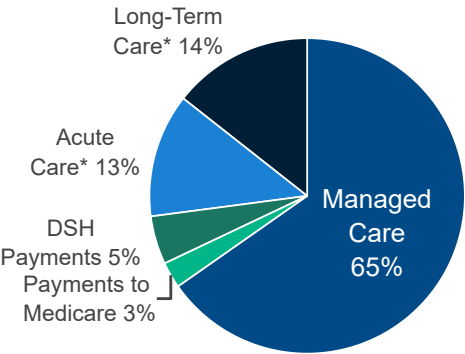
■ New Jersey ■ U.S. Median



*The FPL in 2025 is \$26,650 for a family of three and \$15,650 for an individual.

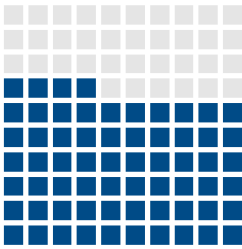
**To qualify for Medicaid at the higher income eligibility levels, individuals must meet requirements for the buy-in program for working age people with disabilities. Premiums vary by income.

Total Medicaid spending in New Jersey is \$22.7 billion



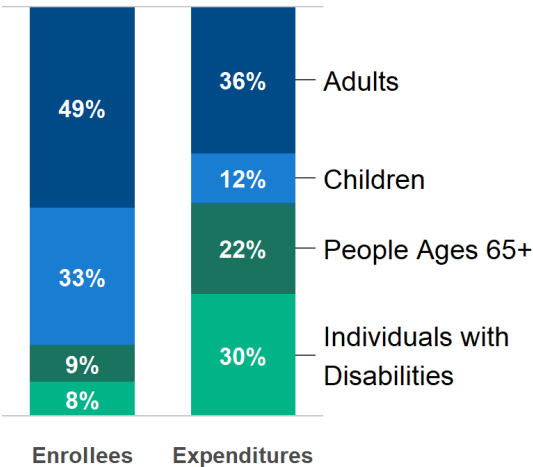
*Fee-for-Service

Financing for Medicaid is shared by states and the federal government; New Jersey receives \$14.5 billion in federal Medicaid funding



Federal funding is 64% of total Medicaid spending in New Jersey

In New Jersey Medicaid, people ages 65+ and people with disabilities are 17% of enrollees but account for 52% of spending

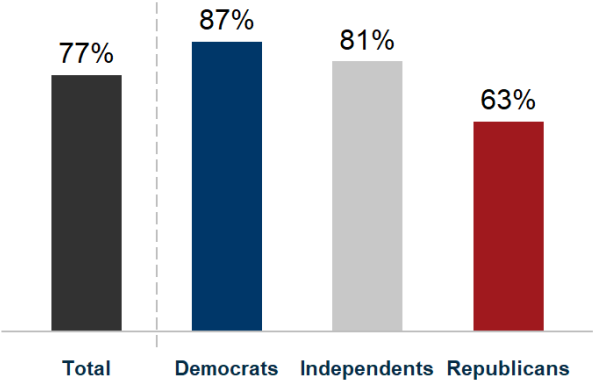


Per enrollee Medicaid spending is higher for individuals receiving institutional care

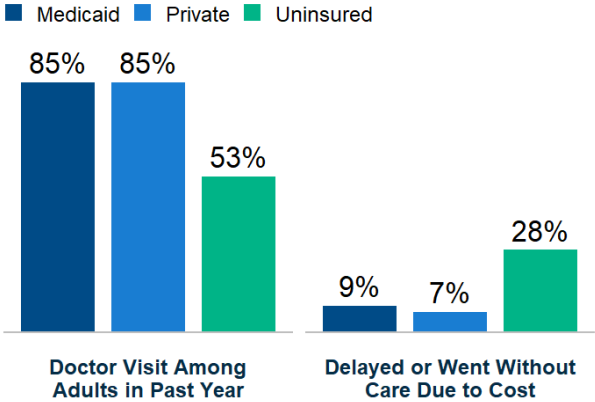
| | Home care | Institutional care |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Per-enrollee spending | \$48,381 | \$49,132 |
| Number of enrollees | 86,300 | 43,100 |
| People on waiting lists* | 2,688 | |

*A waiting list includes people who are interested in, but are not receiving, home care.

Most Americans hold favorable views of Medicaid



Nationally, access to care is similar for adults with Medicaid and private insurance



County Social Service Agencies Assist Hundreds of Thousands of Residents Each Year

| County | Number of Residents Living Below the Federal Poverty Level | WFNJ/TANF Participants (September 2024) | SNAP Participants (September 2024) | NJ FamilyCare Participants (September 2024) |
|-------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Atlantic | 34,989 | 1,510 | 33,584 | 70,137 |
| Bergen | 63,825 | 852 | 41,920 | 120,928 |
| Burlington | 29,718 | 987 | 22,422 | 68,018 |
| Camden | 64,050 | 4,065 | 76,645 | 136,407 |
| Cape May | 8,443 | 180 | 7,873 | 16,988 |
| Cumberland | 22,292 | 964 | 28,545 | 51,026 |
| Essex | 125,228 | 4,272 | 134,219 | 230,416 |
| Gloucester | 22,231 | 691 | 17,596 | 49,083 |
| Hudson | 99,546 | 5,504 | 103,521 | 175,454 |
| Hunterdon | 4,685 | 107 | 3,645 | 10,576 |
| Mercer | 41,079 | 2,333 | 38,574 | 81,500 |
| Middlesex | 69,626 | 1,699 | 57,159 | 147,653 |
| Monmouth | 40,595 | 606 | 30,979 | 81,681 |
| Morris | 24,800 | 335 | 17,170 | 47,321 |
| Ocean | 66,258 | 1,006 | 58,304 | 167,367 |
| Passaic | 68,995 | 2,465 | 77,347 | 152,399 |
| Salem | 8,271 | 440 | 8,834 | 15,708 |
| Somerset | 18,097 | 624 | 11,869 | 38,377 |
| Sussex | 7,948 | 78 | 4,052 | 15,000 |
| Union | 50,130 | 1,923 | 48,525 | 121,378 |
| Warren | 8,373 | 217 | 8,188 | 16,841 |
| New Jersey | 879,179 | 30,858 | 830,971 | 1,814,258* |

Source: NJPP Analysis of U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 2022 5-Year Estimates, Table S1701; New Jersey Department of Human Services - Division of Family Development, DFD Current Program Statistics, September 2024; New Jersey Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Assistance & Health Services, NJ FamilyCare Monthly Enrollment Statistics, September 2024.

*Note: This number does not include participants listed as "Other" for their county location. The total of residents listed under "Other" in September 2024 was 824