

# Medicaid & CHIP Helped Improve PA's Child Uninsured Rate During the COVID-19 Pandemic

## Medicaid and CHIP = Quality Health Insurance for Kids

Medicaid is an important source of coverage for Pennsylvania children with disabilities, children living in low-income families, and children living in and aging out of foster care. The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit requires that states cover any medically necessary services for children.

CHIP fills the gap for families who don't qualify for Medicaid yet can't afford private health insurance. Through private insurance companies contracting with the state, CHIP allows children access to regular doctor visits, well visits, dental, vision and hearing services, prescriptions, and mental health benefits.

During the past three years, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) have been a lifeline for families by providing continuous health insurance coverage throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the most recent Census data, the number of children without health insurance began to improve during the pandemic despite the enormous toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and economic security for so many across Pennsylvania. The role of publicly funded health insurance through Medicaid and CHIP was a driving factor of this early progress.

**With more than 1.4 million Pennsylvania children enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, these programs connect kids to health care in every community across the commonwealth.**

There are more kids who count on Medicaid now than ever before. Child enrollment rose by a historic 20% thanks to the continuous coverage provision passed by Congress in March 2020, which prohibited states from disenrolling individuals during the public health emergency. However, that provision has expired.

Starting April 1st, the process of Medicaid renewals will begin to determine whether enrollees still qualify for coverage. PPC has two key objectives during the yearlong "unwinding" process:

- Ensure that children who are determined to no longer be eligible for Medicaid are quickly connected to CHIP to avoid gaps in coverage.
- Ensure that children who remain eligible for Medicaid keep their coverage without experiencing inappropriate terminations or disruptions in coverage (churn) that often impact children more than the adult population.

It is imperative for Pennsylvania to implement an unwinding process that does not disconnect the children most at risk of losing coverage, particularly when the child uninsured rate is starting to improve.



# Pennsylvania Children Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP by State House District

Party Affiliation	District	Representative	MA Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2022)	CHIP Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2022)	Total Child Enrollment (Sep 2022)	Estimated Percent of Total Population*
D	1	Harkins	12,817	392	13,209	20%
D	2	Merski	8,771	543	9,314	14%
D	3	Bizzarro	4,957	553	5,510	8%
R	4	Banta	7,149	626	7,775	12%
R	5	Jozwiak	3,971	761	4,732	7%
R	6	Roae	6,354	580	6,934	11%
R	7	Wentling	8,178	473	8,651	13%
R	8	Bernstine	4,145	639	4,784	7%
R	9	Brown	7,490	524	8,014	13%
D	10	Brown	9,689	344	10,033	16%
R	11	Mustello	5,627	664	6,291	10%
R	12	Scialabba	2,816	467	3,283	5%
R	13	Lawrence	5,007	1,021	6,028	9%
R	14	Marshall	6,080	601	6,681	10%
R	15	Kail	5,403	607	6,010	9%
D	16	Matzie	7,081	625	7,706	12%
R	17	Bonner	4,846	584	5,430	8%
R	18	Tomlinson	6,262	990	7,252	11%
D	19	Abney	10,435	282	10,717	17%
D	20	Kinthead	3,840	512	4,352	7%
D	21	Innamorato	3,251	405	3,656	6%
D	22	Siegel	14,625	1,017	15,642	25%
D	23	Frankel	1,522	243	1,765	3%
D	24	Mayes	6,345	285	6,630	11%
D	25	Markosek	6,562	701	7,263	11%
D	26	Friel	3,870	561	4,431	7%

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D	27	Deasy	5,136	373	5,509	9%
R	28	Mercuri	2,239	456	2,695	4%
D	29	Brennan	2,100	392	2,492	4%
D	30	Venkat	2,154	380	2,534	4%
D	31	Warren	1,760	364	2,124	3%
D	32	McAndrew	5,953	656	6,609	10%
D	33	Steele	4,583	563	5,146	8%
D	34	Salisbury	7,240	449	7,689	12%
D	35	Gergely	10,460	464	10,924	17%
D	36	Benham	6,612	472	7,084	11%
R	37	Fee	4,131	870	5,001	8%
D	38	Pisciottano	6,103	707	6,810	11%
R	39	Kuzma	4,752	648	5,400	8%
R	40	Mihalek	2,828	482	3,310	5%
R	41	Miller	6,273	902	7,175	11%
D	42	Miller	3,012	476	3,488	5%
R	43	Greiner	4,902	984	5,886	9%
R	44	Gaydos	3,412	513	3,925	6%
D	45	Kulik	5,702	523	6,225	9%
R	46	Ortitay	4,307	612	4,919	7%
R	47	D'Orsie	5,729	795	6,524	10%
R	48	O'Neal	6,273	584	6,857	10%
D	49	Smith-Wade-El	10,980	927	11,907	19%
R	50	Cook	7,343	558	7,901	12%
R	51	Grim Krupa	8,127	712	8,839	14%
R	52	Warner	7,533	602	8,135	13%

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D	53	Malagari	5,484	932	6,416	10%
D	54	Scott	9,919	803	10,722	17%
R	55	Cooper	5,697	552	6,249	9%
R	56	Dunbar	4,664	697	5,361	8%
R	57	Nelson	5,228	608	5,836	9%
R	58	Davanzo	6,118	693	6,811	11%
R	59	Rossi	5,009	570	5,579	8%
R	60	Major	5,869	684	6,553	10%
D	61	Hanbidge	2,361	432	2,793	4%
R	62	Struzzi, III	5,601	517	6,118	9%
R	63	Oberlander	6,187	665	6,852	11%
R	64	James	7,334	684	8,018	13%
R	65	Rapp	5,728	371	6,099	10%
R	66	Smith	6,344	660	7,004	11%
R	67	Causer	6,756	462	7,218	12%
R	68	Owlett	6,864	591	7,455	12%
R	69	Metzgar	5,657	623	6,280	10%
D	70	Bradford	3,187	493	3,680	6%
R	71	Rigby	5,113	534	5,647	9%
D	72	Burns	8,254	468	8,722	14%
R	73	Kephart	6,371	559	6,930	11%
D	74	Williams	8,052	966	9,018	14%
R	75	Armanini	6,019	532	6,551	10%
R	76	Borowicz	5,484	614	6,098	10%
D	77	Conklin	2,148	266	2,414	4%
R	78	Topper	6,034	844	6,878	11%

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R	79	Schmitt, Jr.	8,190	649	8,839	14%
R	80	Gregory	5,650	706	6,356	10%
R	81	Irvin	6,468	776	7,244	11%
D	82	Takac	2,103	280	2,383	4%
R	83	Flick	7,629	566	8,195	13%
R	84	Hamm	5,347	610	5,957	9%
R	85	Rowe	5,278	739	6,017	9%
R	86	Stambaugh	5,686	783	6,469	10%
R	87	Kutz	4,022	606	4,628	7%
R	88	Delozier	4,825	695	5,520	9%
R	89	Kauffman	7,569	1,076	8,645	13%
R	90	Schemel	5,613	958	6,571	10%
R	91	Moul	4,755	926	5,681	9%
R	92	Keefer	5,181	798	5,979	9%
R	93	Jones	4,603	716	5,319	8%
R	94	Fink	5,778	868	6,646	11%
D	95	Hill-Evans	14,795	808	15,603	24%
D	96	Sturla	5,779	794	6,573	10%
R	97	Mentzer	4,651	887	5,538	8%
R	98	Jones	4,947	851	5,798	9%
R	99	Zimmerman	4,326	977	5,303	8%
R	100	Cutler	4,349	791	5,140	8%
R	101	Schlegel	9,221	876	10,097	15%
R	102	Diamond	4,890	860	5,750	9%
D	103	Kim	8,996	515	9,511	15%
D	104	Madsen	13,177	666	13,843	21%

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D	105	Fleming	8,309	835	9,144	15%
R	106	Mehaffie, III	4,717	583	5,300	8%
R	107	Stehr	7,098	623	7,721	12%
	108	VACANT	6,119	536	6,655	10%
R	109	Leadbeter	5,554	569	6,123	9%
R	110	Pickett	6,950	629	7,579	12%
R	111	Fritz	6,449	758	7,207	11%
D	112	Mullins	6,481	582	7,063	11%
D	113	Donahue	9,169	544	9,713	15%
D	114	Kosierowski	6,284	509	6,793	11%
D	115	Madden	7,311	754	8,065	13%
R	116	Watro, Jr.	13,387	845	14,232	22%
R	117	Cabell	5,181	563	5,744	9%
D	118	Haddock	6,056	530	6,586	11%
R	119	Ryncavage	9,293	506	9,799	16%
R	120	Kaufer	5,376	554	5,930	10%
D	121	Pashinski	11,007	514	11,521	19%
R	122	Heffley	6,715	656	7,371	11%
R	123	Twardzik	7,874	641	8,515	13%
R	124	Barton	5,071	580	5,651	9%
R	125	Kerwin	4,943	676	5,619	9%
D	126	Rozzi	10,239	1,236	11,475	18%
D	127	Guzman, Jr.	14,392	818	15,210	24%
R	128	Gillen	3,918	679	4,597	7%
D	129	Cepeda-Freytiz	9,562	888	10,450	16%
R	130	Maloney	4,007	805	4,812	7%

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R	131	Mackenzie	3,548	659	4,207	6%
D	132	Schlossberg	5,012	790	5,802	9%
D	133	McNeill	7,715	947	8,662	13%
D	134	Schweyer	10,870	1,042	11,912	19%
D	135	Samuelson	7,610	705	8,315	13%
D	136	Freeman	7,314	823	8,137	13%
R	137	Emrick	3,724	645	4,369	7%
R	138	Flood	4,576	715	5,291	8%
R	139	Adams	5,116	616	5,732	9%
D	140	Galloway	5,512	893	6,405	10%
D	141	Davis	8,001	1,069	9,070	14%
R	142	Hogan	3,900	836	4,736	7%
R	143	Labs	3,443	634	4,077	6%
D	144	Munroe	4,075	722	4,797	7%
R	145	Staats	3,963	809	4,772	8%
D	146	Ciresi	7,618	715	8,333	13%
R	147	Scheuren	3,610	644	4,254	6%
D	148	Daley	1,898	466	2,364	4%
D	149	Briggs	3,405	436	3,841	6%
D	150	Webster	2,956	489	3,445	5%
D	151	Cerrato	3,038	530	3,568	6%
D	152	Guenst	4,346	872	5,218	9%
D	153	Sanchez	3,380	635	4,015	6%
D	154	Nelson	3,588	610	4,198	7%
D	155	Otten	2,971	483	3,454	5%
D	156	Pielli	2,567	340	2,907	4%

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D	157	Shusterman	1,752	322	2,074	3%
D	158	Sappey	3,967	723	4,690	7%
D	159	Kazeem	12,543	685	13,228	21%
R	160	Williams	1,792	361	2,153	3%
D	161	Krueger	5,420	591	6,011	9%
D	162	Delloso	7,777	1,018	8,795	14%
	163	VACANT	8,024	981	9,005	14%
D	164	Curry	12,113	967	13,080	21%
D	165	O'Mara	2,347	488	2,835	5%
D	166	Vitali	2,563	473	3,036	5%
D	167	Howard	2,434	376	2,810	4%
D	168	Borowski	1,621	284	1,905	3%
R	169	Klunk	5,533	812	6,345	10%
R	170	White	7,458	846	8,304	13%
R	171	Benninghoff	5,382	593	5,975	9%
D	172	Boyle	8,316	809	9,125	14%
D	173	Gallagher	9,902	700	10,602	17%
D	174	Neilson	8,846	811	9,657	15%
D	175	Isaacson	2,054	198	2,252	4%
R	176	Rader, Jr.	5,322	653	5,975	10%
D	177	Hohenstein	11,478	811	12,289	20%
R	178	Marcell	2,748	748	3,496	5%
D	179	Dawkins	15,885	697	16,582	27%
D	180	Giral	18,057	556	18,613	30%
D	181	Kenyatta	10,841	241	11,082	18%
D	182	Waxman	1,478	134	1,612	2%

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R	183	Mako	5,134	762	5,896	9%
D	184	Fiedler	8,449	507	8,956	14%
D	185	Young	11,031	641	11,672	19%
D	186	Harris	9,491	531	10,022	16%
R	187	Mackenzie	3,947	691	4,638	7%
D	188	Krajewski	5,881	327	6,208	10%
D	189	Probst	7,148	713	7,861	13%
D	190	Green	13,734	526	14,260	23%
D	191	McClinton	14,361	757	15,118	24%
D	192	Cephas	11,260	639	11,899	19%
R	193	Ecker	5,538	935	6,473	10%
D	194	Khan	2,727	261	2,988	5%
D	195	Bullock	10,267	306	10,573	17%
R	196	Grove	5,728	876	6,604	10%
D	197	Burgos	16,399	508	16,907	27%
D	198	Parker	13,676	643	14,319	22%
R	199	Gleim	6,064	696	6,760	11%
D	200	Rabb	7,208	648	7,856	12%
D	201	Kinsey	13,322	613	13,935	21%
D	202	Solomon	14,874	786	15,660	24%
D	203	Bellmon	13,231	969	14,200	22%
<b>Statewide</b>			<b>1,312,388</b>	<b>130,812</b>	<b>1,443,200</b>	<b>11%</b>

Note: The totals above will not match the enrollment counts provided monthly by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services due to report timing differences. Monthly Medicaid child enrollment includes youth ages 19-20: an additional 125,856 youth ages 19-20 were also served in September 2022. CHIP data does not reflect the 22 youth who turned 19 in September 2022.

\*Estimated Percent of Child Population (under 19 years) is not yet available by legislative district.



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