

## MEDICAID FACTS WITH LINKS TO STATE DATA

**Summary:** Medicaid is a lifeline to more than [1 in 5 people](#) in the US including people with [disabilities](#), [children](#), [seniors](#), [low-income adults](#) with disabilities, [rural residents](#), [veterans](#), [military families](#), and [pregnant women](#). [17 million](#) enrollees are disabled people and older adults. See state Medicaid fact sheets [here](#).

Medicaid means disabled and older people can live at home and age in place.

Medicaid is the largest payer of home and community-based services for disabled and older Americans who cannot afford these costs out of pocket. Any cuts to Medicaid risks sending disabled people and older adults back to institutions.

- More than 7.8 million older adults and people with disabilities rely on Medicaid for long-term supports and services in their homes and communities (HCBS) and 1.5 million people in institution nursing facilities. Approximately [710,000](#) are on waiting lists for HCBS in 2024. **See your state waitlist numbers [here](#).**
- Medicaid pays for nearly 70% of all HCBS which is not covered by Medicare and private insurance. HCBS is likely to be impacted first by cuts because it is an optional Medicaid service. **See your state percentage of Medicaid for HCBS [here](#).**

Medicaid's federal-state partnership is popular and efficient.

Medicaid supports jobs in the healthcare sector, contributes to the state's economy, and helps maintain the health and well-being of the population.

- Medicaid makes up [56 percent of total federal funding](#) allocated to states, the largest source of federal funding to states. The federal government covers at least [50 percent of Medicaid program costs](#) and states financing the rest. States share the cost of providing Medicaid benefits with the federal government. See your state share [here](#). See your percentage of federal funding for state budgets [here](#).
- Voters favor protecting Medicaid over making cuts. In 2023, 84% of voters favored protecting Medicaid from harmful cuts over cutting Medicaid. Today, [at least twice](#) as many people want to increase spending for Medicaid and Medicare than cut it.

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