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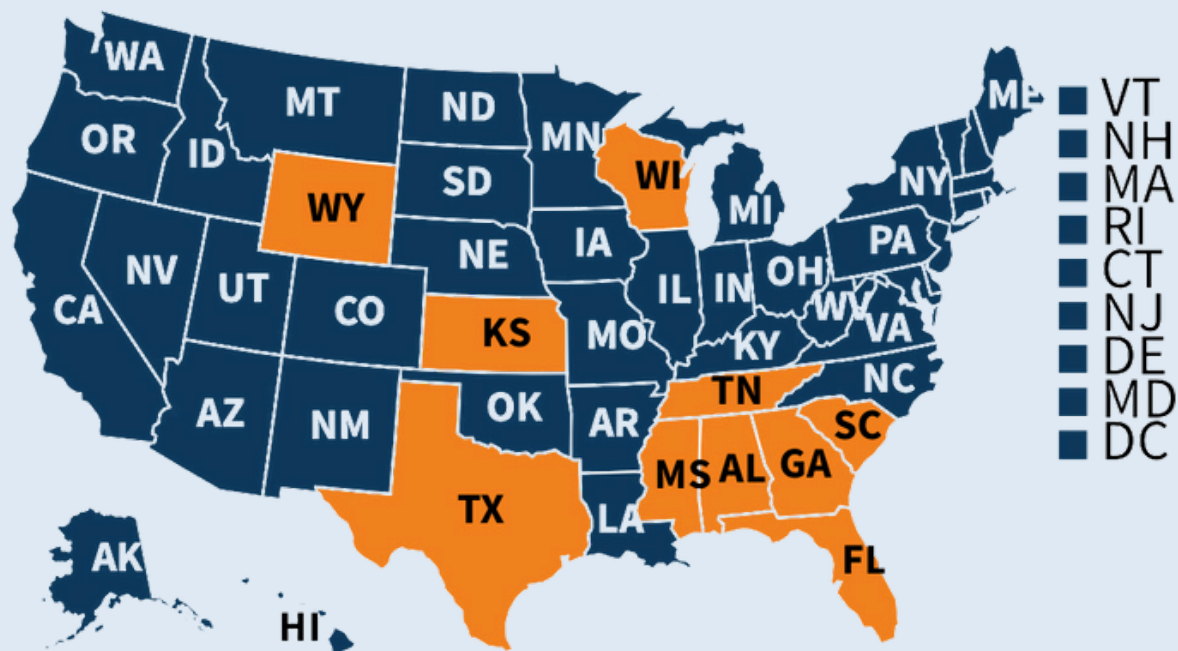
The Medicaid Coverage Gap in Mississippi

What is the Medicaid Expansion Coverage Gap in Mississippi?

In Mississippi, some 96,000 uninsured adults with low incomes are in the Medicaid coverage gap – too poor to qualify for Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace assistance because they have incomes below the poverty line, yet ineligible for Medicaid because their state hasn't enacted the ACA Medicaid expansion.



Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision



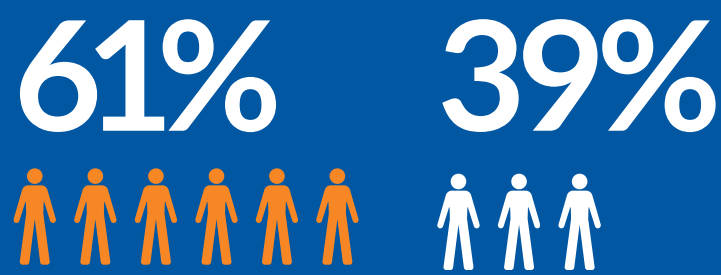
■ Adopted and Implemented ■ Not Adopted

Mississippi is currently one of ten states that still need to provide a pathway to affordable coverage for uninsured adults with low incomes.

Source: KKF

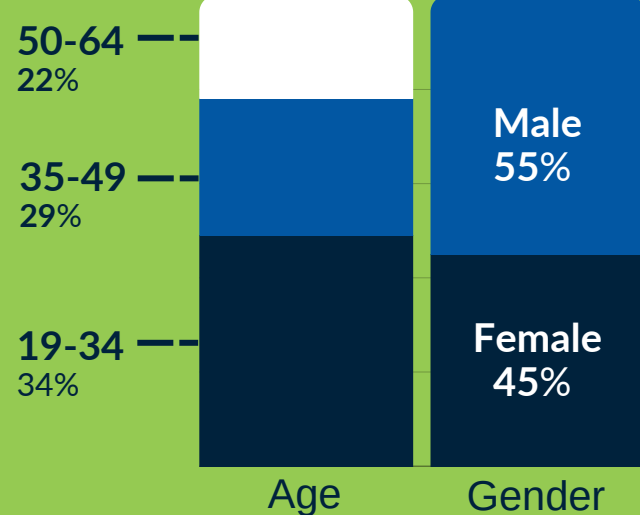
Who is included?

Race and ethnicity



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Age and Gender

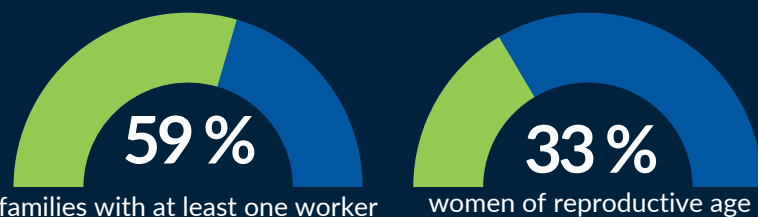


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Expand Medicaid for Mississippi Families!



Work



Many in the coverage gap work jobs crucial to the state's economy but often pay low wages. The most common industries include restaurants, food services, and construction.

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Mississippi Can Afford Medicaid Expansion

According to the state economist, Mississippi would save money by expanding Medicaid.

- Total estimated **annual costs** of Medicaid expansion in the state from 2022-2027: between \$186 million and \$207 million.
- Total estimated **savings** of Medicaid expansion to the state in 2022: \$512 million; in 2023: \$527 million; in 2024: \$215 million; in 2025: \$219 million; in 2026: \$223 million; and in 2027: \$227 million.

How Would Closing the Coverage Gap Help Mississippi?

Mississippi Ranking Highlights

	National Ranking	Rank Among Southern States
Overall	51 of 51	12 of 12
Reproductive & Women's Health	50	12
Access and Affordability	47	11
Prevention and Treatment	47	12
Avoidable Hospital Use and Cost	37	8
Healthy Lives	50	11
Income Disparity	35	3
Racial and Ethnic Health Equity	49	12

Source: Commonwealth Fund

Southern States include AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

RURAL HOSPITALS AT RISK OF CLOSING

STATE	CLOSING SINCE 2005	CURRENT RURAL HOSPITALS	HOSPITALS WITH LOSSES ON SERVICES		HOSPITALS AT RISK OF CLOSING		HOSPITALS AT IMMEDIATE RISK	
			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
MISSISSIPPI	5	74	48	65%	33	45%	24	32%

Source: Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform

All Mississippians Deserve Quality, Affordable Healthcare. Expanding Medicaid Can Also:

- Improve access to care and health outcomes
- Reduce racial and ethnic disparities
- Cover more children
- Improve financial security
- Reduce uncompensated care costs and create state savings

