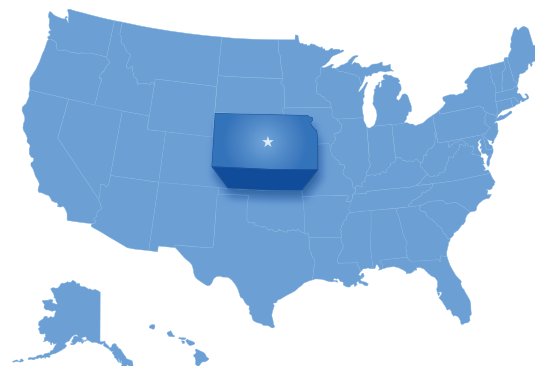


## Fact Sheet

# Medicaid Expansion Population and Cost Estimates for Kansas

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As enabled by the Affordable Care Act, most states have now expanded Medicaid eligibility to people with incomes of up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), putting the eligibility threshold at about \$20,000 in annual income for an individual.

## If Kansas were to expand its Medicaid program,

- an additional 201,000 Kansans would be eligible for Medicaid in 2024, and
- in the first two years, 2024 and 2025, the state could save nearly \$557 million.<sup>1</sup>

## Newly Eligible Adults

Kansans who stand to benefit the most from expanding Medicaid are those who are currently uninsured. Most of this population is likely to transition to Medicaid coverage within two years of expansion. These 89,000 uninsured Kansas include:

- **Older Kansans:** 22,000 between the ages of 50 and 64,
- **Both women and men:** 46,000 men and 43,000 women ages 19 to 64 and 12,000 men and 10,000 women ages 50 to 64, and
- **People of different races and ethnicities** (ages 19 to 64): 49,000 white; 9,000 African American; 27,000 Hispanic; 2,000 American Indian and Alaska Native; 1,000 Asian American, and 100 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander.

In addition to people currently without insurance, about 83,000 individuals currently covered under employer-sponsored insurance (ESI) but earning under 138% of the FPL would also be eligible for Medicaid, as well as about 29,000 individuals who currently purchase their coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace (Marketplace). Based on the experience of other expansion states, Avalere projects that only a small percentage of Kansans with ESI are likely to enroll in Medicaid.

*Millions of people in the United States are still ineligible for Medicaid health coverage in states that have not expanded their programs as allowed under federal law. To date, 10 states have yet to modify their income eligibility limits since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010. Kansas state lawmaker action would mean that up to **201,000 individuals** would be eligible for Medicaid in 2024, and in 2024 and 2025 alone, **the state could save nearly \$557 million.***

\* According to analyses conducted for AARP's Public Policy Institute by the health policy consulting firm Avalere, using 2021 Census data.

By expanding Medicaid, Kansas could save  
\$557 million over two years (2024 and 2025):

**\$550.5 M**

**ARP FUNDS**

**\$154.6 M**

**SAVINGS FROM  
STATE-FUNDED  
SERVICES\***

**\$148.1 M**

**STATE COSTS OF  
EXPANSION**

**\$557 M**

**NET STATE  
SAVINGS**

\*American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

\*\*Programs include those for behavioral and mental health, substance use disorder, women's health, uncompensated care, services to general populations, and individuals in corrections facilities.

By expanding Medicaid, Kansas would benefit from both new funding and savings, coming from several sources. For 2024 and 2025, funding and savings would come from:

- Nearly \$37 million on women’s health care program services, and
- \$32.4 million on programs that provide services to vulnerable populations.

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