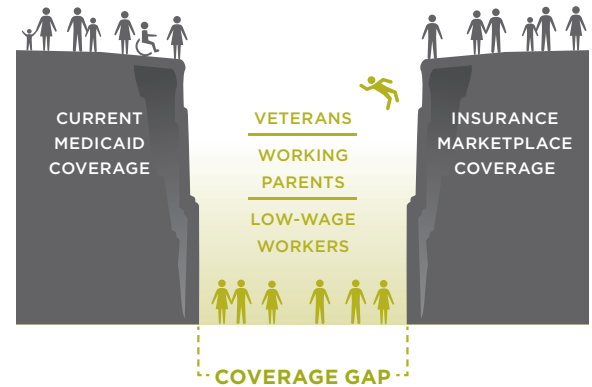


Georgia Left Me Out



What is Georgia's coverage gap?

Under the nation's health law, every person was supposed to have a way to get health care coverage. People with low incomes would get Medicaid as long as their state leaders agreed. However, Georgia's state leaders have so far declined to extend health insurance to low-income Georgians. Now many Georgians are left in a coverage gap, and there is no way for them to get health insurance.



Who is in the gap?

About 240,000 hard-working Georgians fall into the coverage gap. These Georgians are veterans and their spouses, parents, young adults, and low-wage workers. They work in jobs that do not often come with health insurance like food service, construction, education and child care, and retail.

Who can fix the coverage gap?

Our elected officials have the power to solve this problem. The Governor and the state legislature have so far rejected the money that is set aside to provide health coverage for Georgians in the gap. But they can still bring Georgia's tax dollars back to our state so that all Georgians can put a health insurance card in their wallets.

Do you know someone in the coverage gap?

How big is your family?	Monthly Income If your monthly income is in this range, you fall in the coverage gap.*	Annual Income If your annual income is in this range, you fall in the coverage gap.*
NON TO PARENTS		
1 person (just you)	\$0 to \$1,012	\$0 to \$12,140
2 people (you and your spouse)	\$0 to \$1,372	\$0 to \$16,460
PARENTS		
2 people (you & a child)	\$526 to \$1,372	\$6312 to \$16,460
3 people	\$638 to \$1,732	\$7,656 to \$20,780
4 people	\$758 to \$2,092	\$9,096 to \$25,100
5 people	\$875 to \$2,452	\$10,500 to \$29,420
6 people	\$967 to \$2,811	\$11,604 to \$33,740

*All ranges are based on the federal 2018 FPL guidelines.

How does closing the coverage gap help Georgia?

Closing the coverage gap is good for...

- **Georgia's workforce**
More than 50,000 new jobs will be created in industries like health care, real estate, hospitality, and transportation.
- **Georgia's economy**
Georgia would receive about \$3 billion per year from the federal government by closing its coverage gap. That extra investment in the state would generate \$1.3 billion in new economic activity in Georgia's rural communities each year.
- **Georgians**
Georgia has the 5th highest uninsured rate in the U.S. Closing the coverage gap will help cover more than 240,000 Georgians. These Georgians will be able to get preventive health care to stay healthy, see a doctor when they get sick, and have protection from high medical bills.

Can Georgia afford to close its coverage gap?

- Raising the cigarette tax in Georgia from \$0.37 per pack to \$1 per pack would raise at least \$350 million and help offset the costs of health insurance for low-income Georgians.
- Other states that have closed their coverage gap have seen big savings in their state budgets. Kentucky saved more than \$100 million in the first year and a half of its program.
- There is no risk. Georgia can back out at any time. If it is not working or costing the state too much money, Georgia can opt out.

How can you get involved?

- **Share your coverage gap story.**
If you fall in the coverage gap or know someone who does, we want to hear from you! Your voice is a powerful tool to help others understand the need for Georgia to close its coverage gap. Share your story by calling Alyssa Green at 404-567-5016 x 2 or emailing coverga@healthyfuturega.org
- **Tell your state legislators to close the coverage gap.**
Go to coverga.org to let your elected officials know that you support closing Georgia's coverage gap.
- **Invite Cover Georgia to talk to your faith, community, civic or professional group.**
We are available to talk with you and your community about this issue.
If you would like us to attend a meeting or event at your organization, contact us at 404-567-5016, ext. 2 or coverga@healthyfuturega.org.

For more information about how Georgia can close the coverage gap, visit coverga.org.

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