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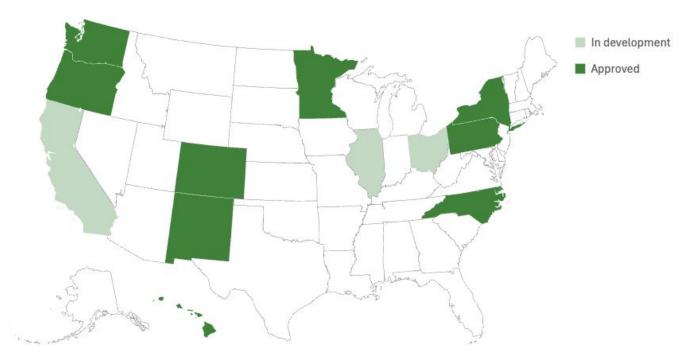
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Adoption of Medicaid continuous coverage for children 0-3 or 0-6 by state



Continuous Eligibility





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Georgia Apex Program

- Overseen by Dept. of Behavioral Health & Dev. Disabilities
- In more than 808 Georgia schools
- Increases access to mental health services for school-aged youth and aims to reduce the number of youth with unmet mental health needs
- In 2023-2024 school year:
 - 47% of Apex schools are rural areas
 - 16,121 students served
 - 79% of services covered by Medicaid

Reference: <u>Apex Program 2023-2024 Evaluation Findings</u>, Georgia Health Policy Center





Medicaid 1115 waivers for health-related social needs by state



Health Related Social Needs





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2025 Marketplace Enrollment

Health Insurance Marketplaces are on pace for a record-breaking enrollment season

National snapshot

• As of January 4, 2025, **23.6 million** consumers have selected a marketplace plan for the 2025 coverage year.

State-based marketplaces

- In 21 SBM states, over **6.8 million** consumers have selected plans.
- 848,898 of these are new enrollees.

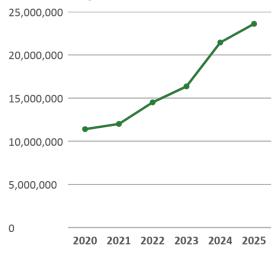
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- Just over 1.5 million consumers have selected plans.
- Open Enrollment ends January 15, 2025.



Marketplace Enrollment Trends

Marketplace Plan Selections



Enrollment trends are driven in part by the enhanced premium tax credits enacted in 2021

- On average, consumers were eligible for \$59/month more in APTC
- Between 2021 and 2024, the average net monthly premium for marketplace enrollees fell by 32%, from \$164 in 2021 to \$111 in 2024.
- 44% of consumers (nearly 9.4 million people) selected a plan for \$10 or less per month after APTC* in 2024

Enhanced Premium Tax Credits are set to expire December 31, 2025

CMS Marketplace Open Enrollment Public Use Files

https://www.cms.gov/data-research/statistics-trends-and-reports/marketplace-products

CMS Open Enrollment Period Reports

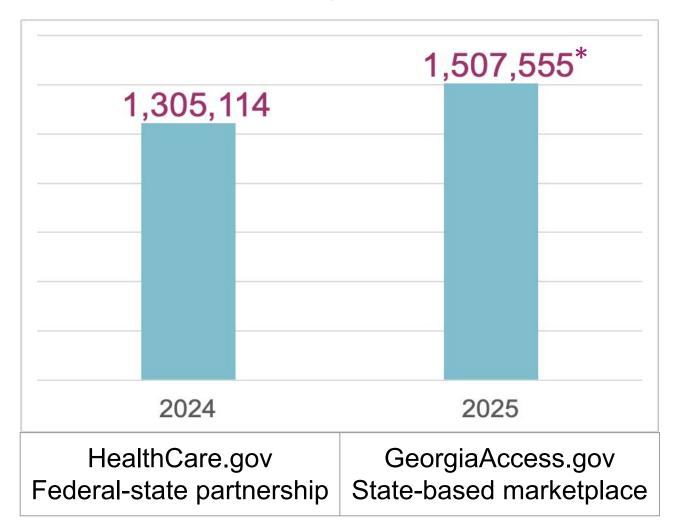
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ASPE Report on Health Insurance Coverage

https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/9a943f1b8f8d3872fc3d82b02d0df466/coverage-access-2021-2024.pdf



Enrollment in health plans by year and marketplace type





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Georgia ranks second-to-last for mental health access



The Worst States For Mental Health Care

Rank	State	Total Score Out of 100	Number of Mental Health Treatment Centers ¹	% of Adults With a Mental Illness Who:		
				Do Not Receive Treatment	Delayed Treatment Due to Cost	Are Uninsured
1	Texas	100.00	8.40	62.3%	31.5%	21.4%
2	Georgia	91.76	10.05	57.8%	34.4%	17.4%
3	Alabama	87.60	12.46	62.4%	28.7%	17.9%
4	Florida	83.00	11.88	58.4%	30.1%	13.6%
5	Mississippi	63.62	7.52	56.1%	28.2%	13.2%
6	Arizona	63.58	27.98	63.5%	23.6%	14.9%
7	Indiana	62.94	22.46	51.2%	23.5%	13.5%
8	South Carolina	62.76	6.84	50.5%	29.1%	13.2%
9	Kansas	54.74	20.65	51.8%	16.4%	17.5%

20.63

55.5%

1. This metric reflects the number of mental health treatment centers per 10,000 businesses.

54.38

Note: Our analysis includes three additional metrics that are not displayed in this table.

Data sources: Mental Health America and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Source: Forbes Advisor • Get the data • Embed

Colorado

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10.4%





Georgia Housing Voucher Program

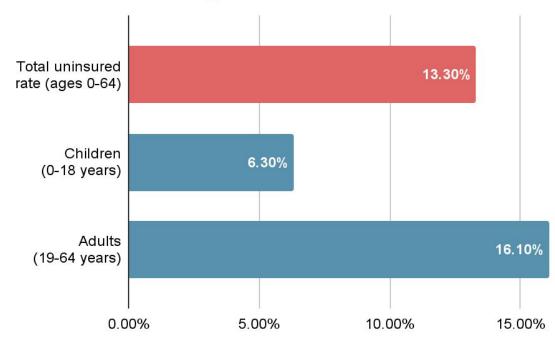
- Overseen by the Dept. of Behavioral Health & Dev. Disabilities.
- Permanent supportive housing program for individuals with serious & persistent mental illness (SPMI).
- ❖ 2,550 Georgians served in 2024
 - > 6500+ Georgians in need of GVHP services.



Reference: <u>FACT SHEET: Georgia Housing Voucher Program</u>, Georgians for a Healthy Future

Uninsured rates for Georgia adults and children

Georgia's Uninsured Rate



Age Group

Uninsured Rate (as % of state population)

Source: <u>U.S. Census Bureau's 2023 American Community</u> <u>Survey (ACS), 1-year estimates.</u>

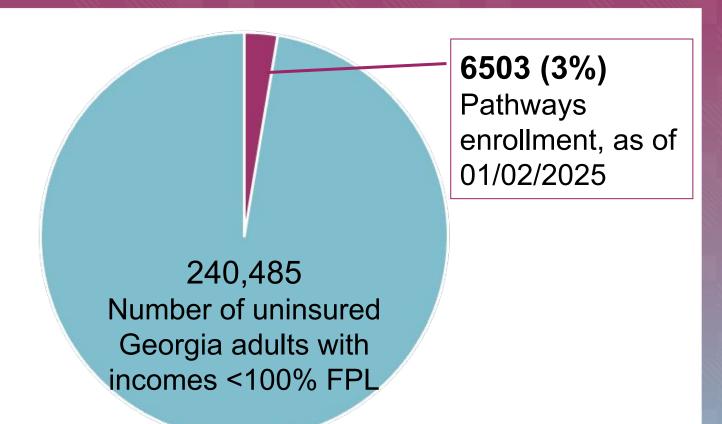


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Pathways to Coverage enrollment



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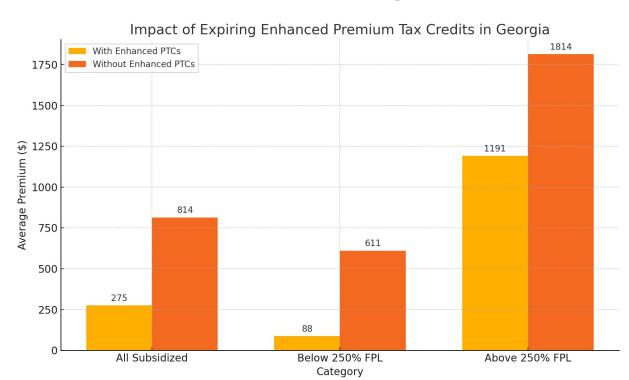
- GeorgiaPathways.org/Data-Tracker
- Georgia Pathways to Coverage presentation, by Grant Thomas, Georgia Dept. of Community Health. Presented to Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission, Sept. 5, 2024





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Impact of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits (ePTCs) in Georgia



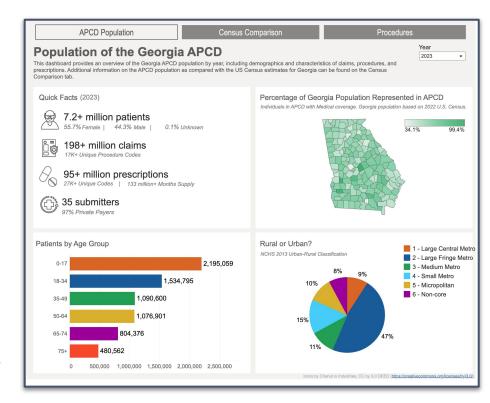
Source: The Urban Institute. Health Insurance Policy Simulation Model, 2024.

- ePTCs have significantly reduced premiums for Georgia's marketplace enrollees, making health insurance more affordable for over 1.2 million Georgians.
- On average, ePTCs decreased premiums for subsidized enrollees by \$539 last year.



Georgia's all-payer claims database (APCD)

- A collection of health care claims data for both public and private insurance plans in Georgia.
- Purpose: improve health care transparency, inform evidence-based policy decisions, and promote cost-effectiveness by providing comprehensive data on cost, quality, and access.



Visit the GA APCD at apcd.georgia.gov.

- Explore public data
- Request non-public data



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Georgia's Budget Surplus



Total budget reserve = \$19.1B



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