

# Wyoming's Medicaid Coverage Gap

Many Wyomingites are living without access to affordable health coverage. They can't get insurance through their jobs, can't afford private health insurance, and make **"too much"** to qualify for Wyoming Medicaid. **They live in what is called the "Medicaid coverage gap."**

Because Wyoming hasn't expanded Medicaid, 20,000 residents are left without access to affordable health insurance – and without the care they need.<sup>1</sup>

**40 states have expanded Medicaid. Wyoming has not – and Wyoming's families are paying the price.**

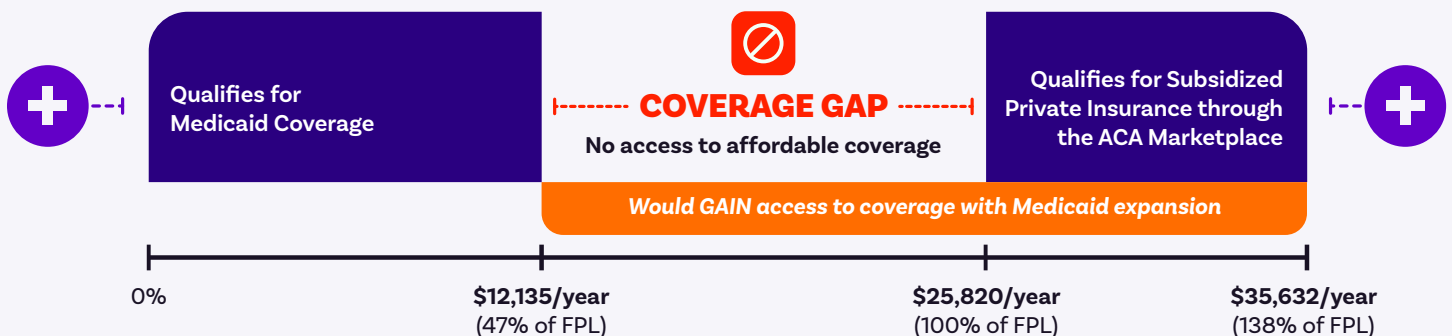


In Wyoming, a family of three making less than \$12,140 a year makes **"too much"** to qualify for Medicaid.<sup>2</sup>



Wyomingites over the age of 18 without children **NEVER QUALIFY** for Wyoming Medicaid.

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\*Data based on a family of three<sup>2</sup> FPL = Federal Poverty Level

**Many Wyomingites don't get health insurance through their jobs, even though these jobs are vital to our state's economy.**



**890**  
construction workers<sup>3</sup>



**1,500**  
restaurant and food service workers<sup>3</sup>

## People who have affordable health insurance can:



Get regular check-ups and preventive screenings to stay healthy.



Get the medications they've been prescribed to manage their health.



Treat chronic conditions so they can stay healthy and remain in the workforce.

## We cannot achieve our vision of health equity without closing the Medicaid coverage gap.

In Wyoming, people of color make up a disproportionate amount of the uninsured population.<sup>3</sup>

## Where you live should not impact whether you can get healthcare.

The Medicaid coverage gap is contributing to **our rural healthcare crisis**. Our hospitals are shutting down at an alarming rate. Expanding Medicaid strengthens our rural hospitals and ensures they stay open — creating good paying jobs and providing critical care in our rural communities.



**Medicaid expansion is good for Wyoming's state economy.**

The federal government will cover 90% of the cost of expanding Medicaid. These federal funds would allow Wyoming to expand affordable health coverage to those who need it, build a healthier workforce, keep rural hospitals open, and grow our economy.<sup>1</sup>

**20,000 Wyomingites are being left behind without access to affordable health coverage. It's time for Wyoming to expand Medicaid and close the gap.**

<sup>1</sup>Drake, P., Tolbert, J., Rudowitz, R., & Damico, A. (2024, February 26). How Many Uninsured Are in the Coverage Gap and How Many Could be Eligible if All States Adopted the Medicaid Expansion? [www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/how-many-uninsured-are-in-the-coverage-gap-and-how-many-could-be-eligible-if-all-states-adopted-the-medicaid-expansion/](https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/how-many-uninsured-are-in-the-coverage-gap-and-how-many-could-be-eligible-if-all-states-adopted-the-medicaid-expansion/)

<sup>2</sup>The Medicaid Coverage Gap: State Fact Sheets. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. (2024). [www.cbpp.org/research/health/the-medicaid-coverage-gap](https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/the-medicaid-coverage-gap)

<sup>3</sup>Wyoming Department of Health. (2017, June). Wyoming's uninsured - demographics and coverage options. [www.wyoleg.gov/InterimCommittee/2017/01-0606APPENDIX8-8.pdf](https://www.wyoleg.gov/InterimCommittee/2017/01-0606APPENDIX8-8.pdf)

<sup>4</sup>United States Census Bureau. (2021, August 25). Wyoming remains nation's least populous state. [www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/wyoming-population-change-between-census-decade.html#:~:text=Race%20and%20ethnicity%20\(White%20alone,%25%2C%20up%20from%2054.9%25\)](https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/wyoming-population-change-between-census-decade.html#:~:text=Race%20and%20ethnicity%20(White%20alone,%25%2C%20up%20from%2054.9%25))