



The above chart represents adult and children Medicaid enrollment in Montana. Medicaid is federally and state funded, and provides certain medically necessary services to low-income and disabled persons. Data for this chart is from the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), [which can be found here](#).

Enrollment

Enrollment in Medicaid in Montana grew from 82,510 in October 2005 to 140,133 in October 2015 or 69.0% in 10 years. Enrollment increases were most marked beginning in October 2009 with implementation of the Healthy Montana Kids Program (HMK), which was enacted by citizen initiative and raised financial eligibility for children in families with incomes from 100% to 143% of the federal poverty level.

Recession

At the same time, family incomes declined due to the recession, so that more low-income parents and children became eligible for Medicaid.

Medicaid Expansion

As of March 1, 2016 DPHHS reported 36,320 newly eligible Medicaid recipients under the Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP). Although monthly Medicaid enrollments are projected to increase, sufficient data is not yet available.