

Key facts about residents of Colorado District 8¹

Medicaid plays a critical role in people's lives. More than 150,000 District residents rely on Medicaid for health care and protection against unaffordable medical bills. They include 80,000 children and more than 10,000 adults age 65 and older.²

Many people with incomes too high for Medicaid buy their own health insurance on Covered California. More than 21,000 District residents rely on Connect for Health Colorado for insurance, most of whom use enhanced premium tax credits to purchase coverage. If Congress lets those credits expire after 2025, District residents' health care costs will rise. For example:

- A 40-year-old man earning \$31,000 a year would see his monthly premiums more than double, rising from \$58 to \$153. His annual health insurance costs would thus shoot up by more than \$1,000.
- Health insurance costs would triple for a 60-year-old couple earning \$82,000, rising from \$581 to \$1,882 a month. The couple's annual premium costs would go up by a staggering \$15,000.

Almost 30,000 District families use the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to help pay grocery bills. These families include:³

- **Children.** More than half of the District's SNAP families—16,000 families—have children.
- **Older adults.** More than a third of the District's SNAP families include adults age 60 or older.
- **People with disabilities.** Half of the District families helped by SNAP include at least one person with disabilities.
- **Low-wage workers.** Almost nine in 10 District families with SNAP have bread-earners who work but do not make enough money to feed their families without help.⁴

Data sources

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² The exact figures, according to the Census Bureau, were 163,002 District residents who were covered through Medicaid in 2023, including 80,274 children and 11,253 older adults.

³ These proportions add up to more than 100%, because a single family can have members in multiple categories. For example, a SNAP family with a disabled father, a working mother, and a child would count as a family with a child, a family that includes a person with disabilities, and a family with a low-wage worker.

⁴ The exact figures, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, were 29,494 District families who used SNAP to help pay food costs, including 16,549 families with children, 10,799 families with at least one adult age 60 or older, 15,366 families with at least one person with disabilities, and 26,000 families with one or more workers.