

# Medicaid in Minnesota for communities of color

Medicaid – also known as Medical Assistance in Minnesota – is the largest single source of health insurance in the state. It ensures over **460,000 Minnesotans of color** have access to the health care they need.

This year, Congress is considering proposals that would make drastic cuts to Medicaid funding – putting at risk the health and financial well-being of families across all backgrounds, with especially harmful impacts on communities of color. These proposals threaten to take away or sharply reduce coverage at a time when too many people still face barriers to health and opportunity due to longstanding inequities and discrimination in education, housing, employment, and other areas.

**This factsheet provides a snapshot of Medicaid / Medical Assistance for Minnesota’s Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.**

## MEDICAID / MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ENROLLEES



**In Minnesota, 1 out of every 3 BIPOC Minnesotans are enrolled in Medicaid, a larger share than in the BIPOC population nationally.\***

Total population of BIPOC Minnesotans: **1,387,440**  
 Number of BIPOC Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **460,698**  
 Percentage enrolled in Medicaid: **33 percent**

**28 PERCENT OF BIPOC OLDER ADULTS AGED 65+ IN MINNESOTA ARE ENROLLED IN MEDICAID.\*\***

### AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE, NON-HISPANIC (AIANH)\*

**In Minnesota, 1 out of every 2 AIANH Minnesotans are enrolled in Medicaid.**

Total population of AIANH Minnesotans: **37,230**  
 Number of AIANH Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **18,247**  
 Percentage of AIANH Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **49 percent**

### ASIAN, NON-HISPANIC (ASIANNH)\*

**In Minnesota, 1 out of every 5 AsianNH Minnesotans are enrolled in Medicaid.**

Total population of AsianNH Minnesotans: **296,881**  
 Number of AsianNH Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **64,872**  
 Percentage of AsianNH Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **22 percent**

### BLACK, NON-HISPANIC (BLACKNH)\*

**In Minnesota, 1 out of every 2 BlackNH Minnesotans are enrolled in Medicaid.**

Total population of BlackNH Minnesotans: **387,993**  
 Number of BlackNH Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **192,455**  
 Percentage of BlackNH Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **50 percent**

### HISPANIC\*

**In Minnesota, 1 out of every 3 Hispanic Minnesotans are enrolled in Medicaid.**

Total population of Hispanic Minnesotans: **363,932**  
 Number of Hispanic Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **117,219**  
 Percentage of Hispanic Minnesotans enrolled in Medicaid: **32 percent**

\* Based on national and state data from the American Community Survey 2023 1-year estimates.

\*\* Based on Medicaid enrollment 2023 data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Percentage calculated by dividing the number of Medicaid enrollees aged 65+ who self-identified as Black, Asian, or American Indian from the total number of Medicaid enrollees aged 65+ in 2023.

This factsheet focuses primarily on Black, Asian, American Indian, and Alaska Native people of color as well as non-Hispanic and Hispanic communities only because of data limitations. The data source does not provide information about other communities of color, nor does it allow us to distinguish among the multiple racial and ethnic subgroups within the Black, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native communities.