

Medi-Cal Losses Under Federal and State Changes

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Up to 3 million Californians will lose Medi-Cal by 2028

Policies with major Medi-Cal enrollment impacts

H.R.1

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2025-26 State Budget

- Enrollment freeze for undocumented adults
- \$30 monthly premiums for adults with “unsatisfactory immigration status”

The state could protect coverage for an estimated 570,000 Californians

State policy choices that would minimize coverage loss

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- Apply only to federally-funded Medi-Cal populations
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- Move these immigrants to state-funded full-scope Medi-Cal

The majority will lose coverage because of:

Red Tape



Paperwork requirements make eligible adults more likely to lose coverage

Especially true for adults over 50

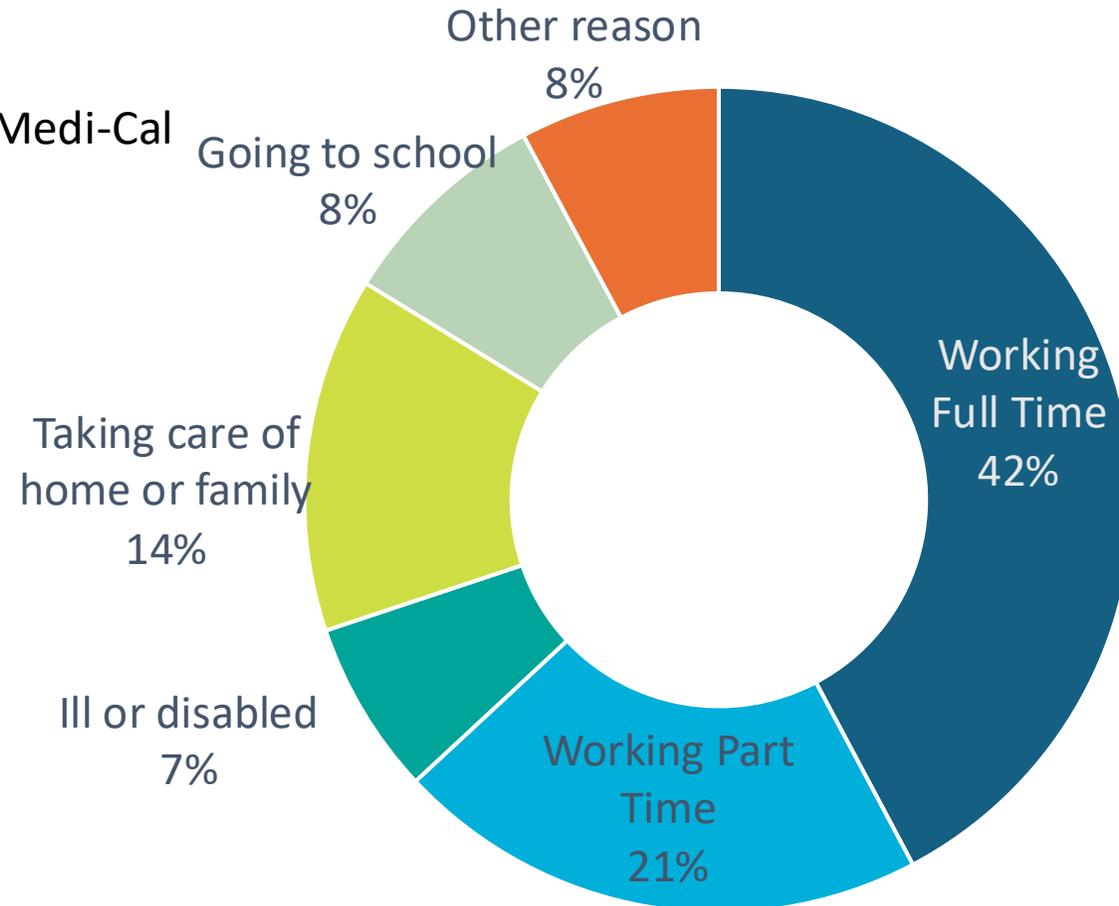
Immigration Status



- Refugees, asylees
- Certain other lawfully present immigrants
- Undocumented Californians

Most enrollees are already working or *should* be exempt

Work status and barriers to work among Medi-Cal adults, 2023



What will happen when they lose Medi-Cal?

Job-Based Coverage

Annual Premium: \$1,303
Deductible: \$1,620
Copay: \$28 / visit

Covered California / private coverage at full cost

Annual Premium: \$9,528
Deductible: \$5,200
Copay: \$50 / visit

Uninsured

- Reduced access to care
- Reduced financial security

Medi-Cal matters

Medicaid expansion is associated with:

- Improved access to care
- Increased utilization of primary and preventive services
- Reduced use of Emergency Department for non-emergent and primary care treatable visits
- Reduced mortality, improved health outcomes
- Improved affordability and financial security for low-income households
- More predictable revenues for providers, less uncompensated care
- Improved ability to obtain and maintain employment

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