

Medicaid in Pennsylvania: A Vital Safety Net



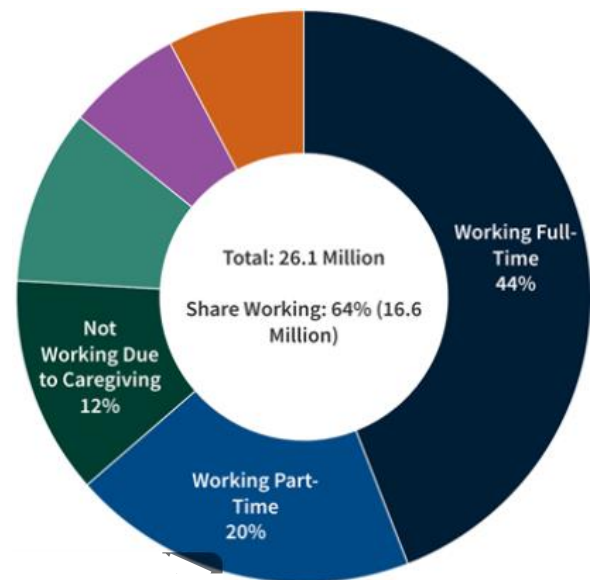
Medicaid is a crucial healthcare program in Pennsylvania, providing coverage to over **3 million residents**, including **children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families**. The program ensures access to essential healthcare services, including preventive care, hospital stays, mental health services, and long-term care.

Who Benefits?

- **Children:** 42% of Medicaid enrollees in Pennsylvania are children, ensuring they receive necessary medical care, immunizations, and early intervention services.
- **Seniors & People with Disabilities:** 33% of enrollees are either elderly or disabled, relying on Medicaid for long-term care, home-based services, and nursing home coverage.
- **Rural Communities:** Medicaid covers a larger share of rural Pennsylvanians than urban residents, ensuring access to healthcare where private insurance may be scarce.
- **Veterans & Military Families:** 1 in 10 veterans rely on Medicaid for healthcare coverage, filling gaps left by the VA system.

Work Status and Barriers to Work Among Medicaid Adults (who are not on SSI, SSDI, or Medicare)

- Working full time (44%)
- Not working due to illness or disability
- Not working due to school
- Not working due to retirement, can't find work or other
- Working part time (20%)
- Not working due to caregiving (12%)



Economic Impact

Medicaid is an **economic driver** for Pennsylvania. It supports **local hospitals, health centers, and community clinics**, preventing closures—especially in rural areas. Medicaid expansion has:

- **Created 15,500 new jobs**
- **Generated \$2.2 billion in economic output**
- **Reduced uncompensated hospital care costs by 32%**