Medicaid Beneficiaries (Persons Served) by Eligibility Group, FY 1975–FY 2012 (thousands)

Fiscal year	Total	Children	Adults	Disabled	Aged	Unknown
1975	22,007	9,598	4,529	2,464	3,615	1,801
1976	22,815	9,924	4,773	2,669	3,612	1,837
1977	22,832	9,651	4,785	2,802	3,636	1,958
1978	21,965	9,376	4,643	2,718	3,376	1,852
1979	21,520	9,106	4,570	2,753	3,364	1,727
1980	21,605	9,333	4,877	2,911	3,440	1,044
1981	21,980	9,581	5,187	3,079	3,367	766
1982	21,603	9,563	5,356	2,891	3,240	553
1983	21,554	9,535	5,592	2,921	3,372	134
1984	21,607	9,684	5,600	2,913	3,238	172
1985	21,814	9,757	5,518	3,012	3,061	466
1986	22,515	10,029	5,647	3,182	3,140	517
1987	23,109	10,168	5,599	3,381	3,224	737
1988	22,907	10,037	5,503	3,487	3,159	721
1989	23,511	10,318	5,717	3,590	3,132	754
1990	25,255	11,220	6,010	3,718	3,202	1,105
1991	27,967	12,855	6,703	4,033	3,341	1,035
1992	31,150	15,200	7,040	4,487	3,749	674
1993	33,432	16,285	7,505	5,016	3,863	763
1994	35,053	17,194	7,586	5,458	4,035	780
1995	36,282	17,164	7,604	5,858	4,119	1,537
1996	36,118	16,739	7,127	6,221	4,285	1,746
1997	34,872	15,791	6,803	6,129	3,955	2,195
1998	40,096	18,969	7,895	6,637	3,964	2,631
1999	39,748	18,233	7,446	6,690	3,698	3,682
2000	41,212	18,528	8,538	6,688	3,640	3,817
2001	45,164	20,181	9,707	7,114	3,812	4,349
2002	46,839	21,487	10,847	7,182	3,789	3,534
2003	50,716	23,742	11,530	7,664	4,041	3,739
2004	54,250	25,415	12,325	8,123	4,349	4,037
2005	56,276	25,979	12,431	8,205	4,395	5,266
2006	56,264	26,358	12,495	8,334	4,374	4,703
2007	55,210	26,061	12,264	8,423	4,044	4,418
2008	56,962	26,479	12,739	8,685	4,147	4,912
2009	60,880	28,344	14,245	9,031	4,195	5,066
2010	63,730	30,024	15,368	9,341	4,289	4,709
2011	65,831	30,175	16,069	9,609	4,331	5,646
2012	65,584	30,467	16,483	9,836	4,376	4,423

Notes: FY is fiscal year. Beneficiaries (enrollees for whom payments are made) are shown here because they provide the only historical time series data directly available prior to FY 1990. Most current analyses of individuals in Medicaid reflect enrollees. For additional discussion, see https://www.macpac.gov/macstats/data-sources-and-methods/. The increase in FY 1998 reflects a change in how Mediaid beneficiaries are counted: beginning in FY 1998, a Medicaid-eligible person who received only coverage for managed care benefits was included in this series as a beneficiary. Excludes Medicaid-expansion CHIP and the territories. Children and adults who qualify for Medicaid on the basis of a disability are included in the disabled category. In addition, although disability is not a basis of eligibility for aged individuals, states may also report some enrollees age 65 and older in the disabled category. Unlike the majority of MACStats, this table does not recode individuals age 65 and older who are reported as disabled, due to lack of detail in the historical data. Generally, individuals whose eligibility group is unknown are persons who were enrolled in the prior year but had a Medicaid claim paid in the current year.

Due to the unavailability of several states' Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS) Annual Person Summary (APS) data for fiscal year FY 2012, MACPAC calculated enrollment from the full MSIS data files that are used to create the APS files. For MACPAC's analysis, Medicaid enrollees were assigned a unique national identification (ID) number using an algorithm that incorporates state-specific ID numbers and beneficiary characteristics such as date of birth and gender. The state and national enrollment counts shown here are unduplicated using this national ID.

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Source: For FY 1999 to FY 2012: MACPAC, 2015, analysis of MSIS data. For FY 1975 to FY 1998: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, *Medicare & Medicaid statistical supplement, 2010 edition,* Table 13.4, https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/MedicareMedicaidStatSupp/Downloads/2010_Section13.pdf#Table%2013.4.