

Farther from the Finish Line

*Arkansas Not on Track for Insurance
Coverage for Arkansas's Children*



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Introduction

Importance of Health Insurance

Tens of thousands of Arkansas children lost health insurance coverage last year in an unprecedented review process that the state rushed unnecessarily. Now, it's up to all of us to ensure that children's coverage is a priority in Arkansas once again, and that families have every opportunity to replace the insurance coverage they lost.

We were once a national leader in health care coverage for children, which grew out of a shared recognition that health care is an essential part of children's capacity to thrive. That's why programs like ARKids First are among the most important children's health initiatives created in Arkansas history.

Health care coverage for children extends access to pediatrician-recommended care and services crucial for supporting healthy development. When children get the care they need, their likelihood of academic success, high school graduation, college attendance, higher earnings, and overall health in adulthood increases.

Making sure children remain insured should be a compelling concern for all of us. It not only provides short- and long-term positive health impacts for families but also benefits the well-being of our communities and the broader health care

system. Maintaining insurance coverage for children and families is essential for addressing persistent challenges such as maternal and infant mortality rates and improving access to mental health services. Keeping children insured also ensures medical service providers are able to continue to operate in the community. While significant progress has been made in safeguarding children's health, recent years are trending toward us losing some of that hard-fought-for ground.

In 2023, an unprecedented number of children and families in Arkansas lost health insurance coverage. During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the federal government put Medicaid rule changes in place in to protect health care coverage for struggling families. State governments received enhanced match rates for agreeing to keep continuous coverage for Medicaid enrollees. Medicaid redeterminations that began at the administrative end of the Public Health Emergency resulted in the largest loss of children's health insurance coverage since the inception of ARKids First. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) laid out 12-month guidance to review Medicaid enrollments and unenroll ineligible individuals.¹ This process is commonly called the Medicaid "unwinding." However, a 2021 state law required Arkansas to complete this unwinding process in six months.²

In April 2023, the state began the process of reviewing every person with Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage, disenrolling more than 427,000 Arkansans from Medicaid over the following six months. This approach resulted in a net decline of around 94,000 children from the ARKids First program.³ That decline is bound to leave thousands of Arkansas children without preventative screenings, prescriptions, and other essential care coverage.

Introduction to the Data

This data report examines the uninsured rates among children and adults in Arkansas. The data presented will cover children ages 0-18 and adults ages 19-64. Data was sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS), Kaiser Family Foundation, and Georgetown Center for Children and Families. Where available, 2022 1-year estimates are used.

This report normally includes only the previous year of ACS data (2022). However, due to the unprecedented shift in insurance coverage that occurred in 2023 during Arkansas's Public Health Emergency "unwinding" process, this report will also provide an overview of more recent children's coverage data from 2023.

Medicaid “Unwinding” Update 2023

Every year, our Finish Line report provides a snapshot of the previous year’s progress toward ensuring all children have insurance coverage in our state. Last year was an uncommon year for health coverage in Arkansas, making it important that recent context is included in the “story” of what’s happening for children and families’ health.

Decline in ARKids First Enrollment During Unwinding

March 2023 ARKids First Enrollment	December 2023 ARKids First Enrollment	Percent Change
442,808	348,306	-21%

Source: Georgetown CCF. Child Medicaid Disenrollment Data Shows Wide Variation in State Performance as Continuous Coverage Pandemic Protections Lifted by Joan Alker, Aubrianna Osorio, Tricia Brooks, and Edwin Park https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Georgetown-CCF-Child-Medicaid_CHIP-Enrollment-Report-2024.pdf May 2024

Arkansas had one of the steepest drops in children’s uninsured rates in 2023. More than 4 million children across the country had lost their CHIP coverage by the end of 2023 — even though most of these children are likely still eligible. Shockingly, one in five kids on ARKids lost coverage, approximately 94,000 of Arkansas’s children. While every state was required to undergo a Medicaid unwinding process, Arkansas stood out for the magnitude of its coverage losses. The report shows a 21% decline in ARKids First enrollment, a figure that ranks Arkansas as the sixth largest nationally in terms of percentage loss.

By December 2023, there were fewer children covered by ARKids First than in February 2020 — before the pandemic. The report also does not show a significant shift of these children onto private insurance. Only a small percentage of those who lost coverage moved onto private insurance through the marketplace.

The ramifications of this loss of coverage are enormous. Without insurance, children are unable to access crucial preventative screenings and treatments, leading to potential delays in care and worse health issues. Even short gaps in coverage cause children to miss vital prescriptions or not be able to see a doctor when they are sick. These data indicate that many Arkansas children are likely going without the protection that health coverage provides. Additionally, financial strain on vulnerable families is heightened as they grapple with the burden of health care expenses.

Arkansas, once a leader among states for lowering the uninsured rate for kids, now finds itself ranked among the bottom 10 states for children’s insurance coverage. This backslide is alarming, considering the work that many have done to ensure access to health care for all children in the state.



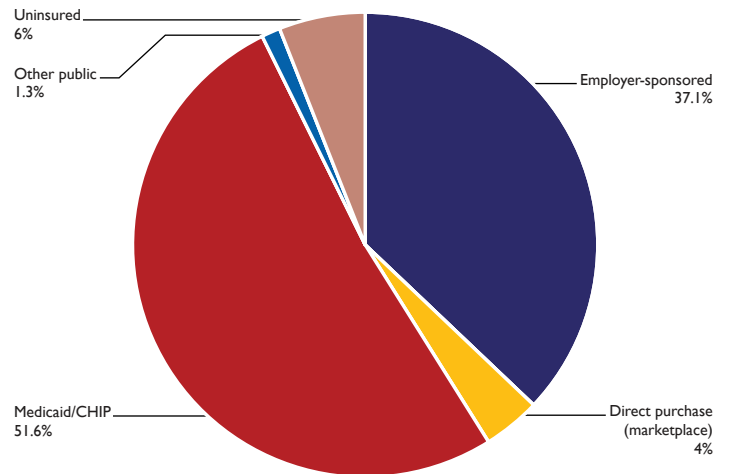
Children's Access to Coverage

The uninsured rate for children has been slowly climbing since 2016 after achieving the highest rate of children's coverage in Arkansas history. From 2020 to 2022, children's health coverage stabilized, largely attributed to the federal policy of continuous coverage protection that prevented Medicaid disenrollment of children during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In 2022, 5.9% of children in Arkansas were uninsured.

Ten years ago, our uninsured rate was better than the national average. In 2022, Arkansas surpassed the national average of uninsured children, ranking 40th in the nation.⁴

Arkansas's children have health coverage from a variety of sources. Major sources include private insurance through a parent or guardian's employer, direct purchase from the insurance marketplace, and Medicaid/CHIP (the Children's Health Insurance Program), called ARKids First in our state. ARKids First is the largest insurer of children in Arkansas. Therefore, our support and investment in ARKids First can have a huge impact on Arkansas children's health.

Sources of Children's Coverage, 2022



Source: KFF, "Health Insurance Coverage of Children 0-18," available at <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/children-0-18/>.

What's in a Name

ARKids First		
Federal Program Name	Arkansas Medicaid	Arkansas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
Also Known As	ARKids A	ARKids B
Family Income Eligibility as a % of Federal Poverty Guideline	0%-138%	139%-200%
Enrollment March 2023	338,293	39,587
Enrollment March 2024	301,441	47,116

Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services

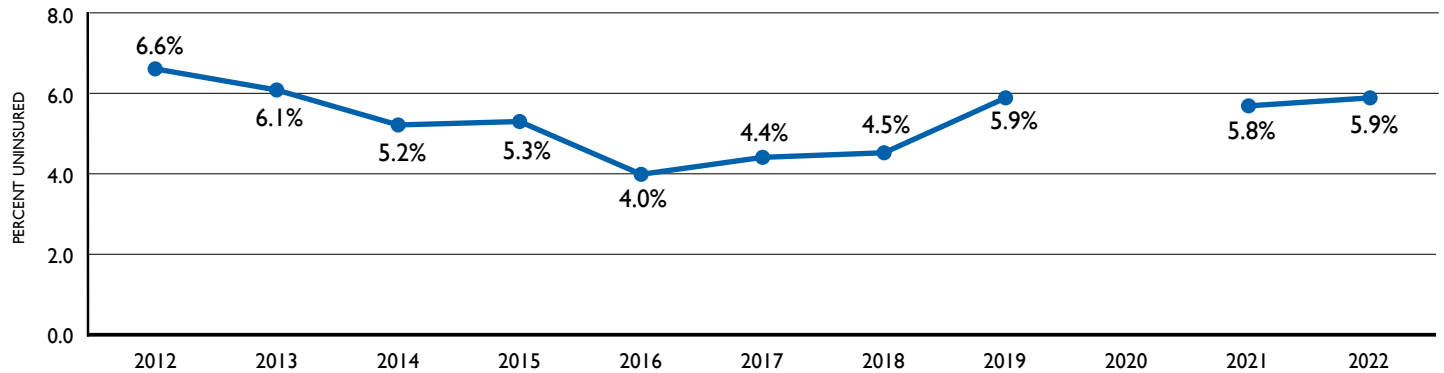
In March 2023, the enrollment for ARKids A was 338,293 and 39,587 for ARKids B. ARKids A covers children 0-18 with household incomes from 0% to 138% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. For children in households with incomes from 139% to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, ARKids B is available. Both ARKids A and B cover preventative, routine, and emergency care for Arkansas's kids, but there are a few differences. ARKids A has no out-of-pocket costs for health services, while those covered by

ARKids B pay out-of-pocket costs up to 5% of the family's gross annual income before taxes. For example, if a household has a gross income of \$35,000, then their out-of-pocket costs must be no more than \$1,750 ($\$35,000 \times .05 = \$1,750$). Families with children insured through ARKids B usually pay \$10 co-pays for many covered services. *See Appendix A for full income eligibility information.*

Arkansas's Uninsured Children

The uninsured rate among all children has slowly increased over the past several years after dropping to a record low of 4.1% in 2016. Because of data quality issues related to the pandemic, the Census Bureau did not publish 1-year estimates for 2020.

Percent of Arkansas Uninsured Children, 2012-2022



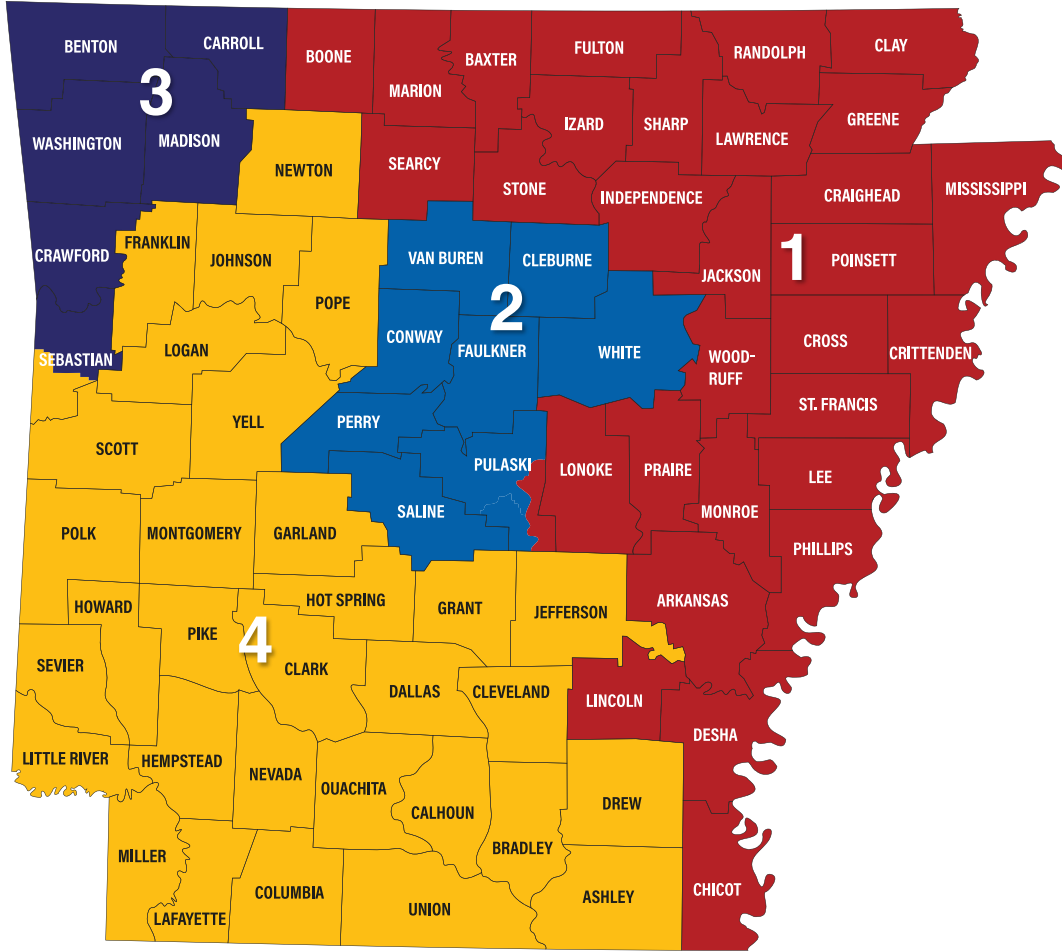
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43,834
Number of Arkansas's Uninsured Children, 2022

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S2701, 2022, <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSS1Y2022.S2701?q=S2701: Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States>

Arkansas’s four congressional districts all have children without health coverage. Our third congressional district in Northwest Arkansas has the highest percentage of uninsured children at 9.7%.

Congressional District Map of Arkansas



Uninsured Children by Congressional District, 2022

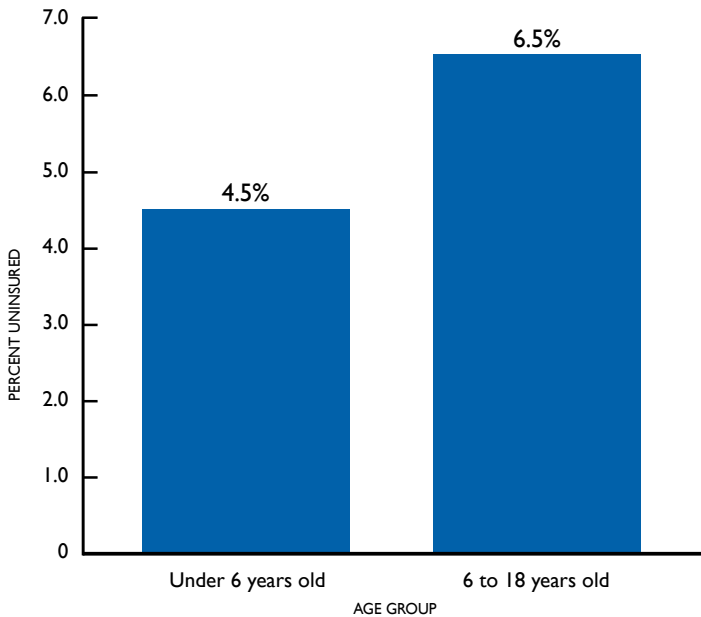
Congressional District	Percent Uninsured
District 1	4.3
District 2	4.8
District 3	9.7
District 4	4.5

Refer to Appendix B, Table B2

Uninsured Children by Age

There was a total of 43,834 children without any insurance coverage in Arkansas in 2022. Children under age 6 were more likely to be insured than children 6 to 18 years old. Of children under age 6, 4.5% were uninsured, while 6.5% of children 6 to 18 years old had no coverage.

Percent of Arkansas Uninsured Children by Age, 2022



Refer to Appendix B, Table B3

Household Income and Health Care Coverage

Because Arkansas does not have universal health coverage, income and access to health care are closely linked. The annual Federal Poverty Guidelines are used by states to determine program eligibility for safety net programs. Household income levels are presented as percentages of the Federal Poverty Guideline.

In 2022, the Federal Poverty Guideline for a family of four was \$27,750. Families with the highest incomes had the lowest uninsured rate, while families living between 138-250% of the Federal Poverty Guideline were most likely to have kids without insurance in the household. In 2022, the median household income in Arkansas was \$56,335, and 16.8% of Arkansans live in poverty. The poverty rate is higher for children, with 22% of Arkansas children living in poverty.⁵ This is the 6th highest child poverty rate in the nation. Among Arkansas children whose family income level could be determined, about 6% were uninsured.

Percent of Uninsured Children by Federal Poverty Guidelines, 2022

Income Level	Percent Uninsured
0-138%	7.5
138-250%	8.6
250-400%	4.8
400%+	2.4

Refer to Appendix B, Table B4



Uninsurance by Race/Ethnicity, Nativity, and Household Language

Hispanic children had much higher uninsured rates in Arkansas. In 2022, 16.2% of Hispanic children had no insurance coverage. Though the majority of Hispanic children in Arkansas are citizens who were born in the United States, their families still face obstacles to coverage that other families do not, including language barriers.

Arkansas Uninsured Children Ages 0 to 18 by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Percent Uninsured
Non-Hispanic White	4.2
Non-Hispanic Black	6.4
Non-Hispanic Other	6.6
Hispanic	16.2

Refer to Appendix B, Table B5

Despite the continuous coverage protections during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, foreign-born children still have extremely high uninsured rates. Foreign-born children in Arkansas were more than six times more likely to go without health insurance than native-born children in Arkansas.

Arkansas Uninsured Children Ages 0 to 18 by Nativity, 2022

Citizenship	Percent Uninsured
Native	5.8
Foreign-born	36.8

Refer to Appendix B, Table B6

As we know from many social safety net programs, language can create a barrier for those whose primary language is not English. Materials may not be available in the language parents are most proficient in, and state outreach and enrollment support may be limited in these communities. In 2022, 28% of children ages 5 to 18 in households where a language other than English is spoken were uninsured. They were 6 times more likely to be uninsured than children in households whose primary language is English.

Arkansas Uninsured Children Ages 5 to 18 by Language Spoken in Household, 2022

Language Spoken in the Household	Percent Uninsured
Other than English	28.0
English	4.6

Refer to Appendix B, Table B7



Arkansas's Uninsured Adults

As was the case with children, Arkansas's number of insured adults remained stable during the continuous protections of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In 2022, there were about 205,888 uninsured adults, or about 11.9% of the population. Adults under the 138% poverty threshold income bracket were most likely to go without insurance, with 12.1% being uninsured. As expected, higher income categories had lower levels of uninsured Arkansans.

Arkansas's 11.9% adult uninsured rate represented a huge improvement over the rate a decade ago. Arkansas leaders extended Medicaid coverage to low-income adults after the passage of the Affordable Care Act, cutting our adult uninsured rate in half. This was a major policy win that has had enormous positive impacts on families' health access and has kept medical services available to Arkansans in rural communities.

Unless otherwise noted, uninsured adults include those ages 19-64.

Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 19 to 64, 2022

Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
205,888	11.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S2701, 2022, <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST1Y2022.S2701?q=S2701>. Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States. Accessed on May 14, 2024.

Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 19 to 64 by Income Level, 2022

Income Level	Percent Uninsured
Below 100% of the poverty threshold	11.3
Below 138% of the poverty threshold	12.1
138% to 399% of the poverty threshold	9.6
400% or above the poverty threshold	3.5

Refer to Appendix C, Table C1

Adults over age 26 were most likely to be uninsured if they did not graduate from high school, with this group having a 17.1% uninsured rate in 2022. Arkansas adults with a bachelor's degree or higher had the lowest uninsured rate at 3.4%. Education helps provide a foundation for economic and social mobility for families. Adults with four-year college degrees typically earn far more than those with high school diplomas or less schooling.

Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 26 and Older by Education, 2022

Education	Percent Uninsured
Less than high school graduate	17.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	10.3
Some college or associate's degree	7.4
Bachelor's degree or higher	3.4

Refer to Appendix C, Table C2

Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 19 to 64 by Employment Status, 2022

Employment	Percent Uninsured
Working	10.9
Not working	17.9
Total ages 19 to 64	13.0

Refer to Appendix C, Table C3

Overall, employed adults in Arkansas were more likely to have insurance than unemployed adults, with 17.9% of adults who were not working going without insurance. Being uninsured can pose a health barrier to employment, which may in turn make social and financial stability more difficult for families in Arkansas. However, when analyzed by income, working adults with low incomes were uninsured at similar rates as non-working adults. This information dispels the idea that only unemployed individuals lack health insurance.

Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 19 to 64 by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

Race/Ethnicity	Percent Uninsured
Non-Hispanic White	10.0
Non-Hispanic Black	13.9
Non-Hispanic Other	16.7
Hispanic	31.6
Total ages 19 to 64	13.0

Refer to Appendix C, Table C4

Similar to the insurance status of Hispanic children, Hispanic adults remain the group least likely to have insurance coverage in Arkansas. Adults described as Non-Hispanic Other also experience higher uninsured rates than the total average. This includes groups like Marshallese residents who, until recently, have been excluded from our state's Medicaid program. Non-Hispanic White adults had the lowest uninsured rate at 10% going without coverage.

Women of Childbearing Age

Arkansas Uninsured Women Ages 15 to 45 by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

Race/Ethnicity	Percent Uninsured
Non-Hispanic White	8.7
Non-Hispanic Black	10.9
Non-Hispanic Other	29.8
Hispanic	12.6
Total women 15 to 45	11.5

Refer to Appendix C, Table C5

Because Arkansas has the nation's highest rate of maternal mortality, insurance coverage for women of childbearing age is an important indicator of health for Arkansas children and families. The overwhelming majority of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable, and many are related to lack of health coverage and access to care. Currently, thousands of Arkansas women lose Medicaid coverage just two months after the end of their pregnancy, putting them at risk of lapse in medication or access to other supports, making it more difficult to care for their new baby as well as themselves.

In 2022, about 11.5% of women ages 15-45 were uninsured. The rate was highest in Non-Hispanic Other categories. Arkansas has the largest population of Marshallese living in the continental United States. An alarming 15% of Marshallese women received no prenatal care (compared to 1.6% of women in the general population). More than half of Marshallese women did not attend the recommended number of prenatal care visits.⁶ Additionally, the maternal mortality rate in Black women is twice the rate of White women in Arkansas. An estimated 10.9% of Non-Hispanic Black women were uninsured in 2022. Health coverage before, during and after pregnancy increases access to preventive care, improves health outcomes for mothers and children, and reduces maternal mortality rates.

Key Takeaways and Policy Recommendations

In 2022, insurance coverage stabilized due to continuous coverage protections from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Despite this, disparities persisted, particularly for Hispanic children and adults. Families with low incomes remain most likely to be without health coverage. Notably, a downward trend over the past several years combined with the unwinding process in 2023 has jeopardized hard-won gains in children's health insurance coverage. Arkansas has flipped from being a leader in children's health coverage to being one of the worst states in the nation for kids' coverage. These losses are the result of policy decisions. While the recertification process of Medicaid and CHIP coverage was required by the federal government, we didn't have to move so quickly through the process. Other states did a much better job protecting children's coverage through the review process. Now, we must consider policy decisions that could help improve Arkansas families' health coverage and outcomes. They include:

- Leverage available federal flexibilities to protect eligible children and adults from inappropriate coverage losses. Those include COVID-19 PHE Unwinding Section 1902(e)(14) waivers from CMS.
- Adopt 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage to promote the health of mothers and babies.
- Fast track pregnant patients applying for Medicaid to the front of the line for timely prenatal care (also known as presumptive eligibility).
- Increase outreach and enrollment support, especially among families and communities hit hardest by the unwinding (Marshallese and Hispanic families and communities).
- Take advantage of the Medicaid application process to connect and enroll eligible families in other programs shown to support health and economic stability for Arkansas families (WIC, SNAP, TANF, etc.).
- Implement multi-year continuous coverage for young children after birth. Continuous eligibility in Medicaid and CHIP protects children from losing health coverage if family income temporarily changes.



Appendix A

**Table A. ARKids First Income Eligibility
as of April 01, 2023**

Family Size	ARKids A Annually	ARKids B Annually
1	\$20,703.60	\$30,763.80
2	\$28,002.36	\$41,609.16
3	\$35,301.24	\$52,454.64
4	\$42,600.00	\$63,300.00
5	\$49,898.76	\$74,145.36
6	\$57,197.64	\$84,990.84
7	\$64,496.40	\$64,496.40
8	\$71,795.16	\$106,681.56
9	\$106,681.56	\$117,527.04
10	\$86,392.80	\$128,372.40
Add for each additional Member	\$608.23	\$903.78

Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Appendix B: Arkansas's Uninsured Children

Table B1. Arkansas Uninsured Children, 2012-2022

Year	Percent Uninsured
2012	6.6
2013	6.1
2014	5.2
2015	5.3
2016	4.0
2017	4.4
2018	4.5
2019	5.9
2020	N/A
2021	5.8
2022	5.9

Source: Georgetown CCF State Report Card.

Table B2. Arkansas Uninsured Children by Congressional District, 2022

Congressional District	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
District 1	171,093	7,687	4.3
District 2	171,791	8,576	4.8
District 3	181,010	19,396	9.7
District 4	171,985	8,175	4.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S2701, 2022.

Table B3. Arkansas Uninsured Children by Age, 2022

Age Group	Total	Insured	Percent Insured	Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
	Estimate				
Under 6 years	217,161	207,403	95.5	9,758	4.5
6 to 18 years	522,552	488,476	93.5	34,076	6.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2022 American Community Survey (ACS), Table S2701: Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States.

Table B4. Arkansas Uninsured Children by Federal Poverty Guideline, 2022

Income Level	Number Uninsured	Number Insured	Percent Uninsured
0-138%	16,578	219,940	7.5
138-250%	13,605	158,490	8.6
250-400%	7,159	149,890	4.8
400+%	3,647	151,729	2.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months by Age." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B27016, 2022.

Table B5. Arkansas Uninsured Children Ages 0 to 18 by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

Race/Ethnicity	Total Youth Ages 0 to 8	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Non-Hispanic White	421,003	17,629	4.2
Non-Hispanic Black	117,743	7,592	6.4
Non-Hispanic Other	105,567	6,974	6.6
Hispanic	93,494	15,124	16.2
Total ages 0 to 18	737,801	47,319	6.4

Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1-year 2022 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).

Table B6. Arkansas Uninsured Children Ages 0 to 18 by Nativity, 2022

Citizenship	Total Youth Ages 0 to 8	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Native	723,115	41,911	5.8
Foreign-born	14,686	5,408	36.8
Total ages 0 to 18	737,801	47,319	6.4

Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1-year 2022 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).

Table B7. Arkansas Uninsured Children Ages 5 to 18 by Language Spoken in Household, 2022

Language Spoken in the Household	Total Youth Ages 5 to 18	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Other than English	52,979	14,850	28.0
English	507,859	23,462	4.6
Total ages 5 to 18	560,838	38,312	6.8

Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1-year 2022 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).

Appendix C: Arkansas's Uninsured Adults

Table C1. Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 19-64 by Income Level, 2022

Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the past 12 Months	Total	Insured	Percent Insured	Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
	Estimate				
Civilian non-institutionalized population for whom poverty status is determined	2,952,472	2,703,804	91.6	248,668	8.4
Below 100 percent of the poverty threshold	496,106	440,261	88.7	55,845	11.3
Below 138 percent of the poverty threshold	738,022	648,419	87.9	89,603	12.1
138 to 399 percent of the poverty threshold	1,342,675	1,214,084	90.4	128,591	9.6
At or above 400 percent of the poverty threshold	871,775	841,301	96.5	30,474	3.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S2701, 2022.

Table C2. Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 26 and Older by Education, 2022

Educational Attainment	Total	Insured	Percent Insured	Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
	Estimate				
Total population 26 years and over	1,967,866	1,802,261	91.6	165,605	8.4
Less than high school graduate	213,968	177,466	82.9	36,502	17.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	664,855	596,308	89.7	43,071	10.3
Some college or associate's degree	581,793	538,722	92.6	43,071	7.4
Bachelor's degree or higher	507,220	489,765	96.6	17,455	3.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. "Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage in the United States." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S2701, 2022.

Table C3. Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 19 to 64 by Employment Status, 2022

Employment	Total Adults Ages 19 to 64	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Working	1,224,709	133,448	10.9
Not working	543,543	97,141	17.9
Total ages 19 to 64	1,768,252	230,589	13.0

Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1-year 2022 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).

Table C4. Arkansas Uninsured Adults Ages 19 to 64 by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

Race/Ethnicity	Total Adults Ages 19 to 64	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Non-Hispanic White	1,189,993	119,280	10.0
Non-Hispanic Black	263,128	36,582	13.9
Non-Hispanic Other	167,076	27,964	16.7
Hispanic	148,055	46,763	31.6
Total ages 19 to 64	1,768,252	230,589	13.0

Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1-year 2022 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).

Table C5. Arkansas Uninsured Women Ages 15 to 45 by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

Race/Ethnicity	Total Women Ages 15 to 45	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Non-Hispanic White	383,979	33,288	8.7
Non-Hispanic Black	98,473	10,749	10.9
Non-Hispanic Other	59,122	17,632	29.8
Hispanic	62,439	7,853	12.6
Total ages 15 to 45	604,013	69,522	11.5

Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1-year 2022 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).

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