



KEY OBSERVATIONS OF MEDICAID ENROLLMENT (based on June 2005 data)

The greatest numbers of Ohio children on CFC Medicaid are in the metropolitan counties.

- Sixty percent (554,655) of Ohio children covered by Covered Families and Children Medicaid (CFC) can be found in the twelve metropolitan counties which are Allen, Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Richland, Stark and Summit.
- One-third (305,076) of all Ohio children on CFC Medicaid can be found in the three largest counties---Cuyahoga, Franklin and Hamilton.

The highest rates of Medicaid coverage for children are in Appalachia.

- The 29 Appalachian Counties have the greatest proportion of children aged 0-18 enrolled in CFC Medicaid--36.6 percent.
- The 17 suburban counties have the smallest proportion --22.4 percent.
- The 30 non-Appalachian rural counties have a slightly higher proportion of children enrolled--24.2 percent.
- An Appalachian child aged 0-18 is 1.5 times as likely to be on Medicaid as a suburban child.
- Statewide, nearly one in three children (31.3 percent) are covered by Medicaid.

Younger children have a higher rate of CFC Medicaid coverage than older children.

- In Ohio a child aged 0-5 is 1.5 times as likely to be on CFC Medicaid as a child aged 6-18. 39.8 percent of 0-5 year old children (362,468 of 911,072) are enrolled in CFC Medicaid while only 26.2 percent of 6-18 year olds (561,644 of 2.1 million) are enrolled in CFC Medicaid.
- The rate for children ages 0-5 ranges from a low of 12 percent in Geauga County to a high of 65 percent in Pike County.
- The rate for children ages 6-18 ranges from a low of 7.9 percent in Geauga County to a high of 48.9 percent in Vinton County.

14.5 percent of all Ohio children on Medicaid are there as a result of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) expansion.

- 9.1 percent of children on Medicaid are in CHIP I (incomes up to 150-percent of the FPL, regardless of insurance status).
- 5.4 percent are in CHIP II (income between 150 and 200 percent FPL, with no “creditable” insurance).

In all regions, as the percentage of children living below 200 percent of the poverty level rises, the percentage enrolled in Medicaid rises commensurately.

- The 29 Appalachian counties have the highest proportion of children living under 200 percent of the federal poverty level (39.8) and also the highest percentage of children enrolled in CFC Medicaid (36.6).
- The 17 suburban counties have the lowest percentage of children living below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (24.3) and also the lowest percentage of children enrolled in CFC Medicaid (22.4 percent).

This information is based on Medicaid enrollment data contained in a new monthly report prepared by Voices for Children. This monthly report provides an overview of Medicaid enrollment in Ohio on a statewide and county basis. To view the Medicaid Monthly Enrollment Report, visit www.vfc-oh.org.

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