Medicaid is the largest health insurance program in the United States, covering both acute and long-term care services for more than 66 million low-income Americans—children and their parents, as well as elderly and disabled individuals.

The data presented here are from the State Health Care Spending Project’s analysis of the impact of Medicaid on the states, including trends in spending and enrollment and the anticipated effects of the Affordable Care Act. Find the full analysis, State Health Care Spending on Medicaid: A 50-state study of trends and drivers of cost, at www.pewtrusts.org/healthcarespending.
The State Health Care Spending Project, a collaboration between The Pew Charitable Trusts and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, is examining seven major areas of state health care spending—Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, substance abuse services, mental health care, prison health care, active state government employee health insurance, and retired state government employee health insurance. The project is providing a comprehensive examination of each of these health programs that states fund. The programs vary by state in many ways, so the research highlights those variations and some of the principal factors driving them. The project has also released state-by-state data on 20 key health indicators to complement the programmatic spending analysis.