

How GOP Megabill Would Hike ACA Marketplace Premiums in Louisiana

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in Louisian would pay on average **\$780** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. **212,500** residents had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **156** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~53,671 residents ages 55-64
- ~16,268 residents who are children

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Counties Hardest Hit:

Highest average loss of premium tax credits:

- Sabine Parish: \$1,248 more per year
- West Feliciana Parish: \$1,224 more per year
- Avoyelles and Lafourche Parish: \$1,056 more per year
- Terrebonne Parish: \$1,032 more per year
- De Sota Parish: \$1,020 more per year

Highest number of enrollees that could be affected:

- Orleans Parish: 24,600
- East Baton Rouge Parish: 24,500
- Jefferson Parish: 22,800
- Lafayette Parish: 12,300
- St. Tammany Parish: 12,000

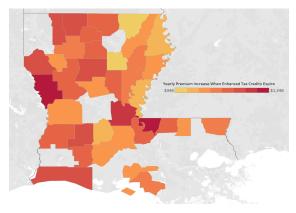
Rural Counties:

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in rural counties would pay on average **\$732** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family.

41,700 residents in rural counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **173** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~12,065 residents ages 55-64
- ~2,062 residents who are children

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High Uninsured Counties:

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in high uninsured counties would pay on average **\$772** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family.

90,500 residents in high uninsured counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **153** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~23,936 residents ages 55-64

~7,117 residents who are children

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enrollees in counties with high rates of uninsurance would have to file new paperwork to stay covered.

High Diabetes Counties:

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in high diabetes counties would pay on average \$773 more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family.

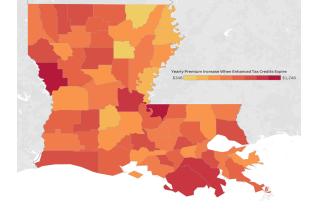
212,400 residents in high diabetes counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **155** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

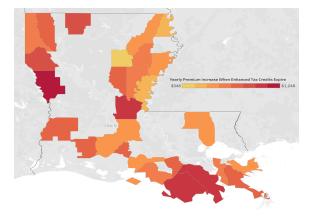
~53,671 residents ages 55-64

~15,394 residents who are children

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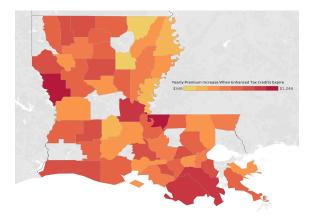
High Primary Care Ratio Counties:

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in high primary care ratio counties would pay on average **\$784** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. **84,600** residents in high primary care ratio counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **149** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~24,241 residents ages 55-64

~5,431 residents who are children

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County Characteristics Definitions:

- **Rural:** Counties are classified as rural if they meet the definition of "Fully FORHP Rural Counties" by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) <u>Federal Office of Rural Health Policy</u>.
- **High Uninsured:** Counties are classified as a high uninsured county if the number of people without health insurance is above the national average.
- **High Diabetes:** Counties are classified as a high diabetes county if their diabetes rate is above the national average.
- **High Primary Care Physician Ratio:** Counties are classified as a high primary care physician ratio county if the ratio of the county's population to primary care physicians is above the national average.