

# How GOP Megabill Would Hike ACA Marketplace Premiums in Alaska

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in Alaska would pay on average \$1,836 more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. 27,500 residents had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, 51 percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~6,591 residents ages 55-64
- ~4,335 residents who are children

If Congress enacts the House-passed reconciliation bill, **5,886** enrollees would have to file new paperwork to stay covered.

#### Counties Hardest Hit:

Highest average loss of premium tax credits:

- Northwest Arctic Borough: \$3,792 more per year
- Bristol Bay Borough: \$3,420 more per year
- Lake and Peninsula Borough: \$3,276 more per year
- Kusilvak Census Area: \$3,108 more per year
- Nome Census Area: \$2,736 more per year

Highest number of enrollees that could be affected:

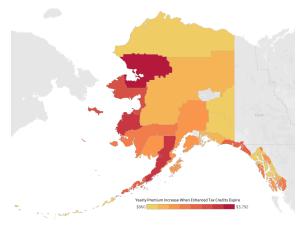
- Anchorage Municipality: 11,300
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough: 4,600
- Fairbanks North Star and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs: 3,100
- Juneau City and Borough: 1,200
- Kodiak Island Borough: 700

### **Rural Counties:**

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in rural counties would pay on average \$1,835 more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. 12,859 residents in rural counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, 55 percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~3,267 residents ages 55-64
- ~2,052 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 \$1,840 more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. 27,259 residents in high uninsured counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, 53 percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~6,570 residents ages 55-64
- ~4,277 residents who are children

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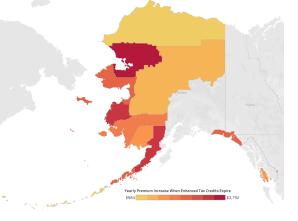
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#### **High Diabetes Counties:**

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in high diabetes counties would pay on average **\$2,136** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. **637** residents in high diabetes counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **67** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~182 residents ages 55-64
- ~67 residents who are children

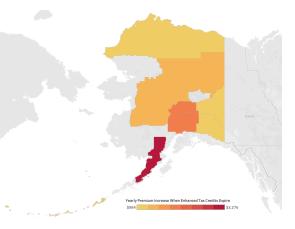
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enrollees in high diabetes counties would have to file new paperwork to stay covered.

# **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 **\$1,864** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. **5,222** residents in high primary care ratio counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **61** percent more than in 2021. This includes:



~1,263 residents ages 55-64

~938 residents who are children

If Congress enacts the House-passed reconciliation bill, 1,071

enrollees in high primary care ratio counties would have to file new paperwork to stay covered.

## **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.