

# How GOP Megabill Would Hike ACA Marketplace Premiums in Georgia

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in Georgia would pay on average **\$528** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. **1,305,100** residents had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **152** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~259,955 residents ages 55-64

~111,200 residents who are children

If Congress enacts the House-passed reconciliation bill, **278,876** enrollees would have to file new paperwork to stay covered.

#### Counties Hardest Hit:

Highest average loss of premium tax credits:

- Oconee County: \$900 more per year
- Greene County: \$840 more per year
- Union County: \$792 more per year
- Morgan County: \$768 more per year
- Forsyth County: \$744 more per year

Highest number of enrollees that could be affected:

- Gwinnett County: 186,500
- Fulton County: 130,900
- DeKalb County: 111,200
- Cobb County: 90,400
- Clayton County: 53,300

#### **Rural Counties:**

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in rural counties would pay on average **\$512** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family.

269,100 residents in rural counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, 222 percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~62,487 residents ages 55-64

~14,367 residents who are children

If Congress enacts the House-passed reconciliation bill, 60,475

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



### **High Uninsured Counties:**

If Congress ends marketplace premium tax credit improvements, eligible enrollees in high uninsured counties would pay on average **\$524** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family.

**1,302,900** residents in high uninsured counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **153** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~259,335 residents ages 55-64

~107,861 residents who are children

If Congress enacts the House-passed reconciliation bill, **278,294** 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 **\$504** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family.

1,104,700 residents in high diabetes counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, 163 percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~216,953 residents ages 55-64

~87,502 residents who are children

If Congress enacts the House-passed reconciliation bill, **238,381** enrollees in counties with high rates of diabetes 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 **\$521** more per year for marketplace health coverage—multiple times more per family. **788,100** residents in high primary care ratio counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **154** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~162,362 residents ages 55-64
- ~67,850 residents who are children

If Congress enacts the House-passed reconciliation bill, **161,353** enrollees in counties with a high primary care ratio 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.

