

# Recent Changes Will Increase Health Costs and Decrease Coverage in Florida

Without Congressional action, eligible enrollees in Florida will pay on average \$528 more per year for marketplace health coverage—and multiple times more per family. These costs could be even higher, given preliminary projected increases in premiums for 2026 of 15 percent.

**4,211,900** residents had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **99** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~865,894 residents ages 55-64

~459,551 residents who are children

Additionally, the new reconciliation law will require **812,170** enrollees to file new paperwork to stay covered.

#### **Counties Hardest Hit:**

Highest average loss of premium tax credits:

• Monroe County: \$1,128 more per year

• Nassau County: \$912 more per year

• Sumter County: \$900 more per year

• Martin County: \$816 more per year

• Gulf County: \$780 more per year

Highest number of enrollees that could be affected:

Miami-Dade County: 949,600

Broward County: 524,500

• Orange County: 388,500

Palm Beach County: 284,100

• Hillsborough County: 244,400

#### **Rural Counties:**

Without Congressional action, eligible enrollees in rural counties will pay on average \$655 more per year for marketplace health

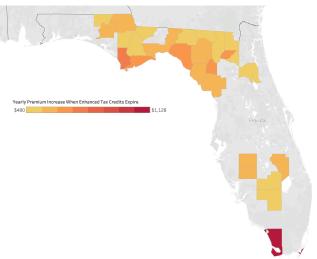
coverage—and multiple times more per family.

**112,600** residents in rural counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **83** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

~29,141 residents ages 55-64

~9,133 residents who are children

Additionally, the new reconciliation law will require **29,098** enrollees in rural counties to file new paperwork to stay covered.



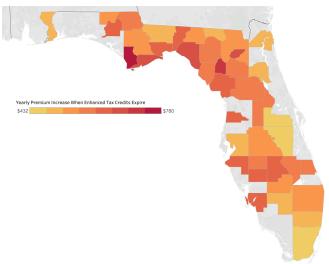
#### **High Diabetes Rate Counties:**

Without Congressional action, eligible enrollees in high diabetes rate counties will pay on average \$493 more per year for marketplace health coverage—and multiple times more per family.

**3,400,100** residents in high diabetes rate counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **101** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~656,654 residents ages 55-64
- ~373,912 residents who are children

Additionally, the new reconciliation law will require **609,909** enrollees in high diabetes rate counties to file new paperwork to stay covered.

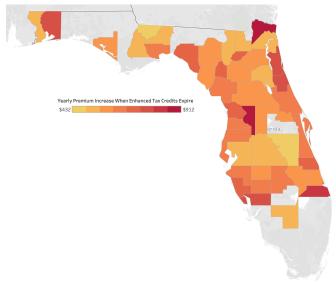


## **High Cancer Rate Counties:**

Without Congressional action, eligible enrollees in high cancer rate counties will pay on average \$574 more per year for marketplace health coverage—and multiple times more per family.

- **1,795,700** residents in high cancer rate counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **115** percent more than in 2021. This includes:
  - ~397,934 residents ages 55-64
  - ~188,653 residents who are children

Additionally, the new reconciliation law will require **420,666** enrollees in high cancer rate counties to file new paperwork to stay covered.



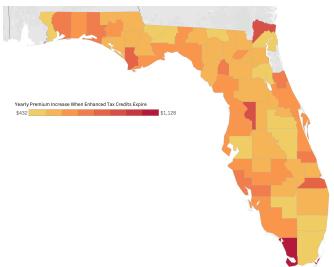
### **High Uninsured Rate Counties:**

Without Congressional action, eligible enrollees in high uninsured rate counties will pay on average \$525 more per year for marketplace health coverage—and multiple times more per family.

**4,184,600** residents in high uninsured rate counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **99** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~859,345 residents ages 55-64
- ~455,078 residents who are children

Additionally, the new reconciliation law will require **804,870** enrollees in high uninsured rate counties to file new paperwork to stay covered.



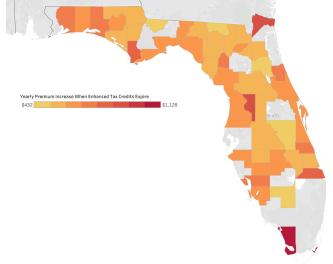
## **High Primary Care Ratio Counties:**

Without Congressional action, eligible enrollees in high primary care ratio counties will pay on average \$607 more per year for marketplace health coverage—and multiple times more per family.

**1,199,200** residents in high primary care ratio counties had health insurance marketplace coverage in 2024, **104** percent more than in 2021. This includes:

- ~282,874 residents ages 55-64
- ~130,378 residents who are children

Additionally, the new reconciliation law will require **273,945** in high primary care ratio counties enrollees 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 Diabetes:** Counties with higher than the national average rates of diabetes.
- Higher Cancer Prevalence: Counties with higher than the national average prevalence rate of cancer.
- **High Uninsured:** Counties with a rate of people without health insurance above the national average.
- High Primary Care Ratio: Counties whose population to primary care physician ratio is above the national average, meaning fewer primary care providers per capita.