

# Updates on Missouri Medicaid Enrollment and the Unwinding, March 2024



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# The PHE, Expansion, the Unwinding

- **Discuss today**

- Net enrollment

- Unwinding

- PHE = Public Health Emergency, January 2020-May 2023

- In Missouri, applicants started getting dropped June 2023

- Applications

- **Reference pieces**

- March 2024 Update: Missouri Medicaid enrollment down 167,200 since unwinding began

- <https://timothymcbride.substack.com/p/march-2024-update-missouri-medicaid>

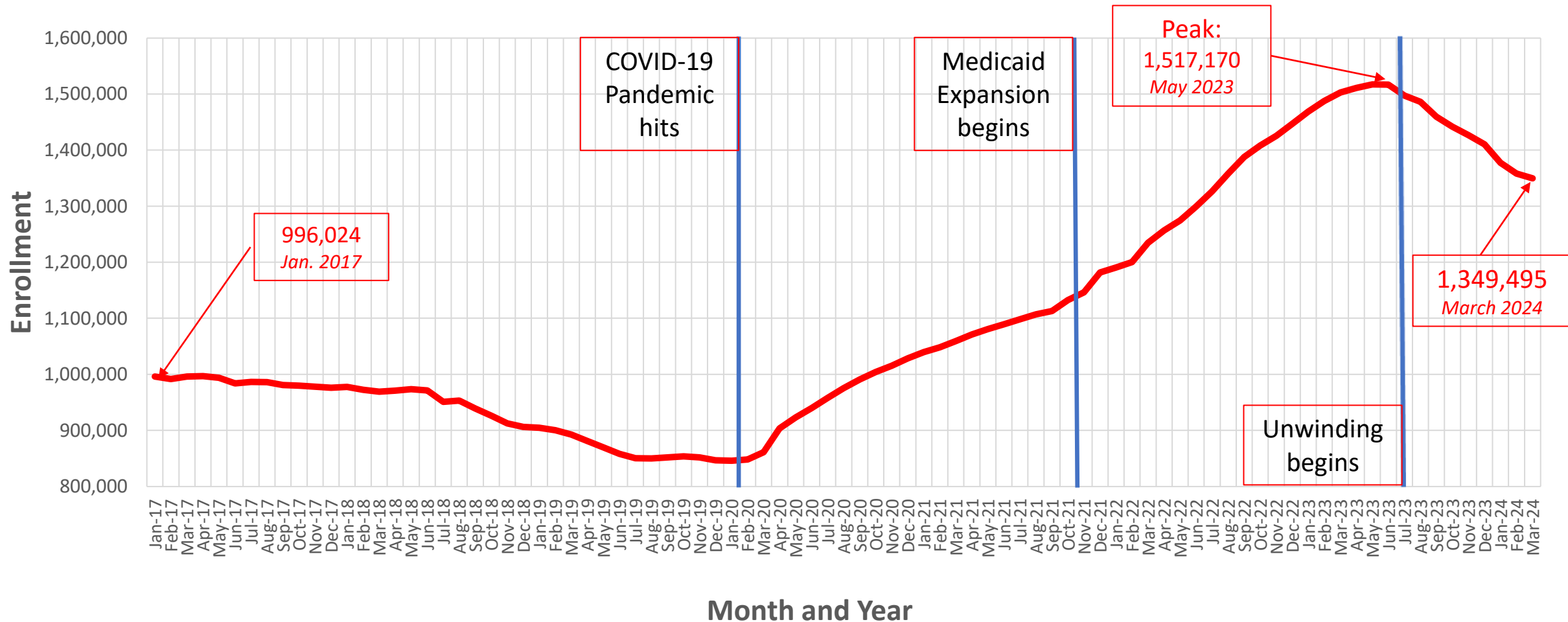
- Unwinding of PHE for Medicaid in Missouri: March Update

- <https://timothymcbride.substack.com/p/unwinding-of-phe-for-medicaid-in-a36>



# Total Enrollment in Missouri Medicaid

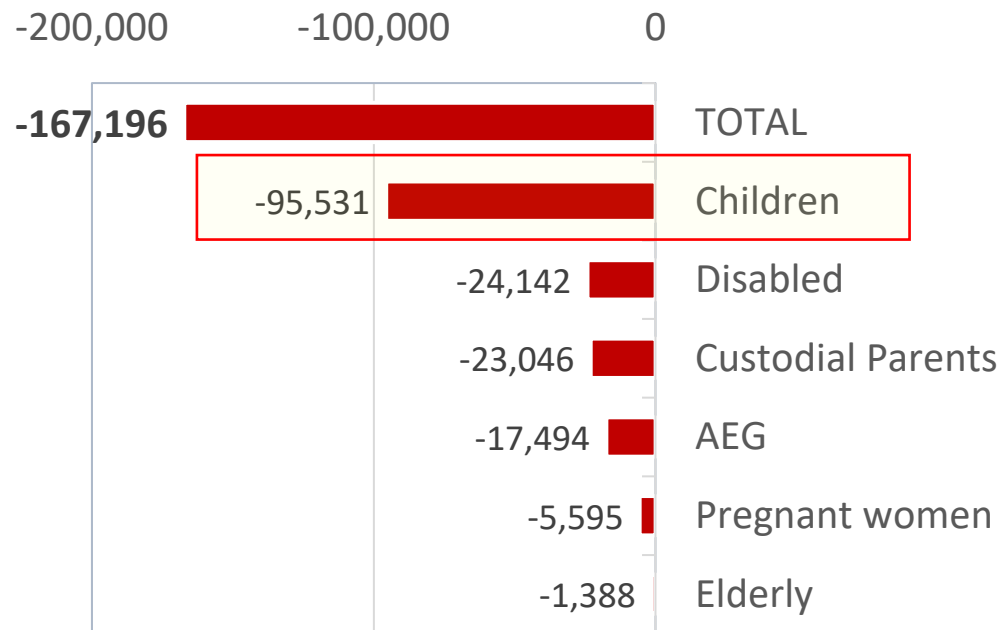
## January 2017-March 2024



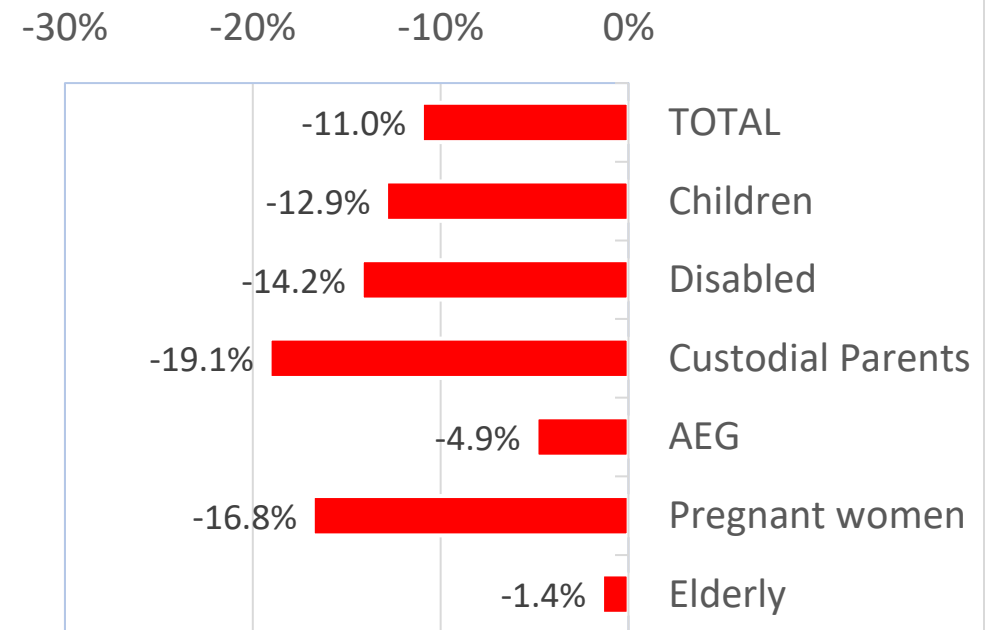
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# Drop in Medicaid enrollment, by Category: June 2023-March 2024 (during unwinding)

## Drop in Medicaid enrollment

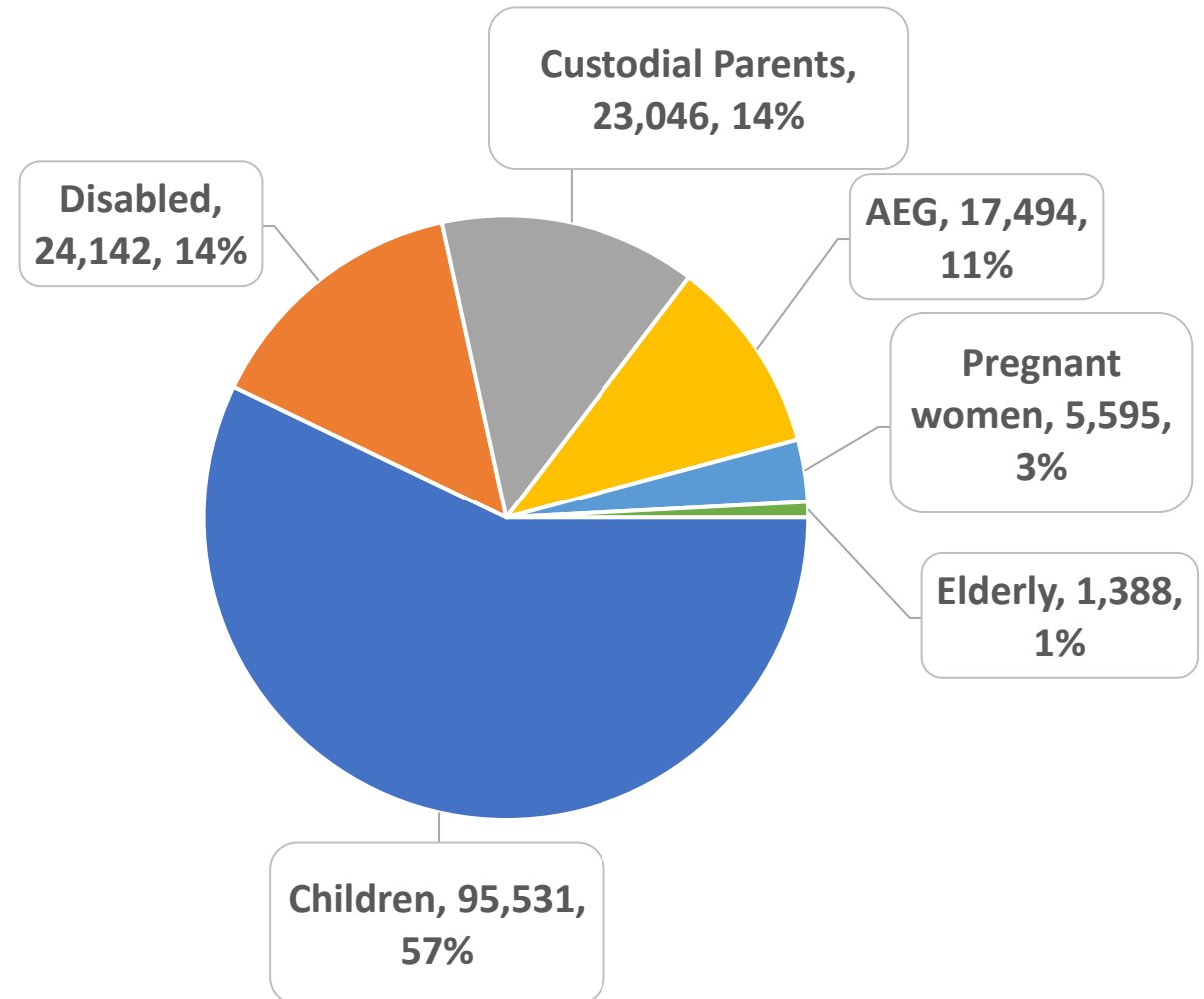


## Percent Drop in Medicaid enrollment



# Change in net Medicaid Enrollment by Category: June 2023-March 2024 (during unwinding)

## Drop in Medicaid enrollment, by Category, June 2023-March 2024



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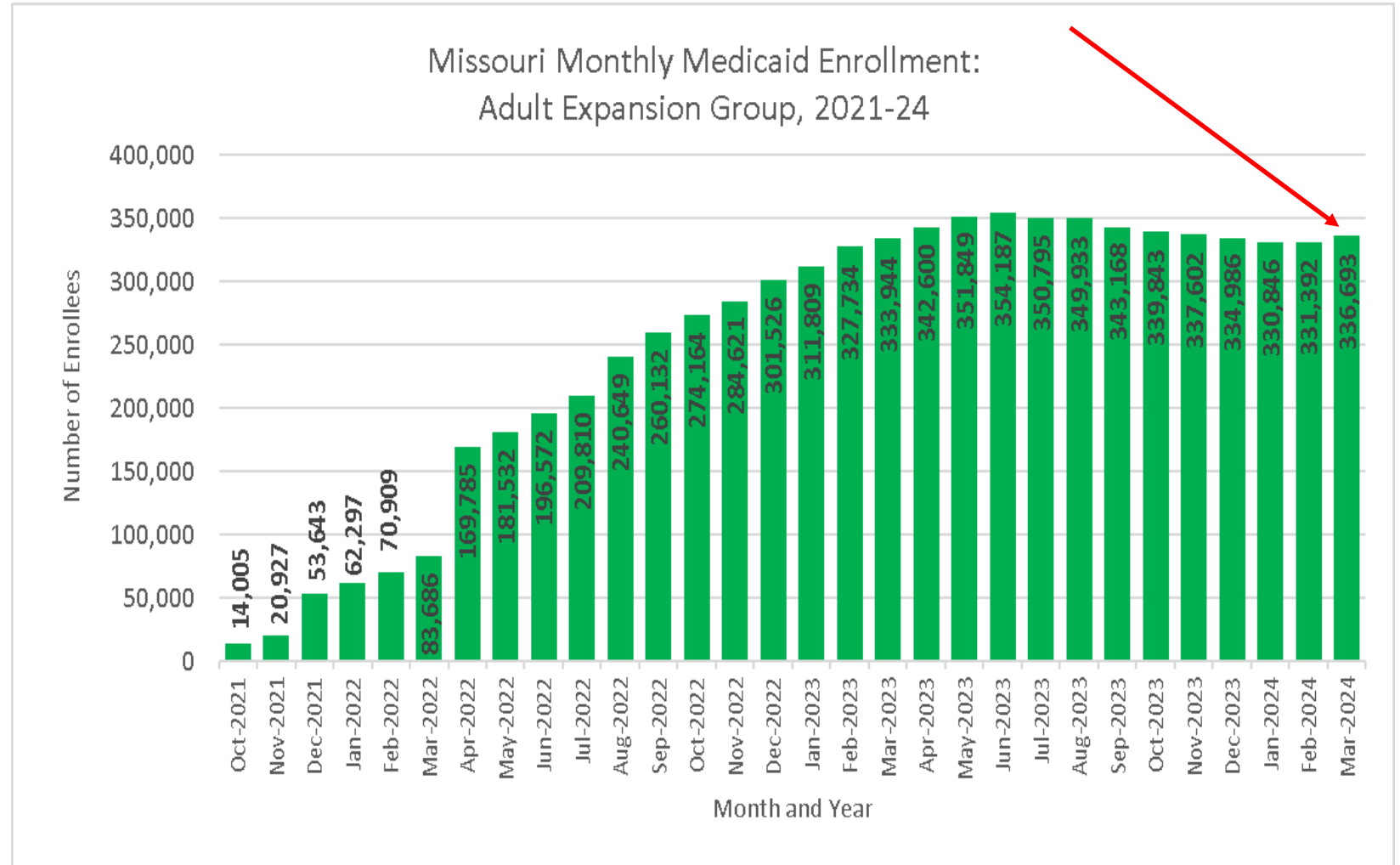
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# Missouri Adult Expansion Group (AEG) Enrollment: monthly

- Enrollment milestones:**

- 53,643: end of 2021
- 169,785: April 2022
- 209,810: July 2022
- 274,164 after one year (Oct. 2022)
- 301,526: December 2022
- 354,187: June 2023 (peak)
- 330,846: January 2024
- **336,693: March 2024**



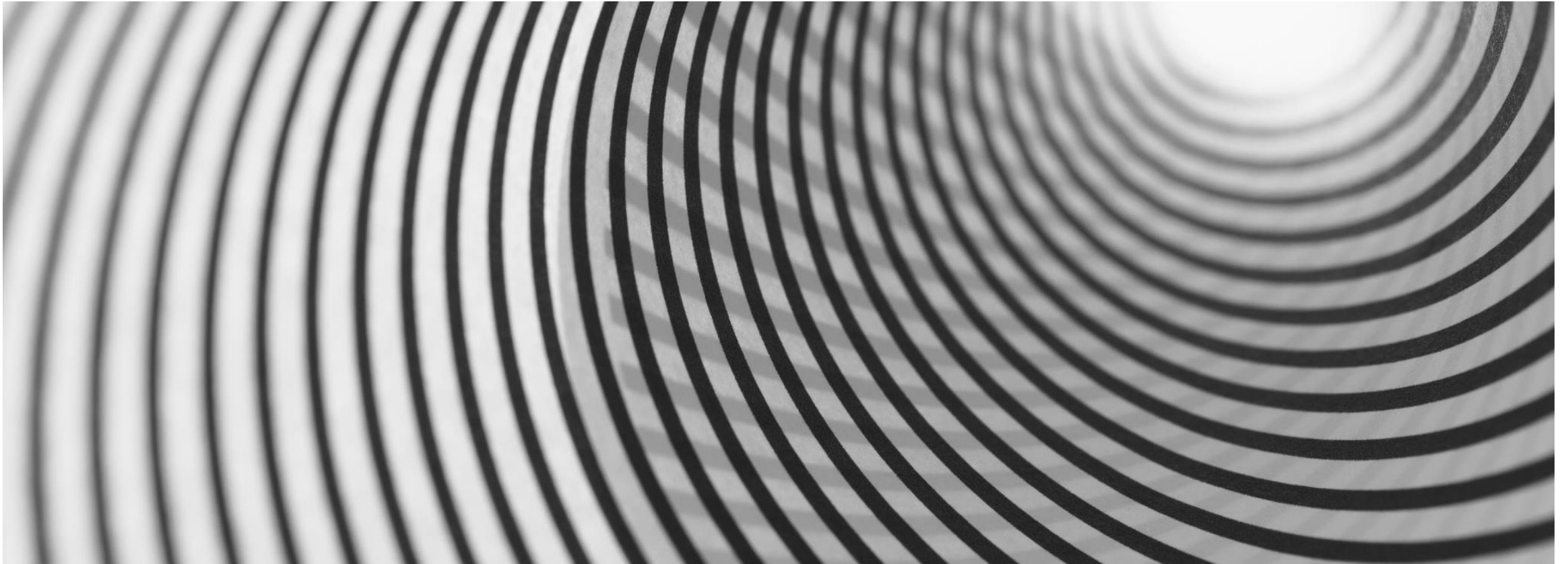
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# Unwinding

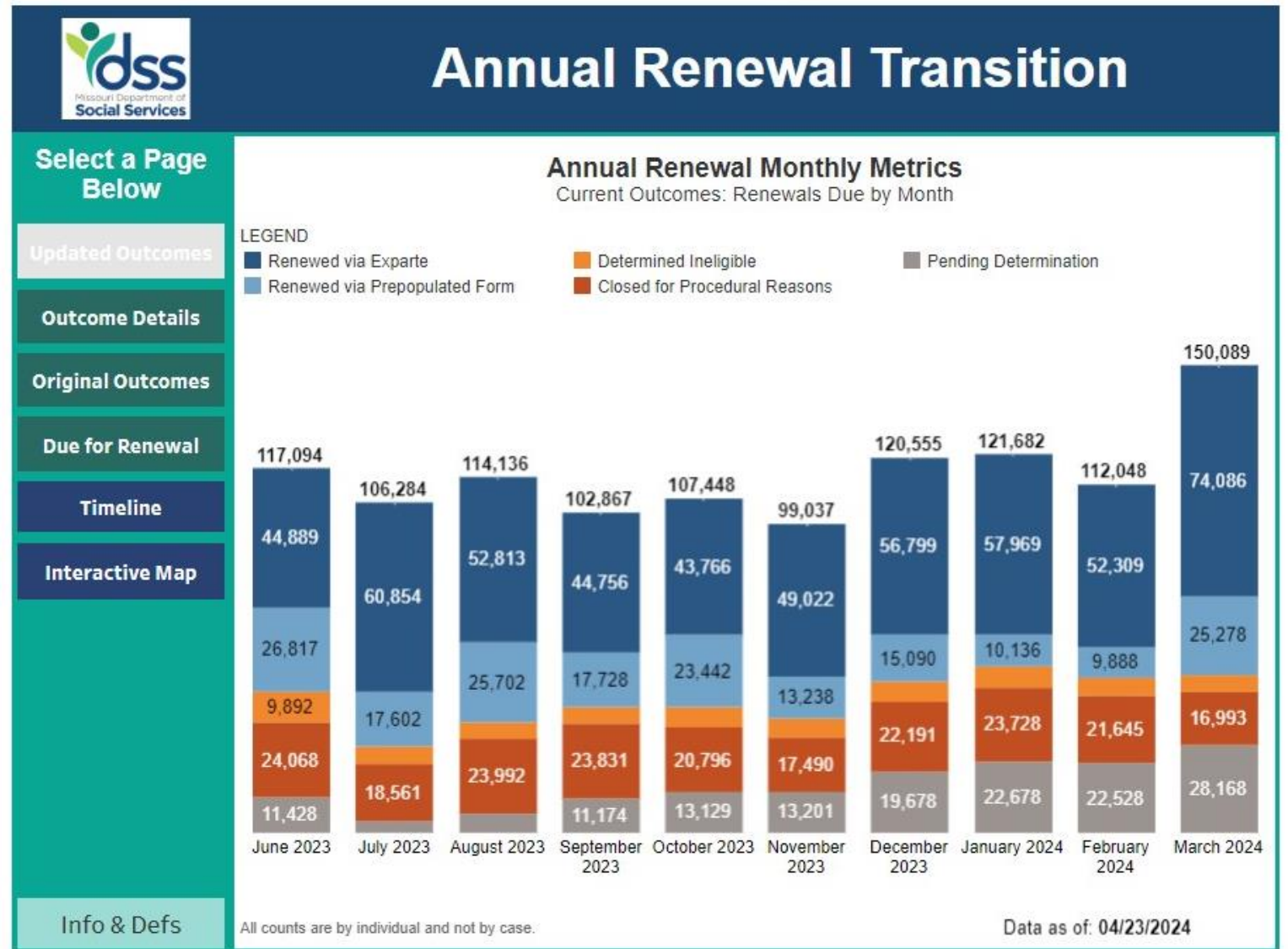




# The Unwinding: Missouri Medicaid Reverifications: June 2023-Mar. 2024\*

\*Adjusted for pending cases resolved

SOURCE: State of Missouri, Department of Social Services,  
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# The Unwinding: Missouri Medicaid Reverifications: June 2023-March 2024\*

## In 10 months 1,151,240 cases reviewed:

- 722,184 kept coverage (63%)
- 277,367 lost coverage (24%)
- 151,689 pending (13%)

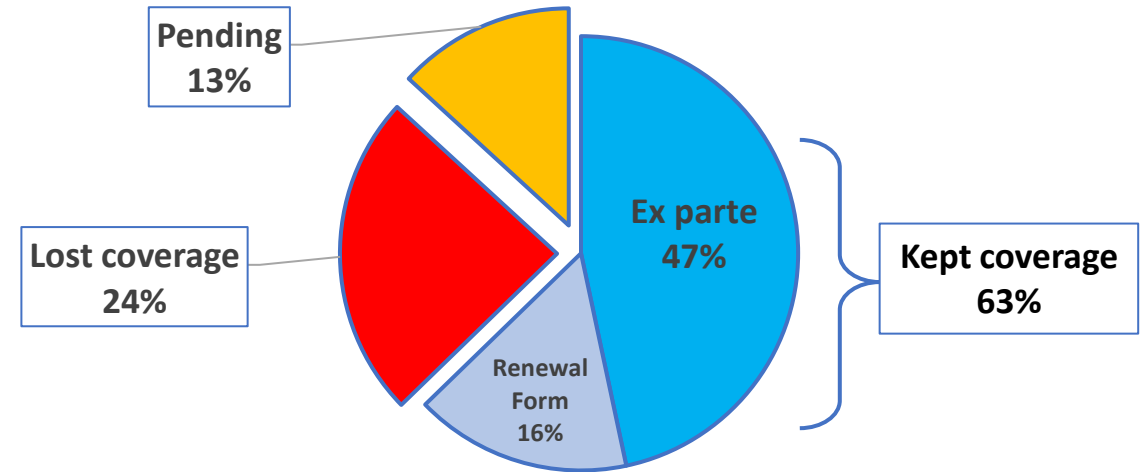
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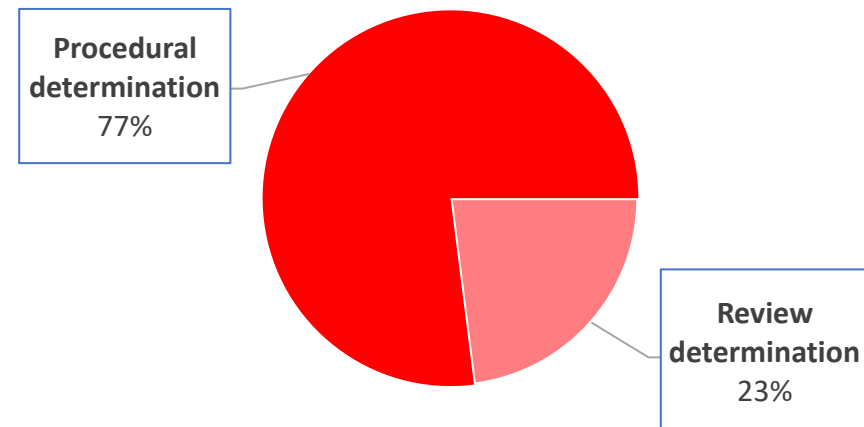


## Outcome of Reverifications, June 2023-March 2024

(includes adjustments for pending cases resolved by March)



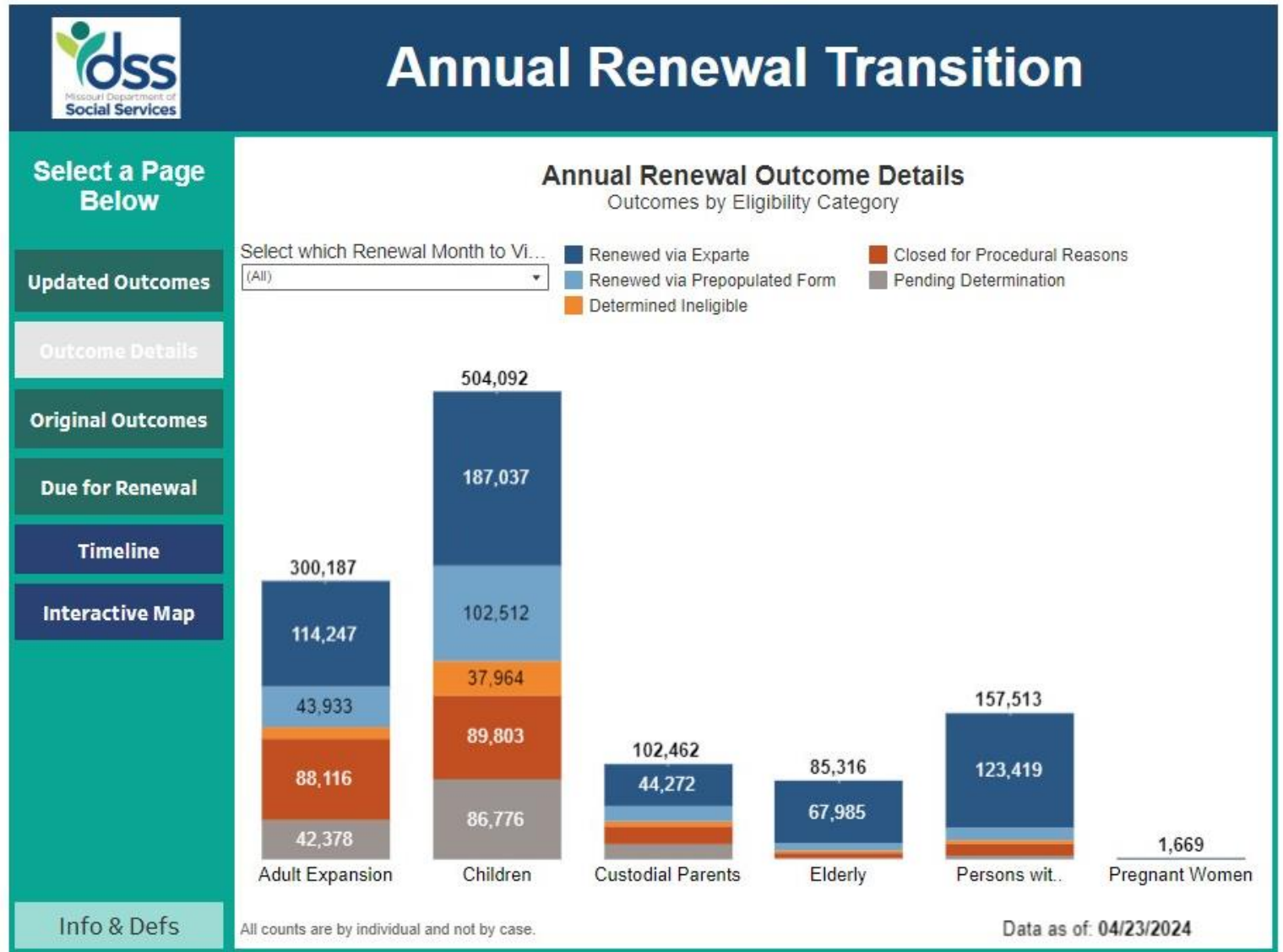
## Among those *losing* coverage...



# The Unwinding: Missouri Medicaid Reverifications, by Eligibility Category: June 2023-March 2024\*

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# The Unwinding: Missouri Medicaid Reverifications by Category: June 2023-March 2024\*

- Children:

- **Losing coverage: 127,767 (46%)**

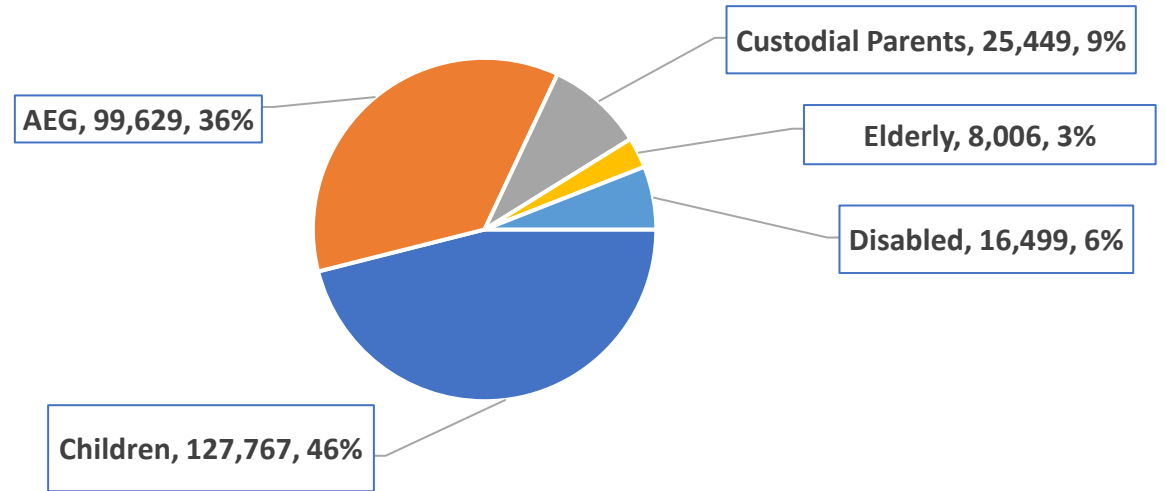
- **Pending: 86,776 (57%)**

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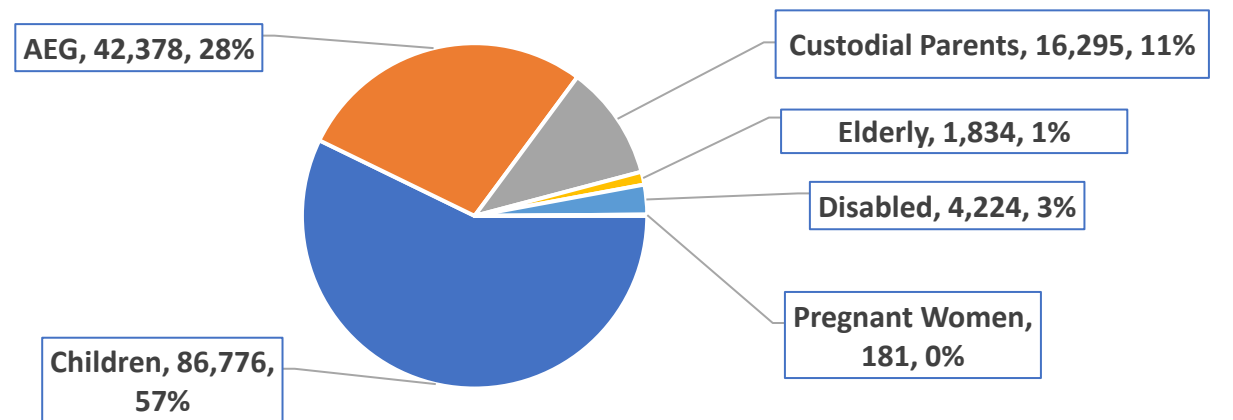
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Percent of those Losing Coverage, by Category  
(adjusted for pending cases through March)



Percent of those Pending, by Category

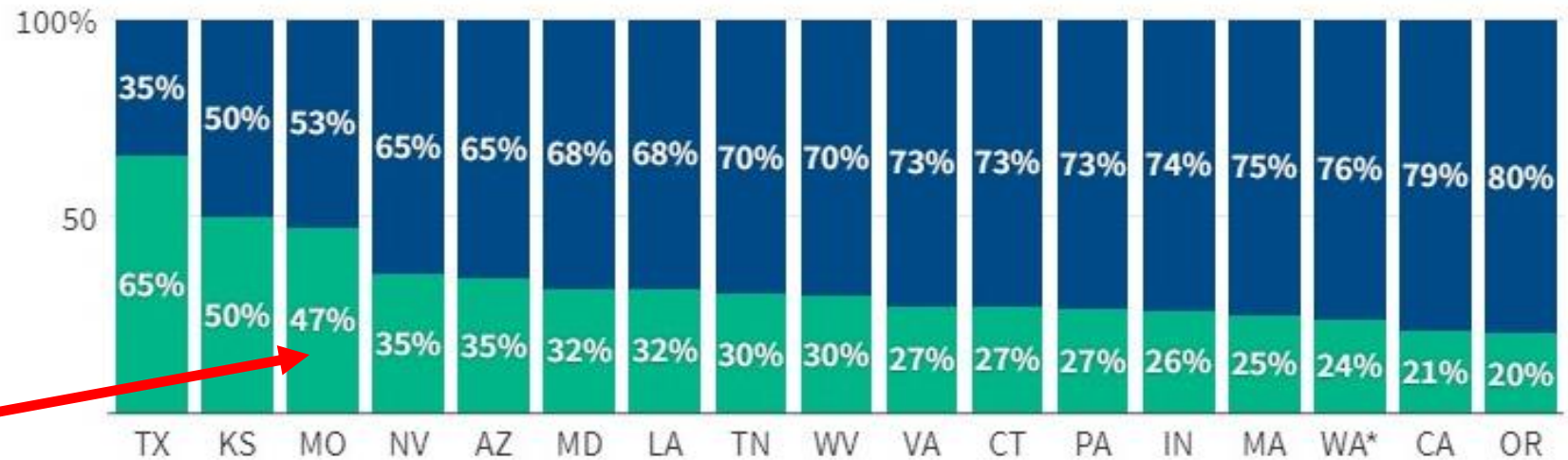


## Comparison of Missouri to national rates

Figure 4

### Children Account For Almost Four in Ten (37%) of Medicaid Disenrollments in The 17 States Reporting Age Breakouts, as of April 19, 2024

Share of Medicaid disenrollments by age:



- **Missouri at 47%**
- *(3<sup>rd</sup> highest; among those reporting)*

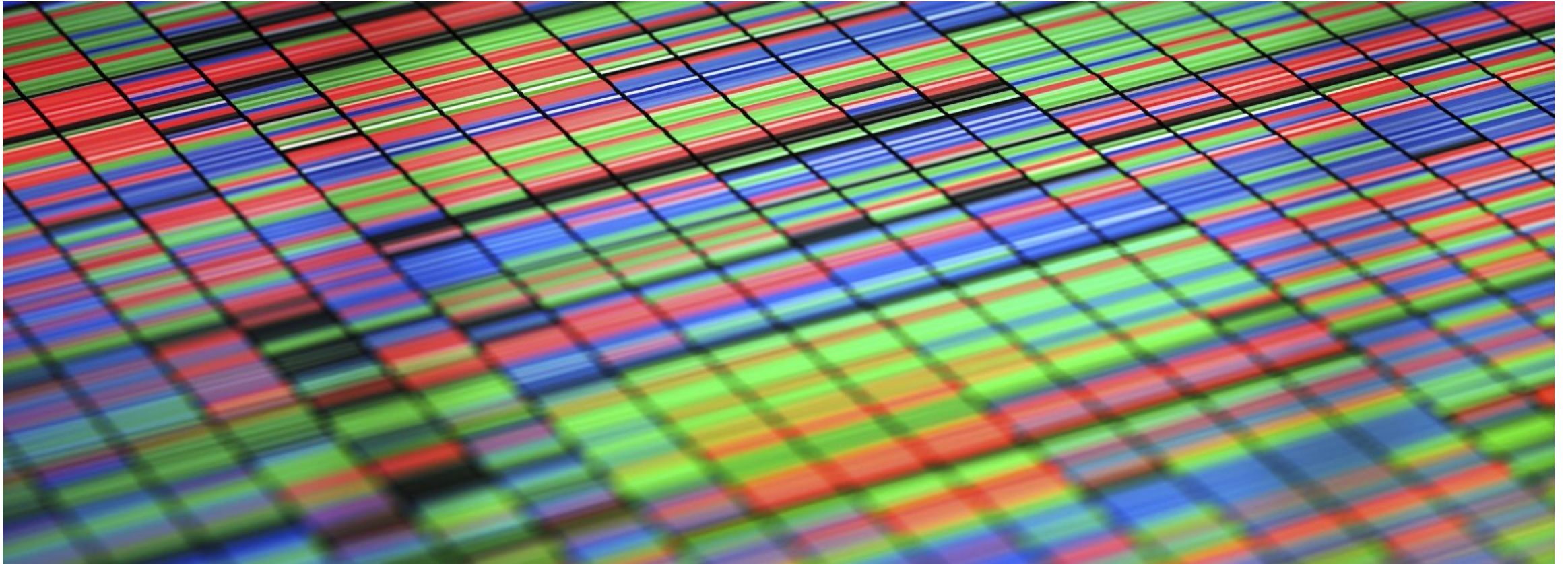
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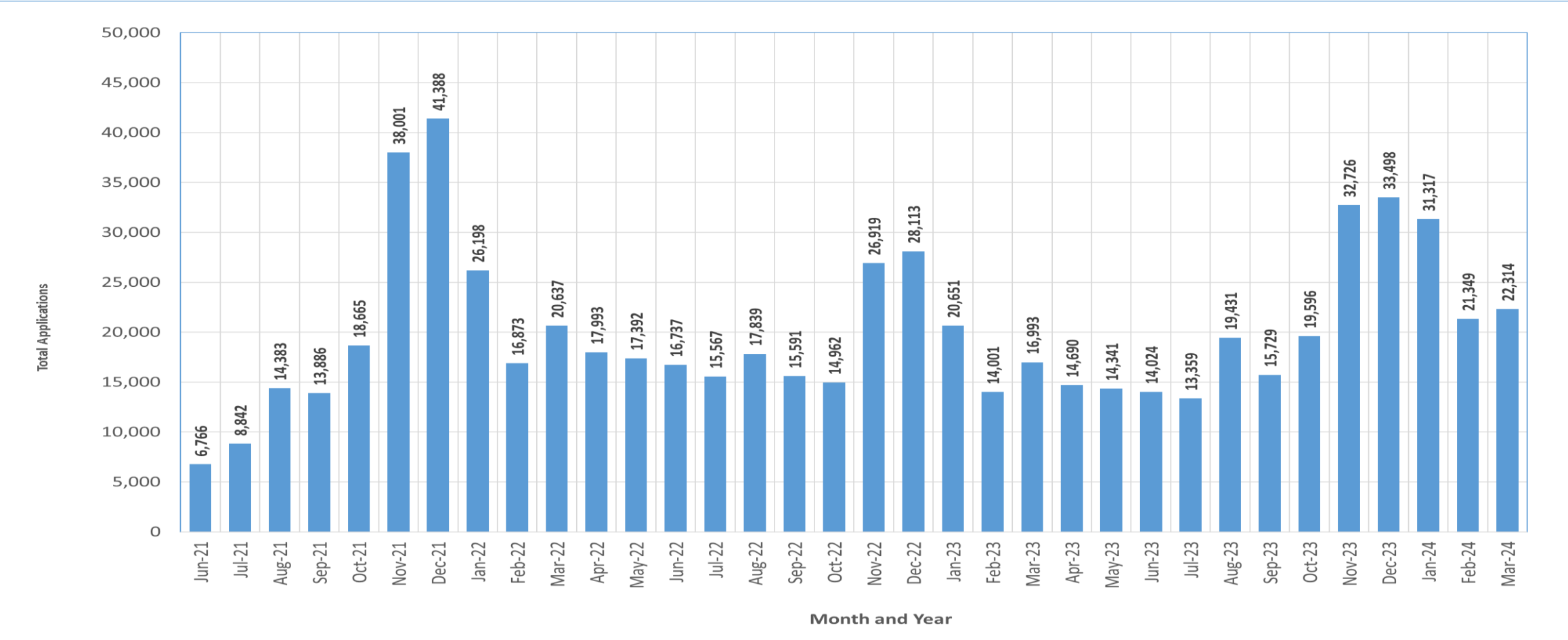
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# Applications



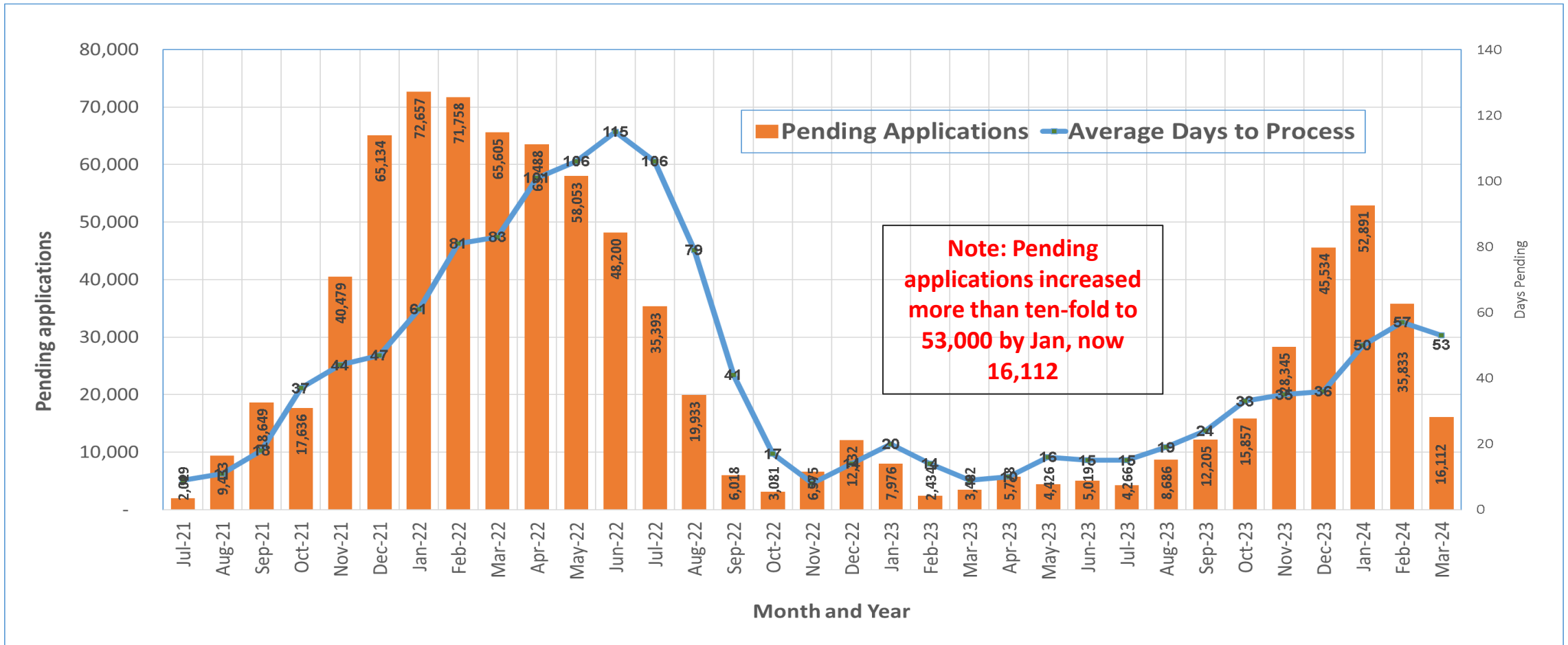
# Missouri Medicaid MAGI Applications: Applications Received, 2021-2024



SOURCE: [https://dss.mo.gov/re/fsd\\_mhdmr.htm](https://dss.mo.gov/re/fsd_mhdmr.htm)

# Missouri Medicaid MAGI Applications:

Pending Applications and Average Days Pending, 2021-2024



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# Obamacare Marketplace 2024

- **Nationwide: record of 21.3 million signed up (so far) nationwide for marketplace plans**
  - Returning customers 16.3 million; New customers 5.0 million
  - Increase of 31% in enrollment relative to 2023
- **Missouri: 359,369 signed up (so far) for marketplace plans**
  - 2023: 257,639
  - Increase of 39% in enrollment relative to 2023
- **Possibility?**
  - Some who lost coverage through unwinding may have signed up for marketplace plans



# Conclusions and Policy Options

- “Perfect Storm”
  - Problems likely the result of DSS/FSD getting hit by unwinding, rising applications from Open Enrollment, and staffing issues
- Implications for policy and budget
  - Maybe 300,000 or more may lose coverage through unwinding process
    - Offset by churning, new enrollees in expansion group, and normal growth in Medicaid
  - Probably Medicaid enrollment will drop by 200,000 or more this year
- Solutions?
  - Proactively adopt all the available strategies to promote continuity of coverage
  - Reducing or pausing procedural disenrollments.
    - Fix call centers, improve problems with paperwork, communications, portal
    - Increase ex parte renewal rates, especially for those under 100% of the poverty line
  - Special focus on children, who are likely still eligible even if parents are not



## Additional CAHSPER resources

Missouri Medicaid Dashboard at WashU

<https://publichealth.wustl.edu/items/missouri-medicaid-enrollment-tracking-dashboard/>

Center website:

<https://publichealth.wustl.edu/centers/cahsper/>

CAHSPER Policy Briefs:

<https://publichealth.wustl.edu/centers/cahsper/resources/policy-publications/>

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# Caseload data: Evidence of churning, re-enrollment?

- Table shows changes in NET Medicaid enrollment

- Unwinding has led to nearly -252,000 loss (through Feb. 2024)
- NET drop in enrollment roughly -167,200
- Fifty-seven percent of the drop is children
- So: evidence of churning, new enrollees?

- Unwinding leading to enrollment fall, but offset by:

- People re-enrolling (churning)
- Usual additions to coverage over time
- Medicaid expansion continuing

Change in Medicaid Enrollment, June 2023 to March 2024						
	June 2023	Feb 2024	Mar. 2024	Change, June 2023 to Feb. 2024		
				Total Change	Percent of June enrollees	Percent of Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,516,691</b>	<b>1,358,178</b>	<b>1,349,495</b>	<b>-167,196</b>	<b>-11.0%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
Children	742,095	656,085	646,564	-95,531	-12.9%	<b>-57.1%</b>
People with disabilities	170,181	148,517	146,039	-24,142	-14.2%	-14.4%
Custodial parents	120,971	99,578	97,925	-23,046	-19.1%	<b>-13.8%</b>
Adult expansion	354,187	331,392	336,693	-17,494	-4.9%	<b>-10.5%</b>
Pregnant Women	33,249	28,069	27,654	-5,595	-16.8%	<b>-3.3%</b>
Elderly	96,008	94,537	94,620	-1,388	-1.4%	<b>-0.8%</b>
Women's Health Services	12,677	18,210	20,849	8,172	+64.5%	

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