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600,000 MARYLANDERS HAVE ENROLLED IN HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH MARYLANDHEALTHCONNECTION.GOV FOR 2015

BALTIMORE (Aug. 18, 2015) -- As of Aug. 13th, 606,226 Marylanders have enrolled in quality, affordable health coverage for 2015 through Maryland's state-based insurance marketplace.

That includes 123,673 people enrolled in private Qualified Health Plans (QHP) and 482,553 people enrolled in Medicaid through the marketplace since open enrollment for the year began on Nov. 15, 2014. Nearly 94 percent of all Marylanders who have enrolled through Maryland Health Connection for coverage this year received financial assistance.

The QHP total includes 5,436 people who enrolled during a tax season Special Enrollment Period from March 15 through April 30. Marylanders who owed a tax penalty because they did not have health coverage in 2014 were allowed to enroll for 2015 coverage after open enrollment ended. Of those enrollments, 1,539 were in the 18-34 year-old age group; 2,487 were 35-54, and 1,410 were in the 55+ age group.

Maryland is making substantial improvement in getting health coverage for the uninsured, according to several recent surveys. The rate of uninsured in Maryland dropped from 12.9 percent in 2013 to 7 percent in mid-2015, according to [Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index](#) released earlier this month. Also this month, [24/7 Wall St.](#), with other [methodology](#), measured the uninsured in Maryland as dropping from 10.3 percent of the state's population in 2012 to 4.9 percent this year.

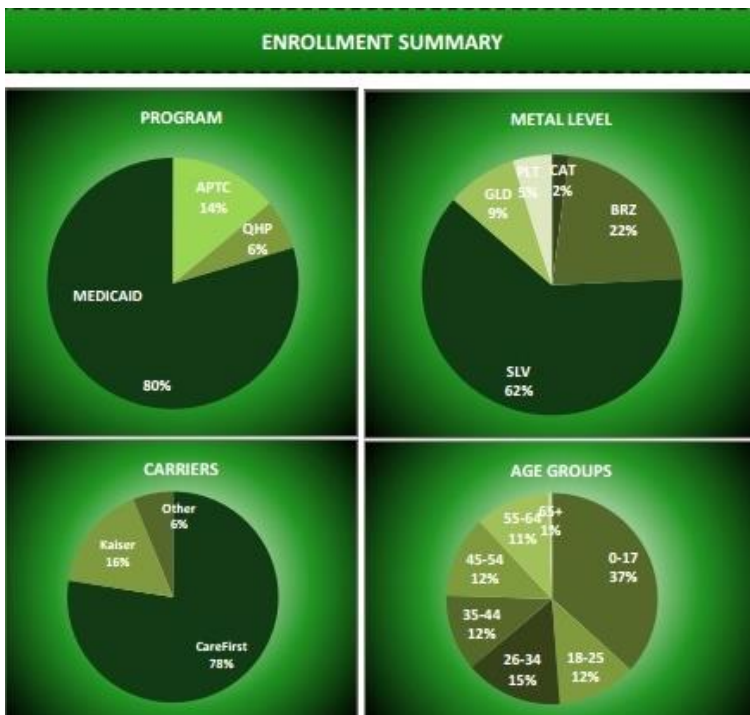
Medicaid enrollment continues year-round. Marylanders can enroll in QHPs if they have had a qualifying "life change" event. Both types of coverage can be accessed through [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](#). Open enrollment for 2016 private insurance coverage begins Nov. 1, 2015.

A year ago, 433,947 people were enrolled through Maryland Health Connection during the first open enrollment between Oct. 1, 2013 and Aug. 23, 2014. That included 355,281 individuals enrolled in Medicaid and 78,666 in Qualified Health Plans.

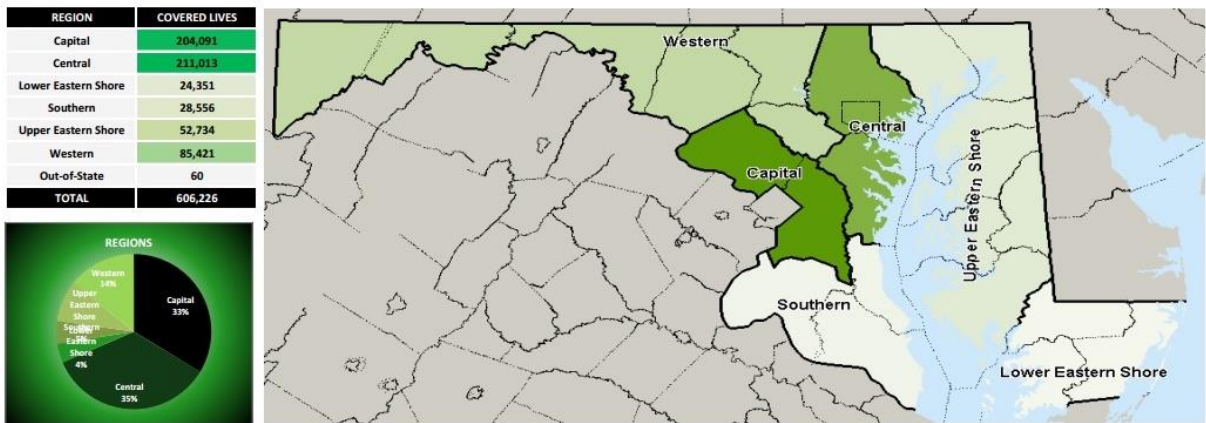
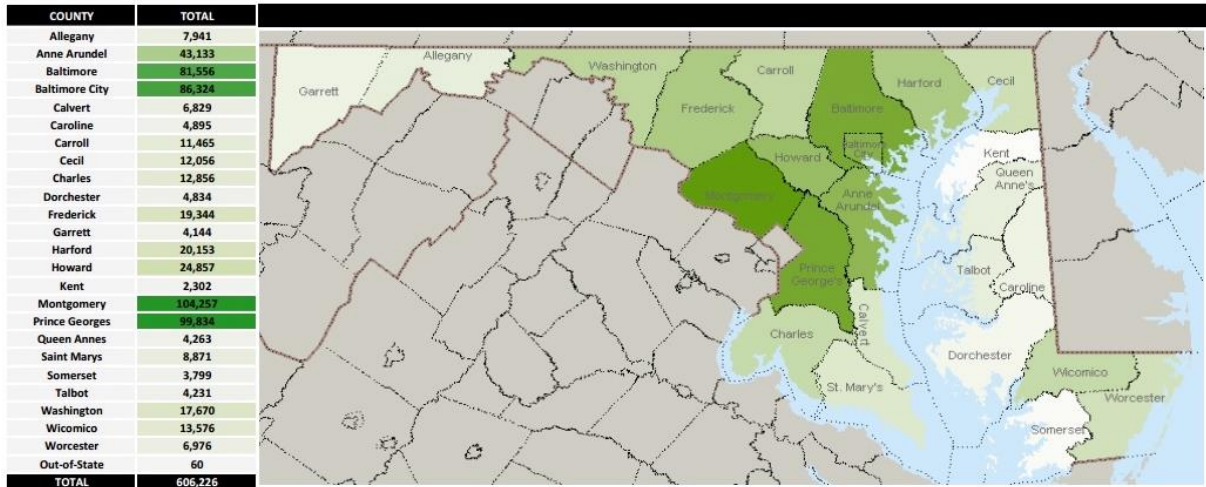
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As of July 31, the total number of Medicaid and MCHP enrollment is 1,237,142. Compared to Dec. 31, 2013, the net change in Medicaid enrollment as of July 31, 2015 is +234,285. This figure takes into account that individuals lose Medicaid coverage because of changes in household, age and income, as well as redeterminations. Also, the total number of ACA Medicaid Expansion Adults is 220,026 as of July 31. That is newly eligible childless adults up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and newly eligible parents 116 percent to 138 percent FPL.

ENROLLMENT DASHBOARD



ENROLLMENT BY METAL LEVEL	
CATASTROPHIC	2,564
BRONZE	27,432
SILVER	76,824
GOLD	10,782
PLATINUM	6,071
QHP TOTAL	123,673
ENROLLMENT BY CARRIER	
CAREFIRST	95,880
KAISER	20,272
EVERGREEN	3,440
UHC	3,036
ALL SAVERS	347
CIGNA	698
QHP TOTAL	123,673



* Counts include covered lives for all programs.

About the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange: The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) is a public corporation and independent unit of the State government established in April 2011 in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), responsible for administration of Maryland Health Connection. marylandhbe.com

About Maryland Health Connection: Maryland Health Connection (MHC) is the state-based health insurance marketplace for individuals and families to compare and enroll in health insurance, as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid and other assistance programs, federal tax credits and cost-sharing reductions. marylandhealthconnection.gov

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