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Policy Forum**

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600 E. Van Buren Street
Phoenix, AZ



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WELCOME!

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Arizona Profile

2024 AZ Pop. 7.6 Million (#14 in pop): 60% Maricopa Co. (4.5M)

AZ sq.mi. = CT+DE+MA+ME+NH+RI+NY+VT+DC

The 15 AZ Counties span 114,000 sq. mi. (#6 in land area)

27% AZ Land is Tribal

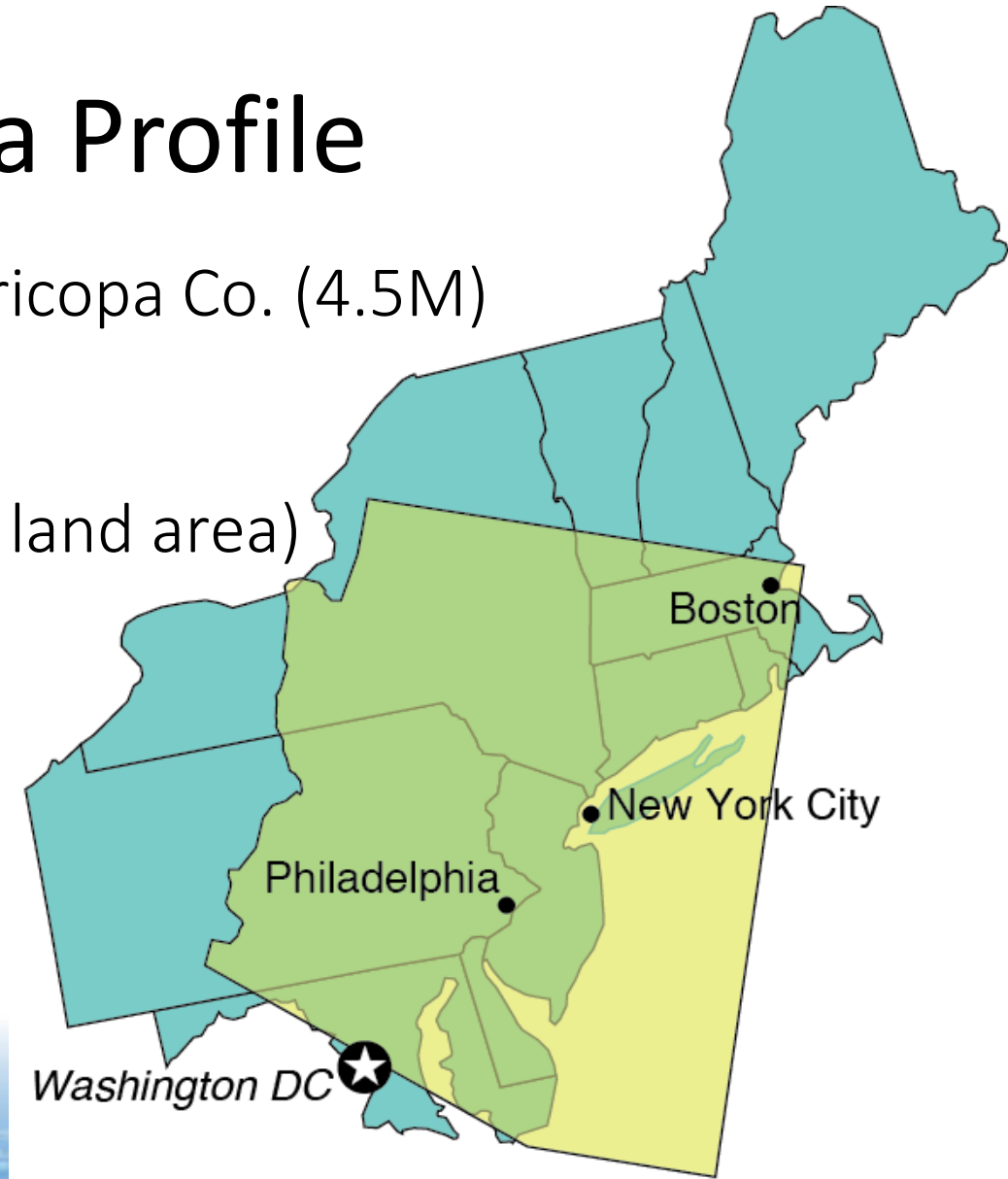
2010 AZ Uninsured 19% (rank 45)

2024 AZ Uninsured 9.8% (rank 42)

Land Area: <https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-files/2010/geo/state-area.html>

KFF uninsured data 2023: <https://www.kff.org/state-category/health-coverage-uninsured/>

Pop Data 2023: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/AZ>



Defending Health Insurance Coverage: **ACA Marketplace**

Arizona enrolled a record 423,025 in Marketplace plans in 2025

Navigators assist with eligibility & enrollment - AACHC

Yesterday CMS announced *Navigator budget cut from \$98M to \$10M*

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) ACA Marketplace subsidies expire in 2025

>150,000 Arizonans will lose coverage

Due to big jumps in co-pays, cost sharing and decreased assistance

Defending Health Insurance Coverage: **Medicaid**

Proposed Federal cuts to state Medicaid programs could trigger

>500,000 Arizonans losing AHCCCS coverage

ACA + Medicaid cuts could double the number of uninsured in Arizona from 750,000 (10%) in 2025 to:

1,500,000 (20%) uninsured within two years

AHCCCS Enrollment Decreases since 2023


From 3/1/23 to 2/1/25 AHCCCS enrollment decreased
from a high of 2,527,141 down to 2,035,696

-491,448 (-19%)

*3/23 mo. prior to AZ redetermination start; **4/1/23 AZ returned to its normal eligibility & enrollment process

Accessed 2/15/2025 at: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/PopulationStatistics/2025/Feb/PopulationHighlights02052025.pdf>

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Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for AHCCCS

Medicaid is a federal - state program, at least 50% of costs covered federally

FMAP based on a state's per capita income, if state pci < US, FMAP is higher

AHCCCS 2025 FMAP is 64.34%, multiplier \$1.80, for \$1.00 AZ pays, feds pay \$1.80

AZ's Prop 204 restoration to 100% FPL *and* ACA expansion to 133% get 90% FMAP

448,592 + 70,866 = 519,458 Arizonans could lose coverage if FMAP decreases

9 States Poised to End Coverage for Millions if Trump Cuts Medicaid Funding

By [Phil Galewitz](#) | December 4, 2024 | [KFF Health News](#)

Feb 2025: Arizona has 2,035,696 Medicaid enrollees

In 2014 Arizona these AHCCCS enrollees covered at 90% FMAP:

- Restored Medicaid eligibility to 100% FPL in 2014 (12/24 enrollees 448,592)
- Expanded eligibility from 100% to 133% FPL in 2014 (70,866 enrollees)
- “Trigger” if AZ FMAP cut to $\leq 80\%$
- >500,000 Arizonans could lose AHCCCS coverage

Federal Health Policy: Options to Cover Costs

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) expires in 2025, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) 10-yr cost estimated at \$4 trillion to extend TCJA

Two coverage provisions are at risk for cuts that would increase the nation's uninsured from its historic low in 2024 of 8.2% (27 million uninsured):

- Eliminate ARPA subsidies making ACA Marketplace plans more affordable these expire in 2025: CBO 10-yr cost “savings” \$335 billion
- Reduce FMAP for states that expanded Medicaid from 90% to standard FMAP, CBO 10-yr cost “savings” \$600-750 billion

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House Republicans unveil blueprint to extend \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts and lift the debt ceiling

House Republicans have set the stage for advancing many of President Donald Trump's top domestic priorities

By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press and LISA MASCARO Associated Press
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