

Top Occupations of Working Adults Who Would Benefit from Medicaid Expansion in Wyoming

The majority (68%) of Wyomingites who would benefit from Medicaid expansion are working.¹ The table below lists the most common occupations of working Wyomingites who would be eligible for Medicaid coverage if the state expands the program. Many of these uninsured Wyomingites continue to work in essential industries, such as food preparation, transportation, cleaning and maintenance, and construction and extraction.

Industries and Example Occupations	Number of Adults Eligible for Medicaid Expansion	Percentage of All Working Adults Eligible for Medicaid Expansion
Food preparation and serving occupations <i>(cooks, bartenders, restaurant servers, and dishwashers)</i>	3,556	19.4%
Transportation and material moving occupations <i>(bus drivers, train conductors, truck and tractor operators, and shipping and packaging workers)</i>	2,065	11.3%
Cleaning and maintenance occupations <i>(housekeepers, janitors, groundskeepers, and pest control workers)</i>	1,982	10.8%
Office and administrative support occupations <i>(telephone operators, bank tellers, receptionists, and secretaries)</i>	1,671	9.1%
Construction and extraction occupations <i>(carpenters, painters, electricians, and oil workers)</i>	1,412	7.7%
Sales and related occupations <i>(cashiers, retail salespeople, travel agents, and real estate brokers)</i>	1,389	7.6%
Management occupations <i>(executives, ranchers and farmers, emergency management directors, human resources managers)</i>	886	4.8%
Personal care and service occupations <i>(hair stylists, childcare workers, tour guides, and fitness instructors)</i>	805	4.4%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations <i>(mechanics, HVAC technicians, millwrights, telecommunications installers and repairers)</i>	787	4.3%
Other occupations	3,735	20.4%
All occupations	18,288	100%

Source: Families USA's analysis of information from the American Community Survey 2014-2018, which was conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Data are based on an analysis of Wyoming residents ages 19-64 who meet the following criteria: have family incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level (\$29,974 for a family of three in 2020), are uninsured or purchase insurance from the individual market, and are currently working or have worked in the last 12 months.

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Endnotes

¹ Based on Families USA's analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2014-2018, an estimated 26,748 Wyomingites ages 19-64 with incomes below 138% of the federal poverty level would be eligible for Medicaid if the state expanded the program. Of these 26,748 Wyomingites, 18,288 (68.37%) are currently working or have worked in the last 12 months. This estimate includes Wyomingites in the "coverage gap," as well as those with incomes between 100% and 138% of the federal poverty level who currently qualify for subsidized marketplace coverage and would qualify for Medicaid if the state expanded it.

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