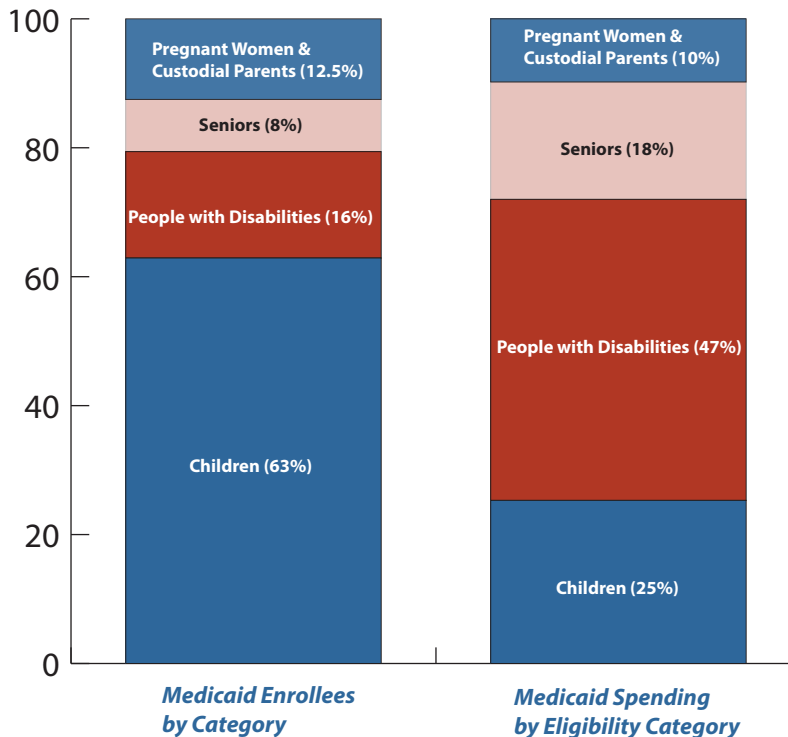


Healthy Missourians are happier and more productive at school and work, keeping our state economy churning. When Missourians can access the health care they need, chronic illnesses like diabetes, mental illness, and heart disease can be kept in check, keeping people well and active.

The health of Missourians is fundamental to building a prosperous economy and good quality of life. But decreased public health investments and threats to the integrity of health insurance programs could compromise the health care infrastructure that serves all Missourians.

Invest in our public health infrastructure and insurance now to prevent increased illness – and associated costs – in the long run.

Missouri Medicaid Enrollment & Spending by Population FY 2016



- Missouri's investments in critical public health care services have fallen well behind other states,¹ leaving nearly one in ten Missourians without access to health insurance.²
- Proposals at both the state and federal level threaten to make deep cuts to Medicaid & Medicare, which would increase the number of uninsured Missourians and compromise the health care infrastructure that serves us all.³
- Less than 18% of Missouri's Medicaid costs are paid for by state general revenue – making it a really good deal for Missouri taxpayers.⁴
- Medicaid provides seniors, people with disabilities, young children & pregnant women, very poor single moms, and people with mental illness access to quality, preventive care. The majority of Medicaid funding pays for services for seniors & people with disabilities.

The Bottom Line: Investing in and strengthening public health and Medicaid would protect Missouri's health care infrastructure, be fiscally prudent for the state, and save money in the long run.

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