

# Immigrant Health Coverage

*Washington Healthplanfinder*

## Applicants <139% FPL

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April 2024

# Background

The expansion of health coverage through *Washington Healthplanfinder* began Nov. 1 2023, when those without a federally recognized immigration status were first able to start shopping for private health and dental insurance for 2024. This expansion is possible through a [federally approved 1332 Waiver](#).

## Report

This report includes data as of Jan. 18, 2024, on the immigrant health coverage (IHC) expansion population (those newly eligible to purchase private coverage under the 1332 Waiver), and focuses on applicants under 139% of the federal poverty level (FPL), who have not yet signed up for a qualified health plan.

This group is income-eligible for the upcoming Washington Apple Health Expansion noted below. Applicants who are eligible for the upcoming Apple Health Expansion will need to take action to enroll in that program when it becomes available. Enrollment will be limited to the state funding allocated ([learn more about the Apple Health Expansion Enrollment Cap](#)).

[A report on all IHC customers who signed up for health and dental insurance](#) is available on the Exchange's corporate website. Among those who have signed up for coverage, those under 139% who are eligible for the upcoming Apple Health Expansion will be transitioned to that program when it becomes available.

## Community Outreach and Engagement

Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) is working in partnership with the Health Care Authority (state Medicaid agency) and affected community members and partners to support outreach and engagement for the upcoming Apple Health Expansion.

## Upcoming Washington Apple Health Expansion

Apple Health coverage, without premiums or copays, is also being expanded through *Washington Healthplanfinder* to Washingtonians who are age 19 or older, with an annual income under 139% of the federal poverty level and who do not qualify for other Apple Health programs based on immigration status.



Nov. 1, 2023



July 1, 2024

# Open-Enrollment Toplines

Washington Healthplanfinder Applicants &lt;139% FPL

Overall, about a quarter of the approximately 100,000 people who are uninsured and undocumented in Washington state have applied for health coverage through *Washington Healthplanfinder* since Nov. 1, 2023, when coverage was expanded for 2024.

- About 16,200 (68%) of the 24,000 people who have applied since Nov. 1, 2023, have an income below 139% FPL (\$1,732 monthly or \$20,784 annually for a single person household).

## IHC applicants by federal poverty level (FPL)

FPL	IHC Applicants	WA Undocumented Population	Percent of WA Undocumented Population who Applied
<139%	16,222	35,226	16%
139-150%	760	3,104	1%
151-200%	2,577	14,948	3%
201-250%	1,561	14,951	2%
251-300%	685	9,306	1%
301-400%	511	9,540	1%
401-500%	164	3,746	0%
500% +	127	6,885	0%
NOT REPORTED	1,379	830	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,986</b>	<b>98,536</b>	<b>24%</b>

*Data on uninsured population provided by the Office of Financial Management, based on their analysis of the American Community Survey 2021 1-year PUMS, adjusting for Medicaid enrollment.*

# By Geography

IHC applicants under 139% FPL are from 35 of Washington's 39 counties. The highest number of IHC applicants with incomes below 139% FPL are from King, Yakima Snohomish, Pierce and Skagit counties.

## IHC applicants <139% FPL by county

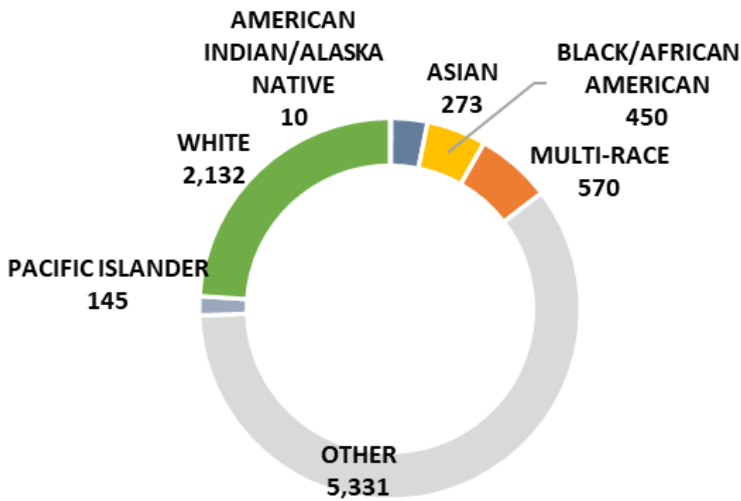
County	IHC Applicants
Adams	285
Asotin	<10
Benton	621
Chelan	200
Clallam	74
Clark	685
Columbia	-
Cowlitz	98
Douglas	159
Ferry	<10
Franklin	605
Garfield	-
Grant	674
Grays Harbor	171
Island	34
Jefferson	19
King	4,914
Kitsap	276
Kittitas	37
Klickitat	22

County	IHC Applicants
Lewis	140
Lincoln	<10
Mason	211
Okanogan	142
Pacific	31
Pend Oreille	<10
Pierce	1,389
San Juan	31
Skagit	725
Skamania	-
Snohomish	1,525
Spokane	235
Stevens	<10
Thurston	240
Wahkiakum	-
Walla Walla	126
Whatcom	165
Whitman	32
Yakima	2,340
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,222</b>

# By Race & Ethnicity

Among IHC applicants under 139% FPL, over 76% report being non-White, and over 90% report being Hispanic.

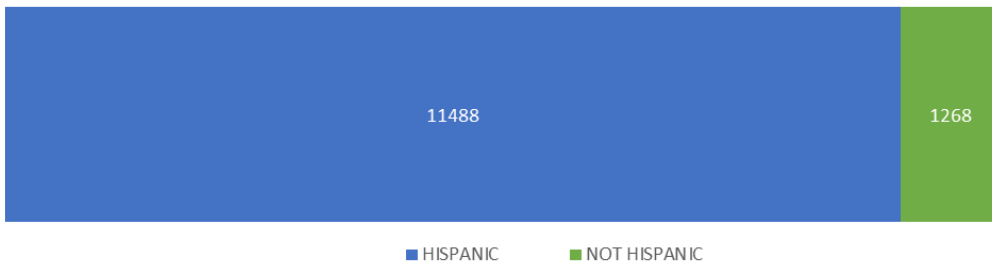
## IHC applicants <139% by race



Race	IHC Applicants
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black/African American	5%
Hawaiian	0%
Multi-race	6%
Pacific Islander	2%
White	24%
Other	60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Graphic and chart exclude ~ 7,300 IHC applicants who did not report race.

## IHC applicants <139% by ethnicity



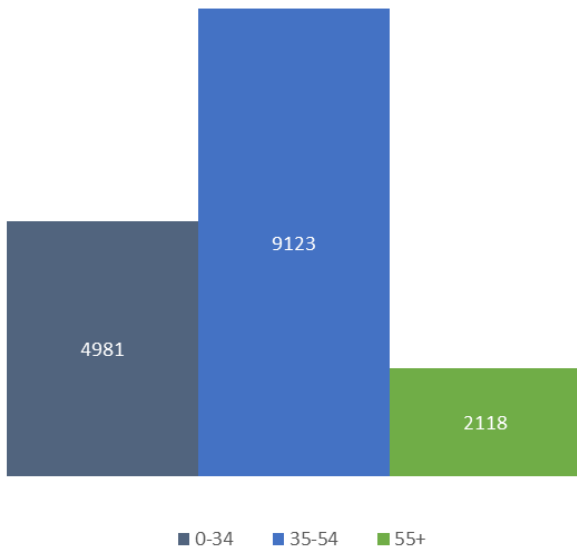
Ethnicity	IHC Applicants
Hispanic	90%
Not Hispanic	10%

Graphic and chart exclude ~ 3,460 IHC applicants who did not report ethnicity.

# By Age & Sex

About 87% of IHC applicants under 139% FPL are under the age of 55.

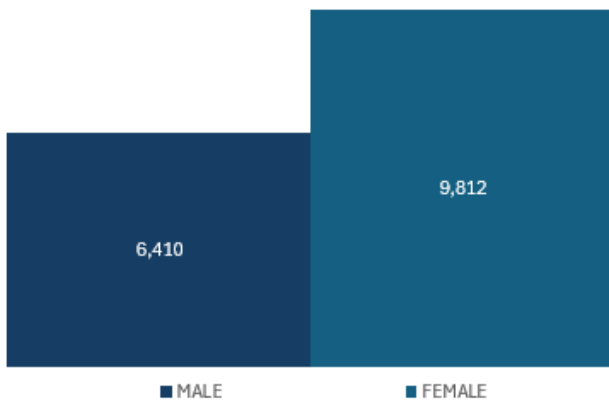
IHC applicants <139% FPL by age



Age	IHC Applicants
0-34	31%
35-54	56%
55+	13%

Note: Graphic and chart include **550** IHC applicants who reported to be 65 years and older.

IHC applicants <139% FPL by sex assigned at birth



Sex assigned at birth	IHC Applicants
Male	40%
Female	60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Assistance

## Language Assistance

The top languages among IHC applicants under 139% FPL are Spanish; Portuguese; French; Somali; Chinese; Korean; Albanian; Romanian; Russian; Arabic; Tigrigna; and Punjabi.

Chart (at right) displays languages with 10 or more requests through the online *Washington Healthplanfinder* application.

Language assistance is also provided by assisters, multilingual and bilingual Customer Service Representatives at the Customer Support Center, and through telephonic interpretation that supports more than 200 languages.

## IHC applicants <139% FPL by preferred language

Language	Written	Spoken
Albanian	24	<10
Arabic	21	13
Chinese	48	52
French	79	79
Korean	25	26
Portuguese	214	217
Punjabi	10	10
Romanian	22	18
Russian	21	23
Somali	50	48
Spanish	8,975	9,823
Tigrigna	20	18
Other	37	38

*Additional languages with fewer than 10 requests include Amharic; Bengali; Cambodian (Khmer); Dari; Dutch; Farsi; Finnish; French Creole; Haitian-Creole; Hindi; Japanese; Laotian; Oromo; Pashto; Quechua; Samoan; Swahili; Swedish; Thai; Tongan; Turkish; Ukrainian; and Vietnamese.*

## Enrollment Assistance

About 67% of IHC applicants under 139% FPL are partnered to a navigator and/or broker in *Washington Healthplanfinder*.

## IHC applicants <139% FPL by partnership status

Assister Type	IHC Applicants	Percent
Navigator	9,055	56%
Broker	995	6%
Both	817	5%
Neither	5,355	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,222</b>	<b>100%</b>

## More information about the upcoming Apple Health Expansion is available:

- [Apple Health Expansion for stakeholders](#)
- [Apple Health Expansion for clients](#)

## An overview of who is eligible for the upcoming Apple Health Expansion is available at:

- [Apple Health Expansion Fact Sheet \(wa.gov\)](#)

## Questions about the upcoming Apple Health Expansion?

- Email: [ahexpansion@hca.wa.gov](mailto:ahexpansion@hca.wa.gov)

Washington State Health Care Authority

### Apple Health Expansion coming July 2024

#### What is Apple Health Expansion?

The 2022 supplemental budget directs the Health Care Authority (HCA) to develop a medical assistance program that would provide Medicaid equivalent health care coverage to uninsured adults who do not meet the immigration requirements for federal assistance.

#### Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for this program if you:

- Are a Washington resident age 19 or older,
- Have countable income under 138% of the federal poverty level,
- Do not qualify for other Apple Health programs based on immigration status,
- Are not pregnant or did not have a pregnancy end in the last 12 months, and
- Are not eligible for qualified health plans with advance premium tax credits (APTC) or federally funded medical assistance programs.

Learn about eligibility for other Apple Health programs at [hca.wa.gov/apple-health-eligibility](https://hca.wa.gov/apple-health-eligibility).

#### Income standards

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Monthly Income	\$1,732	\$2,351	\$2,969	\$3,588	\$4,207
Household Size	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	\$4,825	\$5,444	\$6,063	\$6,682	\$7,300

\*Based on April 2024 standards. Standard subject to change annually.

#### When can I apply?

You can start applying for Apple Health Expansion Spring 2024.

#### When does coverage start?

Apple Health Expansion coverage begins July 1, 2024.

#### What health coverage is available prior to July 1, 2024?

#### Other Apple Health coverage

If you need to go to the doctor now, you can check to see if you qualify for Apple Health for Kids, Apple Health for pregnancy, Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) and Medical Care Services (MCS). For more information, visit [hca.wa.gov/apple-health-non-citizens](https://hca.wa.gov/apple-health-non-citizens).

#### Qualified Health Plans and Cascade Care Savings options for immigrants

All Washingtonians, regardless of immigration status, now have the opportunity to shop for and purchase qualified health and dental plans for 2024. Learn more about [immigrant health care](#) and other [cost saving options](#).

#### Where can I get more information?

Online: [hca.wa.gov/ah-expansion](https://hca.wa.gov/ah-expansion) | Email: [ahexpansion@hca.wa.gov](mailto:ahexpansion@hca.wa.gov) | Phone: 1-800-562-3022

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