



KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

MEDICAID EXPANSION BOLSTERS STATE ECONOMIES

Medicaid expansion brings in hundreds of millions of federal dollars annually, which ripples through the state economy, creates jobs, and allows savings in other areas.

- Medicaid expansion states see more jobs in the health sector. On average, the states that expanded Medicaid in January 2014 saw jobs grow by 2.4% during 2014, while jobs in states that did not expand grew by only 1.8% in the same year.ⁱ
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects health care and social assistance jobs will grow to nearly 22 million by 2022 due to Medicaid expansion.ⁱⁱ
- In 2014, Kentucky's Medicaid expansion created 12,000 new jobs. It is estimated by 2021 that expansion will be responsible for the employment of 40,000 Kentuckians annually.ⁱⁱⁱ
- KanCare expansion is projected to create more than 3,800 new jobs in Kansas by 2020. In addition to health care jobs, expansion would generate job growth in other industries, including retail and construction. Without expansion, the state will forego more than \$2 billion in business activity and \$1.2 billion in gross state product through the end of this decade.^{iv}

ⁱ Willard, P. (24 March 2015). *Medicaid Expansion States See Financial Savings and Health Care Jobs Growth*. Retrieved from <http://familiesusa.org/blog/2015/03/medicaid-expansion-states-see-financial-savings-and-health-care-jobs-growth>.

ⁱⁱ Miller, D. (November 2015). *Lots of Jobs and More to Come*. Retrieved from http://www.csg.org/pubs/capitolideas/2015_mar_april/health_care.aspx.

ⁱⁱⁱ Commonwealth of Kentucky Office of the Governor. (12 February 2015). *Ky's Medicaid Expansion: 40,000 Jobs, \$30 B Economic Impact*. Retrieved from <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/oversight/pdf/150217-kentucky-medicaid-extension-press-release.pdf>.

^{iv} Ku, L., Bruen, B., Steinmetz, E., Brown, C., Motamedi, R., Stottlemeyer, C. (November 2014), *Economic and Employment Effects of Expanding KanCare*, Retrieved from <http://www.khanet.org/CriticalIssues/KanCareExpansion/KanCareExpansionResources/d123163.aspx>.