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Impact of Closing the Coverage Gap on
Cabarrus County

People in the "coverage gap" make too much to qualify for Medicaid but do not earn enough to qualify for a subsidy in the private marketplace. Closing the health insurance coverage gap would provide affordable health coverage to thousands of people in Cabarrus County that cannot get the health care they need.

Closing the coverage gap would expand access to affordable care.

Approximately **10,277** people in Cabarrus County would gain access to coverage.[1]

Closing the coverage gap would create new jobs and help the economy.

8.9%
of non-elderly **WORKERS** are **uninsured** in Cabarrus County[2]

547 new jobs
in Cabarrus County [1]

$98,700,000
in new business activity [1]

$2,035,500
in new county revenue[1]

Cost of Lowest-priced Bronze Plan in the Private Marketplace for Someone in the Coverage Gap in Cabarrus County

	Monthly Premium	Estimated Annual Cost*
Mother *(age 30)* with One Child	$265.93	$3,636.00
Veteran *(age 40)* with Family of Four**	$299.43	$3,929.00
Single Woman *(age 55)*	$522.49	$6,615.00

*Estimated annual cost is based on low-use. Low-use assumes no hospital visits, few doctor's visits, and occasional prescriptions.
**Premium and estimated annual cost is based on coverage for veteran alone, does not include coverage for family members.

*Closing the coverage gap would improve county **public safety** by connecting people with needed **mental health** and **substance use disorder** treatment.*

In 2019, there were **35 deaths** and **144 emergency department visits** for opioid overdose in Cabarrus County.[3]

Closing the coverage gap would also help offset county spending on inmate health care costs.

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