

California

Under the second Trump administration

Just over a year ago, the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress appropriated \$191 billion for immigration enforcement, while cutting \$911 billion from health care funding in the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). At a time when Americans face an increasing affordability crisis, the cuts from this bill and other funding cuts from the Trump administration have already begun to affect American families, leading to millions losing health care, hospitals closing across the country, and billions poured into new immigration jails and ICE assaults on American cities.

What has changed in California?

Federal funding cuts & effects	Federal funding expansions & effects
\$20.8 billion Projected loss in federal funding from changes to Medicaid, SNAP, ACA subsidies, and the RHTP (2029)	\$1.5 billion Spent by DHS buying 2 warehouse(s) or private prison(s) to expand ICE detention capacity, as of August 2026
203,000 More people projected to become uninsured because of ACA subsidies expiring in 2026	50,172 ICE arrests, January 21, 2025 through August 6, 2026
333,062 Fewer people receiving SNAP food assistance, as of August 2026	60 ICE detention facilities, July 2026
1,601,804 Fewer people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP compared to one year prior, April 2026	5,512 People held daily across those detention facilities on average, 2025–2026
44 Hospitals and medical facilities closed or closing, August 2026	
84,200 Projected net health care jobs lost, combining the effects of changes to ACA, Medicaid, and the creation of the RHTP	
\$28.6 million Terminated DOJ (Office of Justice Programs) grant funding for Community Safety + Violence Intervention	

What do these changes mean for the people of California?

- [Medicaid cuts trigger layoffs at East Bay hospitals serving Alameda County's most vulnerable](#), CBS News, January 9, 2026: Alameda Health System cut 247 jobs as a result of Medicaid cuts. This hospital system predominantly serves low income Black and Brown people. One patient credited doctors and nurses at one of the impacted hospitals "with saving his life and said he fears the consequences of potential layoffs. 'They'd been keeping me alive, man. Keeping me together. I love my nurses.'"
- ['Nightmarish': Report exposes medical failures at California ICE detention center](#), San Francisco Chronicle, July 27, 2026: An independent review of California's largest ICE detention center found it failed to provide adequate medical care. One person who had been incarcerated there described the conditions as "a living nightmare."
- [LA is still reeling from ICE raids, one year on](#), Capital & Main, June 26, 2026: ICE arrests surged nearly sevenfold in the Los Angeles area in the summer of 2025. Thousands of people detained at that time remain in immigration jails or have been deported, with families and communities still suffering the consequences.



Read the full 50 state report to learn more about how the Trump administration's cuts are harming American communities, and see the methodology and sources at <http://fwd.us/cuttinghealthcare>

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