

Georgia

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 Georgia?

Federal funding cuts & effects	Federal funding expansions & effects
\$4.4 billion Projected loss in federal funding from changes to Medicaid, SNAP, ACA subsidies, and the RHTP (2029)	\$197 million Spent by DHS buying 2 warehouse(s) or private prison(s) to expand ICE detention capacity, as of August 2026
372,000 More people projected to become uninsured because of ACA subsidies expiring in 2026	21,787 ICE arrests, January 21, 2025 through August 6, 2026
97,568 Fewer people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP compared to one year prior, April 2026	106 Active 287(g) agreements between local agencies and ICE, as of August 21, 2026
5 Hospitals and medical facilities closed or closing, August 2026	20 ICE detention facilities, July 2026
19,300 Projected net health care jobs lost, combining the effects of changes to ACA, Medicaid, and the creation of the RHTP	3,890 People held daily across those detention facilities on average, 2025–2026
\$1.4 million Terminated DOJ (Office of Justice Programs) grant funding for Hate Crimes	

What do these changes mean for the people of Georgia?

- [Georgia's ACA enrollment plunges, raising concerns for rural hospitals](#), Georgia Recorder, April 22, 2026: More than half a million Georgians lost health insurance as a result of premium hikes after ACA extended subsidies were allowed to expire. Health care workers are alarmed about the bigger than expected decrease. "I don't know what we're going to do, honestly," said the president of the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals.
- [Study shows Georgia families skipping meals, taking on debt to survive](#), Atlanta News First, August 17, 2026: Nearly 1 in 4 Georgia families are struggling to afford food, with many skipping meals or taking on debt to make ends meet. It highlights the growing financial strain on families as nearly 30% of SNAP recipients lost their benefits this year.
- [Georgia town sues the Trump administration over massive ICE detention center](#), Georgia Recorder, May 15, 2026: The city of Social Circle, GA sued the Trump administration to halt a plan to turn a local industrial warehouse into a 10,000 bed detention facility. "If allowed to proceed with their plan to transform Social Circle into the site of one of the nation's largest immigration detention facilities, Defendants will cause immense and irreparable harm to Social Circle and its residents," the lawyers wrote in the court filing.
- [US citizen detained by ICE at Atlanta Airport as he boarded flight, WSB-TV 2 Atlanta, August 11, 2026](#): A Georgia man was assaulted and handcuffed while he was boarding a plane in an Atlanta airport, despite having his ID and having it checked prior to boarding.



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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