

Illinois

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 Illinois?

Federal funding cuts & effects	Federal funding expansions & effects
\$6.4 billion Projected loss in federal funding from changes to Medicaid, SNAP, ACA subsidies, and the RHTP (2029)	7,843 ICE arrests, January 21, 2025 through August 6, 2026
106,000 More people projected to become uninsured because of ACA subsidies expiring in 2026	9 ICE detention facilities, July 2026
200,114 Fewer people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP compared to one year prior, April 2026	59 People held daily across those detention facilities on average, 2025–2026
15 Hospitals and medical facilities closed or closing, August 2026	
25,800 Projected net health care jobs lost, combining the effects of changes to ACA, Medicaid, and the creation of the RHTP	
\$17.7 million Terminated DOJ (Office of Justice Programs) grant funding for Community Safety + Violence Intervention	

What do these changes mean for the people of Illinois?

- [Rural Illinois hospitals warn of service cuts without state funding](#), KWQC, January 12, 2026: Illinois hospitals are under strain due to federal cuts to Medicaid. Local hospital leadership visited the state legislature to ask for help to prevent services losses and hospital closures impacting local communities.
- [Area hospitals brace for Medicaid cuts as uninsured patients rise](#), Hyde Park Herald, March 13, 2026: UChicago Medical Center has already seen a rise in uninsured patients this year, and expects to see more as Medicaid cuts take effect. Other area hospitals are also preparing for longer waits for care, higher costs, sicker communities” as a result.
- [Federal cuts are hitting Illinois food assistance recipients — and the farmers who feed them](#), Capitol News Illinois, June 19, 2026: With hundreds of thousands of SNAP recipients predicted to lose benefits this year because of federal cuts, the impact threatens to spill over onto small family farms as well. Under the LINK Match program SNAP benefits can be spent directly on local farmers, and cuts could particularly impact small farmers with tight margins. Nevertheless one local farmer said they were “less concerned about the money coming in and more concerned about folks not getting the food they need.”
- [Collinsville teens ‘kidnapped’ by ICE while on the way to work in central Illinois](#), St Louis Public Radio, June 10, 2026: Three teenagers were arrested by ICE after a routine traffic stop, despite state law prohibiting police from working with the federal agency. One of the teenagers is only 16, and was taken from his family and transported to Texas where he remains in custody.
- [From Businesses to Churches, How ‘Operation Midway Blitz’ Has Impacted Daily Life for Chicagoans](#), WTTW, December 15, 2025: From September through December 2025, ICE “surged” into Chicago for “Operation Midway Blitz,” hurting small businesses, lowering school attendance, and sowing fear and chaos through the city.



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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