

Louisiana

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 Louisiana?

Federal funding cuts & effects	Federal funding expansions & effects
\$3.7 billion Projected loss in federal funding from changes to Medicaid, SNAP, ACA subsidies, and the RHTP (2029)	9,258 ICE arrests, January 21, 2025 through August 6, 2026
85,000 More people projected to become uninsured because of ACA subsidies expiring in 2026	92 Active 287(g) agreements between local agencies and ICE, as of August 21, 2026
170,227 Fewer people receiving SNAP food assistance, as of August 2026	21 ICE detention facilities, July 2026
209,589 Fewer people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP compared to one year prior, April 2026	8,268 People held daily across those detention facilities on average, 2025–2026
3 Hospitals and medical facilities closed or closing, August 2026	
18,700 Projected net health care jobs lost, combining the effects of changes to ACA, Medicaid, and the creation of the RHTP	
\$1.5 million Terminated DOJ (Office of Justice Programs) grant funding for Community Safety + Violence Intervention	

What do these changes mean for the people of Louisiana?

- [In the rural South where Medicaid has been a lifeline, residents brace for cuts](#), NPR, October 25, 2025: For residents of East Carroll Parish, Louisiana, Medicaid expansion was a lifeline that drove down the uninsured rate, and now many fear their benefits will vanish under the new federal spending bill's work reporting requirements. One resident who relies on Medicaid for her high blood pressure medication shares that "she's worried she will accidentally lose" her benefits.
- [ACA enrollment drops, including in Louisiana, after enhanced subsidies expire](#), KPLC, July 3, 2026: Louisiana saw one of the steepest drops in ACA marketplace enrollment this year. A young woman who recently aged off of her parent's plan and is shopping for her own coverage shares she has found plans but "the costs are usually very high."
- [Louisiana paid some SNAP recipients too much or too little, and now it could cost \\$95 million](#), WBRZ, August 6, 2026: The number of Louisiana residents receiving SNAP benefits has dropped 22% in the last year. A mother of multiple kids, who is among those who have lost her SNAP benefits after five years of being on the program, says she now has to choose between paying bills and buying food for her children.
- [Complaints allege sexual and physical abuse at Basile ICE facility](#), Verite News, September 17, 2025: Four individuals currently and formerly detained at the South Louisiana ICE Detention Center have filed complaints against DHS, alleging repeated sexual harassment, sexual and physical abuse, and neglect of medical and health care at the facility. One of the complainants said in a press statement, "Our rights are being violated every day. This is a privately run facility that profits from our suffering."



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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