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The 101 on health needs that North Carolina should be funding during the pandemic



What N.C. needs right now

- 723,000** N.C. workers and their dependents have become uninsured since the start of the pandemic through the loss of employer-sponsored health insurance.¹
- 11%** of North Carolinians were uninsured in 2019, including 142,000 children, and North Carolinians of color are more likely to be uninsured.²
- 32%** of NC's COVID-19 cases are among the state's Hispanic population, though they make up 10% of the state's population.*³
- 30%** of NC's COVID-19 deaths are among the state's Black and African American population, though they make up 22% of the state's population.*³

* As of Oct. 12, 2020

What it takes to fund these N.C. needs

- 682,000** is the estimated number of North Carolinians who would get health insurance coverage under Medicaid expansion.⁴
- 90%** is the percent of the cost of Medicaid expansion that the federal government would pay — funds North Carolinians already pay in federal income taxes.*

*The remaining state share of 10% would be financed through provider assessments and taxes on Prepaid Health Plans.⁵

What N.C. is actually spending

- \$12.4 million** for the NC Community Health Center Association and the NC Association of Free and Charitable Clinics *each* to assist health centers in providing eligible health services during COVID-19. ([Coronavirus Relief Act 3.0](#))
- \$25 million** for NC Department of Health and Human Services to expand public and private initiatives to expand testing, contract tracing, and trends tracking and analysis. ([2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act](#))

North Carolina currently has **\$1,471,100,000** in [unreserved funds](#) that could be used to meet the persistent needs of families and communities. If North Carolina were to undo tax cuts for the wealthy, we could be bringing in more than **\$3 billion in additional revenue each year**. By failing to tax everyone equitably, North Carolina does not bring in the revenue it needs to fully fund all of the programs and services people need to thrive.



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More resources

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