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The state of Florida has not yet expanded Medicaid to those who do not earn enough to buy insurance on the exchange, depriving nearly a million Florida residents of health insurance. Expanding Medicaid to cover those people, who make less than 138% of the poverty line, is allowed by the 2010 Affordable Care Act, depriving nearly a million residents of the state health insurance.

New [research from Data for Progress shows](#) that Medicaid expansion enjoys majority support in every congressional and state legislative district.

Our Key Findings:

- Medicaid expansion likely enjoys majority support in all of Florida's state legislative and Congressional districts. While the variation in the estimates is high, especially in Florida's numerous State House districts, the average level of support for Medicaid expansion across all three chambers is 65 percent.
- Support for Medicaid expansion is highest among women, African Americans, and low-income individuals.
- Medicaid expansion also enjoys majority support among traditionally conservative-leaning subgroups like white males, roughly 53 percent of whom reported supporting Medicaid expansion.
- In context, Medicaid expansion enjoys a higher level of approval in Florida than Rick Scott (~50 percent statewide), Marco Rubio (~55 percent statewide), or Bill Nelson (~58 percent statewide).

Two dozen large Florida Indivisible groups issued a statement in response to the research: "We support candidates who support Medicaid expansion -- and so will the voters!" "It's time for Republicans in Florida to stop denying the will of voters," said Sean McElwee, Co-Founder of Data for Progress, "we've seen a blue wave across the country, and politicians standing against healthcare will kept swept away."

"Democrats in search of a policy agenda that works for all Americans need look no further than making our most popular and successful anti-poverty measures available to all," said John Ray, Senior Adviser at Data for Progress. "And I hope to see political groups across the country using data to make the case for the progressive agenda in 2018."



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Indivisible is a movement of more than 6,000 grassroots groups, anchored by the Indivisible Project in Washington DC (Indivisible.org) and working to defeat the Trump agenda and elect accountable representatives. Florida Indivisible groups supporting the statement above include:

Action Together Suncoast Indivisible
Collier Congressional Watchdogs
Englewood Indivisible
Indivisible Central Florida
Indivisible East Hillsborough
Indivisible FL-13
Indivisible Gainesville
Indivisible NE Florida
Indivisible NWFL
Indivisible South Florida
Indivisible St Johns
Indivisible The Villages
Indivisible United Florida 6th District
Indivisible VB (Vero Beach)
Lee OFA Indivisible
MDC Indivisible
Venice Indivisible
Palm Beach Indivisibles
IndivisibleRISE (Tallahassee)
United for Action - Central Florida
Florida 6th District Healthcare Action Group
Indivisible East Manatee
Indivisible NWFL
Indivisible CD-16 FL