

# MEDICAID EXPANSION IN MISSISSIPPI

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# Total Nonfarm Jobs

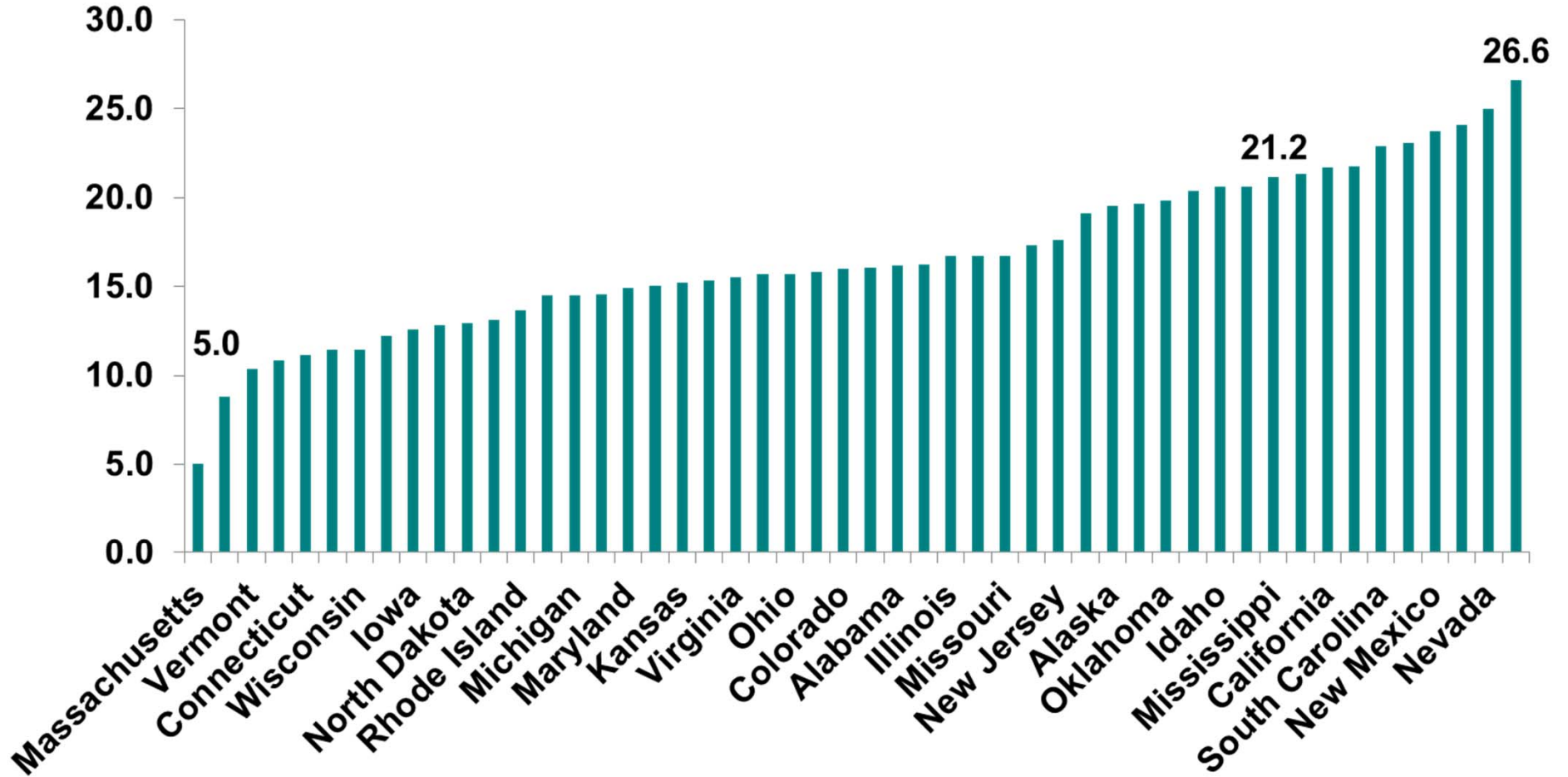
## January 1996 – October 2012 Mississippi

(in Thousands)



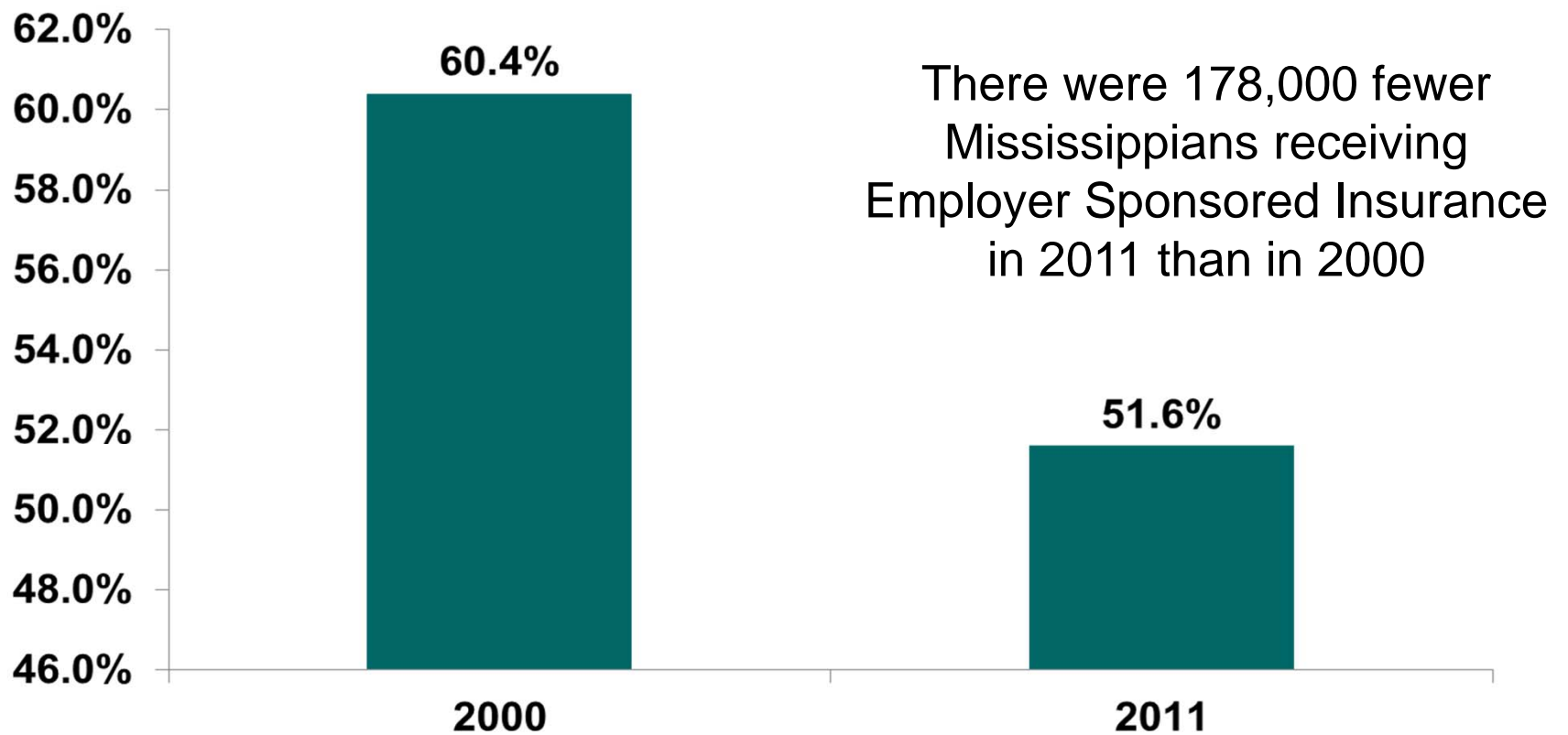
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Establishment Survey

## Uninsured by state, population under 65 years old



Source: US Census Bureau. Current Population Survey, 2012 MEPC Estimates.

### Percent of all Individuals under 65 with Employer Sponsored Health Insurance



Source: US Census Bureau. Current Population Survey, 2012

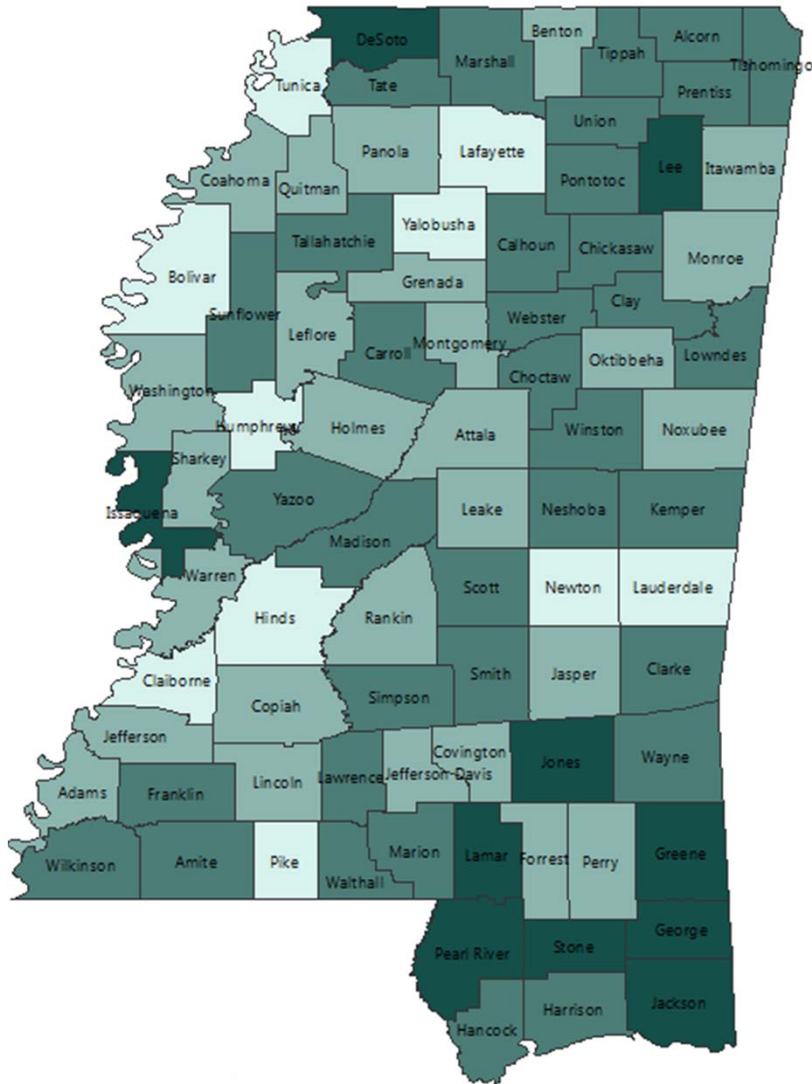
## Medicaid Expansion Target Population

- Newly eligible would be adults that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but too little to qualify for subsidy to purchase insurance in the exchange.
  - Example: Adults in a family of four earning wages between approximately \$11,000 and \$30,000

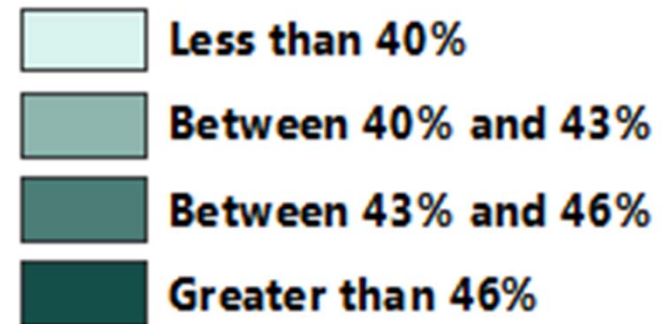
### OCCUPATIONS IN MISSISSIPPI WITH MOST UNINSURED WORKERS BELOW 138% OF POVERTY

Cashiers	14,445	Other Production Workers	4,724
Cooks	8,731	Medical Aides	4,084
Laborers & Movers	6,984	Store Clerks	3,915
Construction Workers	6,869	Retail Salespersons	3,092
Maids & Housekeeping	6,021	Food Service Managers	3,088
Truck & Other Drivers	5,950	Agriculture Workers	2,993
Waiters & Waitresses	5,280	Assemblers & Fabricators	2,954
Janitors & Cleaners	5,178	Childcare Workers	2,803
Grounds Maintenance Workers	5,067	Painters & Maintenance	2,704

Source: Mississippi Center for Health Policy analysis of American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2010. Data compiled by C4MHP using IPUMS-ACS.

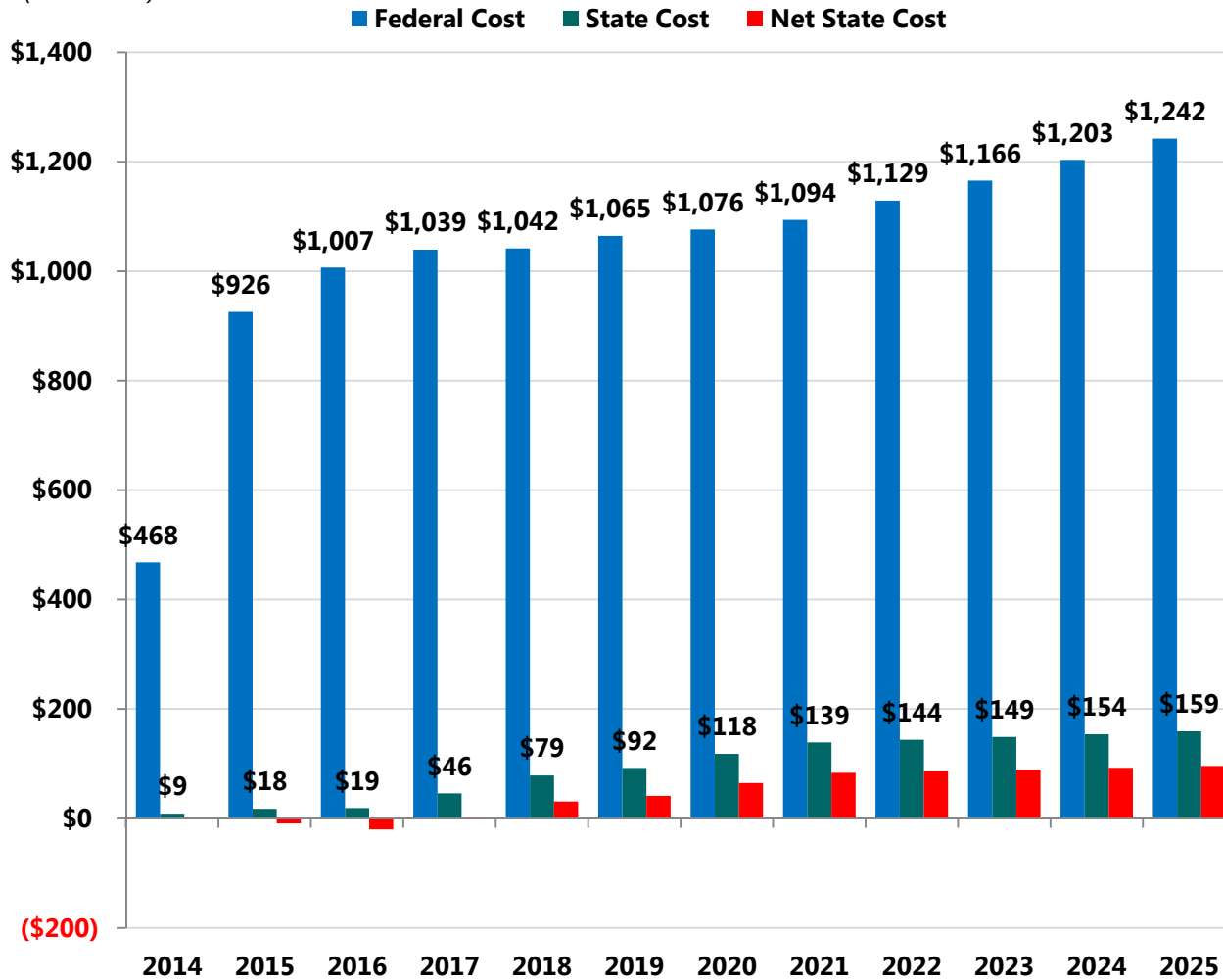


**Percent of Adults Under 138% of the Poverty Level Without Health Insurance**



**PROJECTED COSTS FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION IN MISSISSIPPI**

(in millions)



Source: Institutions for Higher Learning

## **Medicaid Expansion is a Good Deal**

- Creates over 9,000 jobs
- Connects 310,000 Mississippians to health insurance

## **Not Expanding Medicaid is harmful**

- Hospitals will need to layoff staff and cut services
- Puts Mississippi at a competitive disadvantage

