

# Health Spending and the States Some Background Facts

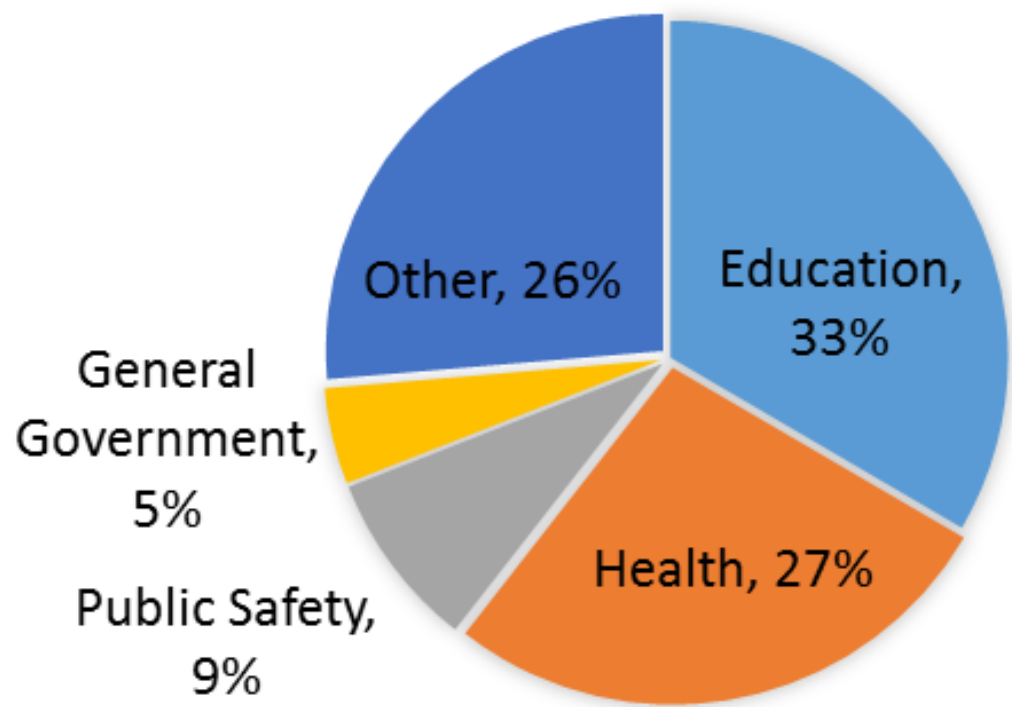
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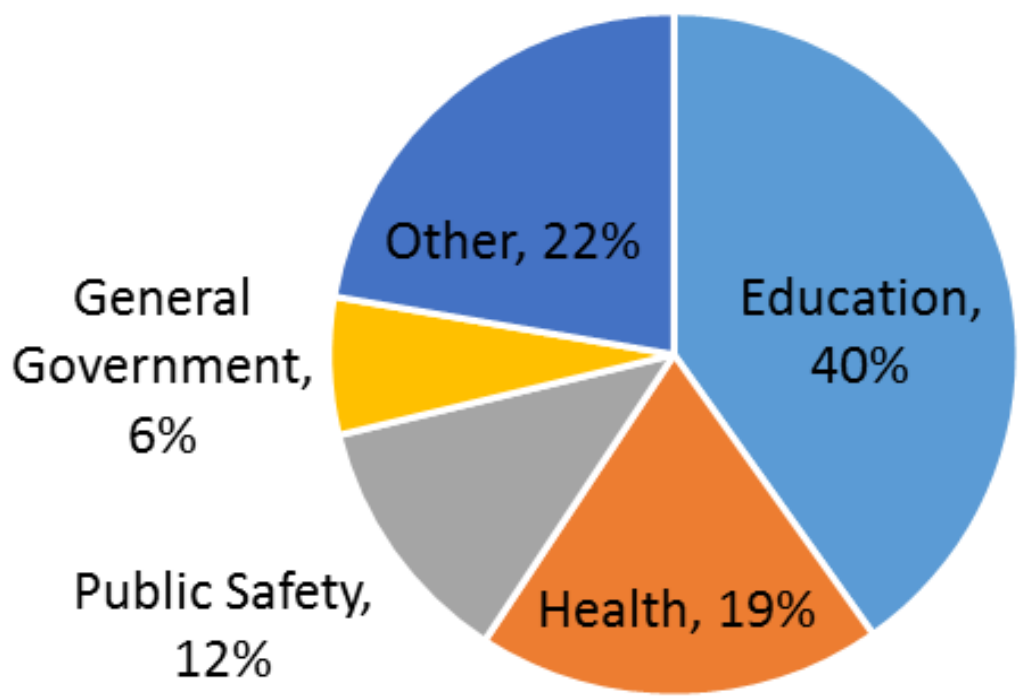
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# Health spending (mostly Medicaid) large share of budgets

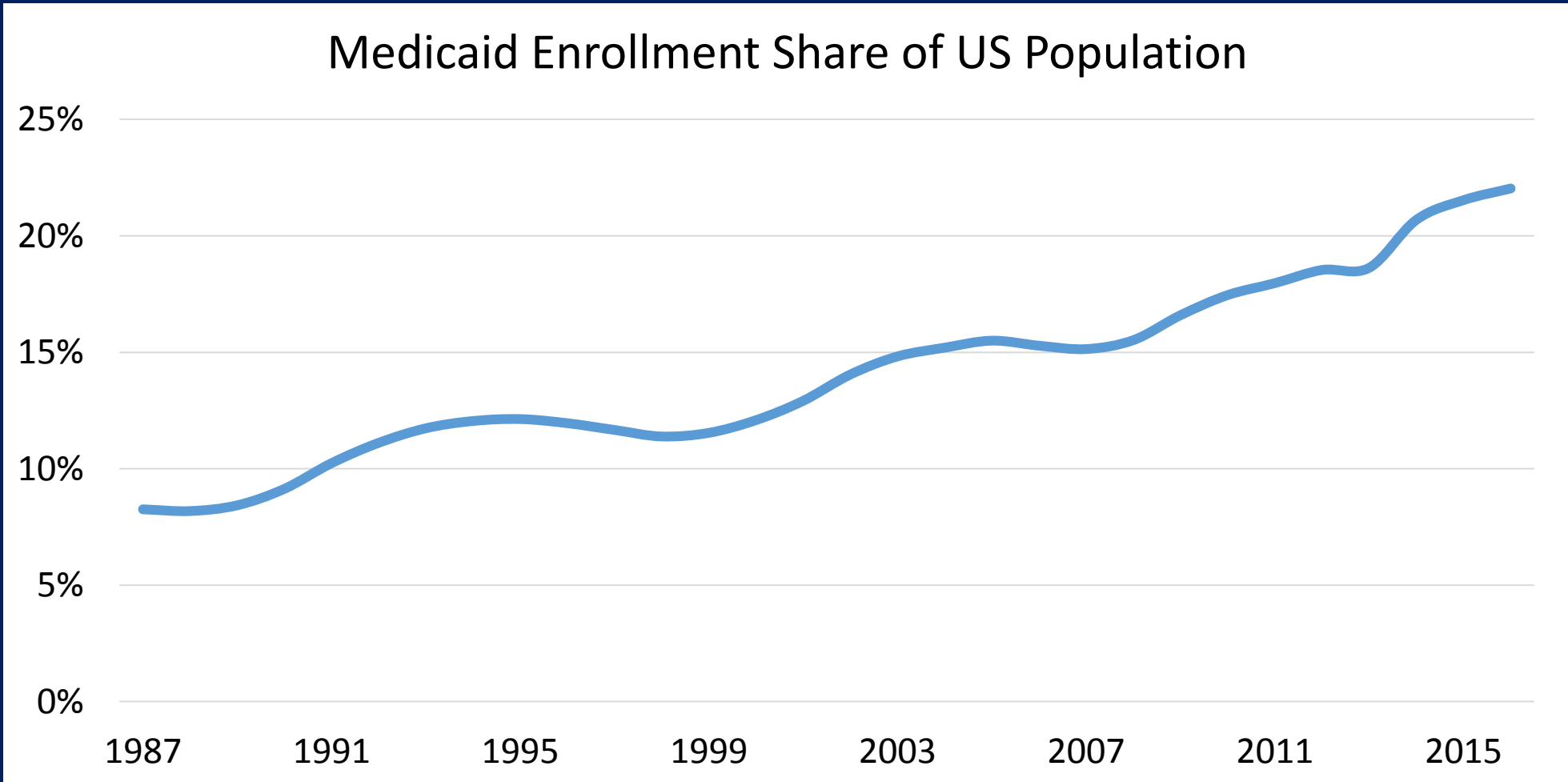
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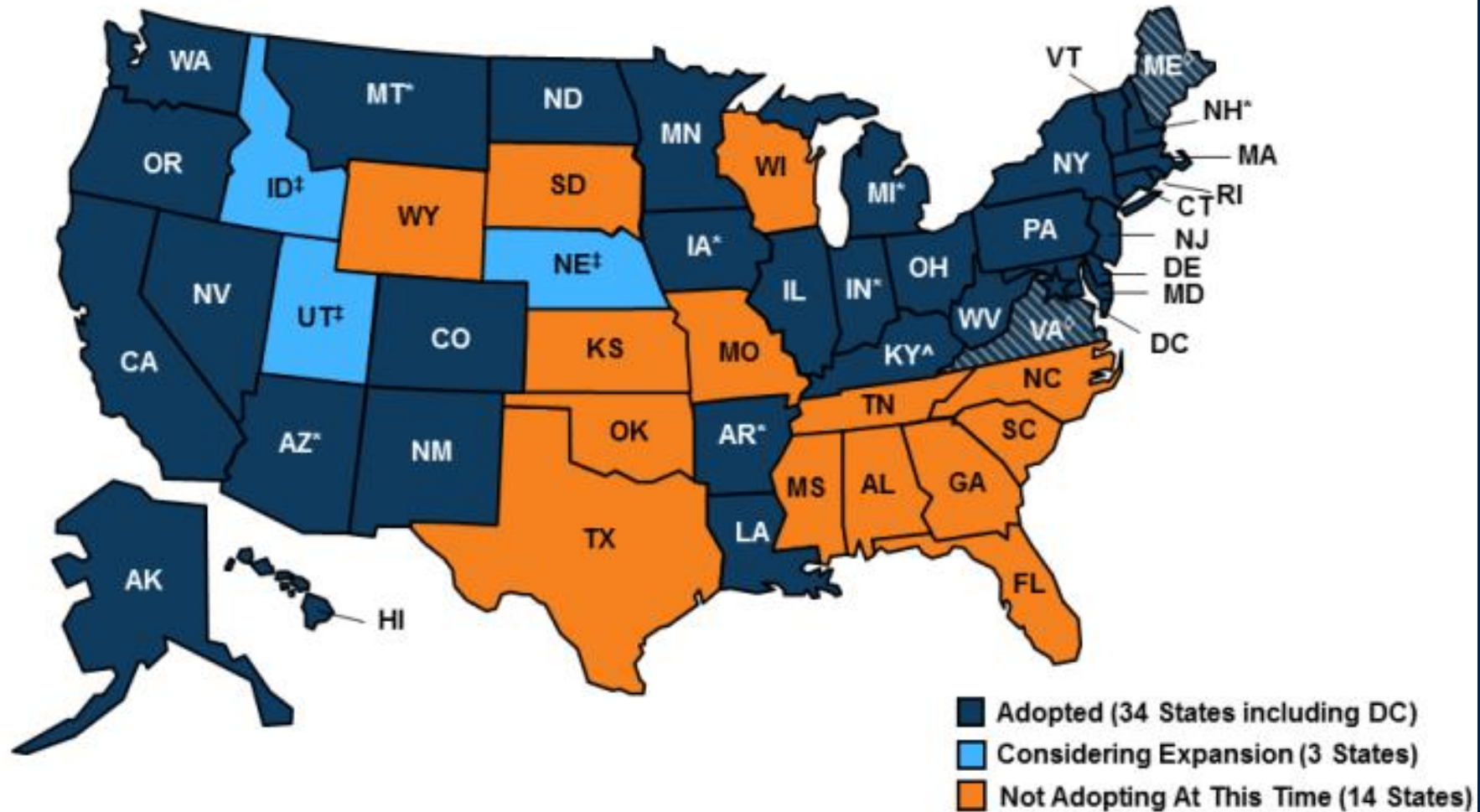
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# Medicaid is an important source of health coverage for the population

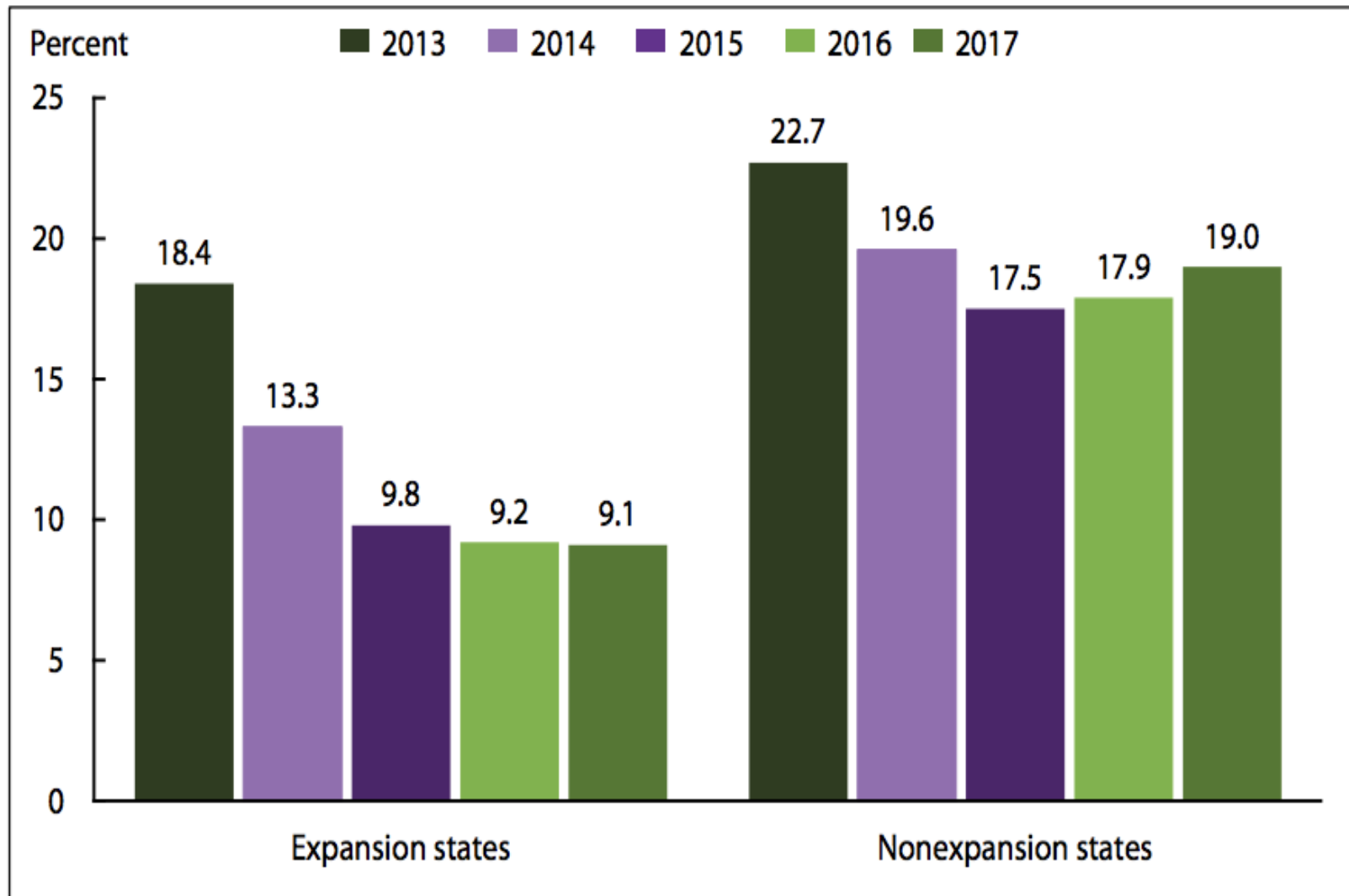


## Status of State Medicaid Expansion Decisions



Source:: KFF Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation

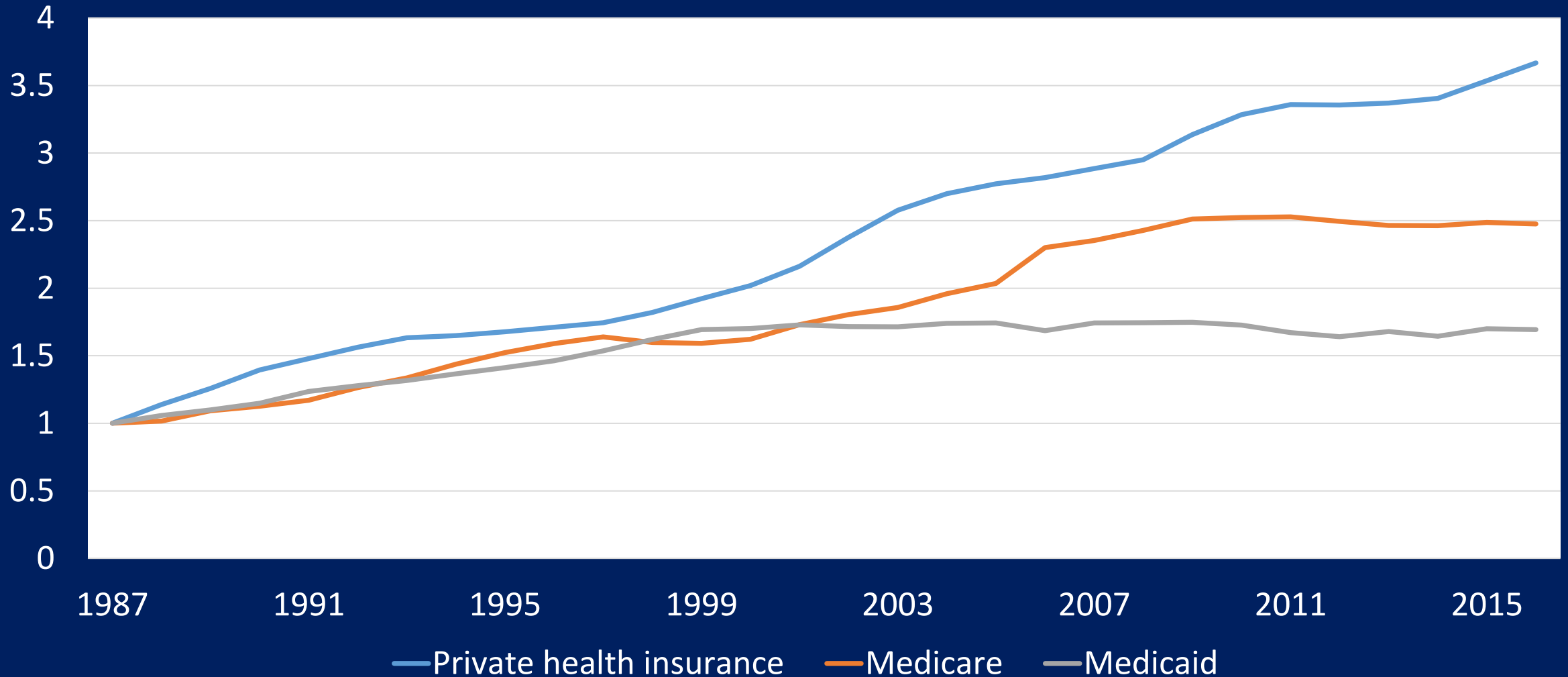
**Figure 9. Percentage of adults aged 18–64 who were uninsured at the time of interview, by year and state Medicaid expansion status: United States, 2013–2017**



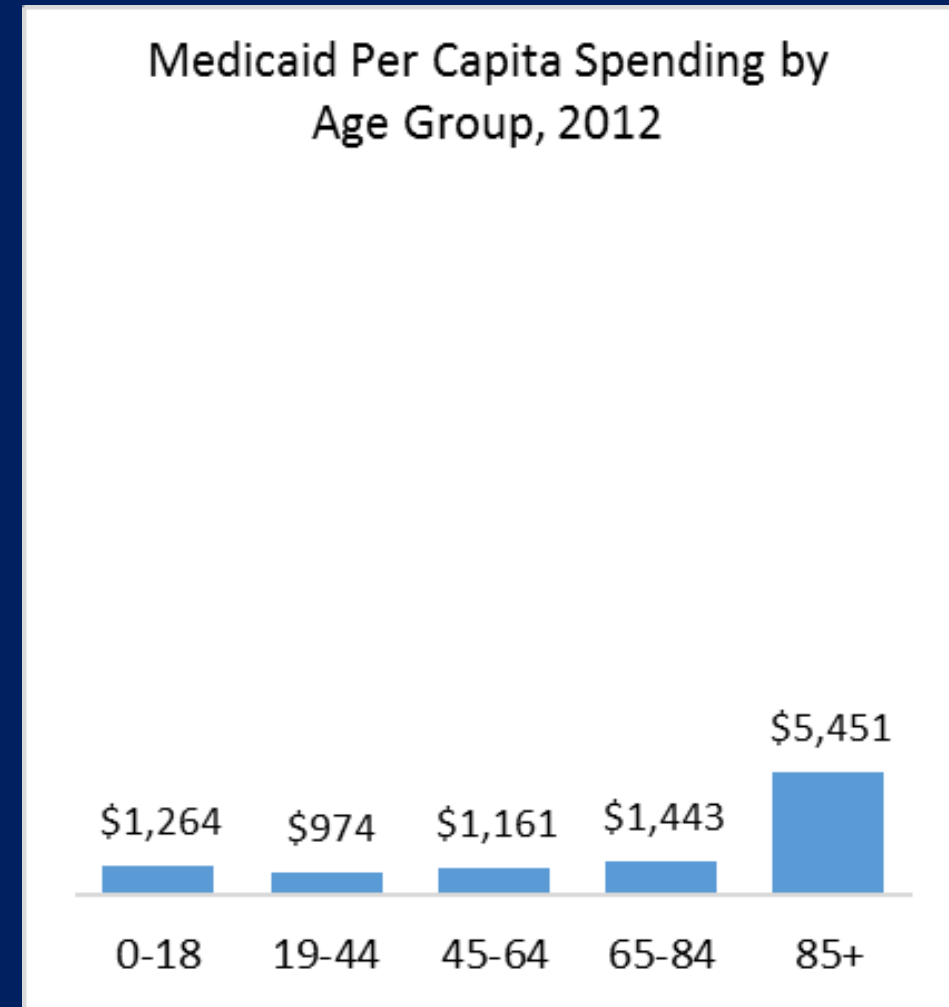
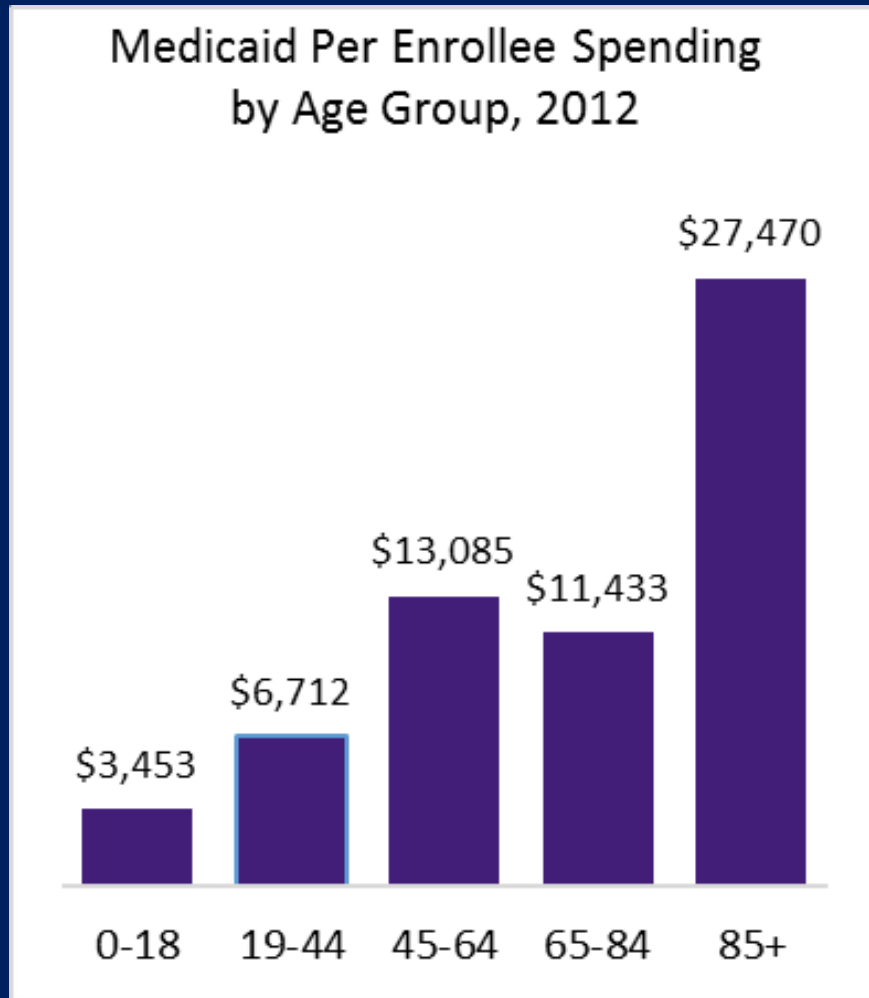
Source:: Georgetown University Health Policy Institute

# Medicaid spending growth lower than private, Medicare

## Increase in Real Per Enrollee Spending Since 1987



# Some long-term pressure from aging



Source: CMS

# Issues Facing States

## Near-term

- Status of ACA, Medicaid Expansion
- Medicaid waivers: Allow states to impose premiums, impose work requirements
- State regulation of insurance markets?
- Opioid epidemic

## Longer-term:

- Possibility of block grants – fixed or per capita caps
- Budget pressure from continued cost growth, aging, pension obligations