

Closing the Coverage Gap and Georgia's Economy

Closing the coverage gap would significantly boost the state's economy, spurring new jobs, increasing income, and strengthening the middle class.



Spurs job growth

- More than **51,000 new jobs** statewide
- Most new jobs (57 percent) support workers outside of health care in fields such as construction, retail trade, administrative and support services, and restaurant services



Puts more money in the pockets of average Georgians

- Nearly **\$900 average increase** per household in personal income
- **\$3.6 billion increase** in personal income statewide



Brings economic benefits to the whole state, including rural areas

- Rural Georgians receive as much as one-sixth of the total economic benefits
- This includes more than **5,600 new jobs**, more than \$475 million in additional personal income, and more than 4,200 annual population gain



Grows our economy

- Increases state's economic output by **\$9.4 billion** and our GDP by **\$5.5 billion** in the first three years

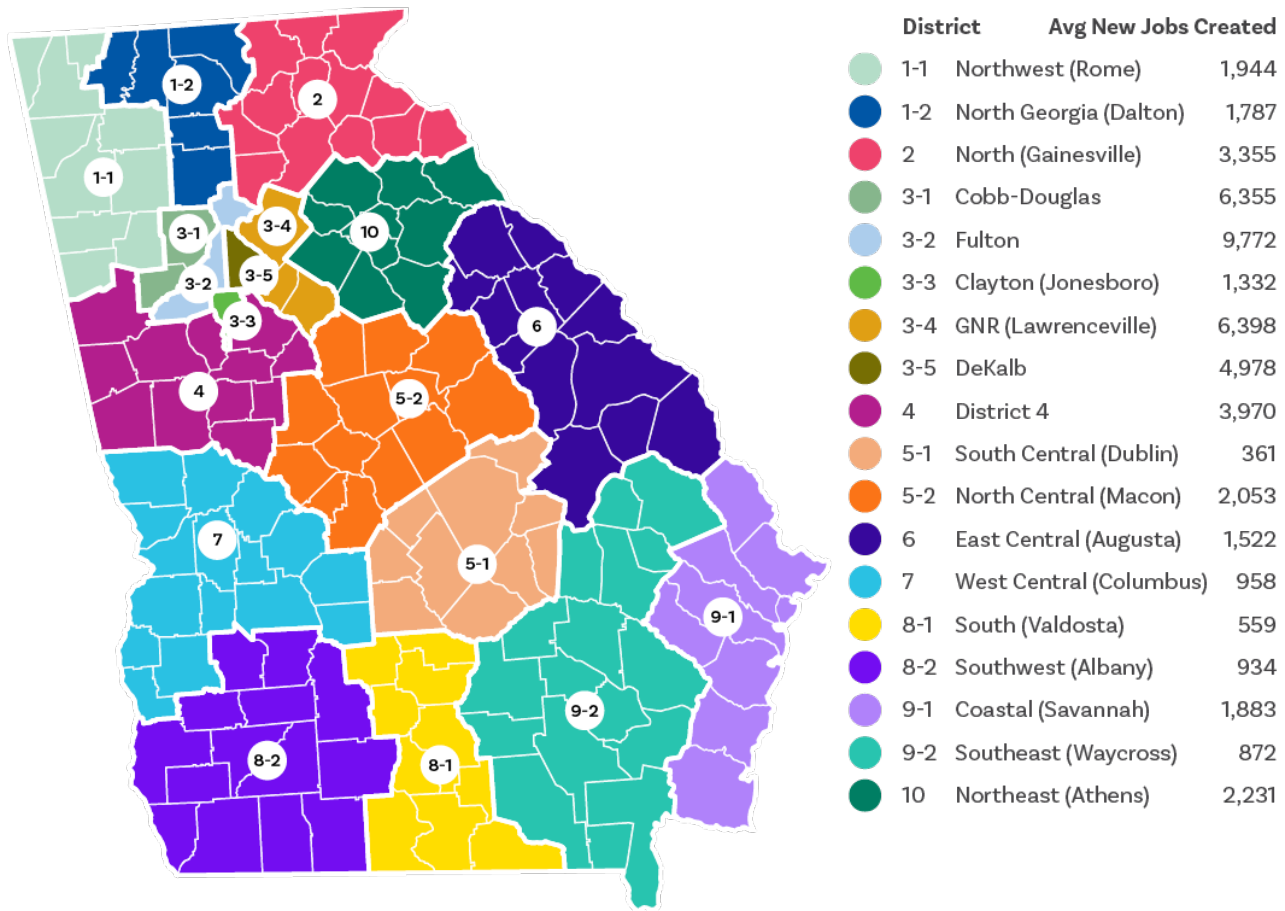


A win-win

- Good health care policy *and* good economic policy
- Benefits those in need of coverage *and* all Georgians

Job growth would be felt across the state.

Projected Annual Job Growth by Public Health District



These Public Health Districts are designated by the Georgia Department of Public Health. For specific county-level data, [see the REMI Report](#).

Notes

1. [Research by Regional Economic Models, Inc. \(REMI\)](#), commissioned by Georgia Health Initiative, March 2024. County specific numbers are available in the report.
2. Data reflect annual average during the first three years after closing the coverage gap.