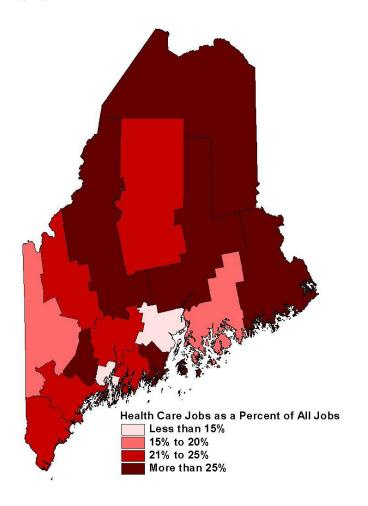
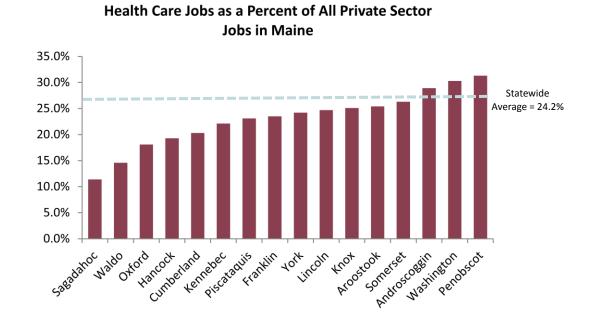


Jobs are the most pressing issue in Maine. The Health Care industry is a major economic engine and source of jobs in the State. The map and table below depict the significance of Health Care jobs in Maine. Other maps and figures available from MECEP depict the number of jobs that were supported by State and Federal Medicaid spending in 2011 and the number of jobs that could be lost as a result of proposed cuts to Medicaid in Maine.





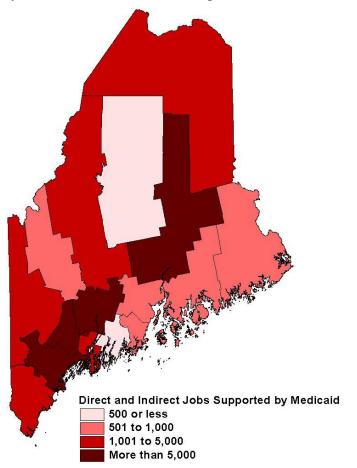
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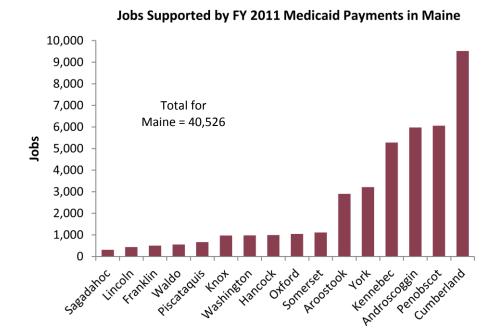
Health care jobs account for approximately one in four private sector jobs in Maine. In Penobscot and Washington Counties, one out of every three private sector jobs is in the health care industry.

Data source: Maine Department of Labor, Current Employment Statistics



State spending on MaineCare or Medicaid stimulates significant economic activity by bringing federal dollars into Maine and directly supporting the wages and salaries of doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals. In turn, as these workers purchase goods and services they generate additional or indirect economic activity and jobs. The map and table below depict the impact of MaineCare spending in FY 2011 on jobs. The analysis is based on RIMS II Multipliers available from the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the U.S. Department of Commerce.



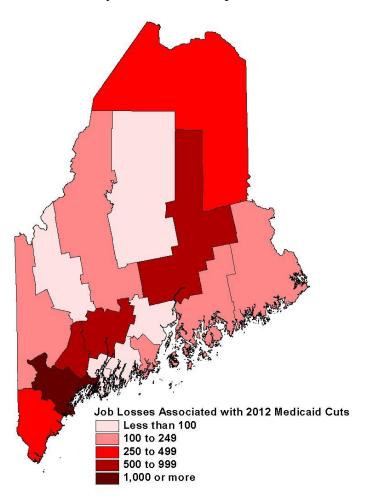


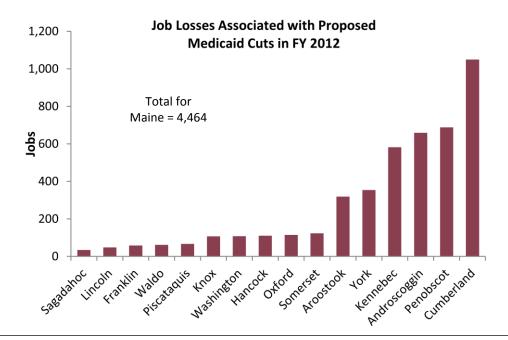
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State and federal Medicaid payments of \$2.3 billion to 3,500 health care providers in FY 2011 directly and indirectly supported 40,526 jobs. In Cumberland County, 9,520 jobs benefited from Medicaid payments.



Proposed cuts to MaineCare or Medicaid will impact services for more than 65,000 Maine people and have lasting consequences for Maine's economy. The map and table below depict the job impacts of proposed cuts in FY 2012 based on RIMS II Multipliers available from the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the U.S. Department of Commerce.





Summary

Maine can ill-afford to continue to lose jobs. Since January 2011, Maine has lost 4,800 jobs according to the most recent data from the Maine Department of Labor. Proposed State cuts to Medicaid in FY 2012 will reduce Federal dollars received by Maine and result in the loss of an additional 4,464 jobs. Cumberland County will experience the greatest job loss at 1,050 jobs.