

MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES AT A GLANCE - METHODOLOGY

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OVERVIEW

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed the Medicare Beneficiaries at a Glance infographic, which provides a visual summary on Medicare beneficiaries, including types of coverage, utilization, average cost for specific services, chronic condition prevalence, beneficiary satisfaction and access to care, and usual source of care. The data presented in the infographic are based on CMS administrative enrollment and fee-for-service claims data from the CMS Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW), as well as statistics collected from the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS).

METHODOLOGY AND DATA SOURCES

The table below shows the data sources and links to webpages with the methodologies used for the various measures reported in the infographic:

MEASURE	DATA SOURCE	METHODOLOGY
Enrollment Measures		
Americans Enrolled in Medicare, New Enrollees, Who They Are and Type of Medicare Coverage	CMS Program Statistics	For more information on data sources and methodology, visit https://data.cms.gov/collection/cms-program-statistics
Use of Medicare Services		
Blood Pressure Screening, Pneumonia Shot, and Flu Shot	MCBS	For more information on methodology, visit https://data.cms.gov/medicare-current-beneficiary-survey-mcbs/medicare-current-beneficiary-survey-data
Prescriptions	Part D Prescriber PUF	The percentage of Medicare Part D beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year with Part D utilization. For more information on Part D beneficiaries with utilization, please visit https://data.cms.gov/provider-summary-by-type-of-service/medicare-part-d-prescribers
Doctor Visit	CCW	The percentage of Medicare Part B fee-for-service beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year with a doctor visit (includes doctor visits in any setting, e.g. office, inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital).

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Emergency Department Visit	CCW	The percentage of Medicare Part A fee-for-service beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year with an inpatient or outpatient emergency department visit.
Inpatient Hospital Stay	CMS Program Statistics	For more information on methodology, visit https://data.cms.gov/collection/cms-program-statistics
Post-Acute Care Services	CCW	The percentage of Medicare Part A fee-for-service beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year and received services from a Long-term care hospital, Inpatient rehabilitation facility, Skilled nursing facility or Home health provider.
Hospital Readmission	CCW	The percentage of Medicare Part A fee-for-service beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year, were discharged from an inpatient hospital, and were subsequently readmitted to an inpatient hospital within 30 days.
Average Total Payments		
Inpatient Hospital Stay	CMS Program Statistics	The ‘stays per 1,000 enrollees’ rate is based on the number of Medicare Part A fee-for-service beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year. For more information on inpatient hospital stays and payments, please visit https://data.cms.gov/collection/cms-program-statistics
Outpatient Emergency Department Visit	CCW	The ‘visits per enrollee’ rate is based on the number of Medicare Part B fee-for-service beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year. Payments were calculated by aggregating the outpatient Emergency department charge along with all Part B non-institutional charges occurring on the same day, excluding Ambulance and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) services.

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Doctor Visit	CCW	Average payments and ‘visits per enrollee’ are based on the number of Medicare Part B fee-for-service beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year with a doctor visit (includes doctor visits in any setting, e.g. office, inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital).
30-Day Prescription	Part D Prescriber Public Use File	The ‘fills per enrollee’ rate is based on Medicare Part D beneficiaries who were enrolled at any point during the calendar year. For more information on 30-day prescription fills and total drug costs, please visit https://data.cms.gov/provider-summary-by-type-of-service/medicare-part-d-prescribers
Overall Satisfaction Rates and Access to Care		
All Measures in this section	MCBS	For more information on methodology, visit https://data.cms.gov/medicare-current-beneficiary-survey-mcbs/medicare-current-beneficiary-survey-data
Usual Source of Care		
All measures in this section	MCBS	For more information on methodology, visit https://data.cms.gov/medicare-current-beneficiary-survey-mcbs/medicare-current-beneficiary-survey-data
Chronic Condition Prevalence		
All measures in this section	CCW	For more information on methodology, visit https://data.cms.gov/resources/medicare-chronic-conditions-methodology