

Income and Assets Data Dictionary		
Variable Name	Term Name	Definition
Home_ownership	Own home	Homeownership rate among Medicare beneficiaries. Respondents who do not own their homes (e.g., they rent their homes) or have other living arrangements are classified as “not owning their home.”
Own_bank_deposit_accounts	Own bank deposit accounts	Bank deposit account (checking, savings, or CDs) ownership rate among Medicare beneficiary households.
Checking_account	Own a checking account	Checking account ownership rate among Medicare beneficiary households.
Savings_account	Own a savings account	Savings account ownership rate among Medicare beneficiary households.
Certificates_of_deposit	Own certificates of deposit	Certificate of deposit ownership rate among Medicare beneficiary households.
Stocks_or_mutual_funds	Own stocks or mutual funds	Stock and mutual fund ownership rate among Medicare beneficiary households.
Retirement_accounts	Own retirement accounts	Percentage of Medicare beneficiary households who own retirement accounts (401(k), 403(b), or IRA).
Receive_social_security	Receive Social Security	Percentage of Medicare beneficiary households who received Social Security or Railroad Retirement payments in the previous month.
Receive_supplemental_security_income	Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Percentage of Medicare beneficiary households who received SSI payments in the previous month.
Receive_pension	Receive pension income	Percentage of Medicare beneficiary households who received job-related or union-related pension benefit in the previous month.
Got_paid_to_work_last_month	Worked for pay last month	Percentage of Medicare beneficiaries who worked for pay in the previous month. Available starting with 2022
Median_combined_income	Median combined income	Income data are self-reported by respondents for the calendar year. Respondents report the total annual income received by beneficiary household from all sources, including Social Security, Railroad Retirement, SSI, VA benefits, pensions, retirement accounts, interest, bank accounts, businesses, real estate, and employment, before taxes or deductions. Income figures represent the best available estimate based on the most recent information provided.
Median_combined_earnings	Median combined earnings	Median monthly employment earnings received by beneficiary and spouse/partner.
Median_earnings	Median earnings	Median monthly employment earnings received by beneficiaries. Available starting with 2022
Median_home_equity	Median home equity	Median home equity value for beneficiaries who own their homes (calculated as home value minus remaining mortgage balance).
Median_comb_val_of_bank_deposit_acc	Median combined value of bank deposit accounts	Median combined value of checking accounts, savings accounts, and CDs held by beneficiary and spouse/partner.
Median_combined_stocks_mutual_funds	Median combined value of stocks and mutual funds	Median value of stock and mutual fund holdings for beneficiary and spouse/partner.

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Median_combined_retirement_accounts	Median combined value of retirement accounts	Median value of retirement accounts (401(k), 403(b), IRA, etc.) held by beneficiary and spouse/partner.
Median_combined_amount_received_retirement_accounts	Median combined amount received from retirement accounts	Median annual amount received from retirement accounts (401(k), 403(b), IRA, etc.) by beneficiary and spouse/partner.
Median_combined_social_security_payments	Median combined value of monthly social security payments	Median combined monthly amount received from Social Security by beneficiary and spouse/partner.
Median_combined_pension_payments	Median combined pension payments	Median combined monthly pension benefits received by beneficiary and spouse/partner.