

MEDICARE DATA HUB

Enrollment and Beneficiary Characteristics

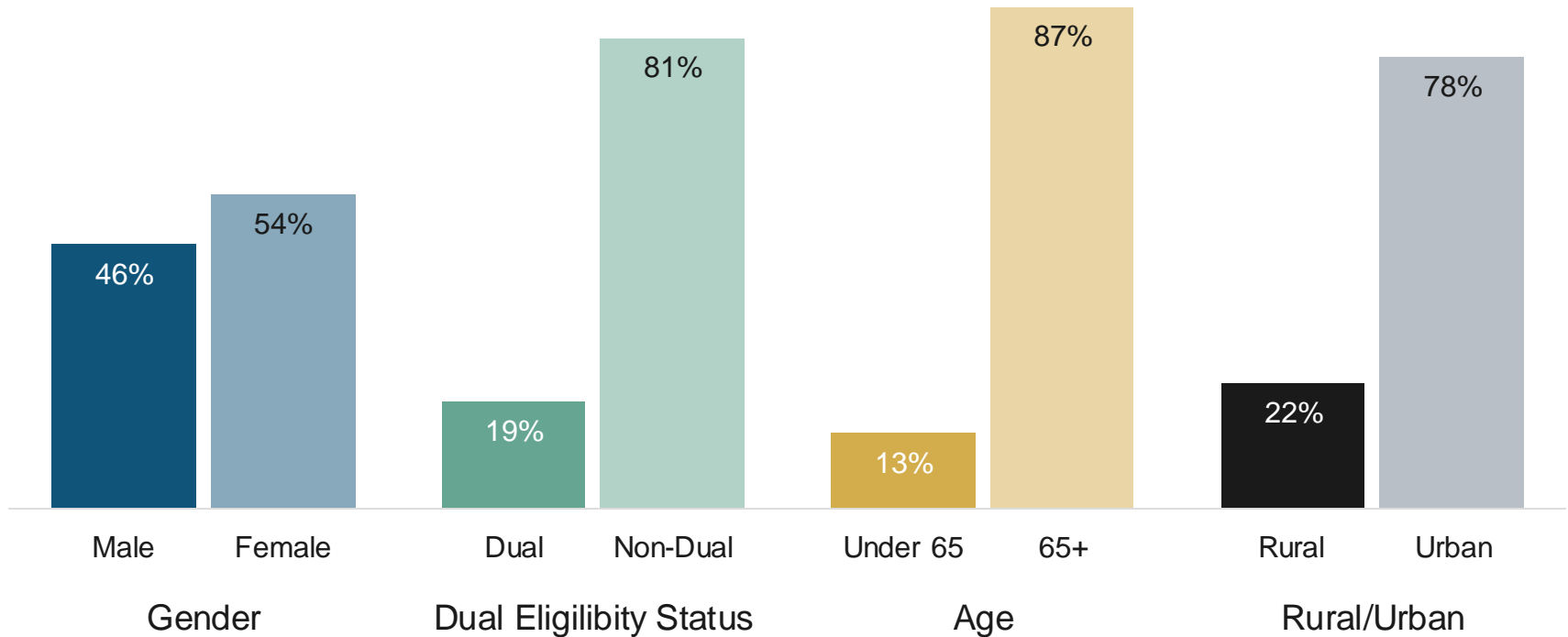
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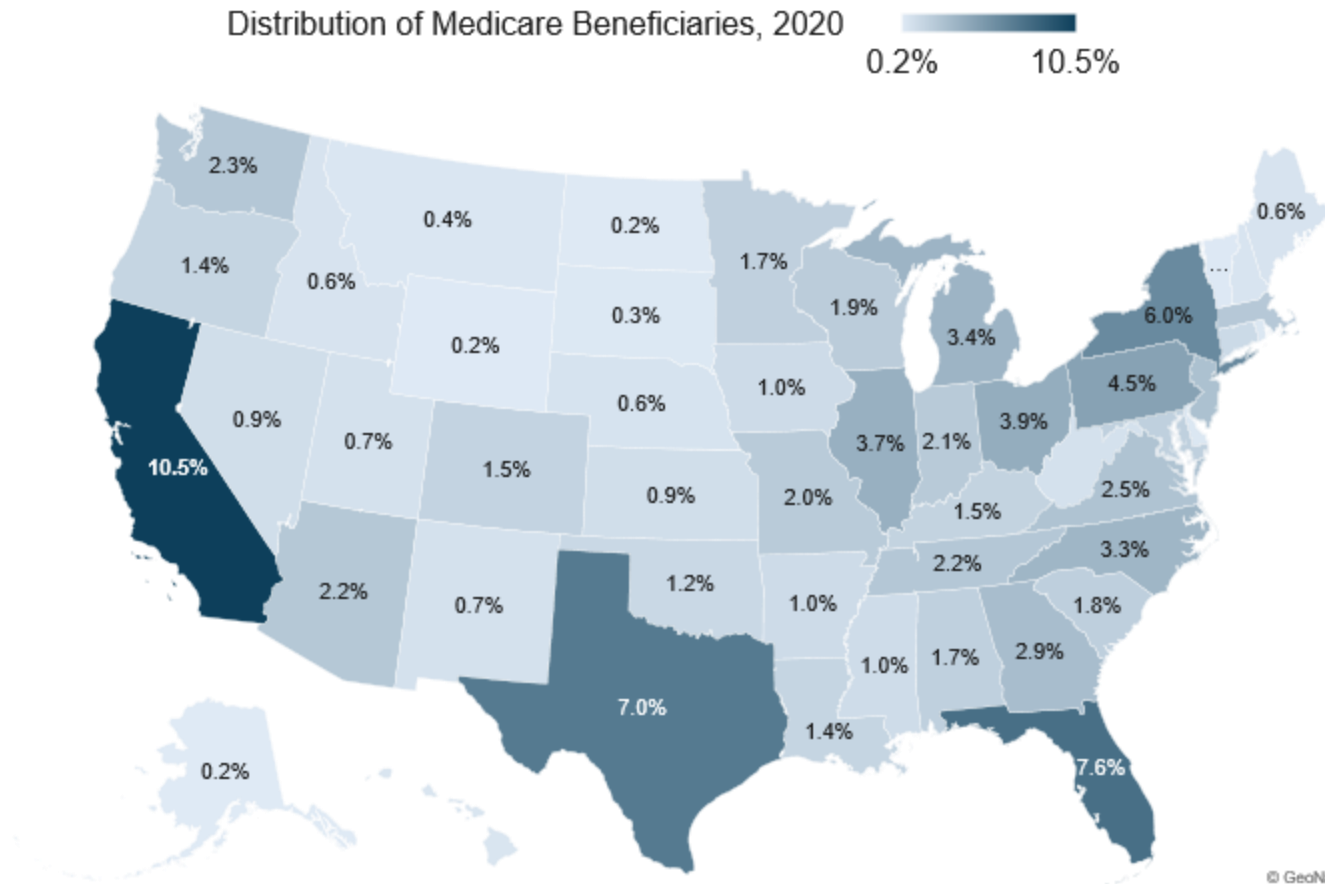
More than one in ten Medicare beneficiaries were under age 65 in 2020

Medicare Beneficiaries, by Gender, Dual Eligibility Status, Age, and Rurality, 2020



BENEFICIARY CHARACTERISTICS

One out of every four Medicare beneficiaries lived in California, Florida, or Texas in 2020.

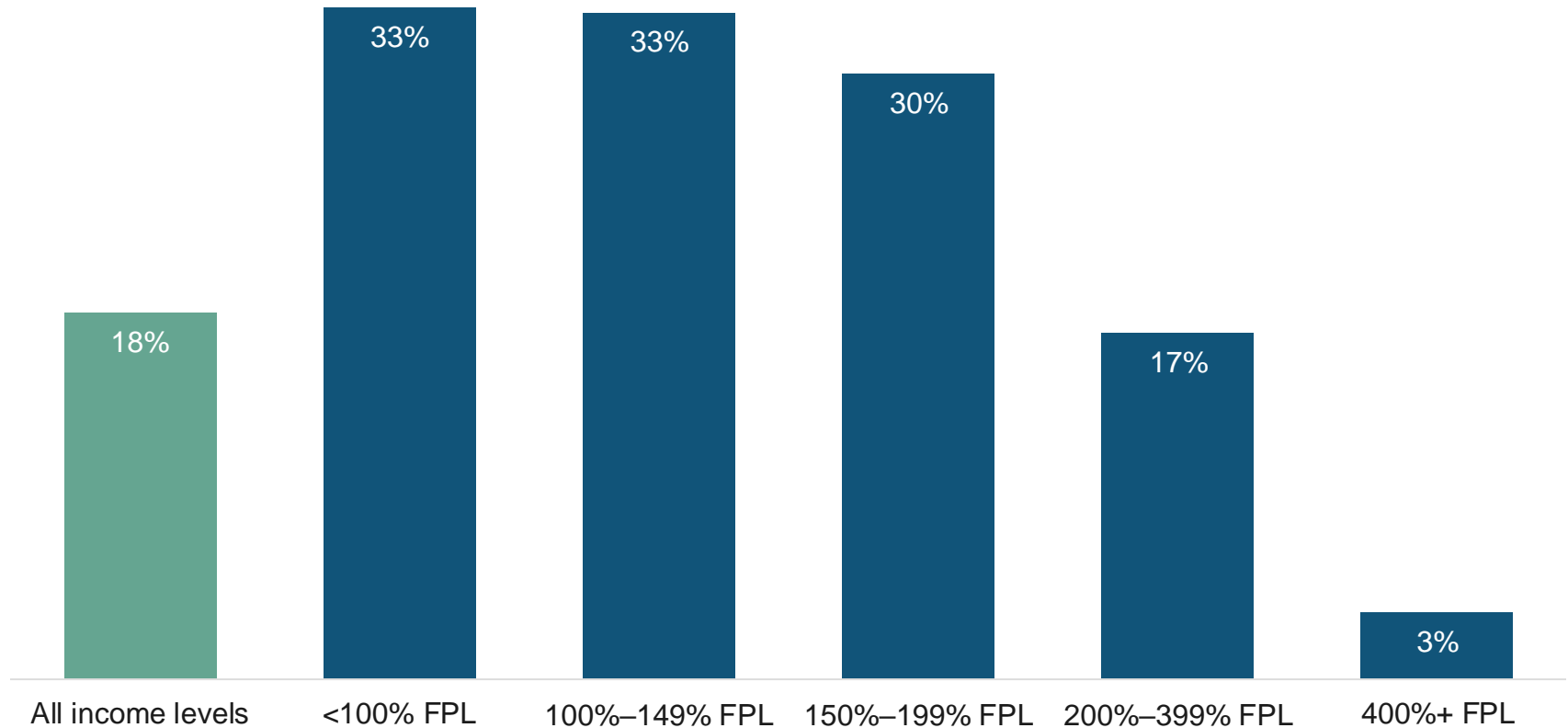


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Almost one in five Medicare beneficiaries spent 20 percent or more of their income on premiums and medical care, 2017

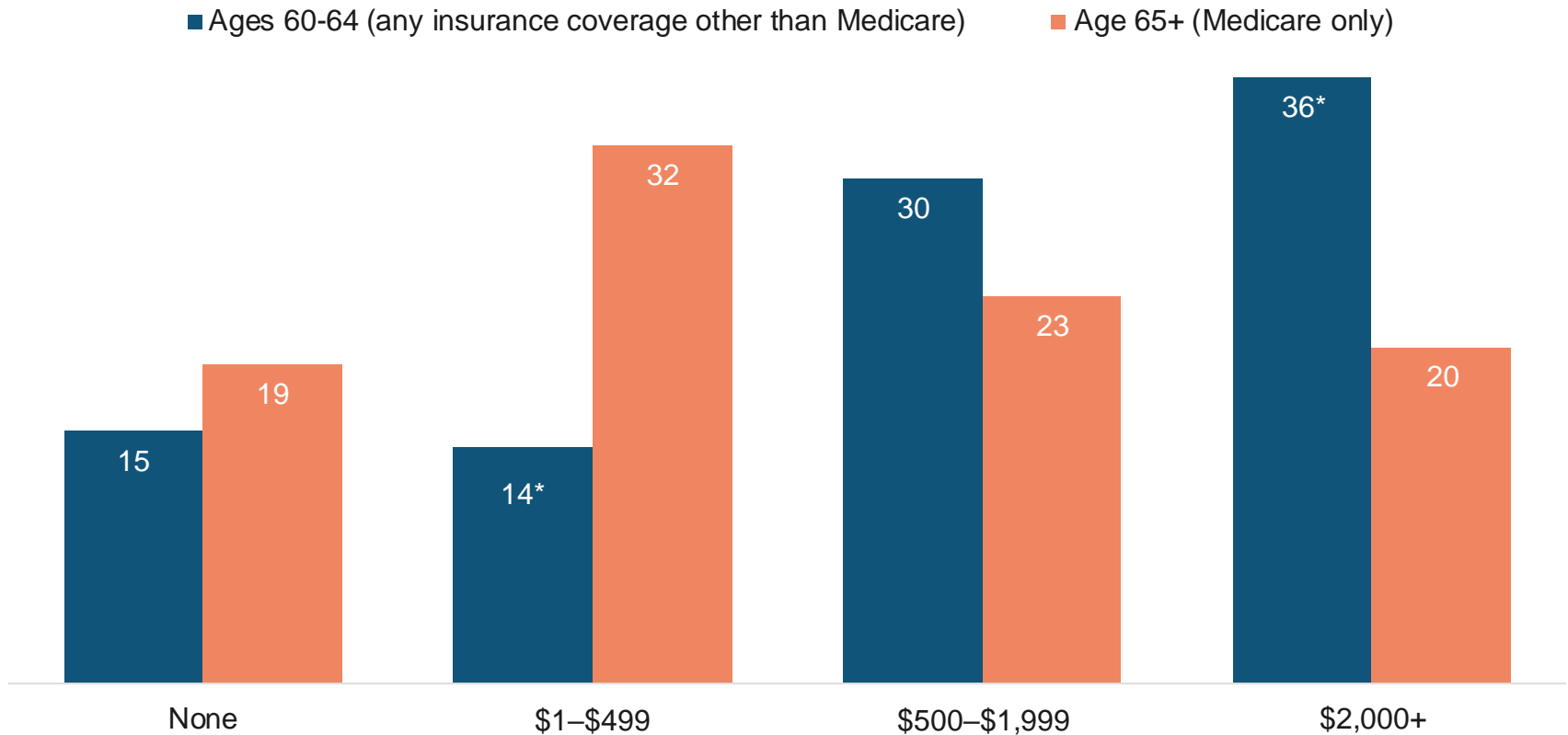
Percent of federal poverty level, 2017



BENEFICIARY CHARACTERISTICS

In 2020, more than a third of insured adults ages 60 to 64 paid \$2,000 or more out of pocket for health care, compared to a fifth of people age 65 and older.

Percentage of out-of-pocket costs for U.S. adults, by age



Note: The age 65+ group includes only respondents who reported Medicare coverage. The ages 60-64 group excludes those who did not report a source of insurance coverage and those who reported Medicare coverage.

*Indicates result is statistically different from the age 65+ group at the $p < 0.05$ level.

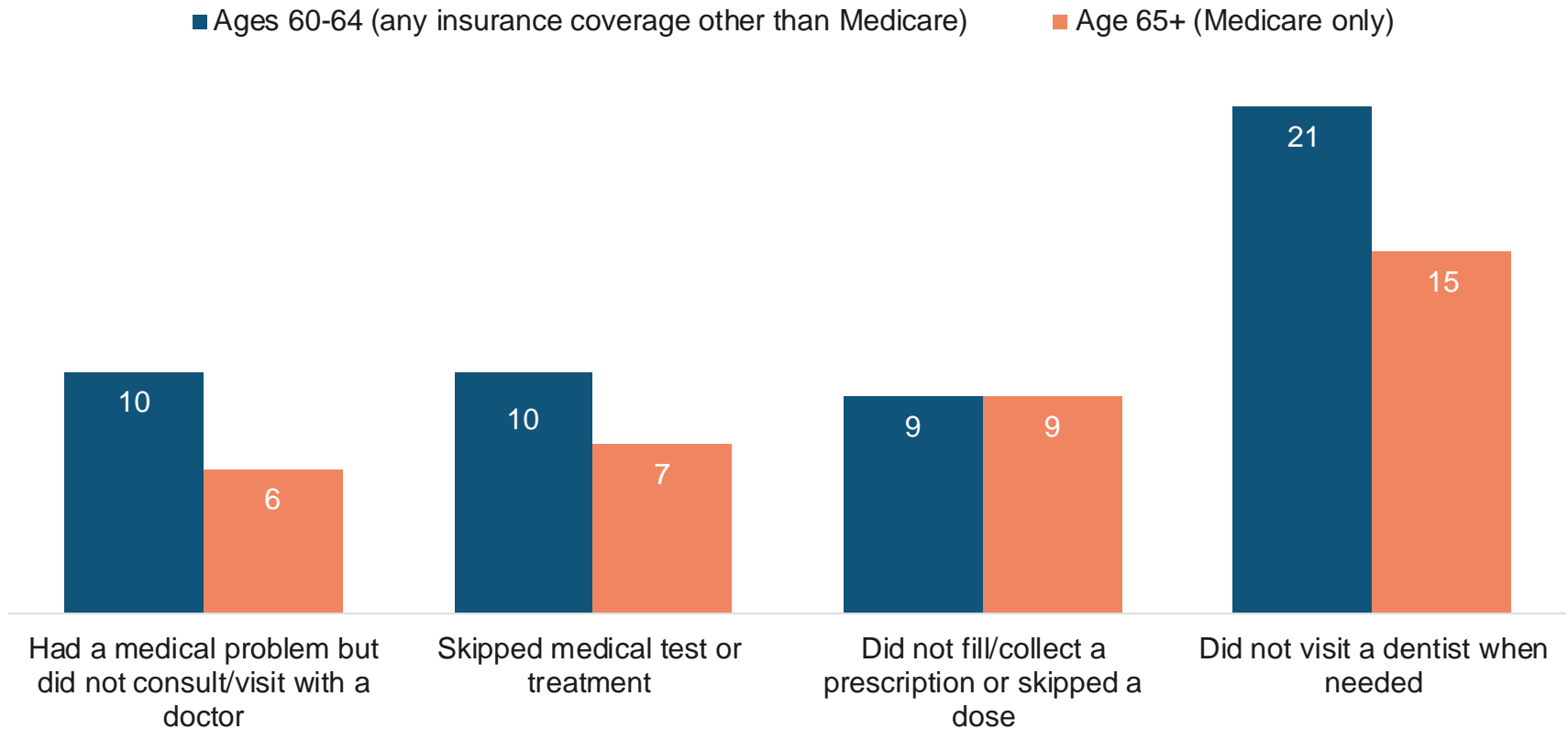
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BENEFICIARY CHARACTERISTICS

Similar shares of insured adults ages 60 to 64 and those age 65 and older on Medicare reported postponing or forgoing health care because of cost.

Percentage of older Americans who reported the following because of cost, by age:



Note: None of the differences are statistically significant at the $p < 0.05$ level. The age 65+ group includes only respondents who reported Medicare coverage. The ages 60–64 group excludes those who did not report a source of insurance coverage and those who reported Medicare coverage.

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