

State Scorecard on Medicare Performance

How Medicare Is Working
for Its Beneficiaries

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX A1. Medicare State Scorecard Data Years and Databases

Indicator	Year	Database
Access to Care		
1 Older adults with a recent checkup	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
2 Medicare Advantage plans that require prior authorization	2025	CMS Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data
3 Older adults without a usual source of care	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
4 Older adults without a dental visit	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
5 Beneficiaries referred for home health care who actually received it	2022	CMS MedPAR data, Master Beneficiary Summary File, Inpatient Encounter Data, Home Health Assessment Data (OASIS), Home Health Agency Standard Analytic Files, Home Health Agency Encounter Data
Quality of Care		
6 Beneficiaries who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	2023	CMS Limited Data Set (LDS), Medicare Prescription Drug Event File, Medicare Beneficiary Summary File, and Medicare Plan Characteristics File
7 Preventable hospitalizations among beneficiaries	2023	Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW), via CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File
8 Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older	2023	CMS Limited Data Set (LDS)
9 Hospital 30-day readmission rate among beneficiaries	2023	Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW), via CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File
10 Hospital 30-day mortality rate among older adults	07/2020–06/2023	CMS Hospital Compare
11 Skilled nursing facility patients with a hospital readmission	10/2023–09/2024	CMS Nursing Home Compare
12 Patient safety composite, Medicare	07/2021–06/2023	CMS Hospital Compare
13 Older adults injured in a fall	2023	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
14 Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication	01/2024–12/2024	CMS Nursing Home Compare
15 Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure ulcers	01/2024–12/2024	Minimum Dataset (MDS), via CMS Nursing Home Compare
16 Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
17 Older adults who received the flu vaccine	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
18 Older adults who received the COVID vaccine	08/2024–03/2025	CDC Covid VaxView
Costs and Affordability		
19 Older adults who went without care because of cost	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
20 Beneficiaries' average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs	2023	CMS Limited Data Set (LDS), Medicare Prescription Drug Event File, Medicare Beneficiary Summary File, and Medicare Plan Characteristics File
21 Total share of Part D drug costs paid by beneficiary	2023	CMS Limited Data Set (LDS), Medicare Prescription Drug Event File, Medicare Beneficiary Summary File, and Medicare Plan Characteristics File
22 Medicare spending per beneficiary	2023	Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW), via CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File
23 Primary care spending as a share of total, age 65 and older	2023	CMS Limited Data Set (LDS)
Population Health		
24 Older adults who rated health fair or poor	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
25 Beneficiaries with three or more chronic conditions	2023	CMS Mapping Disparities Tool
26 Older adults with poor physical health	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
27 Older adults with poor mental health	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
28 Older adults with functional limitations	2024	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
29 Life expectancy at age 65	2021	CDC National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)
30 Older adults reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support	2022	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
31 Older adults who are food insecure	2023	Map the Meal Gap: A Report of Local Food Insecurity and Food Costs in the United States in 2023. Feeding America National Organization.
Demographics		
32 Share of state population enrolled in Medicare	03/2025	CMS Medicare Monthly Enrollment, U.S. Census Bureau State Population Totals
33 Population age 65 and older	2024	American Community Survey (ACS)
34 Beneficiaries under age 65	03/2025	CMS Medicare Monthly Enrollment
35 Beneficiaries ages 65–74	03/2025	CMS Medicare Monthly Enrollment
36 Beneficiaries ages 75–84	03/2025	CMS Medicare Monthly Enrollment
37 Beneficiaries age 85 and older	03/2025	CMS Medicare Monthly Enrollment
38 Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage	03/2025	CMS Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data
39 Median household income, age 65 and older	2024	American Community Survey (ACS)
40 Older adults with income at or near federal poverty level	2024	Current Population Survey (CPS), Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) Supplement
41 Medicare Low-Income Subsidy enrollees	02/2025	CMS Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data
42 Beneficiaries with hypertension	2023	CMS Mapping Disparities Tool
43 Beneficiaries with asthma	2023	CMS Mapping Disparities Tool
44 Beneficiaries with chronic kidney disease	2023	CMS Mapping Disparities Tool
45 Beneficiaries with COPD	2023	CMS Mapping Disparities Tool
46 Beneficiaries with diabetes	2023	CMS Mapping Disparities Tool
47 Beneficiaries with obesity	2023	CMS Mapping Disparities Tool

APPENDIX A2. List of Indicators in the Medicare State Scorecard

Indicator	Data year	U.S. average rate	Range of state performance
Access to Care			
1 Older adults with a recent checkup	2024	97.1%	92.4%–99.2%
2 Medicare Advantage plans that require prior authorization	2025	48.3%	8.3%–73.1%
3 Older adults without a usual source of care	2024	4.0%	1.9%–12.0%
4 Older adults without a dental visit	2024	28.2%	19.1%–39.2%
5 Beneficiaries referred for home health care who actually received it	2022	51.5%	31.4%–62.9%
Quality of Care			
6 Beneficiaries who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	2023	21.2%	17.4%–31.5%
7 Preventable hospitalizations among beneficiaries	2023	26.4	13.9–34.7
8 Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older	2023	155.2	126.4–201.8
9 Hospital 30-day readmission rate among beneficiaries	2023	37.5	18.6–47.5
10 Hospital 30-day mortality rate among older adults	07/2020–06/2023	14.4%	12.3%–16.5%
11 Skilled nursing facility patients with a hospital readmission	10/2023–09/2024	25.0%	13.0%–29.4%
12 Patient safety composite, Medicare	07/2021–06/2023	36	16 (best)–71 (worst)
13 Older adults injured in a fall	2023	38.7%	28.8%–47.0%
14 Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication	01/2024–12/2024	14.6%	7.5%–23.7%
15 Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure ulcers	01/2024–12/2024	5.5%	3.9%–8.4%
16 Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine	2024	70.3%	63.2%–76.4%
17 Older adults who received the flu vaccine	2024	62.8%	52.0%–73.1%
18 Older adults who received the COVID vaccine	08/2024–03/2025	43.4%	14.2%–54.7%
Costs and Affordability			
19 Older adults who went without care because of cost	2024	3.8%	1.6%–6.0%
20 Beneficiaries' average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs	2023	\$386	\$216–\$506
21 Total share of Part D drug costs paid by beneficiary	2023	7.4%	3.0%–12.8%
22 Medicare spending per beneficiary	2023	\$11,886	\$8,203–\$13,805
23 Primary care spending as a share of total, age 65 and older	2023	5.7%	2.6%–10.9%
Population Health			
24 Older adults who rated health fair or poor	2024	25.0%	15.9%–34.6%
25 Beneficiaries with three or more chronic conditions	2023	62%	45%–71%
26 Older adults with poor physical health	2024	17.5%	13.6%–24.3%
27 Older adults with poor mental health	2024	8.7%	6.0%–11.7%
28 Older adults with functional limitations	2024	32.6%	22.1%–44.1%
29 Life expectancy at age 65	2021	18.4	16.1–20.6
30 Older adults reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support	2022	34.5%	28.7%–40.1%
31 Older adults who are food insecure	2023	9.2%	3.8%–13.6%
Demographics			
32 Share of state population enrolled in Medicare	03/2025	19.8%	13.5%–27.1%
33 Population age 65 and older	2024	61,245,283	90,674–6,524,861
34 Beneficiaries under age 65	03/2025	9.9%	5.7%–15.8%
35 Beneficiaries ages 65–74	03/2025	48.2%	45.4%–54.7%
36 Beneficiaries ages 75–84	03/2025	31.1%	28.5%–33.7%
37 Beneficiaries age 85 and older	03/2025	10.8%	7.3%–12.8%
38 Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage	03/2025	50.4%	2.2%–61.6%
39 Median household income, age 65 and older	2024	\$59,648	\$44,031–\$91,390
40 Older adults with income at or near federal poverty level	2024	18.9%	11.6%–31.0%
41 Medicare Low-Income Subsidy enrollees	02/2025	20.1%	10.8%–36.9%
42 Beneficiaries with hypertension	2023	65%	52%–75%
43 Beneficiaries with asthma	2023	7%	5%–10%
44 Beneficiaries with chronic kidney disease	2023	18%	11%–25%
45 Beneficiaries with COPD	2023	12%	8%–18%
46 Beneficiaries with diabetes	2023	25%	17%–30%
47 Beneficiaries with obesity	2023	20%	11%–33%

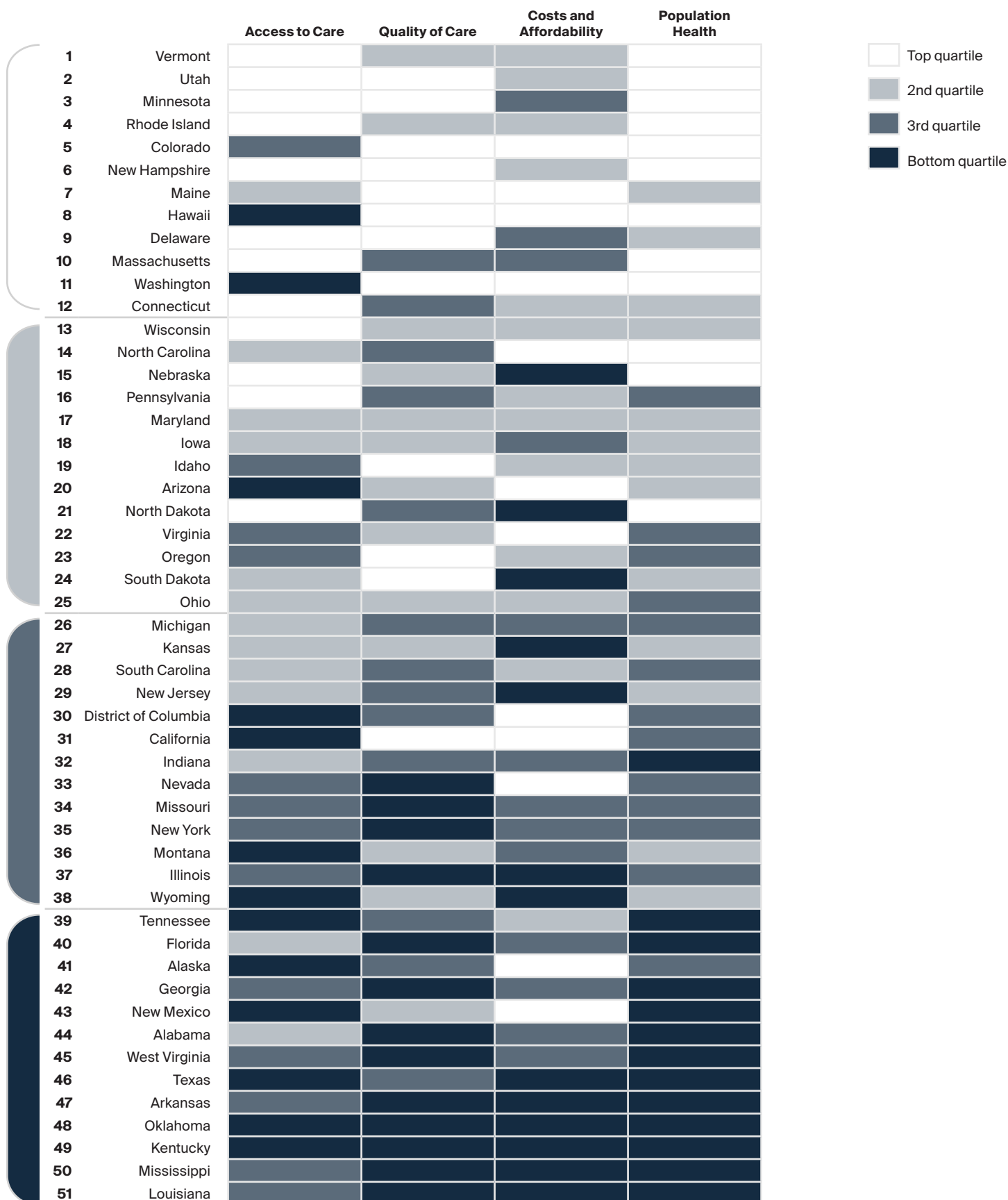
APPENDIX A3. National and Regional Performance Benchmarks

Indicator	National		Great Lakes		Mid-Atlantic		New England		Plains	
	Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)
Access to Care										
1 Older adults with a recent checkup	99.2%	RI	97.8	IN	97.9	PA	99.2	RI	97.1	MN
2 Medicare Advantage plans that require prior authorization	8.3%	SD	30.6	WI	27.3	PA	14.3	VT	8.3	SD
3 Older adults without a usual source of care	1.9%	RI	2.1	OH	2.0	MD	1.9	RI	3.4	SD
4 Older adults without a dental visit	19.1%	RI	24.0	WI	23.2	PA	19.1	RI	21.6	MN
5 Beneficiaries referred for home health care who actually received it	62.9%	SD	56.8	WI	57.7	PA	58.1	NH	62.9	SD
Quality of Care										
6 Beneficiaries who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	17.4%	WY	21.2	WI	21.0	DC	20.2	ME	18.5	MN
7 Preventable hospitalizations among beneficiaries	13.9	ID	22.2	WI	26.2	DE	21.1	VT	19.5	SD
8 Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older	126.4	SD	161.1	MI	140.5	NJ	132.7	RI	126.4	SD
9 Hospital 30-day readmission rate among beneficiaries	18.6	ID	31.9	WI	32.9	DE	25.4	ME	25.6	IA
10 Hospital 30-day mortality rate among older adults	12.3%	DC	13.9	OH	12.3	DC	12.8	MA	13.8	MN
11 Skilled nursing facility patients with a hospital readmission	13.0%	AK	22.8	WI	22.2	NY	19.7	VT	21.1	SD
12 Patient safety composite, Medicare	16	UT	25	IN	31	PA	27	RI	20	MN
13 Older adults injured in a fall	28.8%	SD	33.5	OH	34.4	MD	29.7	VT	28.8	SD
14 Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication	7.5%	DC	9.9	OH	7.5	DC	17.2	CT	17.0	MN
15 Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure ulcers	3.9%	HI	4.3	OH	4.2	DE	4.6	ME	4.4	IA
16 Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine	76.4%	NH	71.9	OH	75.0	DE	76.4	NH	74.0	KS
17 Older adults who received the flu vaccine	73.1%	VT	63.6	WI	70.8	MD	73.1	VT	67.7	MN
18 Older adults who received the COVID vaccine	54.7%	MN	47.8	WI	42.5	DE	53.4	VT	54.7	MN
Costs and Affordability										
19 Older adults who went without care because of cost	1.6%	VT	2.5	WI	2.7	DE	1.6	VT	1.8	SD
20 Beneficiaries' average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs	\$216	DC	343	MI	216	DC	313	ME	392	MN
21 Total share of Part D drug costs paid by beneficiary	3.0%	DC	6.6	MI	3.0	DC	5.7	CT	7.5	MO
22 Medicare spending per beneficiary	\$8,203	HI	10,415	WI	11,652	DC	9,314	VT	10,602	ND
23 Primary care spending as a share of total, age 65 and older	10.9%	AZ	5.4	IL, IN	6.1	DC	5.1	CT	5.2	MN
Population Health										
24 Older adults who rated health fair or poor	15.9%	VT	24.2	IL	21.6	MD	15.9	VT	18.5	MN
25 Beneficiaries with three or more chronic conditions	45%	WY	57	WI	55	DC	48	VT	55	MN
26 Older adults with poor physical health	13.6%	MD	16.9	IL	13.6	MD	13.9	NH	14.4	ND
27 Older adults with poor mental health	6.0%	ND	7.9	IL	7.6	DE	7.0	VT	6.0	ND
28 Older adults with functional limitations	22.1%	VT	30.7	IL	26.5	NJ	22.1	VT	24.3	MN
29 Life expectancy at age 65	20.6	HI	18.9	WI	19.4	NJ, NY	19.9	CT	19.4	MN
30 Older adults reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support	28.7%	NC	32.6	MI	30.7	DE	32.9	ME	29.6	MN
31 Older adults who are food insecure	3.8%	ND	6.3	WI	5.6	DE	4.5	RI	3.8	ND

APPENDIX A3. National and Regional Performance Benchmarks (continued)

		National		Rocky Mountain		Southeast		Southwest		West	
Indicator		Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)	Rate	Best state(s)
Access to Care											
1	Older adults with a recent checkup	99.2%	RI	96.8	CO	98.2	NC	97.5	TX	96.7	NV
2	Medicare Advantage plans that require prior authorization	8.3%	SD	15.8	WY	21.8	LA	46.2	AZ	47.7	NV
3	Older adults without a usual source of care	1.9%	RI	3.8	CO	2.1	AR	3.9	OK	3.8	WA
4	Older adults without a dental visit	19.1%	RI	20.5	UT	26.0	VA	25.4	AZ	19.5	HI
5	Beneficiaries referred for home health care who actually received it	62.9%	SD	59.8	UT	55.5	VA	53.6	OK	52.4	AK
Quality of Care											
6	Beneficiaries who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	17.4%	WY	17.4	WY	24.1	VA	20.2	NM	17.4	HI
7	Preventable hospitalizations among beneficiaries	13.9	ID	13.9	ID	22.7	SC	18.9	NM	17.3	OR
8	Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older	126.4	SD	130.5	UT	141.0	TN	141.8	AZ	139.0	HI
9	Hospital 30-day readmission rate among beneficiaries	18.6	ID	18.6	ID	32.6	SC	24.3	NM	20.7	HI
10	Hospital 30-day mortality rate among older adults	12.3%	DC	13.7	CO	13.6	FL	14.2	TX	13.6	CA
11	Skilled nursing facility patients with a hospital readmission	13.0%	AK	17.4	ID	23.0	VA	24.5	NM	13.0	AK
12	Patient safety composite, Medicare	16	UT	16	UT	25	AR	27	OK	32	CA
13	Older adults injured in a fall	28.8%	SD	32.9	MT	37.5	AL	37.7	NM	33.3	CA
14	Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication	7.5%	DC	13.5	UT	8.7	FL	8.0	TX	9.9	HI
15	Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure ulcers	3.9%	HI	4.1	ID	5.4	AR	4.9	TX	3.9	HI
16	Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine	76.4%	NH	75.3	CO	75.0	VA	72.0	AZ	76.2	OR
17	Older adults who received the flu vaccine	73.1%	VT	67.1	CO	68.4	VA	64.5	NM	67.2	WA
18	Older adults who received the COVID vaccine	54.7%	MN	46.5	CO	26.2	KY	39.7	NM	48.2	OR
Costs and Affordability											
19	Older adults who went without care because of cost	1.6%	VT	2.6	UT	2.4	VA	3.0	AZ	2.8	WA
20	Beneficiaries' average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs	\$216	DC	339	CO	345	FL	283	NM	254	AK
21	Total share of Part D drug costs paid by beneficiary	3.0%	DC	7.9	CO	5.9	WV	6.8	NM	4.4	AK
22	Medicare spending per beneficiary	\$8,203	HI	9,198	MT	10,774	VA	9,793	NM	8,203	HI
23	Primary care spending as a share of total, age 65 and older	10.9%	AZ	7.4	UT	7.8	SC	10.9	AZ	8.2	NV
Population Health											
24	Older adults who rated health fair or poor	15.9%	VT	19.5	CO	21.7	NC	23.4	AZ	19.9	WA
25	Beneficiaries with three or more chronic conditions	45%	WY	45	WY	62	VA	53	NM	47	AK
26	Older adults with poor physical health	13.6%	MD	16.0	CO	14.7	NC	17.1	AZ	15.6	HI
27	Older adults with poor mental health	6.0%	ND	7.6	UT	7.2	NC	8.3	TX	8.5	HI
28	Older adults with functional limitations	22.1%	VT	27.1	CO	32.8	VA	29.5	AZ	26.7	WA
29	Life expectancy at age 65	20.6	HI	19.1	CO	18.7	FL	18.3	NM	20.6	HI
30	Older adults reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support	28.7%	NC	30.6	UT	28.7	NC	30.0	AZ	34.3	NV
31	Older adults who are food insecure	3.8%	ND	5.7	UT	6.9	NC	9.9	OK	5.5	WA

APPENDIX B1. Medicare State Scorecard Summary of Performance Across Dimensions



APPENDIX B2. Summary of State Rankings in the Medicare State Scorecard

State	Overall ranking	Access to Care	Quality of Care	Costs and Affordability	Population Health
Alabama	44	22	48	36	46
Alaska	41	50	30	1	38
Arizona	20	44	22	3	25
Arkansas	47	27	42	39	51
California	31	48	12	10	34
Colorado	5	26	1	11	6
Connecticut	12	5	31	18	13
Delaware	9	10	11	27	16
District of Columbia	30	46	29	2	37
Florida	40	24	47	32	39
Georgia	42	29	45	31	44
Hawaii	8	42	4	4	10
Idaho	19	38	7	21	18
Illinois	37	34	43	42	26
Indiana	32	20	26	33	40
Iowa	18	17	16	38	17
Kansas	27	19	19	50	24
Kentucky	49	40	46	40	49
Louisiana	51	28	51	46	50
Maine	7	16	10	5	15
Maryland	17	15	23	22	19
Massachusetts	10	4	32	28	11
Michigan	26	13	37	30	32
Minnesota	3	7	6	29	1
Mississippi	50	37	50	43	48
Missouri	34	32	39	35	28
Montana	36	49	13	37	14
Nebraska	15	11	14	47	5
Nevada	33	36	44	7	36
New Hampshire	6	9	8	20	4
New Jersey	29	23	36	41	20
New Mexico	43	51	17	9	43
New York	35	33	40	34	30
North Carolina	14	21	27	6	12
North Dakota	21	12	33	51	3
Ohio	25	25	24	25	33
Oklahoma	48	43	41	49	45
Oregon	23	35	9	17	31
Pennsylvania	16	3	28	24	29
Rhode Island	4	1	20	16	7
South Carolina	28	14	38	23	35
South Dakota	24	18	5	48	22
Tennessee	39	39	34	15	41
Texas	46	47	35	45	42
Utah	2	6	2	14	8
Vermont	1	2	18	13	2
Virginia	22	31	15	12	27
Washington	11	41	3	8	9
West Virginia	45	30	49	26	47
Wisconsin	13	8	21	19	23
Wyoming	38	45	25	44	21

APPENDIX C. Access to Care: Dimension Ranking and Indicator Rates

	Access to Care Dimension Ranking	Adults age 65 and older who had a routine checkup in the past two years		Medicare Advantage plans within a state that require prior authorization for specialist doctor visits or preventive care		Adults age 65 and older who did not have at least one person they think of as their personal health care provider		Adults age 65 and older without a dental visit in the past year		Medicare beneficiaries with a home health referral who received home health services within seven days of hospital discharge	
State	2025	2024	rank	2025	rank	2024	rank	2024	rank	2022	rank
United States	—	97.1%	—	48.3%	—	4.0%	—	28.2%	—	51.5%	—
Alabama	22	98.2	3	42.4	18	3.0	14	32.9	43	51.8	35
Alaska	50	93.0	48	—	—	9.2	49	30.4	37	52.4	31
Arizona	44	96.3	39	46.2	25	6.2	44	25.4	17	40.6	49
Arkansas	27	97.5	19	44.6	23	2.1	5	37.7	47	53.4	26
California	48	95.2	44	62.2	45	6.5	45	27.2	24	45.5	45
Colorado	26	96.8	31	47.5	27	3.8	25	23.6	11	48.2	40
Connecticut	5	98.0	6	44.4	21	1.9	2	20.7	4	52.9	28
Delaware	10	97.7	11	40.9	17	3.7	24	26.6	22	57.1	9
District of Columbia	46	97.7	12	66.7	48	3.8	27	28.1	28	33.7	50
Florida	24	98.1	4	57.2	41	2.8	13	29.4	34	53.3	27
Georgia	29	98.1	5	46.3	26	3.0	16	31.2	39	46.3	43
Hawaii	42	96.0	40	51.4	34	4.1	34	19.5	2	31.4	51
Idaho	38	95.0	45	36.2	14	6.6	46	28.0	27	54.6	22
Illinois	34	96.8	34	49.0	30	5.5	41	29.3	33	56.4	12
Indiana	20	97.8	10	44.4	21	2.3	7	31.4	40	52.1	34
Iowa	17	97.0	30	28.2	7	6.2	43	26.1	21	55.9	15
Kansas	19	97.0	29	38.6	15	5.1	39	26.7	23	56.8	11
Kentucky	40	97.4	23	56.3	39	3.0	15	39.2	50	52.4	32
Louisiana	28	96.3	38	21.8	5	4.0	33	37.8	48	55.3	17
Maine	16	97.4	22	55.0	37	2.6	10	27.7	25	57.6	6
Maryland	15	97.7	13	51.2	33	2.0	3	26.0	20	51.3	37
Massachusetts	4	97.9	9	40.5	16	2.6	11	20.8	5	55.0	19
Michigan	13	97.4	26	47.6	28	3.0	17	24.0	13	55.3	18
Minnesota	7	97.1	27	30.9	10	3.8	28	21.6	6	54.8	20
Mississippi	37	97.6	15	44.0	19	5.1	38	34.8	45	52.4	30
Missouri	32	96.8	33	54.8	36	3.5	21	32.0	42	57.3	7
Montana	49	94.4	46	56.0	38	7.3	47	29.0	30	41.2	48
Nebraska	11	96.8	32	29.7	8	4.9	37	25.3	15	58.3	3
Nevada	36	96.7	35	47.7	29	5.5	42	25.3	16	48.0	41
New Hampshire	9	97.5	17	63.9	46	2.2	6	22.0	7	58.1	4
New Jersey	23	97.1	28	58.2	43	3.5	22	24.1	14	53.7	23
New Mexico	51	94.1	47	64.6	47	12.0	50	29.2	32	42.6	47
New York	33	97.5	20	56.7	40	3.6	23	28.7	29	51.2	38
North Carolina	21	98.2	2	45.8	24	3.4	19	30.1	36	51.5	36
North Dakota	12	95.8	42	11.4	2	4.7	36	28.0	26	57.1	8
Ohio	25	97.6	16	51.1	32	2.1	4	31.1	38	52.3	33
Oklahoma	43	96.0	41	57.7	42	3.9	32	36.3	46	53.6	24
Oregon	35	96.6	36	50.6	31	3.9	30	25.5	18	47.3	42
Pennsylvania	3	97.9	8	27.3	6	2.5	9	23.2	10	57.7	5
Rhode Island	1	99.2	1	31.3	11	1.9	1	19.1	1	56.0	14
South Carolina	14	97.9	7	44.1	20	2.7	12	29.2	31	53.4	25
South Dakota	18	92.4	50	8.3	1	3.4	18	30.0	35	62.9	1
Tennessee	39	—	—	52.0	35	—	—	—	—	50.4	39
Texas	47	97.5	18	61.9	44	5.2	40	33.8	44	42.7	46
Utah	6	96.4	37	36.1	13	3.8	29	20.5	3	59.8	2
Vermont	2	97.4	24	14.3	3	2.4	8	22.0	8	54.7	21
Virginia	31	97.4	25	70.7	49	3.9	31	26.0	19	55.5	16
Washington	41	95.8	43	73.1	50	3.8	26	22.4	9	45.6	44
West Virginia	30	97.5	21	31.3	11	3.5	20	38.2	49	52.5	29
Wisconsin	8	97.6	14	30.6	9	4.4	35	24.0	12	56.8	10
Wyoming	45	92.4	49	15.8	4	9.2	48	31.7	41	56.1	13

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APPENDIX D. Quality of Care: Dimension Ranking and Indicator Rates

	Quality of Care Dimension Ranking	Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly		Hospital admissions for ambulatory care- sensitive conditions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries		Potentially avoidable emergency department visits, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries		30-day hospital readmissions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	
State	2025	2023	rank	2023	rank	2023	rank	2023	rank
United States	—	21.2%	—	26.4	—	155.2	—	37.5	—
Alabama	48	28.8	49	32.3	49	160.1	31	40.8	38
Alaska	30	19.5	4	19.7	11	156.1	29	25.6	11
Arizona	22	21.0	16	18.9	9	141.8	11	29.0	15
Arkansas	42	28.5	48	28.9	37	158.5	30	37.4	29
California	12	21.9	21	23.8	21	146.2	16	36.7	27
Colorado	1	19.7	5	15.0	2	145.0	15	23.9	8
Connecticut	31	24.5	34	27.3	33	183.3	47	43.2	45
Delaware	11	23.7	28	26.2	28	152.7	23	32.9	24
District of Columbia	29	21.0	15	30.4	43	142.3	12	42.2	43
Florida	47	29.4	50	29.7	39	163.0	37	46.8	50
Georgia	45	26.7	44	28.4	34	150.3	22	38.4	33
Hawaii	4	17.4	2	17.6	7	139.0	8	20.7	2
Idaho	7	19.7	6	13.9	1	132.3	3	18.6	1
Illinois	43	24.5	35	31.7	47	162.2	35	46.1	48
Indiana	26	23.6	27	30.0	41	170.3	42	39.1	34
Iowa	16	21.8	20	21.1	12	146.8	17	25.6	12
Kansas	19	22.0	23	23.9	22	153.5	24	31.2	18
Kentucky	46	26.8	45	31.5	46	170.9	43	41.6	40
Louisiana	51	31.5	51	31.2	45	175.9	45	39.8	35
Maine	10	20.2	13	21.6	15	190.8	50	25.4	10
Maryland	23	24.1	30	26.5	30	143.6	13	40.7	37
Massachusetts	32	24.2	32	33.0	50	161.9	34	46.4	49
Michigan	37	24.6	36	31.8	48	161.1	33	44.2	46
Minnesota	6	18.5	3	21.3	14	166.1	41	34.8	25
Mississippi	50	27.1	46	29.2	38	172.1	44	38.0	31
Missouri	39	25.0	37	28.8	36	162.4	36	41.8	41
Montana	13	19.7	7	16.6	4	134.1	6	21.0	3
Nebraska	14	21.5	18	22.3	18	138.1	7	31.8	19
Nevada	44	23.5	26	25.6	26	160.6	32	40.5	36
New Hampshire	8	22.0	22	24.4	23	164.7	39	31.1	17
New Jersey	36	26.3	43	31.0	44	140.5	9	44.8	47
New Mexico	17	20.2	12	18.9	8	164.1	38	24.3	9
New York	40	23.2	25	27.0	32	148.8	19	42.3	44
North Carolina	27	25.6	39	25.2	25	149.4	20	32.7	22
North Dakota	33	20.1	11	23.3	20	154.5	27	30.3	16
Ohio	24	23.1	24	30.1	42	165.2	40	41.1	39
Oklahoma	41	23.9	29	28.7	35	181.9	46	38.3	32
Oregon	9	20.0	10	17.3	5	149.6	21	21.6	5
Pennsylvania	28	24.3	33	30.0	40	144.6	14	41.8	42
Rhode Island	20	25.5	38	25.9	27	132.7	5	36.9	28
South Carolina	38	26.0	41	22.7	19	153.5	24	32.6	21
South Dakota	5	19.9	8	19.5	10	126.4	1	28.5	14
Tennessee	34	26.2	42	26.5	29	141.0	10	35.2	26
Texas	35	25.8	40	26.8	31	155.1	28	37.8	30
Utah	2	21.5	19	15.2	3	130.5	2	21.4	4
Vermont	18	20.9	14	21.1	13	185.4	48	27.1	13
Virginia	15	24.1	31	24.4	24	153.6	26	32.8	23
Washington	3	20.0	9	17.6	6	148.4	18	23.8	7
West Virginia	49	28.3	47	34.7	51	201.8	51	47.5	51
Wisconsin	21	21.2	17	22.2	17	188.8	49	31.9	20
Wyoming	25	17.4	1	22.1	16	132.5	4	22.9	6

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APPENDIX D. Quality of Care: Dimension Ranking and Indicator Rates (continued)

State	Quality of Care Dimension Ranking	Risk-adjusted 30-day mortality among Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older hospitalized for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, or stroke		Short-stay nursing home residents readmitted within 30 days of hospital discharge to nursing home		Patient safety and adverse hospital events composite measure (PSI-90) (lower is better)		Adults age 65 and older with an injurious fall in the past year	
		07/2020– 06/2023	rank	10/2023– 09/2024	rank	07/2021– 06/2023	rank	2023	rank
United States	—	14.4%	—	25.0%	—	36	—	38.7%	—
Alabama	48	15.6	45	25.9	38	47	40	37.5	22
Alaska	30	15.3	39	13.0	1	57	45	34.7	14
Arizona	22	14.3	20	25.3	34	36	24	41.7	39
Arkansas	42	15.6	45	26.7	43	25	4	40.6	35
California	12	13.6	4	24.3	29	32	17	33.3	8
Colorado	1	13.7	8	20.7	9	31	13	35.6	17
Connecticut	31	13.6	4	27.5	47	42	32	38.9	31
Delaware	11	13.5	3	24.5	30	57	45	38.1	28
District of Columbia	29	12.3	1	22.7	16	71	50	45.0	48
Florida	47	13.6	4	27.7	49	35	22	42.9	44
Georgia	45	14.6	25	25.2	33	45	34	39.1	32
Hawaii	4	14.4	21	19.8	7	45	34	37.7	23
Idaho	7	15.2	37	17.4	2	31	13	36.3	18
Illinois	43	14.0	15	27.5	48	36	24	37.0	20
Indiana	26	14.7	27	23.5	23	25	4	37.8	25
Iowa	16	16.1	50	22.7	17	53	43	33.0	7
Kansas	19	16.0	49	23.4	21	27	6	33.7	10
Kentucky	46	15.4	40	25.5	36	46	38	—	—
Louisiana	51	15.4	40	29.4	50	38	28	47.0	49
Maine	10	15.4	40	21.4	12	33	19	32.5	4
Maryland	23	13.8	10	23.4	22	56	44	34.4	11
Massachusetts	32	12.8	2	26.8	44	40	30	41.4	38
Michigan	37	14.4	21	25.5	35	41	31	38.0	27
Minnesota	6	13.8	10	23.8	26	20	2	36.5	19
Mississippi	50	16.5	51	29.4	51	47	40	43.0	45
Missouri	39	15.0	31	25.0	32	38	28	39.1	33
Montana	13	15.0	31	18.3	4	45	34	32.9	6
Nebraska	14	15.7	48	23.0	20	32	17	32.8	5
Nevada	44	14.1	17	23.9	27	33	19	44.1	47
New Hampshire	8	14.5	24	22.3	15	46	38	32.1	3
New Jersey	36	13.7	8	26.4	39	35	22	38.9	30
New Mexico	17	15.5	44	24.5	31	28	10	37.7	24
New York	40	13.6	4	22.2	14	58	48	41.9	40
North Carolina	27	14.6	25	23.7	25	37	27	40.2	34
North Dakota	33	15.2	37	21.3	11	71	50	34.5	13
Ohio	24	13.9	14	26.6	42	31	13	33.5	9
Oklahoma	41	15.0	31	27.1	45	27	6	37.8	26
Oregon	9	15.0	31	21.8	13	42	32	41.3	37
Pennsylvania	28	13.8	10	24.0	28	31	13	—	—
Rhode Island	20	14.0	15	27.4	46	27	6	37.4	21
South Carolina	38	14.9	28	26.5	40	33	19	42.5	41
South Dakota	5	14.9	28	21.1	10	24	3	28.8	1
Tennessee	34	15.1	36	23.7	24	27	6	40.9	36
Texas	35	14.2	19	26.5	41	30	12	43.8	46
Utah	2	13.8	10	18.6	5	16	1	38.5	29
Vermont	18	15.4	40	19.7	6	57	45	29.7	2
Virginia	15	14.1	17	23.0	19	28	10	42.7	42
Washington	3	14.9	28	20.1	8	48	42	34.9	15
West Virginia	49	15.0	31	25.6	37	62	49	42.8	43
Wisconsin	21	14.4	21	22.8	18	36	24	34.5	12
Wyoming	25	15.6	45	17.7	3	45	34	35.5	16

— Indicates missing data.

APPENDIX D. Quality of Care: Dimension Ranking and Indicator Rates (continued)

State	Quality of Care Dimension Ranking	Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication		Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure sores		Adults age 65 and older who have ever received a pneumonia vaccine		Adults age 65 and older who received a flu vaccine in the past year		Adults age 65 and older who received a COVID vaccine between August 2024 and March 2025	
	2025	01/2024– 12/2024	rank	01/2024– 12/2024	rank	2024	rank	2024	rank	08/2024– 03/2025	rank
United States	—	14.6%	—	5.5%	—	70.3%	—	62.8%	—	43.4%	—
Alabama	48	20.4	44	6.3	38	66.8	46	59.5	41	16.1	40
Alaska	30	18.1	33	6.7	45	63.9	49	52.0	50	32.9	20
Arizona	22	10.6	7	5.6	28	72.0	17	59.6	40	26.0	30
Arkansas	42	11.1	10	5.4	22	70.2	32	62.0	32	22.9	34
California	12	10.6	6	5.2	18	67.4	43	65.5	16	40.7	12
Colorado	1	18.5	34	4.2	4	75.3	3	67.1	13	46.5	7
Connecticut	31	17.2	30	4.9	14	71.6	24	69.5	8	42.3	10
Delaware	11	10.6	7	4.2	3	75.0	5	69.0	9	42.5	9
District of Columbia	29	7.5	1	8.4	51	71.4	25	70.5	6	31.4	25
Florida	47	8.7	3	5.9	33	66.6	47	55.7	46	20.4	38
Georgia	45	18.9	37	6.7	42	71.9	18	58.9	42	20.4	37
Hawaii	4	9.9	5	3.9	1	63.2	50	62.7	29	—	—
Idaho	7	18.6	35	4.1	2	67.1	44	55.7	45	30.1	26
Illinois	43	19.7	42	5.5	23	69.7	38	61.9	33	37.1	16
Indiana	26	12.6	12	4.8	13	71.6	22	62.5	30	31.6	24
Iowa	16	18.7	36	4.4	7	72.0	15	64.9	19	43.5	8
Kansas	19	17.4	32	4.8	11	74.0	8	63.3	26	—	—
Kentucky	46	16.0	26	6.4	40	71.1	27	64.9	17	26.2	29
Louisiana	51	19.6	41	6.7	46	66.8	45	53.7	48	16.4	39
Maine	10	20.3	43	4.6	9	74.4	7	69.9	7	49.5	3
Maryland	23	12.8	14	7.1	47	74.4	6	70.8	4	41.1	11
Massachusetts	32	20.4	45	4.9	16	73.3	11	72.5	2	—	—
Michigan	37	15.4	23	5.9	34	70.9	28	62.9	28	37.0	17
Minnesota	6	17.0	29	5.8	31	72.4	14	67.7	11	54.7	1
Mississippi	50	20.6	46	7.3	48	66.0	48	59.8	38	14.3	41
Missouri	39	21.7	49	5.3	20	73.3	12	64.2	21	32.3	22
Montana	13	19.6	40	6.2	36	69.8	36	58.3	43	—	—
Nebraska	14	19.2	38	4.6	8	73.1	13	64.9	18	—	—
Nevada	44	13.5	18	6.2	37	69.7	37	52.5	49	26.8	27
New Hampshire	8	17.3	31	4.8	12	76.4	1	71.5	3	—	—
New Jersey	36	10.9	9	6.3	39	67.8	41	63.4	25	26.2	28
New Mexico	17	12.3	11	6.1	35	70.2	34	64.5	20	39.7	13
New York	40	12.7	13	7.5	50	67.7	42	63.6	22	32.4	21
North Carolina	27	13.4	16	6.7	43	72.0	16	66.9	14	25.8	31
North Dakota	33	21.6	48	5.6	26	70.2	33	61.2	34	35.6	18
Ohio	24	9.9	4	4.3	6	71.9	20	62.3	31	31.8	23
Oklahoma	41	15.4	24	5.5	24	71.6	23	60.3	36	22.3	35
Oregon	9	13.6	19	7.3	49	76.2	2	66.5	15	48.2	4
Pennsylvania	28	16.9	28	5.9	32	70.6	30	63.1	27	33.4	19
Rhode Island	20	21.1	47	4.7	10	73.4	10	70.6	5	—	—
South Carolina	38	15.0	22	6.6	41	70.7	29	59.7	39	—	—
South Dakota	5	23.7	51	4.9	15	70.3	31	63.6	23	37.8	15
Tennessee	34	16.6	27	5.6	29	—	—	—	—	23.5	33
Texas	35	8.0	2	4.9	17	69.3	39	57.8	44	14.2	42
Utah	2	13.5	17	4.2	5	71.9	19	60.0	37	39.2	14
Vermont	18	19.5	39	6.7	44	71.4	26	73.1	1	53.4	2
Virginia	15	13.0	15	5.7	30	75.0	4	68.4	10	—	—
Washington	3	14.6	21	5.2	19	73.8	9	67.2	12	47.6	6
West Virginia	49	14.3	20	5.6	25	70.1	35	61.1	35	20.7	36
Wisconsin	21	15.9	25	5.6	27	71.7	21	63.6	24	47.8	5
Wyoming	25	22.9	50	5.3	21	69.0	40	54.5	47	24.4	32

— Indicates missing data.

APPENDIX E. Costs and Affordability: Dimension Ranking and Indicator Rates

	Costs and Affordability Dimension Ranking	Adults age 65 and older who went without care because of cost in the past year		Medicare beneficiaries average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs		Total share of Part D drug costs paid by the Medicare beneficiary		Total Medicare (Parts A & B) reimbursements per enrollee		Primary care spending as share of total Medicare spending among beneficiaries age 65 and older	
State	2025	2024	rank	2023	rank	2023	rank	2023	rank	2023	rank
United States	—	3.8%	—	\$386	—	7.4%	—	\$11,886	—	5.7%	—
Alabama	36	4.3	39	388	28	6.3	11	12,787	45	6.1	13
Alaska	1	5.2	46	254	2	4.4	2	9,082	3	5.8	17
Arizona	3	3.0	22	360	16	8.4	39	11,790	32	10.9	1
Arkansas	39	4.3	40	377	21	7.5	29	12,120	38	5.3	23
California	10	4.0	34	275	4	5.6	4	12,125	39	4.9	30
Colorado	11	3.7	29	339	9	7.9	33	10,671	14	6.2	12
Connecticut	18	2.9	20	367	18	5.7	5	12,480	43	5.1	28
Delaware	27	2.7	13	423	43	7.3	25	11,811	33	5.8	17
District of Columbia	2	4.8	43	216	1	3.0	1	11,652	26	6.1	13
Florida	32	4.1	37	345	14	6.9	18	13,686	49	7.0	6
Georgia	31	4.8	44	386	26	6.6	13	11,788	31	6.8	7
Hawaii	4	3.7	30	260	3	5.9	6	8,203	1	3.7	48
Idaho	21	2.8	16	377	20	8.6	40	9,989	10	4.2	44
Illinois	42	3.9	33	397	33	7.9	32	12,444	42	5.4	21
Indiana	33	3.2	23	404	39	7.1	22	12,043	37	5.4	21
Iowa	38	2.2	5	447	45	9.9	47	10,707	16	4.6	39
Kansas	50	3.5	26	458	46	9.5	45	12,390	41	4.9	30
Kentucky	40	4.7	41	403	38	6.5	12	11,853	35	5.3	23
Louisiana	46	6.0	49	361	17	6.0	9	13,805	51	5.9	16
Maine	5	2.0	3	313	6	5.9	8	9,841	9	3.3	50
Maryland	22	3.2	25	383	23	7.0	19	11,852	34	5.6	19
Massachusetts	28	3.5	27	369	19	6.2	10	11,729	28	4.7	36
Michigan	30	4.0	35	343	11	6.6	15	11,780	30	4.8	33
Minnesota	29	2.1	4	392	31	9.4	44	11,172	19	5.2	25
Mississippi	43	5.0	45	398	34	6.6	14	13,474	48	6.5	10
Missouri	35	2.9	19	399	36	7.5	28	11,954	36	4.6	39
Montana	37	3.6	28	386	24	9.8	46	9,198	4	3.7	48
Nebraska	47	2.5	9	506	50	10.2	48	11,556	25	4.8	33
Nevada	7	—	—	341	10	8.0	35	12,325	40	8.2	2
New Hampshire	20	2.5	8	412	41	8.7	41	10,026	11	4.9	30
New Jersey	41	3.9	32	421	42	6.9	17	12,837	46	5.6	19
New Mexico	9	4.7	42	283	5	6.8	16	9,793	8	5.2	25
New York	34	5.3	47	319	7	4.5	3	12,606	44	4.8	33
North Carolina	6	2.5	11	399	37	7.0	20	10,891	18	6.8	7
North Dakota	51	2.4	6	506	51	12.8	51	10,602	13	4.0	46
Ohio	25	2.7	14	393	32	7.5	30	11,456	23	5.0	29
Oklahoma	49	4.2	38	473	48	8.1	37	13,690	50	6.7	9
Oregon	17	3.2	24	344	12	9.0	42	9,019	2	3.9	47
Pennsylvania	24	2.8	18	387	27	7.3	23	11,693	27	5.2	25
Rhode Island	16	2.9	21	332	8	7.1	21	11,224	20	4.5	41
South Carolina	23	3.7	31	436	44	7.9	31	11,478	24	7.8	3
South Dakota	48	1.8	2	497	49	12.0	50	10,700	15	4.1	45
Tennessee	15	—	—	406	40	7.4	26	11,777	29	7.5	4
Texas	45	5.4	48	389	29	7.3	24	13,288	47	6.4	11
Utah	14	2.6	12	386	25	9.3	43	11,400	22	7.4	5
Vermont	13	1.6	1	391	30	7.5	27	9,314	5	2.6	51
Virginia	12	2.4	7	398	35	8.1	36	10,774	17	6.0	15
Washington	8	2.8	15	345	13	8.2	38	9,433	6	4.7	36
West Virginia	26	4.0	36	355	15	5.9	7	11,334	21	4.5	41
Wisconsin	19	2.5	10	378	22	8.0	34	10,415	12	4.3	43
Wyoming	44	2.8	17	460	47	12.0	49	9,761	7	4.7	36

— Indicates missing data.

APPENDIX F. Population Health: Dimension Ranking and Indicator Rates

State	Population Health Dimension Ranking	Adults age 65 and older who rated their health as fair or poor		Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with three or more chronic conditions		Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor physical health days per month		Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor mental health days per month	
	2025	2024	rank	2023	rank	2024	rank	2024	rank
United States	—	25.0%	—	62%	—	17.5%	—	8.7%	—
Alabama	46	29.9	44	71	51	22.1	48	8.7	26
Alaska	38	25.1	32	47	2	21.5	47	10.5	46
Arizona	25	23.4	22	60	22	17.1	22	8.7	25
Arkansas	51	34.6	50	64	32	24.3	50	10.7	47
California	34	26.0	39	58	17	17.3	25	9.0	38
Colorado	6	19.5	7	51	5	16.0	14	8.3	17
Connecticut	13	18.9	5	62	24	16.9	20	8.8	28
Delaware	16	23.5	23	69	50	16.1	15	7.6	12
District of Columbia	37	23.8	26	55	12	16.5	17	9.0	39
Florida	39	25.7	37	68	48	18.4	35	9.7	42
Georgia	44	27.2	41	64	32	19.9	42	9.7	41
Hawaii	10	22.1	15	58	17	15.6	11	8.5	22
Idaho	18	22.0	13	52	7	18.7	38	9.0	37
Illinois	26	24.2	27	62	24	16.9	21	7.9	14
Indiana	40	27.3	42	64	32	18.8	40	8.7	27
Iowa	17	22.1	14	60	22	16.4	16	7.5	8
Kansas	24	23.1	21	62	24	16.7	18	8.5	21
Kentucky	49	32.7	49	66	44	23.5	49	10.5	45
Louisiana	50	31.0	46	68	48	21.1	46	11.6	49
Maine	15	22.2	17	52	7	17.8	30	9.9	43
Maryland	19	21.6	11	65	39	13.6	1	8.7	24
Massachusetts	11	19.3	6	62	24	15.3	10	7.6	10
Michigan	32	24.7	31	64	32	17.7	28	9.0	35
Minnesota	1	18.5	3	55	12	14.7	4	6.9	2
Mississippi	48	31.1	47	67	45	20.4	44	8.1	15
Missouri	28	25.6	35	63	29	17.4	26	8.3	19
Montana	14	22.4	18	49	4	18.0	32	8.8	29
Nebraska	5	20.3	9	59	20	15.9	13	7.5	7
Nevada	36	23.6	24	58	17	18.8	39	8.6	23
New Hampshire	4	18.3	2	54	11	13.9	2	7.3	5
New Jersey	20	22.9	19	67	45	15.1	9	8.1	16
New Mexico	43	26.4	40	53	10	20.3	43	11.7	50
New York	30	25.1	33	64	32	17.2	24	8.8	30
North Carolina	12	21.7	12	63	29	14.7	5	7.2	4
North Dakota	3	23.0	20	59	20	14.4	3	6.0	1
Ohio	33	24.6	30	64	32	17.1	23	8.4	20
Oklahoma	45	28.1	43	65	39	18.6	37	10.2	44
Oregon	31	24.4	28	52	7	18.8	41	11.2	48
Pennsylvania	29	25.4	34	65	39	18.5	36	7.8	13
Rhode Island	7	18.8	4	64	32	14.7	6	7.4	6
South Carolina	35	25.6	36	65	39	18.2	34	7.5	9
South Dakota	22	25.7	38	57	14	16.7	19	9.7	40
Tennessee	41	—	—	65	39	—	—	—	—
Texas	42	29.9	45	63	29	18.2	33	8.3	18
Utah	8	20.8	10	57	14	17.5	27	7.6	11
Vermont	2	15.9	1	48	3	14.9	7	7.0	3
Virginia	27	22.1	16	62	24	14.9	8	8.9	33
Washington	9	19.9	8	51	5	15.7	12	8.8	32
West Virginia	47	32.1	48	67	45	20.7	45	8.9	34
Wisconsin	23	24.5	29	57	14	17.7	29	8.8	31
Wyoming	21	23.7	25	45	1	18.0	31	9.0	36

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APPENDIX F. Population Health: Dimension Ranking and Indicator Rates (continued)

State	Population Health Dimension Ranking	Adults age 65 and older who reported difficulty with dressing, running errands alone, walking, or concentrating		Average number of years of additional life expectancy at age 65		Adults age 65 and older reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support		Adults age 60 and older who experienced food insecurity within the past year	
	2025	2024	rank	2021	rank	2022	rank	2023	rank
United States	—	32.6%	—	18.4	—	34.5%	—	9.2%	—
Alabama	46	38.3	44	16.4	47	37.1	33	8.1	25
Alaska	38	30.8	23	17.9	33	39.5	38	7.5	19
Arizona	25	29.5	15	18.1	31	30.0	3	10.5	42
Arkansas	51	40.2	48	16.6	45	—	—	13.2	50
California	34	33.1	32	19.3	8	38.5	36	8.8	33
Colorado	6	27.1	7	19.1	10	—	—	8.4	29
Connecticut	13	27.2	8	19.9	2	34.2	20	8.3	27
Delaware	16	29.7	17	18.6	20	30.7	7	5.6	9
District of Columbia	37	32.1	28	18.3	27	39.8	39	12.8	48
Florida	39	34.2	37	18.7	18	31.7	11	10.7	43
Georgia	44	34.6	38	17.1	43	37.9	35	10.4	41
Hawaii	10	32.5	29	20.6	1	—	—	6.6	13
Idaho	18	31.0	24	18.4	25	30.6	6	7.8	23
Illinois	26	30.7	21	18.6	20	—	—	9.9	37
Indiana	40	36.2	40	17.3	41	33.2	17	8.5	31
Iowa	17	29.7	16	18.6	20	34.9	26	6.7	14
Kansas	24	33.3	34	18.0	32	30.8	8	7.5	19
Kentucky	49	40.0	47	16.4	47	36.4	30	12.2	46
Louisiana	50	39.3	45	16.8	44	—	—	13.0	49
Maine	15	28.6	13	18.6	20	32.9	15	4.9	5
Maryland	19	28.1	11	18.7	18	37.4	34	6.9	16
Massachusetts	11	28.8	14	19.6	3	33.9	18	7.8	23
Michigan	32	31.2	25	17.9	33	32.6	13	8.4	29
Minnesota	1	24.3	2	19.4	4	29.6	2	5.0	6
Mississippi	48	44.1	50	16.1	50	39.0	37	12.2	46
Missouri	28	35.2	39	17.6	37	30.5	4	6.3	11
Montana	14	29.9	18	18.4	25	31.5	9	7.6	22
Nebraska	5	28.2	12	18.8	16	31.6	10	4.2	3
Nevada	36	36.2	41	17.5	38	34.3	21	9.5	36
New Hampshire	4	27.4	9	19.0	13	34.3	22	5.2	7
New Jersey	20	26.5	5	19.4	4	35.5	28	8.8	33
New Mexico	43	36.2	42	18.3	27	40.1	40	10.7	43
New York	30	31.3	26	19.4	4	—	—	9.9	37
North Carolina	12	33.4	35	17.7	36	28.7	1	6.9	16
North Dakota	3	26.5	4	19.1	10	—	—	3.8	1
Ohio	33	33.0	31	17.3	41	32.7	14	8.3	27
Oklahoma	45	42.2	49	16.4	47	34.5	23	9.9	37
Oregon	31	30.5	19	18.6	20	—	—	7.0	18
Pennsylvania	29	30.7	22	18.2	29	—	—	6.7	14
Rhode Island	7	26.0	3	19.0	13	35.2	27	4.5	4
South Carolina	35	33.6	36	17.4	40	34.0	19	8.6	32
South Dakota	22	33.3	33	19.2	9	—	—	4.1	2
Tennessee	41	—	—	16.6	45	34.7	25	7.5	19
Texas	42	36.8	43	17.5	38	36.4	29	13.6	51
Utah	8	28.0	10	18.8	16	30.6	5	5.7	10
Vermont	2	22.1	1	19.4	4	34.7	24	8.1	25
Virginia	27	32.8	30	18.2	29	—	—	9.9	37
Washington	9	26.7	6	19.1	10	36.9	32	5.5	8
West Virginia	47	39.5	46	16.1	50	36.5	31	10.7	43
Wisconsin	23	32.0	27	18.9	15	33.0	16	6.3	11
Wyoming	21	30.6	20	17.8	35	31.9	12	9.4	35

— Indicates missing data.

APPENDIX G. Demographics: Indicator Rates

	Share of state population enrolled in Medicare	Population age 65 and older	Share of Medicare beneficiaries under age 65	Share of Medicare beneficiaries ages 65–74	Share of Medicare beneficiaries ages 75–84	Share of Medicare beneficiaries age 85 and older
State	03/2025	2024	03/2025	03/2025	03/2025	03/2025
United States	19.8%	61,245,283	9.9%	48.2%	31.1%	10.8%
Alabama	21.8	955,166	15.2	46.6	29.0	9.2
Alaska	16.2	109,415	8.3	54.7	29.6	7.3
Arizona	20.0	1,491,158	7.9	47.8	33.7	10.6
Arkansas	22.1	562,707	15.8	45.5	29.2	9.5
California	17.8	6,524,861	6.9	48.9	32.1	12.1
Colorado	17.6	980,364	7.0	50.8	32.2	10.1
Connecticut	20.6	713,337	8.5	47.6	31.5	12.3
Delaware	23.6	227,824	8.5	49.9	31.8	9.8
District of Columbia	13.8	90,674	10.9	45.4	31.2	12.5
Florida	22.2	5,094,353	8.2	47.0	33.2	11.7
Georgia	17.6	1,765,603	11.5	48.7	30.6	9.3
Hawaii	21.4	311,305	5.7	48.0	33.5	12.8
Idaho	20.0	355,551	9.3	49.0	31.9	9.8
Illinois	19.1	2,274,582	9.1	48.4	31.0	11.6
Indiana	20.0	1,218,401	11.7	48.0	30.0	10.2
Iowa	21.4	612,603	9.5	48.2	30.5	11.8
Kansas	20.0	533,774	9.7	48.8	30.5	11.0
Kentucky	21.7	825,850	15.3	47.0	28.7	9.0
Louisiana	20.6	819,864	13.7	48.3	28.8	9.2
Maine	27.1	329,926	11.9	47.5	30.9	9.7
Maryland	18.5	1,099,752	8.6	48.5	31.7	11.2
Massachusetts	20.6	1,335,942	10.4	46.9	31.2	11.5
Michigan	22.4	1,987,859	11.7	48.1	29.9	10.2
Minnesota	20.1	1,056,273	8.7	48.9	30.9	11.5
Mississippi	21.9	531,347	15.2	47.3	28.5	9.0
Missouri	21.5	1,169,201	12.3	47.5	29.9	10.3
Montana	23.3	241,423	8.1	50.4	31.6	9.9
Nebraska	19.3	348,052	9.2	48.8	30.7	11.4
Nevada	18.7	575,351	8.3	49.5	32.9	9.4
New Hampshire	24.8	303,232	10.9	49.0	30.4	9.7
New Jersey	18.8	1,706,665	8.3	48.3	31.4	12.1
New Mexico	21.9	429,233	10.7	48.1	31.4	9.8
New York	19.9	3,757,173	10.0	47.1	30.8	12.2
North Carolina	20.4	1,980,690	11.3	47.8	31.2	9.8
North Dakota	18.8	140,295	8.5	50.1	29.6	11.8
Ohio	21.5	2,271,397	11.1	47.9	30.3	10.7
Oklahoma	19.8	692,081	12.9	47.7	29.6	9.8
Oregon	22.3	850,217	8.9	47.4	33.3	10.4
Pennsylvania	22.7	2,665,974	10.5	47.7	30.5	11.4
Rhode Island	22.1	220,168	11.6	47.5	30.0	11.0
South Carolina	22.7	1,082,724	11.1	48.0	31.7	9.2
South Dakota	21.7	175,902	7.9	50.9	30.2	11.0
Tennessee	20.7	1,273,979	12.7	47.7	30.2	9.3
Texas	15.5	4,365,469	9.5	50.2	30.6	9.8
Utah	13.5	434,922	8.7	49.6	31.5	10.2
Vermont	25.7	148,485	10.7	47.9	31.4	10.0
Virginia	19.4	1,550,385	9.8	48.1	31.6	10.6
Washington	19.3	1,378,508	8.5	48.7	32.3	10.5
West Virginia	25.6	386,851	14.5	46.4	29.7	9.4
Wisconsin	22.3	1,171,042	9.8	49.1	30.3	10.9
Wyoming	22.0	117,373	8.4	52.1	30.1	9.4

Note: Indicators in this table are not ranked or included in overall scoring.

APPENDIX G. Demographics: Indicator Rates (continued)

	Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan	Median household income in the past 12 months (in 2024 inflation-adjusted dollars), by age of householder (65 and older)	Adults age 65 and older with income below 150% of poverty level	Medicare beneficiaries receiving Low-Income Subsidy (MA-PD or PDP)	Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with hypertension
State	03/2025	2024	2024	02/2025	2023
United States	50.4%	\$59,648	18.9%	20.1%	65%
Alabama	60.5	50,483	25.1	23.2	74
Alaska	2.2	74,308	19.6	18.8	55
Arizona	51.5	62,575	16.6	18.3	60
Arkansas	46.4	48,078	20.2	22.9	70
California	51.2	71,673	20.0	27.0	61
Colorado	52.8	67,322	14.7	14.4	52
Connecticut	57.6	69,395	15.0	27.6	64
Delaware	32.7	66,859	16.5	14.7	70
District of Columbia	34.4	70,668	21.2	36.9	61
Florida	57.3	60,005	21.2	20.1	68
Georgia	55.6	56,010	21.6	22.3	69
Hawaii	54.0	91,390	13.5	18.6	61
Idaho	50.5	59,657	17.2	14.2	56
Illinois	40.3	60,697	18.6	19.3	66
Indiana	50.6	52,592	18.6	18.8	69
Iowa	36.3	56,419	15.4	14.3	63
Kansas	33.1	57,155	13.5	13.7	66
Kentucky	51.3	46,685	21.7	22.3	71
Louisiana	56.7	47,263	25.1	27.3	73
Maine	58.9	55,568	14.6	27.1	56
Maryland	25.4	75,539	14.6	16.4	68
Massachusetts	33.0	69,095	19.2	25.8	63
Michigan	61.6	54,599	18.2	17.5	66
Minnesota	55.2	61,129	11.6	14.1	58
Mississippi	44.0	44,031	31.0	28.0	75
Missouri	54.1	53,027	14.9	18.1	66
Montana	29.9	58,390	15.9	12.3	54
Nebraska	33.2	56,008	16.5	13.3	63
Nevada	52.0	63,688	16.0	17.1	61
New Hampshire	35.5	67,530	14.0	11.4	58
New Jersey	41.0	72,905	15.1	16.2	69
New Mexico	49.6	54,478	22.6	24.8	57
New York	51.9	59,909	22.3	31.4	65
North Carolina	57.1	55,235	21.7	19.0	66
North Dakota	26.9	57,708	14.3	11.9	62
Ohio	54.9	53,095	16.4	18.1	67
Oklahoma	41.6	51,209	21.1	18.5	71
Oregon	54.9	60,405	16.5	19.7	55
Pennsylvania	54.1	55,938	19.7	18.4	66
Rhode Island	55.3	59,258	19.8	21.2	66
South Carolina	45.7	55,385	18.0	18.2	69
South Dakota	24.0	60,166	13.4	11.9	61
Tennessee	53.6	53,889	17.0	19.5	70
Texas	54.2	58,739	21.8	19.0	67
Utah	53.9	70,712	14.8	10.8	57
Vermont	30.5	60,814	15.4	18.2	54
Virginia	39.0	66,450	17.1	15.6	65
Washington	49.4	69,010	14.5	16.4	55
West Virginia	52.2	45,778	25.8	22.5	70
Wisconsin	55.1	55,336	14.8	14.7	60
Wyoming	19.1	60,674	12.3	11.0	53

Note: Indicators in this table are not ranked or included in overall scoring.

APPENDIX G. Demographics: Indicator Rates (continued)

	Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with asthma	Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with chronic kidney disease	Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with diabetes	Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with obesity
State	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
United States	7%	18%	12%	25%	20%
Alabama	7	22	15	30	33
Alaska	6	12	10	21	12
Arizona	8	20	11	22	19
Arkansas	6	17	14	26	23
California	8	18	10	27	15
Colorado	7	15	11	17	14
Connecticut	9	16	12	22	19
Delaware	8	20	12	28	26
District of Columbia	8	16	9	25	14
Florida	8	22	15	25	24
Georgia	7	21	12	26	23
Hawaii	7	25	8	27	12
Idaho	7	16	10	21	17
Illinois	7	19	13	26	19
Indiana	7	20	15	27	21
Iowa	6	18	11	23	22
Kansas	7	18	13	25	20
Kentucky	6	19	17	28	24
Louisiana	6	20	13	29	23
Maine	6	15	13	20	14
Maryland	8	18	11	28	21
Massachusetts	9	19	12	22	19
Michigan	8	20	15	26	29
Minnesota	6	20	10	22	18
Mississippi	6	18	14	30	20
Missouri	7	19	14	25	23
Montana	6	12	10	18	14
Nebraska	5	18	12	23	19
Nevada	7	18	12	25	17
New Hampshire	7	14	11	19	14
New Jersey	8	17	12	29	22
New Mexico	8	14	10	24	14
New York	8	16	12	29	20
North Carolina	6	20	12	26	22
North Dakota	6	18	12	24	19
Ohio	7	20	14	26	25
Oklahoma	8	20	15	28	18
Oregon	7	15	10	20	14
Pennsylvania	8	20	12	25	24
Rhode Island	10	17	12	23	25
South Carolina	7	18	12	26	20
South Dakota	6	16	11	23	17
Tennessee	6	20	14	27	21
Texas	7	20	12	27	20
Utah	8	20	8	23	22
Vermont	7	11	10	19	11
Virginia	7	18	11	26	19
Washington	7	15	9	20	14
West Virginia	7	19	18	30	23
Wisconsin	7	20	10	22	20
Wyoming	5	11	12	20	13

Note: Indicators in this table are not ranked or included in overall scoring.

APPENDIX H. Medicare State Scorecard Indicator Descriptions and Source Notes

ABBREVIATIONS

ACS = American Community Survey

BRFSS = Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

CCW = Chronic Conditions Warehouse

CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CMS = Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CPS ASEC = Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement

LDS = Limited Data Set

MA = Medicare Advantage

MDS = Minimum Data Set

MedPAR = Medicare Provider and Analytic Review

NCCDPHP = National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

NCHS = National Center for Health Statistics

NCIRD = National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

NVSS = National Vital Statistics System

OASIS = Outcome and Assessment Information Set

DEFINITIONS FOR INDICATORS

1. Older adults with a recent checkup: Percent of adults age 65 and older who had a routine checkup in the past two years. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

2. Medicare Advantage plans that require prior authorization: Percent of Medicare Advantage plans within a state that require prior authorization for specialist doctor visits or preventive care. Authors' analysis of 2025 Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data (CMS).

3. Older adults without a usual source of care: Percent of adults age 65 and older who did not have at least one person they think of as their personal health care provider. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

4. Older adults without a dental visit: Percent of adults age 65 and older who did not visit a dentist or dental clinic within the past year. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

5. Beneficiaries referred for home health care who actually received it: Percent of Medicare beneficiaries with a home health referral who received home health services within seven days of hospital discharge. KNG Health analysis of CMS 2021–2022 MedPAR data, Master Beneficiary Summary File, Inpatient MA Encounter Data, Home Health Assessment Data (OASIS), Home Health Agency Standard Analytic Files, and Home Health Agency Encounter Data.

6. Beneficiaries who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly: Percent of Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly based on the Beers Criteria. Analysis excludes estrogen and insulin. Analysis provided by Jeromie Ballreich, Ph.D., M.H.S., of 2023 LDS 20 percent sample of Medicare claims, Medicare Prescription Drug Event File, Medicare Beneficiary Summary File, and Medicare Plan Characteristics File (CMS).

7. Preventable hospitalizations among beneficiaries: Hospital admissions for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries. Hospital admissions for one of the following eight ambulatory care–sensitive conditions: long-term diabetes complications, lower extremity amputation among patients with diabetes, asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertension, congestive heart failure, dehydration, bacterial pneumonia, and urinary tract infection. Authors' analysis of 2023 CCW data, retrieved from May 2025 CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File (CMS, Office of Information Products and Analytics).

8. Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older: Potentially avoidable emergency department (ED) visits among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries. Potentially avoidable ED visits were those that, based on diagnoses recorded during the visit and the health care service the patient received, were considered to be either nonemergent (care was not needed within 12 hours), or emergent (care needed within 12 hours) but that could have been treated safely and effectively in a primary care setting. This definition excludes any ED visit that resulted in an admission, as well as ED visits where the level

of care provided in the ED was clinically indicated. This approach uses the New York University Center for Health and Public Service Research emergency department algorithm developed by John Billings, Nina Parikh, and Tod Mijanovich in *Emergency Room Use — The New York Story* (Commonwealth Fund, Nov. 2000). Authors' analysis of 2023 LDS 5 percent sample of Medicare claims (CMS).

9. Hospital 30-day readmission rate among beneficiaries:

30-day hospital readmissions among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries. All hospital admissions among patients who were readmitted within 30 days of an acute hospital stay for any cause. A correction was made to account for likely transfers between hospitals. Authors' analysis of 2023 CCW data, retrieved from May 2025 CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File (CMS, Office of Information Products and Analytics).

10. Hospital 30-day mortality rate among older adults:

Risk-adjusted, all-cause 30-day mortality rates among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older hospitalized with a principal diagnosis of heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia or stroke between July 2020 and June 2023. All-cause mortality is defined as death from any cause within 30 days after the index admission, regardless of whether the patient dies while still in the hospital or after discharge. Authors' analysis of Medicare enrollment and claims data as reported in the fourth quarter 2024 Hospital Compare databases (CMS).

11. Skilled nursing facility patients with a hospital readmission: Percent of short-stay nursing home residents readmitted to hospital within 30 days of discharge to a nursing home among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries between October 2023 and September 2024. Analysis by CMS, data retrieved from April 2025 Nursing Home Compare (CMS).

12. Patient safety composite, Medicare: Patient safety and adverse hospital events composite measure (PSI-90) among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries age 18 and older between July 2021 to June 2023. The PSI-90 measure reflects hospital patient safety during delivery of care and is a composite of multiple safety-related adverse event indicators (e.g., in-hospital fall with hip fracture rate, postoperative sepsis rate, etc.). For more information, see [CMS Patient Safety Indicators PSI 90](#). Analysis by CMS, as reported in the fourth quarter 2024 Hospital Compare databases (CMS).

13. Older adults injured in a fall: Percent of adults age 65 and older who had a fall resulting in an injury in the past year. Authors' analysis of 2023 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

14. Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication: Percent of long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication, excluding residents with schizophrenia, Tourette's syndrome, and Huntington's disease, among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries between January 2024 and December 2024. Analysis by CMS of MDS, as reported in April 2025 Nursing Home Compare (CMS).

15. Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure ulcers: Percent of long-stay nursing home residents who have pressure sores (stages 1–4) on target assessment among fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries between January 2024 and December 2024. Analysis by CMS of MDS, as reported in April 2025 Nursing Home Compare (CMS).

16. Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine: Percent of adults age 65 and older who ever received a pneumonia vaccine. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

17. Older adults who received the flu vaccine: Percent of adults age 65 and older who received a flu vaccine in the past year. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

18. Older adults who received the COVID vaccine: Percent of adults age 65 and older who received a COVID vaccine between 08/2024 and 03/2025. Analysis by CDC, retrieved from COVIDVaxView (CDC, NCIRD, accessed June 10, 2025).

19. Older adults who went without care because of cost: Percent of adults age 65 and older who reported a time in the past 12 months when they needed to see a doctor but could not because of cost. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

20. Beneficiaries' average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs: Average dollar amount of Medicare beneficiary out-of-pocket spending on part D drugs. Analysis provided by Jeromie Ballreich, Ph.D., M.H.S., of 2023 LDS 20 percent sample of Medicare claims, Medicare Prescription Drug Event File, Medicare Beneficiary Summary File, and Medicare Plan Characteristics File (CMS).

21. Total share of Part D drug costs paid by beneficiary: Average percent of total part D drug costs paid out-of-pocket by the Medicare beneficiary. Analysis provided by Jeromie Ballreich, Ph.D., M.H.S., of 2023 LDS 20 percent sample of Medicare claims, Medicare Prescription Drug Event File, Medicare Beneficiary Summary File, and Medicare Plan Characteristics File (CMS).

22. Medicare spending per beneficiary: Total Medicare fee-for-service reimbursements (in dollars) include payments for both Part A and Part B but exclude Part D (prescription drug costs) and extra CMS payments for graduate medical education and for treating low-income patients. Authors' analysis of 2023 CCW data, retrieved from the May 2025 CMS Geographic Variation Public Use File (CMS, Office of Information Products and Analytics).

23. Primary care spending as a share of total, age 65 and older: Primary care spending as a percent of each state's total Medicare medical spending among beneficiaries age 65 and older. We based our approach on the method used by Reid, Damberg, and Friedberg (*JAMA* 2019) that characterizes a "broad" definition for primary care provider types and a "broad" definition of included services. Under this "broad/broad" definition, we include all professional services billed by physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners in family medicine, internal medicine, general practice, geriatric medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology; hospitalists are excluded. Authors' analysis of the 2023 LDS 5 percent sample of Medicare claims (CMS).

24. Older adults who rated health fair or poor: Percent of adults age 65 and older who rated their health as "fair" or "poor." Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

25. Beneficiaries with three or more chronic conditions: Percent of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries diagnosed with 3 or more chronic conditions. Chronic conditions include: acute myocardial infarction, Alzheimer's Disease, related disorders, or senile dementia; asthma, atrial fibrillation, cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depression, diabetes, heart failure, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, ischemic heart disease, obesity, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, and stroke/transient ischemic attack. Having a disability or ESRD is excluded from this calculation and analysis. Analysis by CMS, 2023 CMS Mapping Disparities Tool (uses 100% of CMS LDS data).

26. Older adults with poor physical health: Percent of adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor physical health days per month. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

27. Older adults with poor mental health: Percent of adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor mental health days per month. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

28. Older adults with functional limitations: Percent of adults age 65 and older who reported difficulty with dressing or bathing, running errands alone, walking or climbing stairs, or concentrating. Authors' analysis of 2024 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

29. Life expectancy at age 65: Average number of years of additional life expectancy at age 65. Data from [U.S. State Life Tables, 2021](#), National Vital Statistics Reports (CDC, NCHS, NVSS).

30. Older adults reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support: Percent of adults age 65 and older reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support. Authors' analysis of 2022 BRFSS (CDC, NCCDPHP).

31. Older adults who are food insecure: Percent of adults age 60 and older who experienced food insecurity within the past year. Analysis by Feeding America, from A. Dewey et al., *Map the Meal Gap: A Report of Local Food Insecurity and Food Costs in the United States in 2023* (Feeding America National Organization, May 2025).

32. Share of state population enrolled in Medicare: Percent of each state's total population enrolled in Medicare. National (U.S.) estimate includes beneficiaries in all fifty states and D.C. Authors' analysis of March 2025 Medicare Monthly Enrollment Report (CMS) and July 2024 State Population Totals (U.S. Census Bureau).

33. Population age 65 and older: Population of each state, age 65 and older. Data from [Table S0103](#), 2024 ACS 1-Year Estimates (U.S. Census Bureau).

34–37. Age distribution of Medicare beneficiaries: Percent of all Medicare beneficiaries within each age group (under age 65, ages 65–74, ages 75–84, and age 85 and older). National (U.S.) estimates include beneficiaries in all 50 states and D.C. Authors' analysis of March 2025 Medicare Monthly Enrollment Report (CMS).

38. Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage: Percent of all Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan. National (U.S.) estimate includes beneficiaries in all 50 states and D.C. Authors' analysis of March 2025 Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data (CMS).

39. Median household income, age 65 and older: Median household income in the past 12 months (in 2024 inflation-adjusted dollars) by age of householder (65 and older). Definition of income includes wage or salary income; self-employment income; interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts; Social Security or Railroad Retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); cash public assistance income; retirement, survivor, or disability income; and all other income (e.g., unemployment compensation, etc.). Data from [Table B19049](#), 2024 ACS 1-Year Estimates (U.S. Census Bureau).

40. Older adults with income at or near the federal poverty level: Percent of adults age 65 and older with income below 150% of the federal poverty level. U.S. Census Bureau poverty level for one person age 65 and

older was \$15,050 in 2024; 150% of this figure is \$22,575. Data (2024) from Detailed Tables for Poverty, [Poverty Status by State \(POV-11\)](#), 2025 CPS ASEC (U.S. Census Bureau).

41. Medicare Low-Income Subsidy enrollees: Percent of all Medicare beneficiaries receiving Low-Income Subsidy for Part D drug costs (Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug [MA-PD] or standalone Prescription Drug Plan [PDP]). Authors' analysis of February 2025 Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data (CMS).

42. Beneficiaries with hypertension: Percent of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries diagnosed with hypertension. Analysis by CMS, 2023 CMS Mapping Disparities Tool (uses 100% of CMS LDS data).

43. Beneficiaries with asthma: Percent of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries diagnosed with asthma. Analysis by CMS, 2023 CMS Mapping Disparities Tool (uses 100% of CMS LDS data).

44. Beneficiaries with chronic kidney disease: Percent of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries diagnosed with chronic kidney disease. Analysis by CMS, 2023 CMS Mapping Disparities Tool (uses 100% of CMS LDS data).

45. Beneficiaries with COPD: Percent of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Analysis by CMS, 2023 CMS Mapping Disparities Tool (uses 100% of CMS LDS data).

46. Beneficiaries with diabetes: Percent of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries diagnosed with diabetes. Analysis by CMS, 2023 CMS Mapping Disparities Tool (uses 100% of CMS LDS data).

47. Beneficiaries with obesity: Percent of Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries diagnosed with obesity. Analysis by CMS, 2023 CMS Mapping Disparities Tool (uses 100% of CMS LDS data).

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