

## How well is MEDICARE working for beneficiaries in

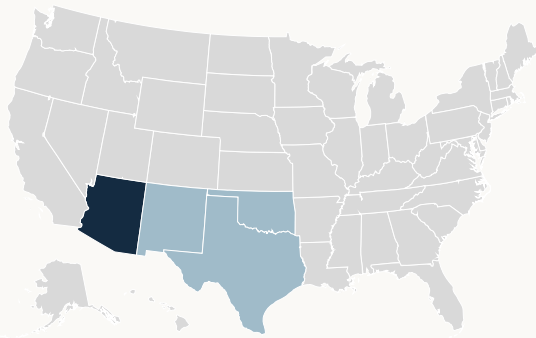
## Arizona

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Medicare is a federal program that should be uniform across the country — but the experience of beneficiaries varies depending on where they live. See the latest performance data for your state.

## Arizona ranks #20 overall.

	National rank	Rank among Southwestern states
Overall	20 of 51	1 of 4
Access to Care	44	1
Quality of Care	22	2
Costs and Affordability	3	2
Population Health	25	1



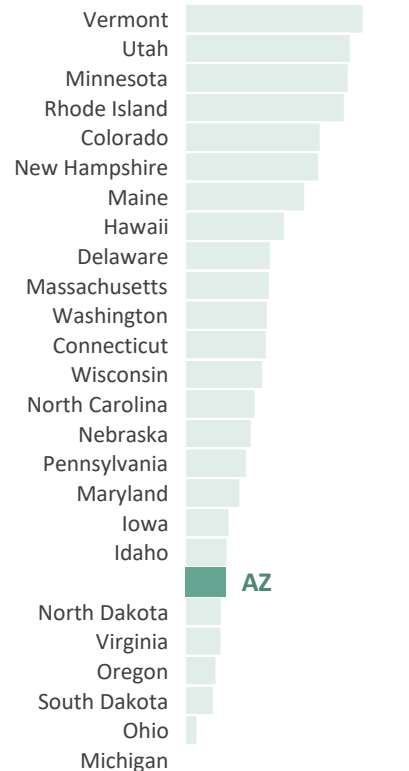
Note: Southwest region includes AZ, NM, OK, TX.

## The Medicare Population in Arizona

	Arizona	United States <sup>a</sup>
State population enrolled in Medicare	20.0%	19.8%
Population age 65 and older	1,491,158	61,245,283
Share of beneficiaries age 85 and older	10.6%	10.8%
Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage	51.5%	50.4%
Median household income over age 65	\$62,575	\$59,648
Older adults with income at or near federal poverty level	16.6%	18.9%
Beneficiaries receiving Low-Income Subsidy	18.3%	20.1%

## How Arizona compares to all states

Better-than-average overall performance



Worse-than-average overall performance

Table 1. Medicare Performance Indicators

Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average <sup>a</sup>	Best state rate	State rank
Access to Care					
2025 Scorecard					
Adults age 65 and older who had a routine checkup in the past two years	2024	96.3%	97.1%	99.2%	39
Medicare Advantage plans within a state that require prior authorization for specialist doctor visits or preventive care	2025	46.2%	48.3%	8.3%	25
Adults age 65 and older who did not have at least one person they think of as their personal health care provider	2024	6.2%	4.0%	1.9%	44
Adults age 65 and older without a dental visit in the past year	2024	25.4%	28.2%	19.1%	17
Medicare beneficiaries with a home health referral who received home health services within seven days of hospital discharge	2022	40.6%	51.5%	62.9%	49
Quality of Care					
2025 Scorecard					
Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	2023	21.0%	21.2%	17.4%	16
Hospital admissions for ambulatory care—sensitive conditions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	18.9	26.4	13.9	9
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	141.8	155.2	126.4	11
30-day hospital readmissions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	29.0	37.5	18.6	15
Risk-adjusted 30-day mortality among Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older hospitalized for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, or stroke	07/2020 - 06/2023	14.3%	14.4%	12.3%	20
Short-stay nursing home residents readmitted within 30 days of hospital discharge to nursing home	10/2023 - 09/2024	25.3%	25.0%	13.0%	34
Patient safety and adverse hospital events composite measure (PSI-90; lower is better)	07/2021 - 06/2023	36	36	16	24
Adults age 65 and older with an injurious fall in the past year	2023	41.7%	38.7%	28.8%	39
Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication	01/2024 - 12/2024	10.6%	14.6%	7.5%	7
Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure sores	01/2024 - 12/2024	5.6%	5.5%	3.9%	28
Adults age 65 and older who have ever received a pneumonia vaccine	2024	72.0%	70.3%	76.4%	17
Adults age 65 and older who received a flu vaccine in the past year	2024	59.6%	62.8%	73.1%	40
Adults age 65 and older who received a COVID vaccine between August 2024 and March 2025	08/2024 - 03/2025	26.0%	43.4%	54.7%	30

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Costs and Affordability					
2025 Scorecard					
Adults age 65 and older who went without care because of cost in the past year	2024	3.0%	3.8%	1.6%	22
Medicare beneficiaries average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs	2023	\$360	\$386	\$216	16
Total share of Part D drug costs paid by the Medicare beneficiary	2023	8.4%	7.4%	3.0%	39
Total Medicare (Parts A & B) reimbursements per enrollee	2023	\$11,790	\$11,886	\$8,203	32
Primary care spending as share of total Medicare spending among beneficiaries age 65 and older	2023	10.9%	5.7%	10.9%	1
Population Health					
2025 Scorecard					
Adults age 65 and older who rated their health as fair or poor	2024	23.4%	25.0%	15.9%	22
Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with three or more chronic conditions	2023	60%	62%	45%	22
Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor physical health days per month	2024	17.1%	17.5%	13.6%	22
Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor mental health days per month	2024	8.7%	8.7%	6.0%	25
Adults age 65 and older who reported difficulty with dressing, running errands alone, walking, or concentrating	2024	29.5%	32.6%	22.1%	15
Average number of years of additional life expectancy at age 65	2021	18.1	18.4	20.6	31
Adults age 65 and older reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support	2022	30.0%	34.5%	28.7%	3
Adults age 60 and older who experienced food insecurity within the past year	2023	10.5%	9.2%	3.8%	42

Notes: (a) National (U.S.) estimates include all 50 states and D.C. and do not include territories.