

How well is MEDICARE working for beneficiaries in

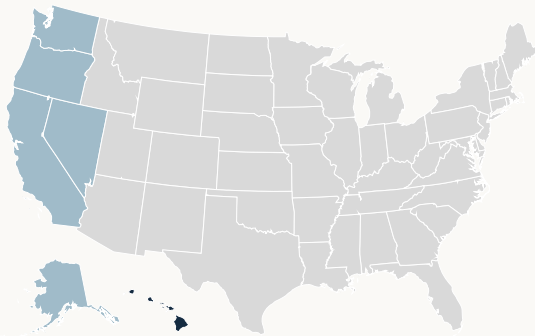
Hawaii

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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.

Hawaii ranks #8 overall.

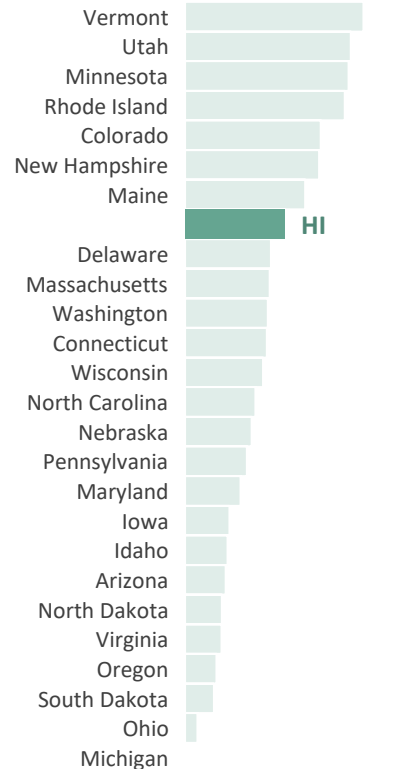
	National rank	Rank among Western states
Overall	8 of 51	1 of 6
Access to Care	42	3
Quality of Care	4	1
Costs and Affordability	4	2
Population Health	10	2



Note: West region includes AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA.

How Hawaii compares to all states

Better-than-average overall performance



The Medicare Population in Hawaii

	Hawaii	United States ^a
State population enrolled in Medicare	21.4%	19.8%
Population age 65 and older	311,305	61,245,283
Share of beneficiaries age 85 and older	12.8%	10.8%
Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage	54.0%	50.4%
Median household income over age 65	\$91,390	\$59,648
Older adults with income at or near federal poverty level	13.5%	18.9%
Beneficiaries receiving Low-Income Subsidy	18.6%	20.1%

Worse-than-average overall performance

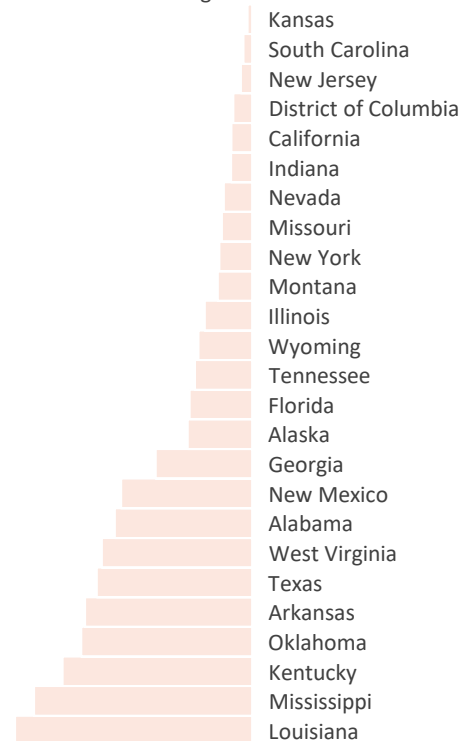


Table 1. Medicare Performance Indicators

Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average ^a	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	96.0%	97.1%	99.2%	40
Medicare Advantage plans within a state that require prior authorization for specialist doctor visits or preventive care	2025	51.4%	48.3%	8.3%	34
Adults age 65 and older who did not have at least one person they think of as their personal health care provider	2024	4.1%	4.0%	1.9%	34
Adults age 65 and older without a dental visit in the past year	2024	19.5%	28.2%	19.1%	2
Medicare beneficiaries with a home health referral who received home health services within seven days of hospital discharge	2022	31.4%	51.5%	62.9%	51
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	17.4%	21.2%	17.4%	2
Hospital admissions for ambulatory care—sensitive conditions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	17.6	26.4	13.9	7
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	139.0	155.2	126.4	8
30-day hospital readmissions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	20.7	37.5	18.6	2
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	14.4%	14.4%	12.3%	21
Short-stay nursing home residents readmitted within 30 days of hospital discharge to nursing home	10/2023 - 09/2024	19.8%	25.0%	13.0%	7
Patient safety and adverse hospital events composite measure (PSI-90; lower is better)	07/2021 - 06/2023	45	36	16	34
Adults age 65 and older with an injurious fall in the past year	2023	37.7%	38.7%	28.8%	23
Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication	01/2024 - 12/2024	9.9%	14.6%	7.5%	5
Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure sores	01/2024 - 12/2024	3.9%	5.5%	3.9%	1
Adults age 65 and older who have ever received a pneumonia vaccine	2024	63.2%	70.3%	76.4%	50
Adults age 65 and older who received a flu vaccine in the past year	2024	62.7%	62.8%	73.1%	29
Adults age 65 and older who received a COVID vaccine between August 2024 and March 2025	08/2024 - 03/2025	—	43.4%	54.7%	—

Table 1. Medicare Performance Indicators (cont.)

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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	3.7%	3.8%	1.6%	30
Medicare beneficiaries average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs	2023	\$260	\$386	\$216	3
Total share of Part D drug costs paid by the Medicare beneficiary	2023	5.9%	7.4%	3.0%	6
Total Medicare (Parts A & B) reimbursements per enrollee	2023	\$8,203	\$11,886	\$8,203	1
Primary care spending as share of total Medicare spending among beneficiaries age 65 and older	2023	3.7%	5.7%	10.9%	48
Population Health					
2025 Scorecard					
Adults age 65 and older who rated their health as fair or poor	2024	22.1%	25.0%	15.9%	15
Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with three or more chronic conditions	2023	58%	62%	45%	17
Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor physical health days per month	2024	15.6%	17.5%	13.6%	11
Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor mental health days per month	2024	8.5%	8.7%	6.0%	22
Adults age 65 and older who reported difficulty with dressing, running errands alone, walking, or concentrating	2024	32.5%	32.6%	22.1%	29
Average number of years of additional life expectancy at age 65	2021	20.6	18.4	20.6	1
Adults age 65 and older reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support	2022	—	34.5%	28.7%	—
Adults age 60 and older who experienced food insecurity within the past year	2023	6.6%	9.2%	3.8%	13

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