

Medicare Beneficiaries Are at Risk for High Costs

Nearly one in four is underinsured (average 2013–14)

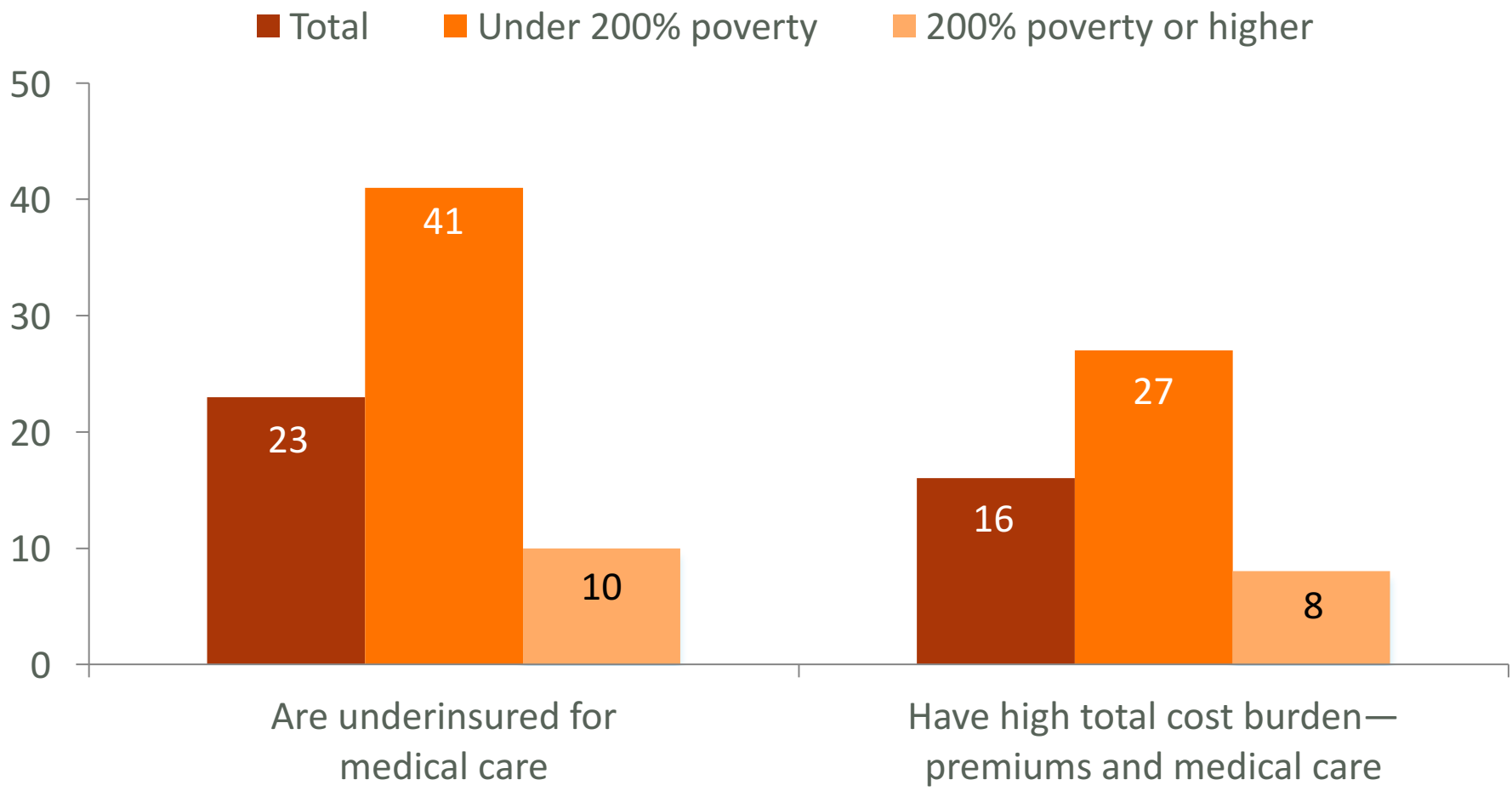
	Beneficiaries	Percent of Medicare population		
	Millions 2013–14	National	Lowest state	Highest state
Underinsured: High share of income spent on out-of-pocket expenditures for medical care	11.5 million	23%	16%	32%
High total cost burden: Spent 20% or more of income on premiums and medical care	8.0 million	16%	11%	26%

Notes: Underinsured is defined as Medicare beneficiary in household that spent 10% or more of income on medical care (excluding premiums) or 5% or more if low-income (<200% poverty). Uses all Medicare ages, including those under age 65.

Source: Authors' analysis of combined March 2014 and 2015 Current Population Survey Medicare population using redesigned income samples.

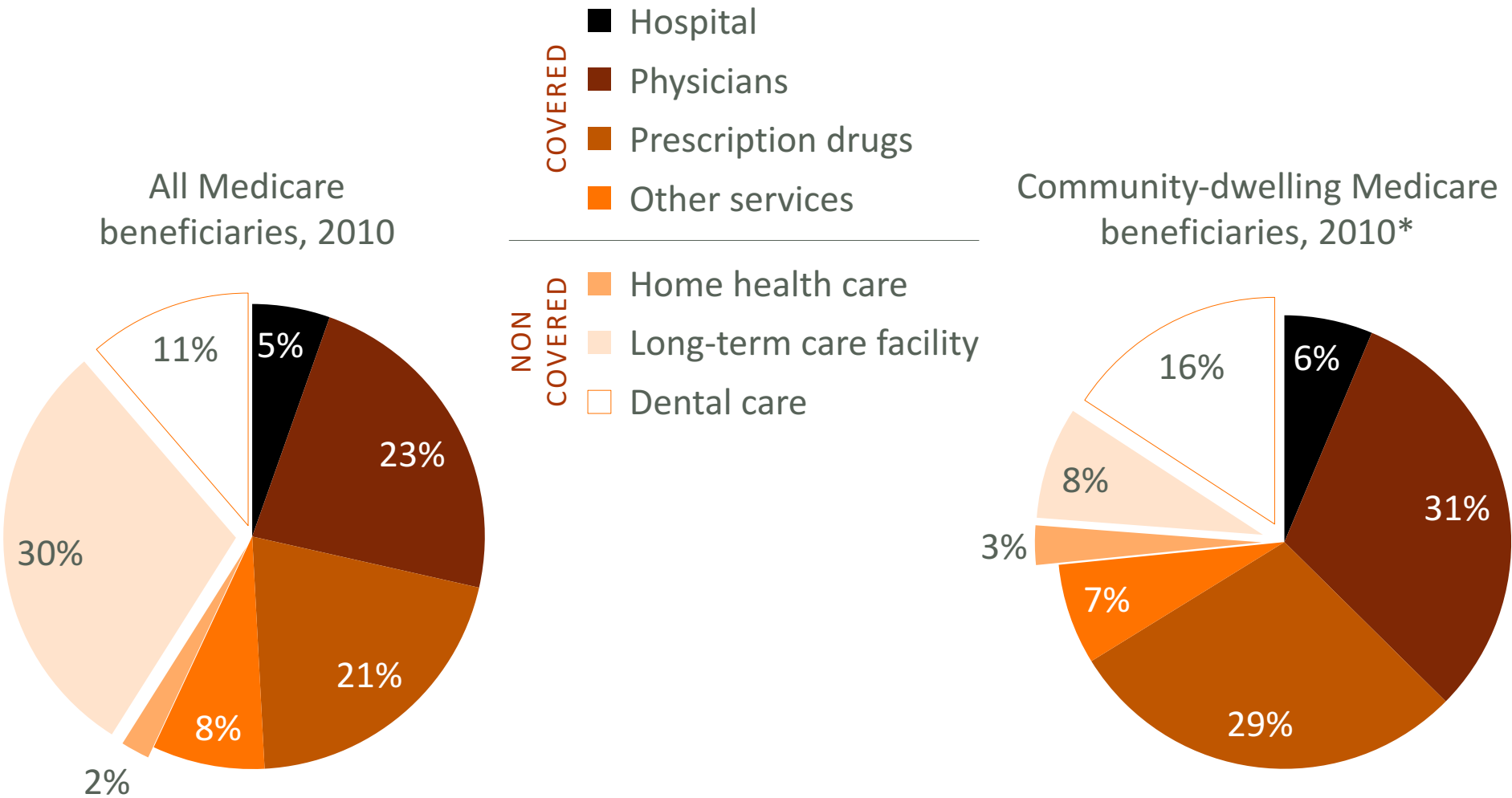
Medicare's Low-Income Beneficiaries Are at Highest Risk

Percent of Medicare beneficiaries (2013–14) who . . .



Notes: Underinsured is defined as Medicare beneficiary in household that spent 10% or more of income on medical care (excluding premiums) or 5% or more if low-income (<200% poverty). High total cost burden is defined as 20% or more of income spent on premiums and medical care. Source: Authors' analysis of combined March 2014 and 2015 Current Population Survey Medicare population using redesigned income samples.

Distribution of Average Out-of-Pocket Spending by Medicare Beneficiaries on Covered and Noncovered Services

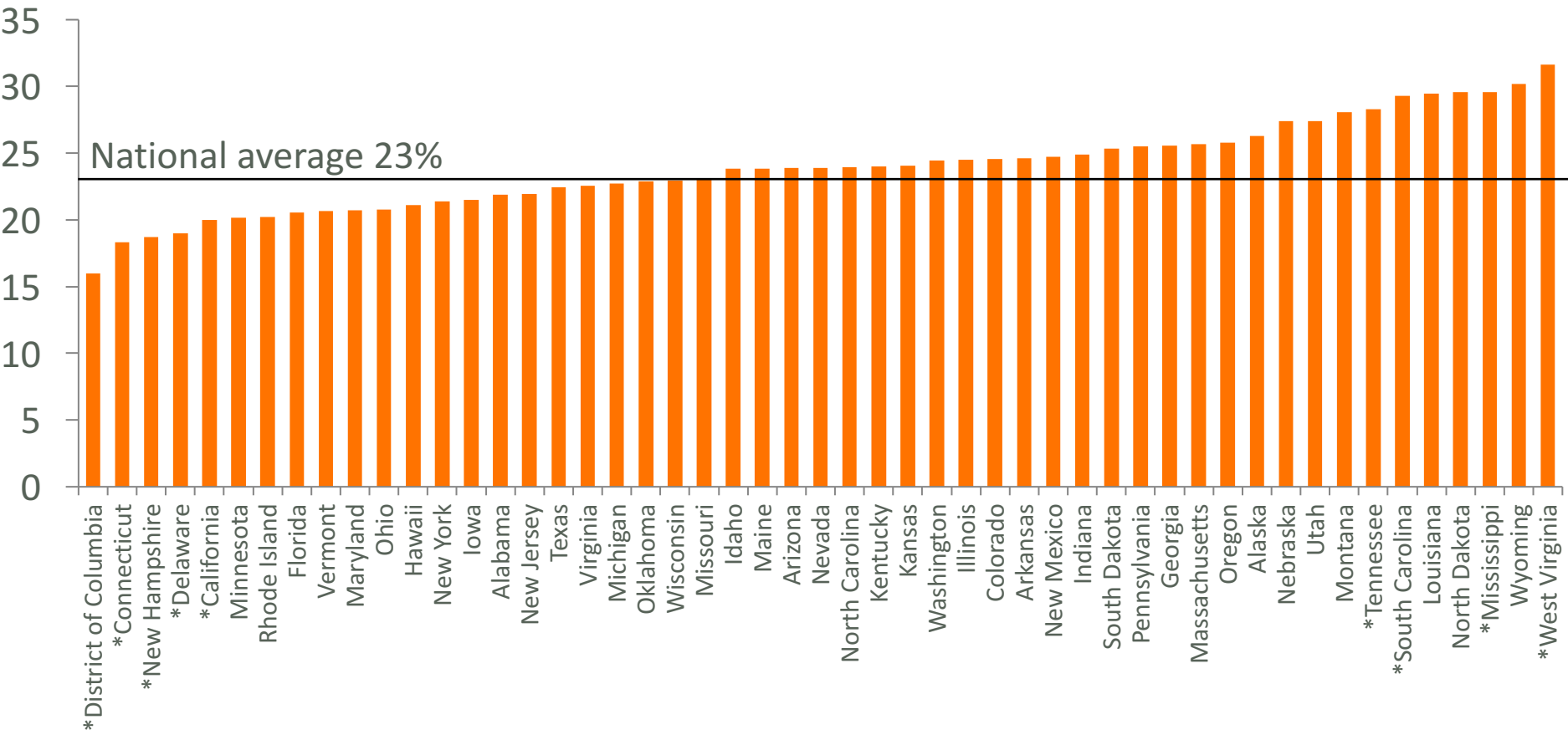


* Community-dwelling = those beneficiaries not living in nursing homes.
Source: Authors' analysis of 2010 Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey.

Underinsured Medicare Beneficiaries by State

Ranges from 16 percent to 32 percent of state Medicare population

Percent of Medicare beneficiaries who are underinsured for medical care, 2013–14

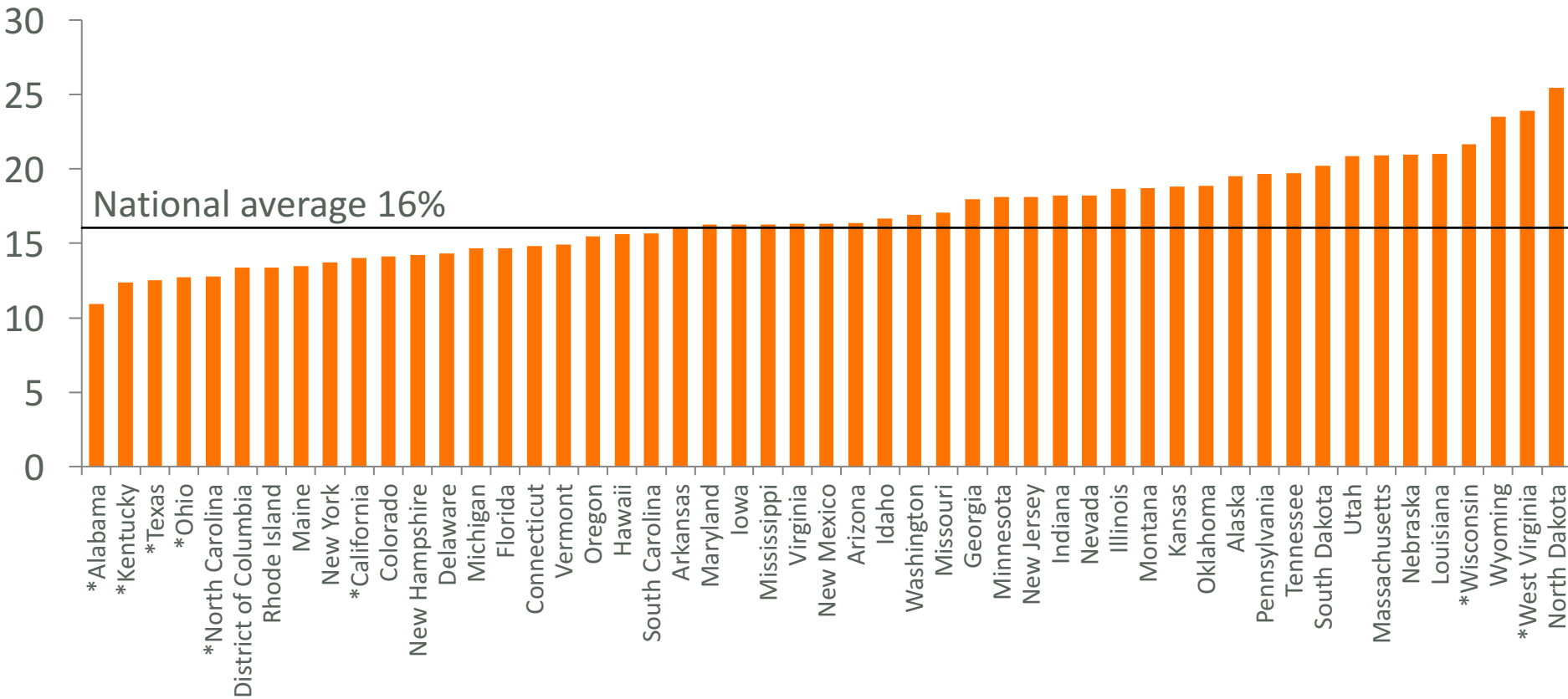


Notes: Asterisk indicates the state's underinsured percentage is significantly different from the national average at $p < .05$. Underinsured is defined as Medicare beneficiary in household that spent 10% or more of income on medical care (excluding premiums) or 5% or more if low-income (<200% poverty). Source: Authors' analysis of combined March 2014 and 2015 Current Population Survey Medicare population using redesigned income samples.

Medicare Beneficiaries with High Total Cost Burden by State

Ranges from 11 percent to 26 percent of state Medicare population

Percent of Medicare beneficiaries who spent 20 percent or more of income on premiums and medical care, 2013–14

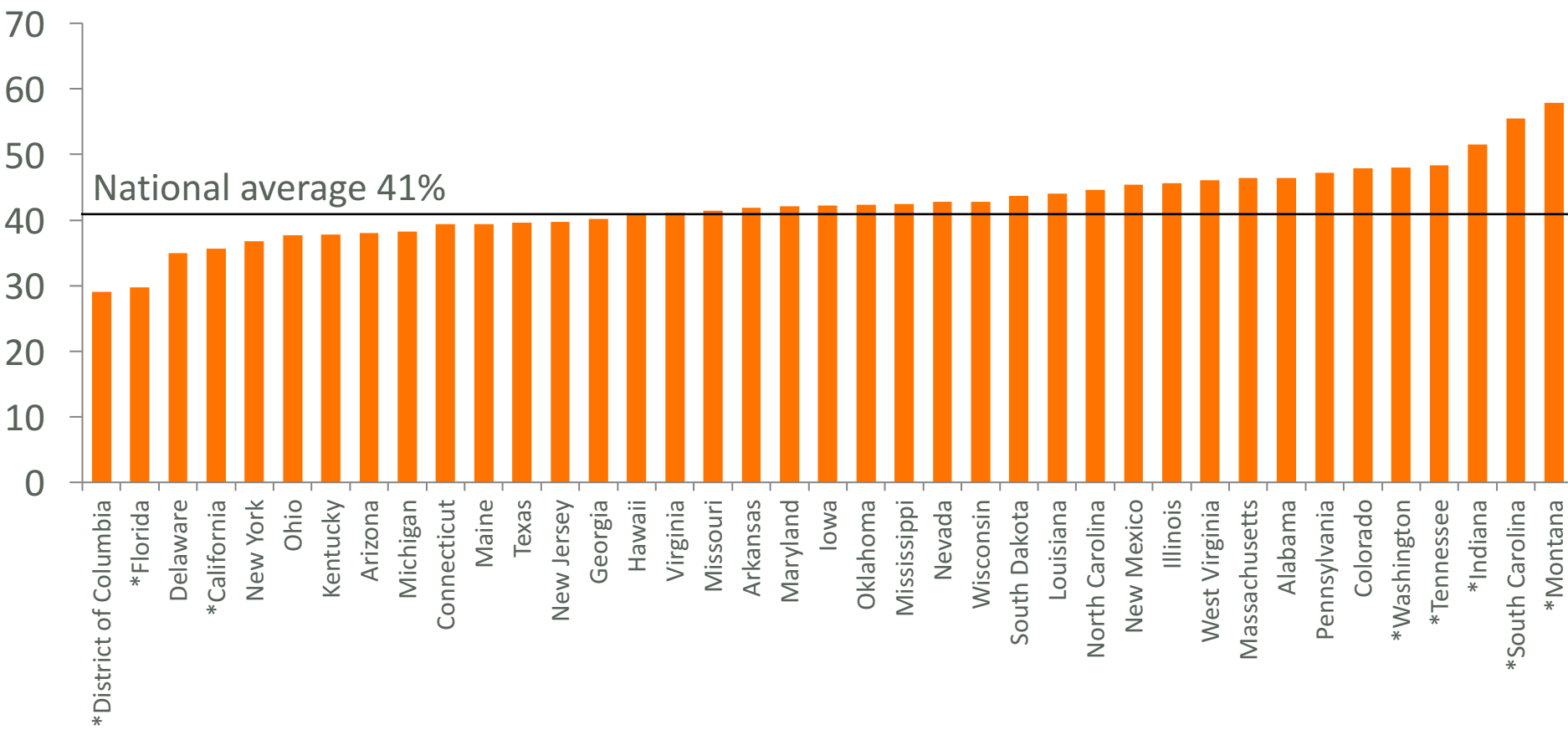


Notes: Asterisk indicates the state's percentage with a high total cost burden is significantly different from the national average at p < .05. High total cost burden is defined as Medicare beneficiary in household that spent 20% or more of income on premiums and medical care. Source: Authors' analysis of combined March 2014 and 2015 Current Population Survey Medicare population using redesigned income samples.

Low-Income Underinsured Medicare Beneficiaries by State

Ranges from 29 percent to 58 percent of state Medicare population

Percent of low-income Medicare beneficiaries who are underinsured for medical care, 2013–14

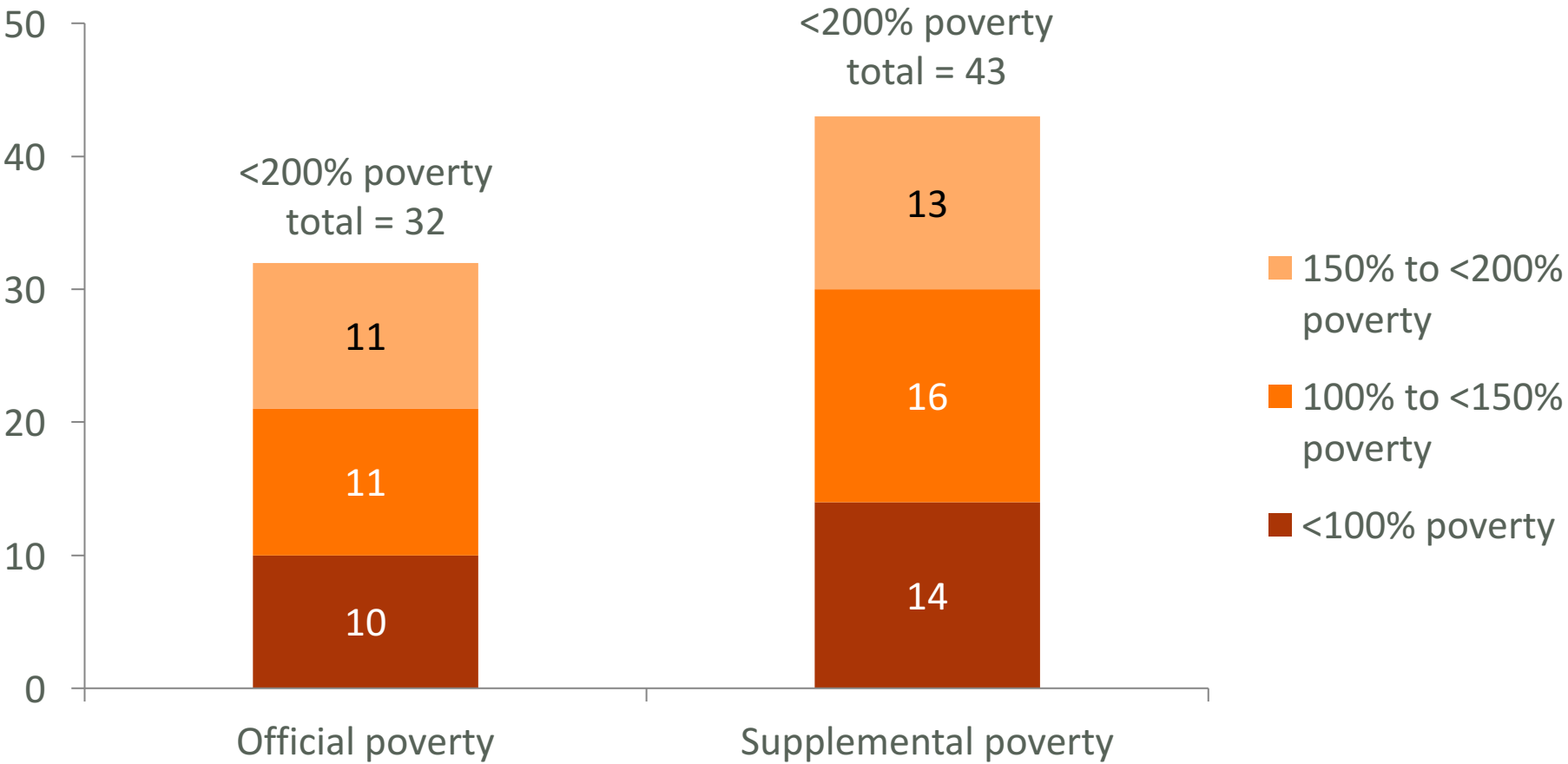


Notes: Asterisk indicates the state's percentage of low-income underinsured Medicare beneficiaries is significantly different from the national average at p < .05. Underinsured is defined as Medicare beneficiary in household that spent 10% or more of income on medical care (excluding premiums) or 5% or more if low-income (<200% poverty). Twelve states with small sample sizes are excluded from the analysis.

Source: Authors' analysis of combined March 2014 and 2015 Current Population Survey Medicare population using redesigned income samples.

More Adults Age 65 or Older Would Be Poor or Near-Poor if Medical Out-of-Pocket Expenses Were Counted

Percent of adults age 65 or older who are poor or near-poor



Note: Supplemental poverty includes out-of-pocket spending on medical care; official poverty does not.
Source: K. Short, "The Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2014," Current Population Reports, P60-254 (U.S. Census Bureau, Sept. 2015).