

OPEN PAYMENTS

Creating public transparency into industry-physician financial relationships

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Program Year 2018 Timeline

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Program timeline



The timeline above is based on Program Year 2018.

Program Year 2018 Data Publication

- On June 28, 2019 the Program Year 2018 data was published along with newly submitted and updated payment records from prior program years (2013-2017)
- Applicable manufacturers and group purchasing organizations (GPOs) collectively reported **11.40 million publishable records**, amounting to **\$9.35 billion payments and ownership and investment interests** made to covered recipients for Program Year 2018
- Payments are reported across three payment categories
 - General Payments
 - Research Payments
 - Ownership & Investment interests held by physicians or their immediate family members

The Data – Program Year 2018



Total U.S. Dollar Value

\$9.35 Billion



Total Records Published

11.40 Million



General Payments
\$3.00 Billion

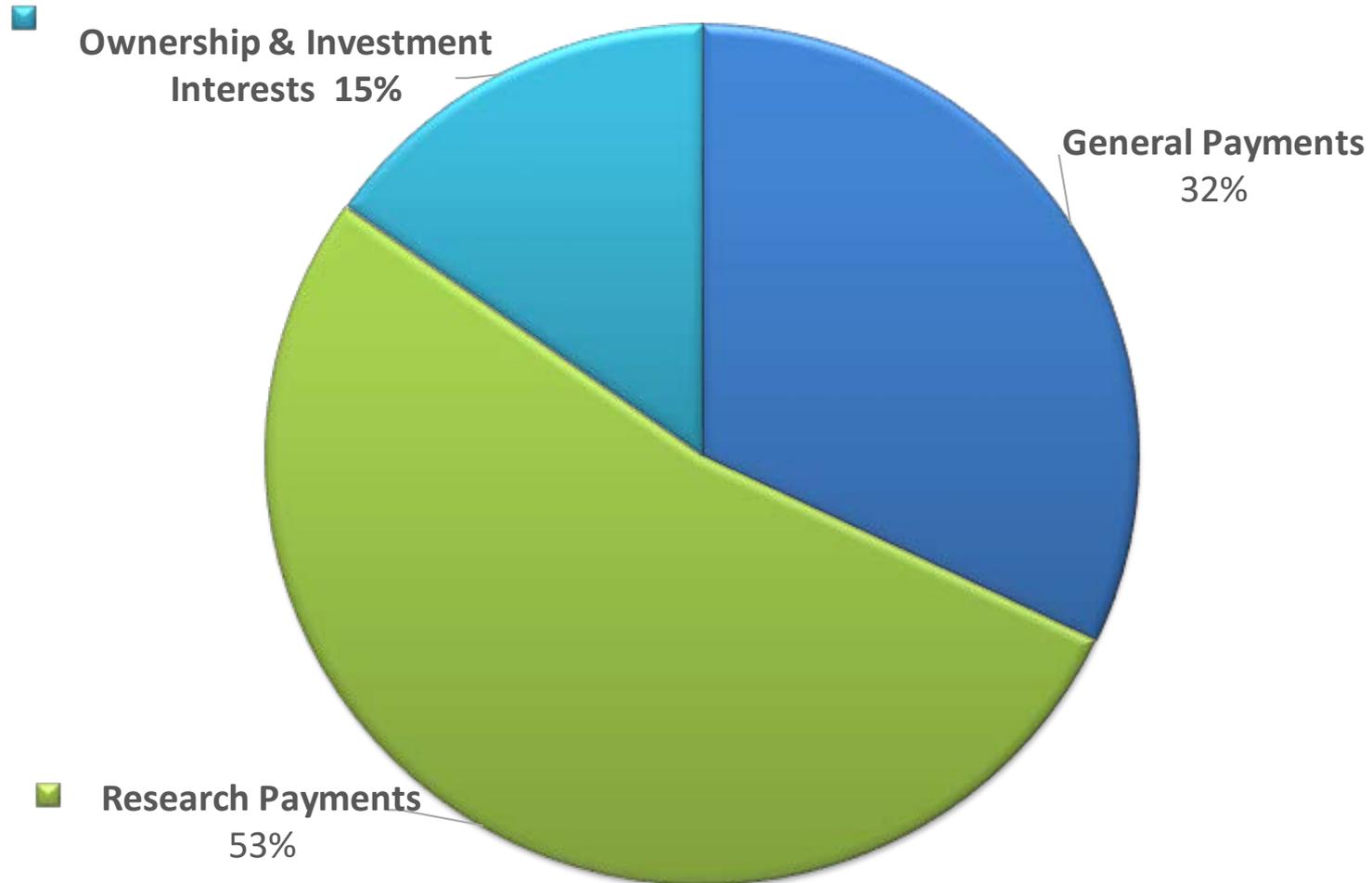


Research Payments
\$4.93 Billion



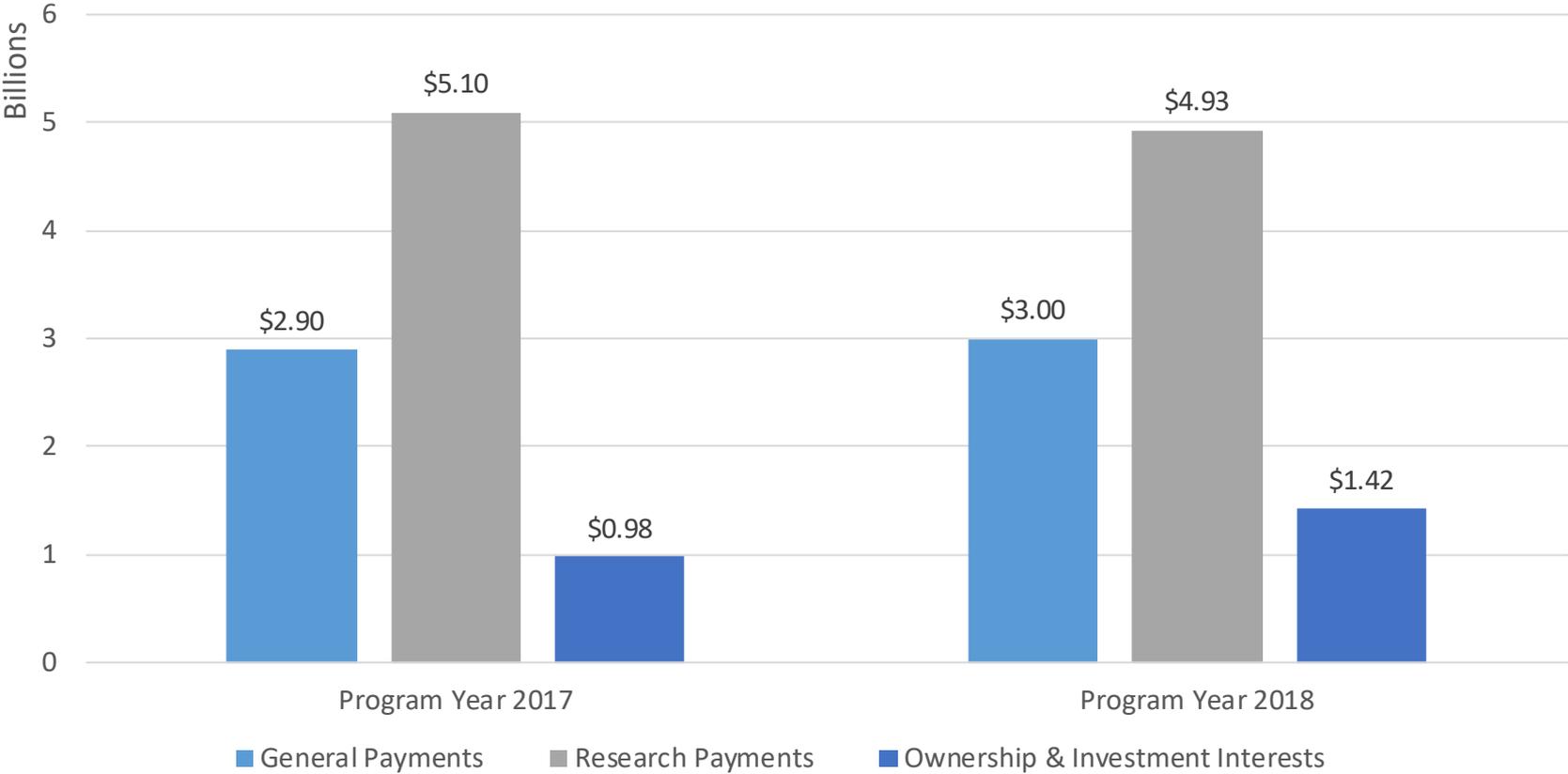
Ownership & Investment
\$1.42 billion

Program Year 2018 Payment Categories



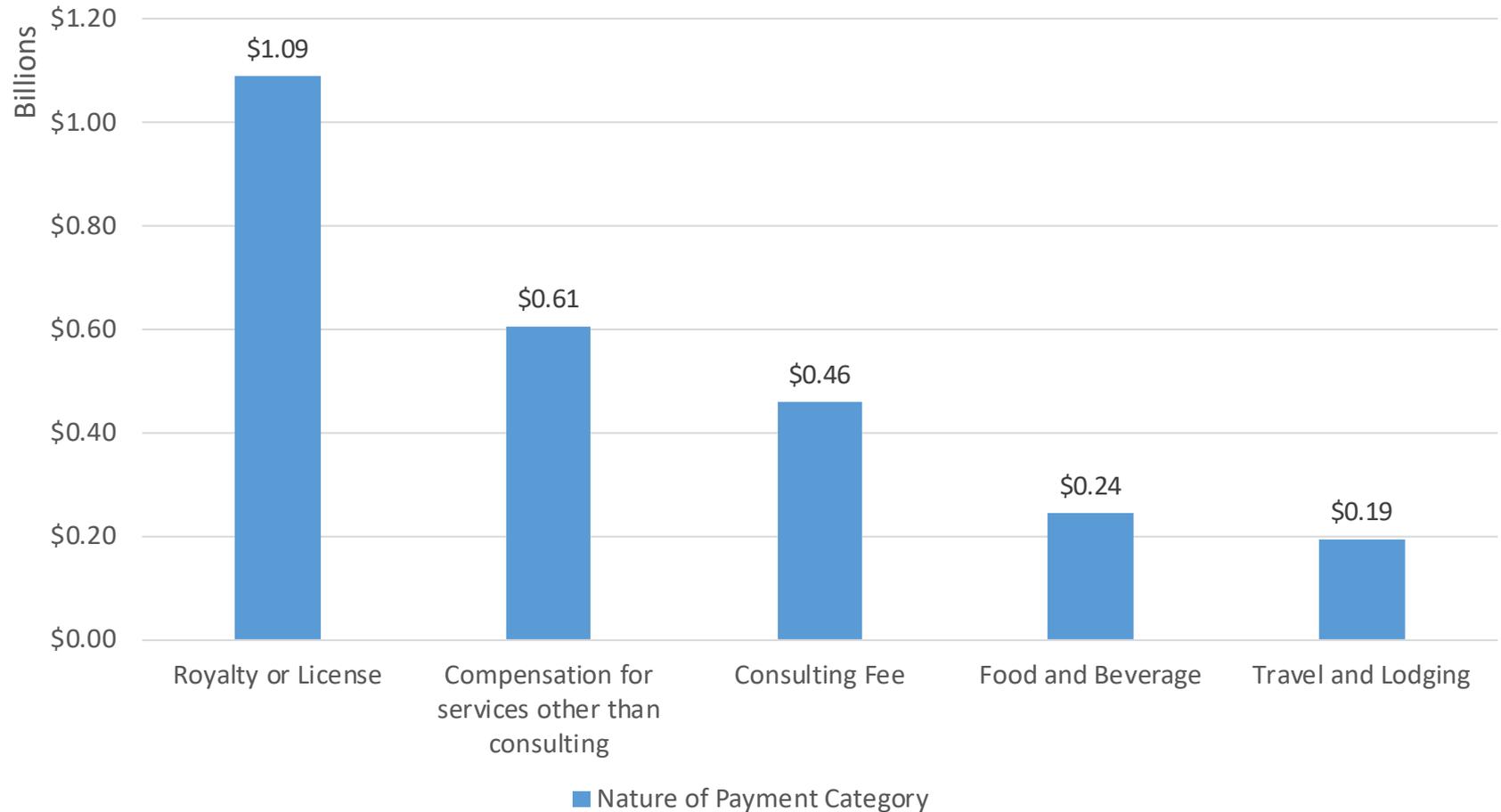
The Data – Program Years 2017 & 2018

Program Years 2017 and 2018 by payment categories



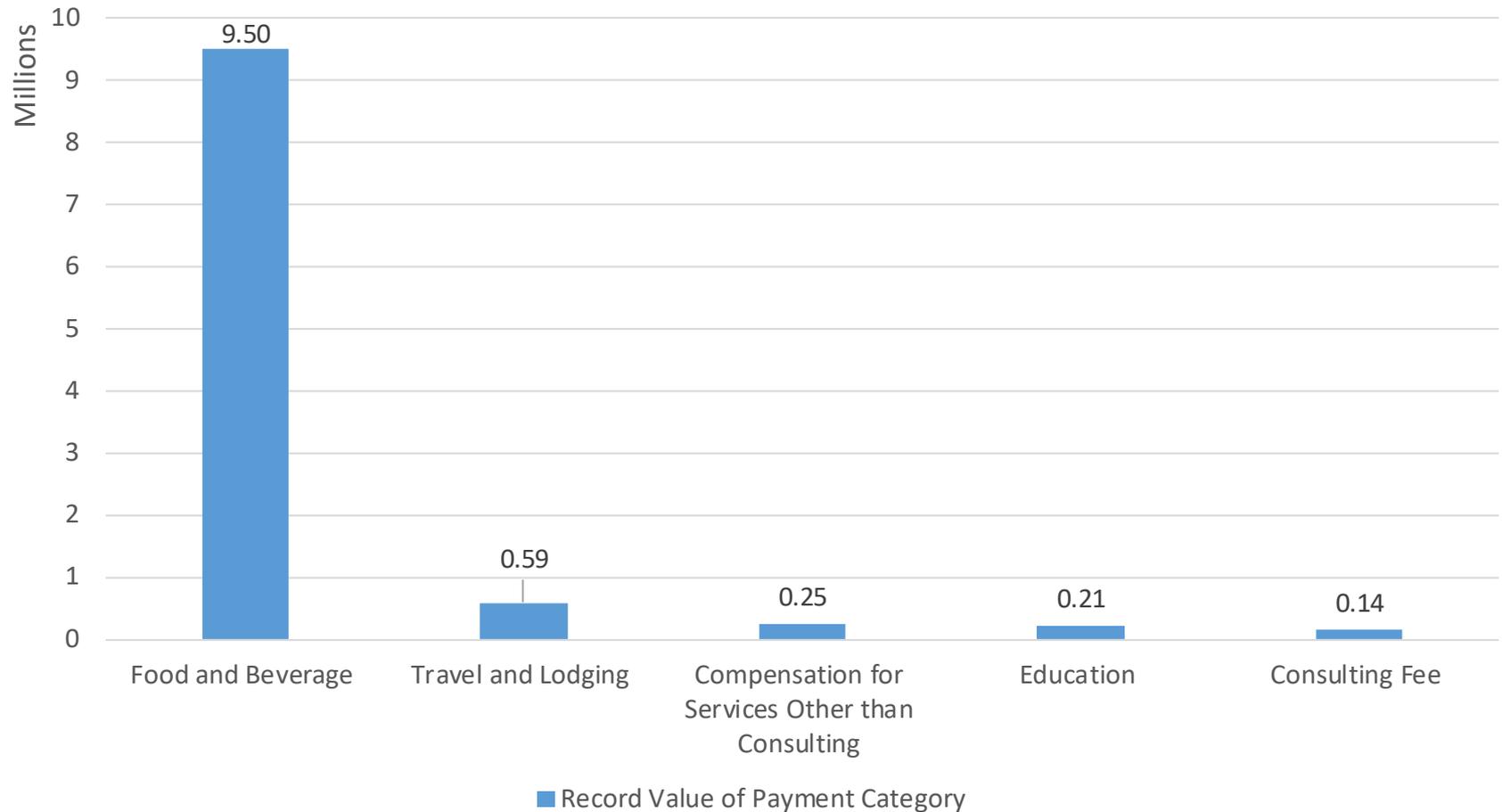
Program Year 2018

Top Five Nature of Payment Categories – Dollar Value



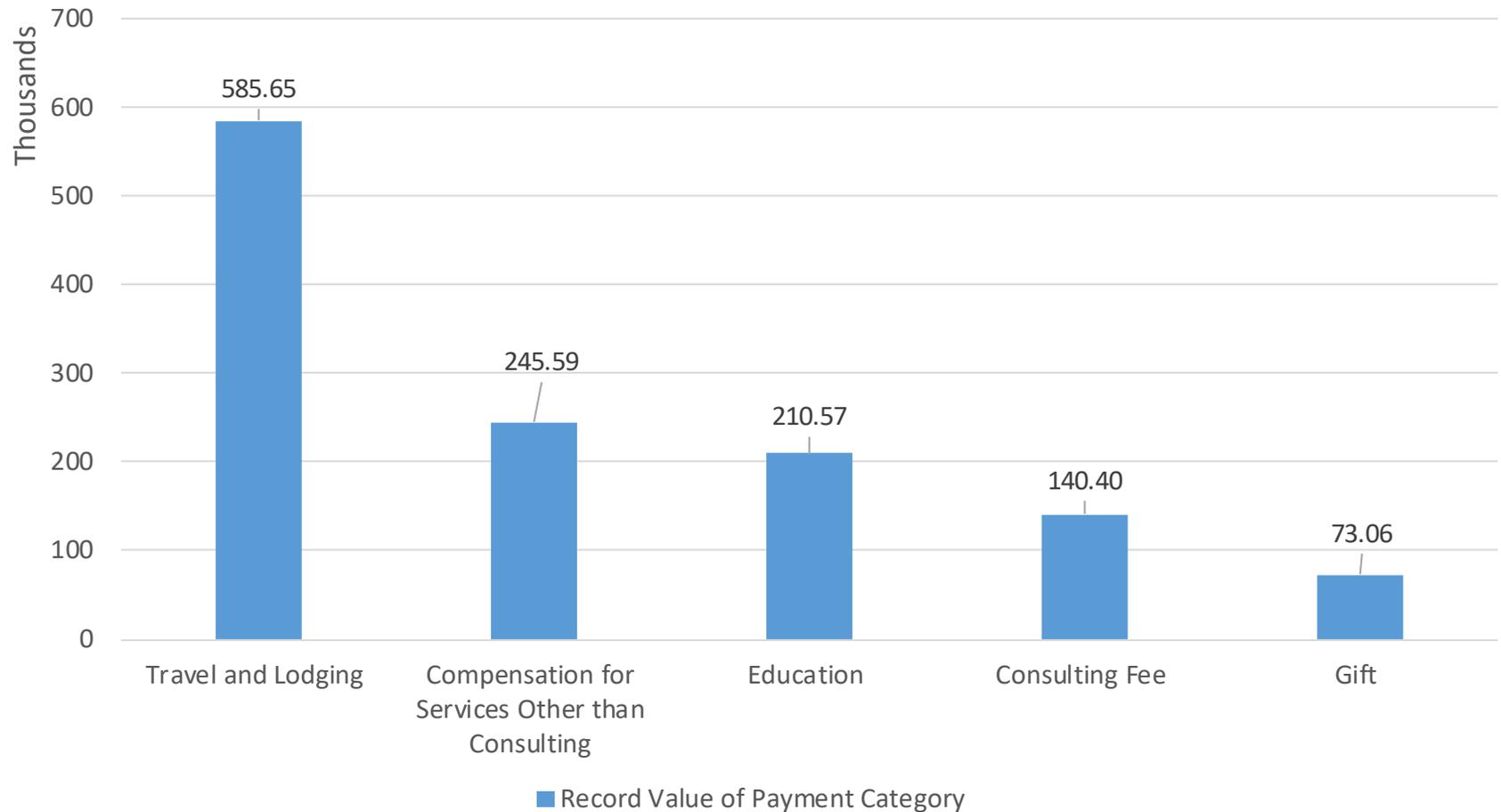
Program Year 2018

Top Five Nature of Payment Categories – Number of Records



Program Year 2018

Top Five Nature of Payment Categories – Number of Records*



*Excluding Food and Beverage Category

The Data – All Program Years



Total U.S. Dollar Value
\$43.22 Billion



Total Records Published
64.77 Million



General Payments
\$15.23 Billion

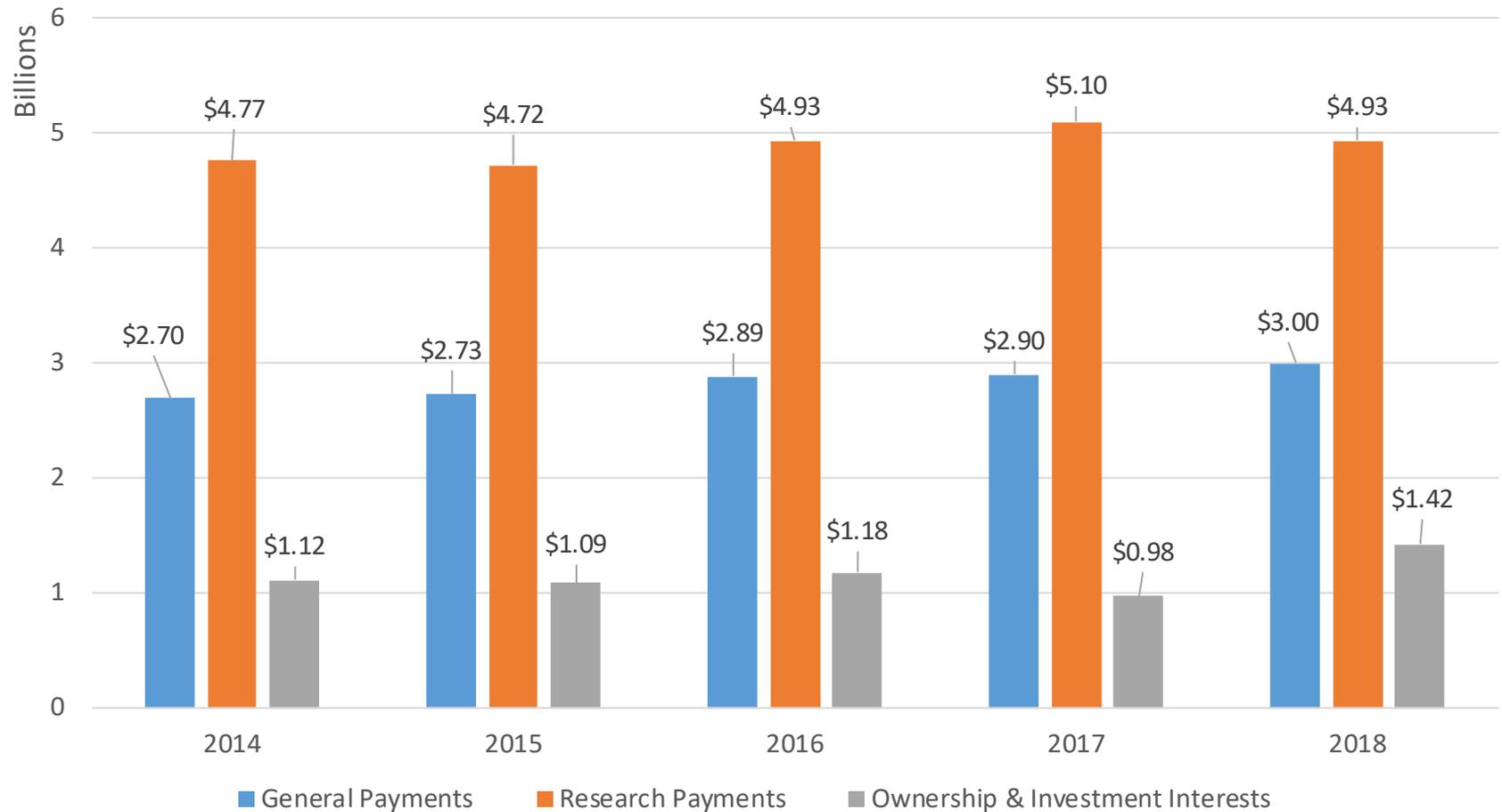


Research Payments
\$26.57 Billion



Ownership & Investment
\$1.42 Billion

The Data – Program Years 2014 – 2018



Open Payments Survey

- Recently the Open Payments team began offering a user survey on the search tool site
- The survey's goal is to get user feedback on the search tool including what brought them to the site and if they found what they are looking for.
- Currently Survey 3.0 is available on the search tool site

Summer 2019 System Enhancements

- **Physician Matching**

- New ability to validate physician information and download results at any time during or outside the submission period

- **Compliance Portal**

- Functionality for the CMS Open Payments Compliance team to upload, maintain and track all compliance related communications sent to reporting entities

- **System Generated Emails**

- Ability to view all system generated email messages associated with each organization

Winter 2020 System Enhancements

- **Drug Data Validation**

- Associated drug information will be checked and validated against FDA's drug listing directory data

- **Zip Code Validation**

- Verification that entered zip codes are valid within the boundary of the selected state

- **License Expiration**

- Will ensure that payments associated with physician licenses which expired prior to the start of the Open Payments program are rejected

- **Errors and Warnings**

- Errors and warnings notifications will be added to the Record Overview page to provide immediate matching feedback

What we've been up to

- Annual Physician Mail Campaign
 - Ran throughout the pre-publication Review & Dispute period
 - Letters sent to approximately 54,000 physicians
- Help Desk – Physician Outreach
 - Currently conducting outreach to physicians who need to complete the vetting process within Open Payments in an effort to help the physicians gain access to the program
- Compliance Outreach
 - Submission reminders
 - Late Attestation reminders

SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act

- The SUPPORT Act was passed in the fall of 2018 and included Open Payments provisions
- Covered Recipients to include:
 - Physician Assistants
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Clinical Nurse Specialists
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
 - Certified Nurse-midwives
- Publication of National Provider Identifiers (NPIs)

Open Payments Expansion Provisions – CMS Proposed Changes

- The CMS proposed changes to Open Payments appear as a rider to the 2020 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)
- Proposed changes:
 - Three new Nature of Payment Categories:
 - Debt Forgiveness
 - Long term medical supply or device loan
 - Acquisitions
 - Consolidation of the two medical education program Nature of Payment Categories into one
 - Proposal to standardize data on reported products
 - Additional reporting requirements for the ‘device identifier’ component of the unique device identifier for devices and medical supplies

Information and Your Input

- The changes to the Open Payments program appear as a rider on to the 2020 Physician Fee Schedule
- The Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule with comment period was placed on display at the Federal Register on July 29, 2019.
- CMS is accepting comments on the proposed rule until September 27, 2019.
- More information and access to the proposed rule is available on the Open Payments Law and Policy Page

Program Timeline Reminders

- November 15, 2019
 - Deadline for corrections to undisputed records
 - Deadline to remove any previous delay in publication requests
- December 31, 2019
 - Covered Recipient Review & Dispute Deadline
 - Covered recipients have until the end of the calendar year to review and if necessary initiate a dispute on Program Year 2018 or newly published data
- January 2020
 - Data Refresh

Stay Connected

- VISIT THE OPEN PAYMENTS WEBSITE

- For resources including Open Payments FAQs and more information about the program visit <https://cms.gov/openpayments>

- SUBSCRIBE TO THE LISTSERV

- Receive program updates through the Open Payments listserv
- Subscribe at our Contact Us page

- SEARCH THE DATA

- Access the Open Payments data at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov>

- HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

- Email: openpayments@cms.hhs.gov
- Call: 1-855-326-8366 (TTY Line: 1-844-649-2766)
- The help desk is currently open from 9:00am to 5:00pm (ET)