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<b>All Beneficiaries</b>	38,298	14,681	12,275	11,342	32,971	3,150
	170	264	220	208	210	109
<b>Medicare Status<sup>2</sup></b>						
<b>Aged</b>						
65 - 74 years	44.84	45.44	46.09	42.72	44.58	44.91
	0.35	0.65	0.74	0.78	0.41	1.86
75 - 84 years	29.13	32.35	27.73	26.47	29.98	22.09
	0.35	0.61	0.62	0.68	0.39	1.14
85 years and older	9.62	9.57	8.99	10.38	9.81	7.07
	0.19	0.36	0.33	0.44	0.21	0.71
<b>Disabled</b>						
Under 45 years	3.88	2.97	4.34	4.54	3.67	5.72
	0.08	0.17	0.20	0.25	0.10	0.64
45 - 64 years	12.53	9.68	12.84	15.88	11.95	20.21
	0.31	0.50	0.68	0.65	0.35	1.74
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	45.22	44.89	44.22	46.73	44.93	43.94
	0.37	0.72	0.78	0.93	0.42	1.56
Female	54.78	55.11	55.78	53.27	55.07	56.06
	0.37	0.72	0.78	0.93	0.42	1.56
<b>Living Arrangement</b>						
Lives alone	29.53	28.87	28.05	31.98	29.23	29.27
	0.43	0.66	0.83	0.93	0.46	1.60
With spouse	52.17	55.02	53.42	47.14	52.40	50.12
	0.45	0.75	0.91	0.86	0.50	1.87
With children	9.79	8.55	9.99	11.19	9.94	9.88
	0.27	0.50	0.44	0.50	0.29	0.97
With others	8.50	7.55	8.54	9.69	8.43	10.72
	0.28	0.43	0.44	0.54	0.29	1.21

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<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White non-Hispanic	78.11	83.75	77.03	71.97	78.63	73.50
	0.46	0.71	0.77	0.96	0.54	1.56
Black non-Hispanic	9.05	6.28	10.51	11.06	9.09	9.69
	0.25	0.36	0.41	0.64	0.27	1.16
Hispanic	8.07	5.78	7.88	11.22	7.58	10.41
	0.37	0.45	0.58	0.66	0.39	1.07
Other	4.77	4.19	4.57	5.75	4.70	6.40
	0.25	0.38	0.45	0.46	0.32	0.78
<b>Income<sup>3</sup></b>						
Less than \$5,000	3.50	3.09	3.03	4.54	3.52	3.77*
	0.29	0.52	0.25	0.43	0.31	0.76
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12.35	9.74	11.70	16.42	12.18	13.80
	0.33	0.46	0.56	0.61	0.38	1.06
\$10,000 - \$14,999	14.78	11.50	16.05	17.67	14.52	18.19
	0.36	0.48	0.62	0.79	0.36	1.53
\$15,000 - \$19,999	10.06	8.90	10.22	11.38	10.11	10.59
	0.31	0.50	0.46	0.60	0.34	1.13
\$20,000 - \$24,999	9.22	9.03	9.45	9.21	9.34	8.38
	0.30	0.43	0.52	0.51	0.34	0.96
\$25,000 - \$29,999	8.59	9.37	7.94	8.27	8.66	7.87
	0.31	0.50	0.49	0.44	0.33	0.87
\$30,000 - \$39,999	14.47	15.46	15.49	12.07	14.67	12.76
	0.42	0.67	0.80	0.57	0.43	1.34
\$40,000 - \$49,999	9.55	10.86	9.45	7.96	9.64	8.04
	0.25	0.47	0.49	0.47	0.28	1.04
\$50,000 or more	17.49	22.06	16.66	12.47	17.36	16.59
	0.46	0.72	0.70	0.70	0.46	1.26

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<b>Schooling</b>						
0 - 8 years	10.77	7.24	10.31	15.86	10.64	10.77
	0.31	0.43	0.47	0.67	0.34	1.02
9 - 12 years (no diploma)	14.65	12.08	14.47	18.19	14.65	14.03
	0.39	0.55	0.65	0.72	0.42	1.23
High school graduate	30.96	29.30	33.27	30.62	31.42	28.32
	0.49	0.76	0.88	0.85	0.56	1.58
Voc/tech/bus/etc.	7.29	7.49	7.36	6.97	7.24	7.79
	0.29	0.42	0.51	0.54	0.29	0.98
Some college	15.68	17.05	15.54	14.04	15.37	17.87
	0.38	0.58	0.70	0.69	0.39	1.24
Any college degree	20.65	26.84	19.06	14.32	20.69	21.23
	0.44	0.76	0.64	0.72	0.47	1.47
<b>Health Status</b>						
Excellent	15.22	19.32	12.20	13.17	15.17	13.47
	0.38	0.58	0.58	0.69	0.42	1.31
Very Good	27.19	30.59	27.48	22.46	27.76	20.64
	0.43	0.76	0.85	0.83	0.44	1.65
Good	30.50	29.26	32.71	29.73	30.86	29.38
	0.51	0.75	0.86	0.96	0.53	1.56
Fair	18.98	14.73	20.47	22.85	18.79	21.63
	0.43	0.52	0.93	0.84	0.43	1.44
Poor	8.11	6.09	7.13	11.79	7.42	14.89
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<b>Functional Limitation</b>						
None	54.80	60.62	53.70	48.43	55.34	44.65
	<i>0.58</i>	<i>0.83</i>	<i>0.88</i>	<i>1.03</i>	<i>0.62</i>	<i>1.76</i>
IADL only	16.54	14.75	17.47	17.87	16.69	17.98
	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.50</i>	<i>0.69</i>	<i>0.82</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>1.39</i>
One to two ADLs	20.35	18.79	20.07	22.69	20.13	24.56
	<i>0.49</i>	<i>0.67</i>	<i>0.81</i>	<i>0.75</i>	<i>0.52</i>	<i>1.75</i>
Three to six ADLs	8.31	5.84	8.77	11.00	7.85	12.80
	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>0.50</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>0.34</i>	<i>1.33</i>
<b>Metropolitan Area Resident</b>						
Yes	75.80	76.31	75.14	75.87	75.10	79.40
	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.67</i>	<i>0.65</i>	<i>0.82</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>1.26</i>
No	24.20	23.69	24.86	24.13	24.90	20.60
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Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey

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