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<b>All Beneficiaries</b>	39,057	15,191	13,103	10,764	34,072	2,766
	188	235	233	255	231.7	147.8
<b>Medicare Status<sup>2</sup></b>						
<b>Aged</b>						
65 - 74 years	45.38	46.30	46.34	42.93	45.36	46.00
	0.44	0.76	0.91	0.92	0.48	1.98
75 - 84 years	27.97	29.88	26.96	26.50	28.60	22.76
	0.30	0.51	0.76	0.71	0.35	1.43
85 years and older	10.14	10.47	9.84	10.05	10.50	6.68
	0.21	0.37	0.39	0.43	0.22	0.66
<b>Disabled</b>						
Under 45 years	3.93	3.03	3.96	5.15	3.58	7.63
	0.12	0.25	0.22	0.29	0.14	0.60
45 - 64 years	12.58	10.32	12.90	15.37	11.95	16.94
	0.29	0.57	0.64	0.72	0.34	1.58
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	45.36	45.42	43.72	47.28	45.05	46.37
	0.41	0.80	0.81	0.90	0.50	2.08
Female	54.64	54.58	56.28	52.72	54.95	53.63
	0.41	0.80	0.81	0.90	0.50	2.08
<b>Living Arrangement</b>						
Lives alone	30.60	29.83	29.73	32.73	30.30	31.35
	0.56	0.73	0.91	0.97	0.60	1.91
With spouse	51.43	54.85	52.31	45.52	51.98	48.30
	0.56	0.85	0.88	0.95	0.66	2.14
With children	9.67	8.16	9.55	11.93	9.50	11.19
	0.32	0.45	0.55	0.64	0.34	1.38
With others	8.31	7.16	8.40	9.81	8.22	9.17
	0.31	0.39	0.50	0.57	0.33	1.06

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<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White non-Hispanic	77.57	82.39	77.10	71.31	78.21	73.42
	0.49	0.58	0.83	0.97	0.49	2.05
Black non-Hispanic	9.45	7.25	11.06	10.60	9.47	9.83
	0.28	0.40	0.55	0.79	0.32	1.27
Hispanic	8.34	6.61	7.20	12.19	7.96	9.86
	0.38	0.43	0.54	0.72	0.38	1.39
Other	4.64	3.75	4.64	5.90	4.36	6.89
	0.30	0.35	0.49	0.49	0.31	1.02
<b>Income</b>						
\$5,000 or less	3.23	2.93	3.09	3.83	3.13	3.63*
	0.26	0.41	0.30	0.37	0.28	0.68
\$5,001 - \$10,000	12.23	8.82	12.44	16.78	12.25	12.93
	0.35	0.43	0.53	0.81	0.41	1.14
\$10,001 - \$15,000	14.93	12.34	15.16	18.31	14.60	16.61
	0.38	0.51	0.66	0.82	0.40	1.43
\$15,001 - \$20,000	10.40	8.98	10.63	12.11	10.19	12.48
	0.33	0.52	0.55	0.61	0.36	1.10
\$20,001 - \$25,000	10.28	10.25	10.60	9.93	10.26	11.57
	0.32	0.46	0.60	0.64	0.35	1.47
\$25,001 - \$30,000	9.46	9.79	9.98	8.38	9.57	8.27
	0.29	0.51	0.48	0.56	0.31	0.99
\$30,001 - \$35,000	9.62	10.02	9.49	9.22	9.58	9.61
	0.31	0.51	0.50	0.62	0.30	1.23
\$35,001 - \$40,000	8.24	9.91	7.82	6.41	8.36	7.90
	0.34	0.51	0.54	0.53	0.36	1.46
More than \$40,000	21.61	26.97	20.80	15.03	22.08	17.00
	0.52	0.78	0.75	0.76	0.52	1.70

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<b>Schooling</b>						
0 - 8 years	10.03	6.41	9.03	16.37	10.01	10.02
	0.29	0.44	0.40	0.68	0.32	1.03
9 - 12 years (no diploma)	14.16	11.14	15.03	17.40	13.94	15.59
	0.41	0.53	0.65	0.93	0.43	1.36
High school graduate	31.10	29.47	31.86	32.48	31.26	28.92
	0.46	0.76	0.89	0.85	0.51	1.78
Voc/tech/bus/etc.	7.24	7.52	7.47	6.57	7.24	7.65
	0.28	0.46	0.46	0.44	0.29	1.00
Some college	15.70	17.45	15.92	12.97	15.59	18.03
	0.40	0.68	0.72	0.74	0.44	1.68
Any college degree	21.76	28.01	20.69	14.21	21.96	19.79
	0.53	0.84	0.78	0.78	0.54	1.60
<b>Health Status</b>						
Excellent	15.32	19.07	13.16	12.64	15.36	14.11
	0.47	0.69	0.74	0.65	0.50	1.59
Very Good	27.27	30.18	27.91	22.37	28.05	18.03
	0.50	0.77	0.78	0.88	0.52	1.43
Good	31.56	30.06	31.43	33.83	31.84	30.92
	0.51	0.79	0.95	0.86	0.58	1.64
Fair	18.57	15.46	19.79	21.48	18.03	24.09
	0.40	0.66	0.75	0.63	0.45	1.49
Poor	7.28	5.23	7.71	9.67	6.72	12.85
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<b>Functional Limitation</b>						
None	55.90	61.18	54.88	49.68	56.77	44.58
	<i>0.55</i>	<i>0.82</i>	<i>0.98</i>	<i>0.98</i>	<i>0.56</i>	<i>2.00</i>
IADL only	14.44	12.64	14.77	16.59	14.40	15.33
	<i>0.40</i>	<i>0.48</i>	<i>0.63</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>1.47</i>
One to two ADLs	20.91	18.98	21.28	23.19	20.41	27.06
	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.65</i>	<i>0.75</i>	<i>0.88</i>	<i>0.46</i>	<i>1.72</i>
Three to six ADLs	8.75	7.20	9.07	10.55	8.43	13.04
	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.49</i>	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.61</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>1.52</i>
<b>Metropolitan Area Resident</b>						
Yes	75.88	76.67	75.51	75.20	75.02	80.64
	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.76</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>1.03</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>1.82</i>
No	24.12	23.33	24.49	24.80	24.98	19.36
	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.76</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>1.03</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>1.82</i>

Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey

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