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Medicare Part D Utilization: Average Annual Prescription Drug Fills¹ by Type of Plan, Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Eligibility, and Generic Dispensing Rate,
Calendar Years 2013-2018

Type of Plan, Rate, and Coverage	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018
	Total Part D	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan	Total Part D	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan	Total Part D	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan	Total Part D	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan	Total Part D	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan	Total Part D	Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan
Medicare Part D Enrollees																		
Overall Enrollees	35,679,758	22,661,451	13,018,307	37,720,840	23,437,148	14,283,691	39,505,335	24,092,868	15,412,467	41,203,627	24,831,079	16,372,548	42,728,443	25,243,684	17,484,759	44,249,461	25,563,945	18,685,516
Beneficiaries with No LIS	24,239,579	14,192,514	10,047,065	25,953,921	15,055,265	10,898,652	27,377,918	15,855,131	11,522,788	28,787,701	16,626,385	12,161,316	30,474,213	17,449,704	13,024,509	31,365,087	17,753,826	13,611,261
LIS Applicants	1,439,317	930,702	508,615	1,453,382	906,182	547,199	1,484,251	883,842	600,410	1,500,438	857,506	642,932	1,398,100	766,119	631,981	1,510,267	777,845	732,423
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	10,000,861	7,538,234	2,462,627	10,313,537	7,475,698	2,837,840	10,643,165	7,353,896	3,289,269	10,915,488	7,347,188	3,568,300	10,856,130	7,027,861	3,828,269	11,374,106	7,032,274	4,341,832
Medicare Part D Utilizers																		
Overall Utilizers	35,097,049	22,209,965	12,887,084	37,138,508	22,966,626	14,171,882	38,896,097	23,732,120	15,163,977	40,520,742	24,429,932	16,090,810	41,967,072	24,771,718	17,195,354	43,521,572	25,090,414	18,431,158
Beneficiaries with No LIS	23,711,595	13,988,022	9,723,573	25,407,610	14,891,744	10,515,866	26,825,768	15,729,157	11,096,611	28,191,109	16,481,670	11,709,439	29,703,648	17,225,107	12,478,541	30,717,530	17,600,920	13,116,610
LIS Applicants	1,351,951	834,897	517,054	1,375,496	816,594	558,902	1,410,251	797,815	612,434	1,424,285	773,624	650,661	1,436,973	744,279	692,694	1,446,345	701,444	744,901
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	10,033,503	7,387,046	2,646,457	10,355,402	7,258,288	3,097,114	10,660,078	7,205,148	3,454,930	10,905,348	7,174,638	3,730,710	10,826,451	6,802,332	4,024,119	11,357,697	6,788,050	4,569,647
Average Prescription Drug Events (Fills) per Part D Enrollee																		
Overall Enrollees	53.51	55.45	50.13	53.66	55.36	50.87	53.63	55.23	51.14	54.10	55.41	52.11	54.46	55.40	53.10	54.97	55.47	54.28
Beneficiaries with No LIS	47.49	49.61	44.49	47.69	49.86	44.70	47.87	49.87	45.12	48.35	50.16	45.88	48.70	50.37	46.46	49.21	50.72	47.23
LIS Applicants	56.31	53.40	61.62	57.45	54.27	62.73	58.27	54.76	63.43	59.29	55.57	64.26	65.34	60.73	70.94	61.72	57.00	66.73
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	67.70	66.70	70.75	68.15	66.58	72.29	67.80	66.83	69.97	68.54	67.27	71.18	69.22	67.29	72.75	69.97	67.30	74.30
Average Prescription Drug Events (Fills) per Part D Utilizer																		
Overall Utilizers	54.40	56.58	50.64	54.50	56.50	51.27	54.47	56.07	51.97	55.01	56.32	53.03	55.45	56.45	53.99	55.89	56.52	55.03
Beneficiaries with No LIS	48.55	50.34	45.97	48.72	50.41	46.33	48.86	50.27	46.85	49.38	50.60	47.65	49.96	51.03	48.49	50.24	51.16	49.01
LIS Applicants	59.95	59.53	60.62	60.71	60.22	61.42	61.33	60.67	62.18	62.46	61.60	63.50	63.58	62.51	64.73	64.45	63.21	65.61
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	67.48	68.07	65.83	67.87	68.57	66.24	67.69	68.21	66.61	68.61	68.88	68.08	69.41	69.52	69.20	70.07	69.72	70.59
Generic Dispensing Rate³																		
Overall Utilizers	0.77	0.75	0.79	0.78	0.77	0.80	0.79	0.78	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.82	0.82	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84
Beneficiaries with No LIS	0.78	0.76	0.81	0.80	0.78	0.82	0.81	0.79	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.84	0.84	0.83	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.86
LIS Applicants	0.76	0.76	0.77	0.78	0.77	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.79	0.80	0.79	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.82	0.82	0.81	0.82
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	0.74	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.75	0.76	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.78	0.78	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Average Unique Drug Products⁴ Per Part D Utilizer																		
Overall Utilizers	9.74	10.06	9.19	9.67	9.95	9.23	9.59	9.83	9.20	9.45	9.65	9.15	9.44	9.59	9.21	9.44	9.54	9.31
Beneficiaries with No LIS	8.70	8.95	8.35	8.66	8.89	8.33	8.58	8.81	8.26	8.47	8.67	8.18	8.50	8.70	8.23	8.51	8.69	8.27
LIS Applicants	10.62	10.51	10.79	10.71	10.60	10.88	10.74	10.63	10.88	10.69	10.55	10.86	10.75	10.59	10.92	10.78	10.59	10.95
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	12.08	12.12	11.99	12.03	12.05	11.98	11.97	11.99	11.93	11.84	11.81	11.90	11.82	11.76	11.93	11.80	11.64	12.03

¹Average fills are based on a 30-day equivalent.

²Includes certain groups of Medicare beneficiaries who are automatically deemed eligible for the low-income subsidy and do not have to apply. The following groups are deemed eligible: Full-benefit dual eligibles, that is, persons eligible for both Medicare and full Medicaid benefits; Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients, including SSI recipients who do not qualify for Medicaid, and individuals deemed to be SSI recipients; and Medicare beneficiaries who are participants in the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP).

³Generic drugs are identified using the Food and Drug Administration's NSDE Marketing Category.

⁴Unique drug product based on distinct count of generic name.

NOTES: Enrollee counts are determined using a person-year methodology that accounts for the number of months a beneficiary is enrolled in the calendar year. Utilizer counts are determined based on beneficiaries with at least 1 Part D prescription drug fill in the calendar year. Utilizer counts are not adjusted based on the number of months a beneficiary is enrolled.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Enterprise Data and Analytics, CMS Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse.