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Medicare Part D Utilization: Average Annual Prescription Drug Fills¹ and Average Annual Gross Drug Cost Per Part D Utilizer, by Type of Plan and Demographic Characteristics, Calendar Year 2018

Demographic Characteristics	Total Medicare Part D Utilizers	Prescription Drug Plan Utilizers	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan Utilizers	Overall Part D Average Drug Fills Per Utilizer	Prescription Drug Plan Average Drug Fills Per Utilizer	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan Average Drug Fills Per Utilizer	Overall Part D Average Gross Drug Cost Per Utilizer	Prescription Drug Plan Average Gross Drug Cost Per Utilizer	Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan Average Gross Drug Cost Per Utilizer
Total	43,521,572	25,090,414	18,431,158	55.89	56.52	55.04	\$3,863	\$4,195	\$3,411
Age									
Under 65 Years	6,588,527	3,866,011	2,722,516	64.82	63.57	66.59	\$7,430	\$7,922	\$6,732
65 Years and Over	36,933,045	21,224,403	15,708,642	54.30	55.23	53.03	\$3,227	3,516	2,836
Under 18 Years	1,188	1,175	13	38.12	38.23	27.99	\$15,351	\$15,416	\$9,476
18-24 Years	69,003	56,179	12,824	30.15	30.22	29.85	4,902	5,078	4,135
25-34 Years	426,438	322,461	103,977	37.97	38.16	37.38	6,309	6,456	5,855
35-44 Years	837,215	581,461	255,754	52.53	51.99	53.76	7,693	7,841	7,357
45-54 Years	1,647,228	1,009,320	637,908	66.13	65.39	67.30	8,318	8,652	7,790
55-64 Years	3,607,455	1,895,415	1,712,040	70.92	71.49	70.29	7,142	7,887	6,317
65-74 Years	19,903,563	11,306,131	8,597,432	49.71	50.10	49.21	3,212	3,471	2,872
75-84 Years	11,949,841	6,793,663	5,156,178	59.31	60.60	57.60	3,390	3,750	2,916
85-94 Years	4,539,923	2,768,429	1,771,494	61.16	62.90	58.44	2,992	3,282	2,538
95 years or over	539,718	356,180	183,538	54.70	56.30	51.60	2,142	2,316	1,805
Sex									
Male	18,396,712	10,555,596	7,841,116	54.50	55.44	53.24	\$4,003	\$4,427	\$3,433
Female	25,124,860	14,534,818	10,590,042	56.91	57.30	56.36	3,761	4,026	3,396
Race									
Non-Hispanic White	31,958,336	19,892,741	12,065,595	55.93	56.69	54.67	\$3,685	\$3,950	\$3,249
Black (or African-American)	4,635,753	2,255,992	2,379,761	57.39	57.56	57.23	5,006	5,612	4,433
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,493,437	732,299	761,138	51.55	54.65	48.56	3,768	4,604	2,963
Hispanic	4,270,248	1,470,289	2,799,959	57.56	57.21	57.75	4,026	5,166	3,428
American Indian/Alaska Native	162,280	122,449	39,831	58.21	57.55	60.23	5,154	5,326	4,622
Other	333,116	169,899	163,217	52.59	55.48	49.58	3,792	4,625	2,925
Unknown	668,402	446,745	221,657	43.80	44.37	42.63	3,328	3,605	2,768
Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)									
Beneficiaries with No LIS	30,717,530	17,600,920	13,116,610	50.24	51.16	49.01	\$2,790	\$3,100	\$2,374
LIS Applicants	1,446,345	701,444	744,901	64.45	63.20	65.61	5,779	6,274	5,313
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	11,357,697	6,788,050	4,569,647	70.08	69.72	70.60	6,521	6,820	6,078

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

² Includes 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).

NOTES: 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.