



Medicare and Medicaid by the Numbers

163.1 million: The number of unique individuals who have been entitled to Medicare at any point in program history (1966-2024).¹⁷

2 out of 5 Americans: Nearly 2 in 5 Americans are covered by Medicare or Medicaid.¹

82 million: Medicaid & the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) cover more than 82 million Americans, including adults, pregnant women, children, and people with disabilities.²

62.7 million: The number of Americans enrolled in Medicare in 2024, up from 19 million when the program began.³

1 in 4: Medicaid provides health coverage to 1 in 4 non-elderly Americans.²

38 million: About half of all children in the U.S.—roughly 38 million—get a healthy start through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).²

80 million: CMS estimates that Medicare enrollment will reach 80 million within the next 10 years, and 100 million by 2075.²

1.5 million: Medicaid and CHIP pay for more than 40% of all births in the U.S.—over 1.6 million each year.⁴

3 out of 5: Three out of every five nursing home residents rely on Medicaid to pay for their care.⁶

6%: The uninsured rate for children dropped from 15% in 1997 to 5.8% in 2024, thanks to Medicaid and CHIP.^{7,8}

1.1 billion: Medicare Fee-for-Service processes over 1.1 billion claims each year—about 3 million per day, or 35 per second.¹¹

68.4 million: People currently enrolled in Medicare Part A, which covers hospital stays, skilled nursing, some home health care, and hospice.⁹

62.9 million: People currently enrolled in Medicare Part B, which covers doctor visits, outpatient care, some home health, and preventive services.⁹

55.7 million: People with Medicare have prescription drug coverage through a Medicare plan or a stand-alone drug plan.⁹

35 million: People enrolled in a private Medicare Advantage plan in 2024.¹

88%: More than 88% of children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP are enrolled.⁵

1.5 million: Over 1.5 million doctors, healthcare providers, and suppliers participate in Medicare.²

885 million: Page views on Medicare.gov in 2024.¹⁰

380,063: The number of Medicare institutional providers, including hospitals, labs, and skilled nursing facilities.²

\$10.8 billion: Since 2007, the Medicare Fraud Strike Force has charged over 3,018 defendants who falsely billed Medicare for more than \$10.8 billion.¹³

16: The number of cities and regions where Medicare Fraud Strike Force operations have teams have shut down health care fraud schemes around the country, arrested more than a thousand criminals, and recovered millions of taxpayer dollars.¹⁴

\$8.30: For every \$1 invested in Medicare fraud prevention programs, more than \$8 is returned through prevented fraudulent payments and recoveries.¹⁵

\$14.9 billion: In 2023, CMS's Medicare program integrity activities saved an estimated \$14.9 billion.¹⁵

566 million and counting: Calls answered by the 1-800-MEDICARE call center since its nationwide launch in 1999. The center has also handled more than 11 million web chats since the service launched in 2011.¹⁰

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