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<b>Medicare Status<sup>2</sup></b>						
<b>Aged</b>						
65 - 74 years	46.30	46.81	47.14	44.73	46.21	45.18
	0.39	0.88	0.77	0.90	0.46	1.98
75 - 84 years	26.77	29.03	26.23	24.61	27.48	21.32
	0.29	0.58	0.63	0.64	0.31	1.42
85 years and older	10.24	11.06	9.83	9.72	10.71	5.73
	0.25	0.47	0.40	0.42	0.27	0.64
<b>Disabled</b>						
Under 45 years	3.70	3.03	3.80	4.40	3.59	4.75
	0.10	0.16	0.18	0.22	0.13	0.46
45 - 64 years	12.99	10.07	12.99	16.54	12.01	23.03
	0.30	0.60	0.65	0.76	0.32	1.76
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	45.26	45.88	43.05	47.02	44.82	46.71
	0.39	0.72	0.70	0.99	0.43	2.12
Female	54.74	54.12	56.95	52.98	55.18	53.29
	0.39	0.72	0.70	0.99	0.43	2.12
<b>Living Arrangement</b>						
Lives alone	29.91	29.81	28.87	31.23	29.92	28.30
	0.43	0.69	0.79	0.80	0.40	1.91
With spouse	51.20	53.89	51.93	47.08	51.52	49.93
	0.50	0.94	0.86	0.94	0.48	2.01
With children	10.13	9.24	10.34	10.97	10.07	10.78
	0.24	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.27	1.13
With others	8.76	7.06	8.86	10.72	8.49	10.99
	0.28	0.47	0.42	0.63	0.29	1.01

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<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White non-Hispanic	76.98	81.69	75.16	73.30	77.57	73.04
	0.55	0.66	0.82	1.06	0.56	1.90
Black non-Hispanic	9.54	7.52	11.67	9.57	9.58	10.58
	0.22	0.44	0.51	0.55	0.27	0.99
Hispanic	8.68	6.77	8.60	11.11	8.19	10.34
	0.40	0.42	0.61	0.74	0.40	1.28
Other	4.80	4.02	4.56	6.02	4.66	6.05
	0.31	0.32	0.42	0.51	0.31	1.23
<b>Income<sup>3</sup></b>						
Less than \$5,000	3.74	2.70	3.61	5.17	3.56	5.01
	0.22	0.31	0.31	0.40	0.23	0.77
\$5,000 - \$9,999	10.31	7.61	10.76	13.07	10.03	11.84
	0.36	0.44	0.59	0.64	0.36	1.24
\$10,000 - \$14,999	13.44	11.03	13.02	16.87	13.11	16.49
	0.36	0.46	0.70	0.67	0.37	1.50
\$15,000 - \$19,999	10.00	8.26	10.19	11.90	9.74	11.66
	0.27	0.41	0.54	0.63	0.28	1.27
\$20,000 - \$24,999	8.63	8.03	9.01	8.94	8.51	8.50
	0.26	0.40	0.51	0.52	0.28	0.91
\$25,000 - \$29,999	8.05	8.04	8.63	7.40	8.21	6.89
	0.32	0.45	0.56	0.50	0.31	0.84
\$30,000 - \$39,999	13.90	15.73	13.94	11.64	14.38	11.70
	0.37	0.66	0.59	0.58	0.43	1.03
\$40,000 - \$49,999	10.27	12.15	10.13	8.13	10.53	9.04
	0.31	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.32	1.04
\$50,000 or more	21.66	26.47	20.71	16.88	21.92	18.87
	0.58	0.97	0.73	0.86	0.60	1.73

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<b>Schooling</b>						
0 - 8 years	9.15	5.63	8.39	14.32	8.82	8.59
	0.30	0.32	0.48	0.69	0.30	1.18
9 - 12 years (no diploma)	13.47	9.99	14.08	17.02	13.31	14.33
	0.38	0.50	0.65	0.73	0.41	1.39
High school graduate	28.65	26.72	30.14	29.30	29.12	25.94
	0.47	0.81	0.80	1.08	0.51	1.52
Voc/tech/bus/etc.	7.14	7.83	6.50	7.02	7.21	6.85
	0.29	0.45	0.44	0.50	0.31	0.67
Some college	17.26	19.11	16.85	15.45	17.06	19.24
	0.38	0.64	0.62	0.65	0.44	1.53
Any college degree	24.34	30.72	24.03	16.89	24.49	25.06
	0.53	0.82	0.92	0.84	0.55	1.71
<b>Health Status</b>						
Excellent	15.92	19.12	14.33	13.83	16.06	11.35
	0.44	0.67	0.60	0.77	0.44	1.34
Very Good	29.63	33.69	30.09	24.17	30.31	22.58
	0.49	0.78	0.86	1.03	0.49	1.80
Good	29.47	28.23	30.99	29.22	29.84	27.52
	0.45	0.71	0.81	0.81	0.49	1.67
Fair	17.34	13.58	17.59	21.64	16.79	23.67
	0.38	0.54	0.65	0.91	0.40	1.54
Poor	7.64	5.38	7.00	11.13	7.00	14.89
	0.26	0.40	0.41	0.62	0.29	1.36

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<b>Functional Limitation</b>						
None	54.29	59.53	54.68	47.44	55.71	40.17
	0.53	1.02	0.92	1.01	0.61	1.86
IADL only	14.42	13.18	14.52	15.82	14.24	14.35
	0.34	0.53	0.72	0.68	0.37	1.40
One to two ADLs	21.26	19.28	20.88	24.11	20.75	27.22
	0.41	0.69	0.72	0.97	0.43	1.73
Three to six ADLs	10.03	8.01	9.91	12.63	9.30	18.26
	0.32	0.55	0.54	0.61	0.34	1.56
<b>Metropolitan Area Resident</b>						
Yes	76.18	77.81	76.01	74.39	75.59	77.58
	0.30	0.68	0.82	0.84	0.40	1.66
No	23.82	22.19	23.99	25.61	24.41	22.42
	0.30	0.68	0.82	0.84	0.40	1.66

Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey

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