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All Beneficiaries	44,967	17,807	15,268	11,892	38,739	3,376
	198	267	240	234	273	139
Medicare Status²						
Aged						
65 - 74 years	47.77	47.83	47.89	47.55	47.50	48.03
	0.22	0.82	0.83	1.00	0.35	2.08
75 - 84 years	25.47	27.73	24.61	23.18	25.92	19.68
	0.16	0.55	0.51	0.62	0.23	1.25
85 years and older	10.12	10.60	9.74	9.90	10.39	7.49
	0.13	0.34	0.36	0.40	0.17	0.70
Disabled						
Under 45 years	3.75	3.22	3.87	4.40	3.73	4.88
	0.05	0.17	0.19	0.26	0.08	0.73
45 - 64 years	12.88	10.62	13.90	14.98	12.47	19.91
	0.15	0.50	0.64	0.84	0.25	1.87
Gender						
Male	45.61	45.76	42.09	49.91	45.45	45.04
	0.23	0.79	0.76	1.04	0.33	2.20
Female	54.39	54.24	57.91	50.09	54.55	54.96
	0.23	0.79	0.76	1.04	0.33	2.20
Living Arrangement						
Lives alone	28.25	28.65	26.29	30.16	27.85	31.70
	0.52	0.82	0.70	1.07	0.56	1.86
With spouse	51.77	53.22	52.49	48.65	51.82	49.73
	0.56	0.90	0.93	1.12	0.60	1.95
With children	10.07	9.15	10.90	10.38	10.30	9.22
	0.29	0.49	0.53	0.51	0.33	1.01
With others	9.92	8.98	10.32	10.80	10.03	9.35
	0.36	0.51	0.66	0.68	0.37	1.20

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Race/Ethnicity						
White non-Hispanic	74.92	78.60	74.22	70.31	75.03	70.60
	0.67	0.69	0.90	1.31	0.68	1.96
Black non-Hispanic	9.56	8.20	10.72	10.12	9.63	11.26
	0.14	0.41	0.37	0.62	0.18	1.29
Hispanic	10.10	8.19	9.52	13.71	10.08	10.20
	0.53	0.49	0.71	1.14	0.50	1.49
Other	5.41	5.00	5.54	5.86	5.26	7.95
	0.27	0.41	0.47	0.53	0.30	1.29
Income³						
Less than \$5,000	2.56	2.15	2.40	3.36	2.50	2.91*
	0.18	0.24	0.27	0.38	0.20	0.78
\$5,000 - \$9,999	8.93	7.06	9.01	11.64	8.85	11.83
	0.28	0.37	0.50	0.69	0.28	1.18
\$10,000 - \$14,999	13.00	11.29	13.04	15.49	13.02	15.14
	0.39	0.50	0.61	0.94	0.42	1.58
\$15,000 - \$19,999	9.27	8.34	9.44	10.46	9.09	10.33
	0.28	0.48	0.54	0.59	0.33	1.23
\$20,000 - \$24,999	9.82	8.63	10.68	10.51	9.77	9.68
	0.34	0.41	0.75	0.65	0.35	1.17
\$25,000 - \$29,999	8.19	7.90	8.05	8.82	8.27	6.61
	0.32	0.42	0.49	0.63	0.35	0.74
\$30,000 - \$39,999	12.70	12.84	13.27	11.74	12.89	11.68
	0.40	0.58	0.69	0.68	0.43	1.32
\$40,000 - \$49,999	9.75	10.35	10.40	8.02	9.81	9.94
	0.32	0.48	0.62	0.55	0.34	1.29
\$50,000 or more	25.78	31.43	23.72	19.96	25.81	21.87
	0.57	0.86	0.81	0.81	0.58	1.83

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Schooling						
0 - 8 years	8.30	6.24	6.90	13.20	8.25	8.81
	0.31	0.34	0.39	0.80	0.31	1.12
9 - 12 years (no diploma)	11.97	9.55	12.09	15.44	12.12	11.51
	0.37	0.53	0.56	0.72	0.39	1.24
High school graduate	27.67	24.75	28.81	30.58	27.48	26.32
	0.52	0.76	0.77	1.13	0.54	2.07
Voc/tech/bus/etc.	7.42	6.27	8.85	7.31	7.49	7.59
	0.35	0.45	0.56	0.56	0.37	1.16
Some college	17.41	18.85	17.15	15.60	17.44	18.32
	0.38	0.70	0.86	0.83	0.46	1.58
Any college degree	27.23	34.34	26.20	17.88	27.20	27.46
	0.53	0.87	0.78	0.88	0.54	2.00
Health Status						
Excellent	18.05	22.30	15.09	15.51	17.91	14.89
	0.44	0.74	0.69	0.88	0.48	1.66
Very Good	29.09	31.15	30.38	24.35	29.62	23.35
	0.55	0.82	0.85	0.90	0.60	1.63
Good	28.05	27.66	29.06	27.35	28.47	24.60
	0.57	0.75	1.00	1.02	0.62	1.63
Fair	16.85	13.48	17.90	20.54	16.69	22.20
	0.37	0.56	0.70	0.86	0.44	1.84
Poor	7.95	5.41	7.57	12.26	7.30	14.96
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Functional Limitation						
None	50.46	54.70	48.75	46.31	50.66	41.55
	<i>0.53</i>	<i>0.82</i>	<i>0.87</i>	<i>1.13</i>	<i>0.58</i>	<i>2.14</i>
IADL only	13.62	13.68	14.90	11.88	13.89	12.28
	<i>0.35</i>	<i>0.44</i>	<i>0.59</i>	<i>0.76</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>1.16</i>
One to two ADLs	24.47	21.98	24.98	27.56	24.09	30.11
	<i>0.43</i>	<i>0.64</i>	<i>0.79</i>	<i>0.99</i>	<i>0.42</i>	<i>2.13</i>
Three to six ADLs	11.45	9.64	11.38	14.25	11.36	16.06
	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.46</i>	<i>0.51</i>	<i>0.66</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>1.34</i>
Metropolitan Area Resident						
Yes	77.04	79.61	76.90	73.37	76.93	77.29
	<i>0.42</i>	<i>0.63</i>	<i>0.65</i>	<i>0.98</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>1.81</i>
No	22.96	20.39	23.10	26.63	23.07	22.71
	<i>0.42</i>	<i>0.63</i>	<i>0.65</i>	<i>0.98</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>1.81</i>

Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey

Note: An * indicates a sample size of 50 or less. Standard errors are shaded and in italics. See Appendix A for additional information on standard errors.

See Appendix B for definitions of terms and variables.

1 The term *community residents* includes beneficiaries who resided in the community at the time of the round 64 interview (fall 2012), and beneficiaries who resided in the community at the time of the round 61 interview (fall 2011) who died prior to the round 64 interview.

2 Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) are included within the subgroups of "Aged" and "Disabled."

3 Income estimates are derived from imputed income data. Standard errors of income estimates may be underestimated as they have not been adjusted to reflect the imputation of missing data.