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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 2017

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	41,967,072	24,771,718	17,195,354	55.45	56.45	54.00	\$3,689	\$4,072	\$3,138
Age									
Under 65 Years	6,594,545	4,070,328	2,524,217	64.27	63.61	65.32	\$7,168	\$7,718	\$6,281
65 Years and Over	35,372,527	20,701,390	14,671,137	53.80	55.05	52.05	3,040	3,355	2,597
Under 18 Years	1,185	†	*	39.24	39.42	11.75	\$15,624	\$15,725	\$840
18-24 Years	68,281	†	†	29.90	30.21	28.39	4,751	4,930	3,903
25-34 years	431,870	334,520	97,350	37.95	38.29	36.79	6,002	6,165	5,440
35-44 Years	845,331	607,942	237,389	52.53	52.32	53.06	7,363	7,609	6,734
45-54 years	1,711,207	1,102,055	609,152	65.63	65.46	65.95	7,994	8,441	7,186
55-64 Years	3,536,671	1,968,257	1,568,414	70.30	71.34	68.99	6,908	7,686	5,932
65-74 years	19,028,464	10,986,097	8,042,367	49.30	50.02	48.31	3,051	3,350	2,641
75-84 Years	11,315,056	6,556,674	4,758,382	58.62	60.17	56.48	3,169	3,538	2,660
85-94 Years	4,506,215	2,807,347	1,698,868	60.63	62.55	57.45	2,792	3,086	2,305
95 years or over	522,792	351,272	171,520	54.72	56.56	50.95	2,037	2,216	1,671
Sex									
Male	17,680,609	10,364,748	7,315,861	53.91	55.09	52.24	\$3,811	\$4,270	\$3,160
Female	24,286,463	14,406,970	9,879,493	56.56	57.43	55.30	3,600	3,929	3,121
Race									
Non-Hispanic White	31,016,091	19,630,781	11,385,310	55.48	56.58	53.59	\$3,496	\$3,798	\$2,974
Black (or African-American)	4,478,948	2,307,084	2,171,864	56.83	57.54	56.08	4,904	5,636	4,126
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,387,196	702,444	684,752	51.26	54.73	47.70	3,637	4,518	2,734
Hispanic	3,995,706	1,434,278	2,561,428	57.39	57.90	57.10	3,902	5,157	3,199
American Indian/Alaska Native	158,866	122,918	35,948	57.49	57.05	59.00	4,902	5,077	4,305
Other	341,221	176,994	164,227	50.06	53.14	46.75	3,541	4,397	2,619
Unknown	589,044	397,219	191,825	42.27	42.89	40.98	3,075	3,350	2,505
Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)									
Beneficiaries with No LIS	29,703,648	17,225,107	12,478,541	49.96	51.03	48.49	\$2,688	\$3,001	\$2,257
LIS Applicants	1,436,973	744,279	692,694	63.58	62.51	64.73	5,453	5,973	4,893
Beneficiaries Deemed Eligible for LIS ²	10,826,451	6,802,332	4,024,119	69.41	69.53	69.21	6,201	6,576	5,568

* Counts between 1 and 10 have been suppressed because of CMS rules to protect the privacy of beneficiaries.

† Counts have been cross-suppressed to prevent the recalculation of suppressed counts between 1 and 10.

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.