

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Data

Table F.1. Medicare Part D beneficiary counts,* 2012–2021

Beneficiary demographics	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Medicare eligible*	53,540,264	55,206,238	56,767,788	58,294,195	59,818,481	61,405,844	62,930,767	64,430,714	65,901,893	67,041,110
Part D enrolled	33,789,486	37,839,618	39,995,519	41,859,463	43,587,021	45,235,350	46,763,418	48,382,156	49,942,920	51,607,624
Part D enrolled percent	63.1%	68.5%	70.5%	71.8%	72.9%	73.7%	74.3%	75.1%	75.8%	77.0%
Member years of Part D enrollment**	31,807,992	35,679,758	37,720,840	39,505,335	41,203,810	42,763,249	44,250,055	45,821,644	47,281,709	48,823,217
Part A, B, D fee-for-service enrolled†	18,617,915	20,990,487	21,490,008	22,040,544	22,775,660	22,899,938	22,773,117	22,688,695	22,247,633	21,361,625
Not covered by Part D	19,750,778	17,366,620	16,772,269	16,434,732	16,231,460	16,170,494	16,167,366	16,048,573	14,603,880	14,254,591
Enrolled in retirement drug subsidy	5,975,011	3,437,099	2,758,181	2,333,078	1,995,553	1,706,972	1,597,213	1,503,909	1,355,107	1,178,895

NOTE: All tables that follow relate to Part D enrollees only.

Part D plan type‡	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan (MA-PD)	12,023,790	13,097,970	14,241,864	15,147,924	16,095,260	17,187,957	18,384,725	20,181,529	22,363,076	24,867,911
Prescription drug plan (PDP)	21,351,749	24,344,776	25,327,197	26,045,330	26,757,283	27,274,371	27,641,580	27,659,646	27,030,394	26,180,526
Employer direct	179,901	144,404	151,141	151,525	120,975	127,265	117,564	120,132	120,836	120,772
Other	234,046	252,468	275,317	514,684	613,503	645,757	619,549	420,849	428,614	438,415

Type of coverage^	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Dually eligible	10,600,236	10,900,362	11,259,888	11,606,363	11,882,609	12,145,281	12,372,826	12,549,246	12,656,523	12,775,823
Low-income subsidy (LIS)	1,506,159	1,512,936	1,534,234	1,566,215	1,576,129	1,586,951	1,591,622	1,589,392	1,563,744	1,523,634
No subsidy	21,683,091	25,426,320	27,201,397	28,686,885	30,128,283	31,503,118	32,798,970	34,243,518	35,722,653	37,308,167

Sex#	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Male	14,128,818	15,985,496	16,978,292	17,854,496	18,667,665	19,428,287	20,139,188	20,905,524	21,661,198	22,436,111
Female	19,660,663	21,854,116	23,017,220	24,004,960	24,919,351	25,807,056	26,624,224	27,476,626	28,281,716	29,171,507

Race [^]	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
White	25,012,964	28,132,861	29,649,493	30,918,028	32,067,809	33,135,851	34,114,342	35,163,636	36,155,549	37,274,538
Black	3,740,912	4,176,556	4,398,001	4,583,339	4,755,618	4,918,660	5,070,814	5,229,109	5,396,021	5,549,978
Hispanic	3,376,675	3,647,176	3,859,969	4,062,413	4,258,020	4,460,453	4,654,667	4,854,573	5,054,889	5,244,969
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,096,889	1,195,680	1,284,104	1,372,026	1,456,302	1,550,854	1,638,401	1,732,909	1,829,416	1,928,109
American Indian/Native American	144,712	152,982	158,381	163,541	168,841	177,489	179,636	182,618	181,284	178,826
Other/Unknown	417,334	534,363	645,571	760,116	880,431	992,043	1,105,558	1,219,311	1,325,761	1,431,204

Age [¶]	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<65	6,500,026	6,874,401	7,084,145	7,208,757	7,253,471	7,247,635	7,205,665	7,122,417	7,006,607	6,847,539
65–74	14,295,535	16,443,489	17,718,328	18,880,929	19,949,142	20,884,650	21,748,498	22,816,779	23,976,870	24,958,963
75–84	8,769,571	9,821,417	10,307,649	10,727,468	11,225,965	11,842,430	12,493,975	13,038,785	13,477,329	14,280,658
85+	4,224,354	4,700,311	4,885,397	5,042,309	5,158,443	5,260,635	5,315,280	5,404,175	5,482,114	5,520,464

* Includes all Medicare beneficiaries who were eligible for or enrolled in Medicare on or after January 1, YYYY.

** The Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW) team calculates member years of enrollment as the cumulative member months of Part D enrollment for all beneficiaries, divided by 12 (months).

† Beneficiaries with full or nearly full fee-for-service (FFS) coverage (the beneficiary had 11 or 12 months of both Part A and Part B FFS coverage, or for persons who died during the year, from January 1 until date of death), in addition to at least one month of Part D coverage.

‡ MA-PD plans include both local and regional plans. “Other” plan types include national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and demonstrations. The Employer/Union only direct plans category does not include employer plans that contract with other entities to provide the Part D benefit.

▲ Derived from the cost-share group field; includes beneficiaries who CMS deemed dually enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid, had low income subsidy (LIS), or no subsidy.

Where category totals do not sum to the total sample, there may be a small number of “unknowns.”

^ The CCW team calculates race variable using the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) race categories.

¶ The CCW team calculates age based on the age of the Medicare beneficiary as of December 31, YYYY. If the beneficiary expired, the CCW team calculates age based on age at the time of death.