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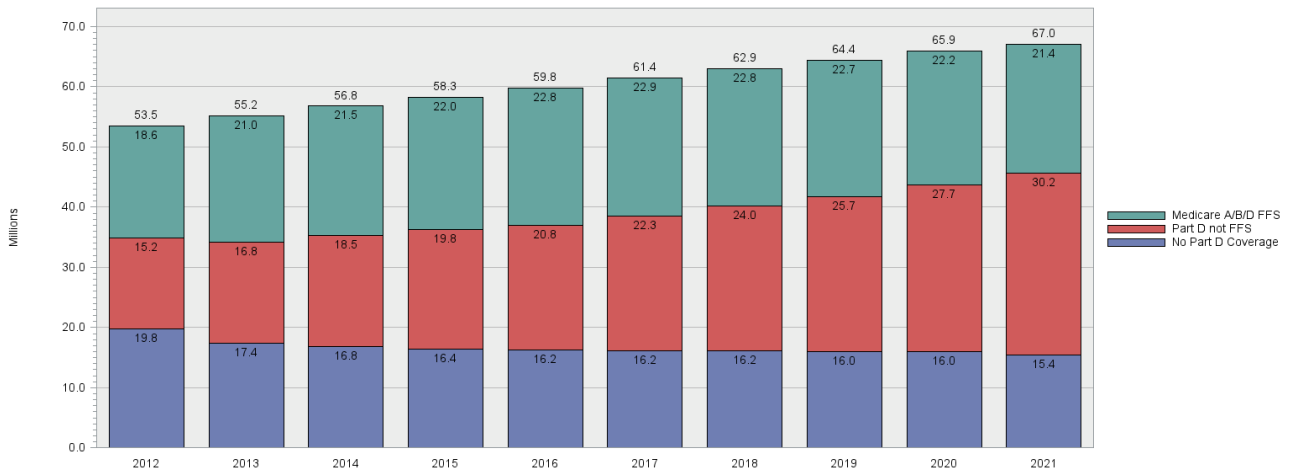


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MEDICARE ENROLLEES IN PART D, 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

Description:

The number and proportion of Medicare beneficiaries who have elected to purchase the Medicare Part D drug benefit has increased over time. Enrollees may choose either a stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP) or a managed care plan (i.e., Medicare Advantage-with Prescription Drug [MA-PD]), which includes wrap around medical coverage. MA coverage is not fee-for-service (FFS), which means that in general, the Medicare A and B claims are observable for the MA enrolled subgroup starting with the 2015 encounter service data files.

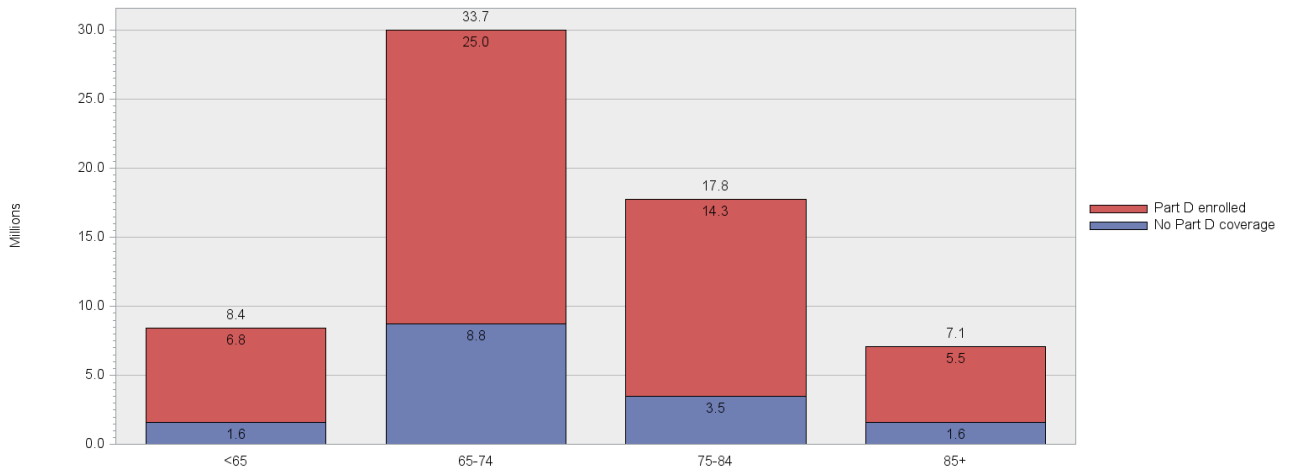
Technical notes:

Counts include all Medicare beneficiaries who were enrolled in Medicare on or after January 1 of the year.

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

FFS Medicare A/B/D coverage indicates 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 the month before death occurred), in addition to at least one month of Part D coverage. The Part D and not FFS category does not reflect the percent with MA-PD coverage; it includes beneficiaries with fewer than 11 months FFS coverage.

MEDICARE ENROLLEES IN PART D BY AGE GROUP, 2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

Description:

The number and proportion of Medicare beneficiaries who have elected to purchase the Medicare Part D drug benefit varies by age of the beneficiary.

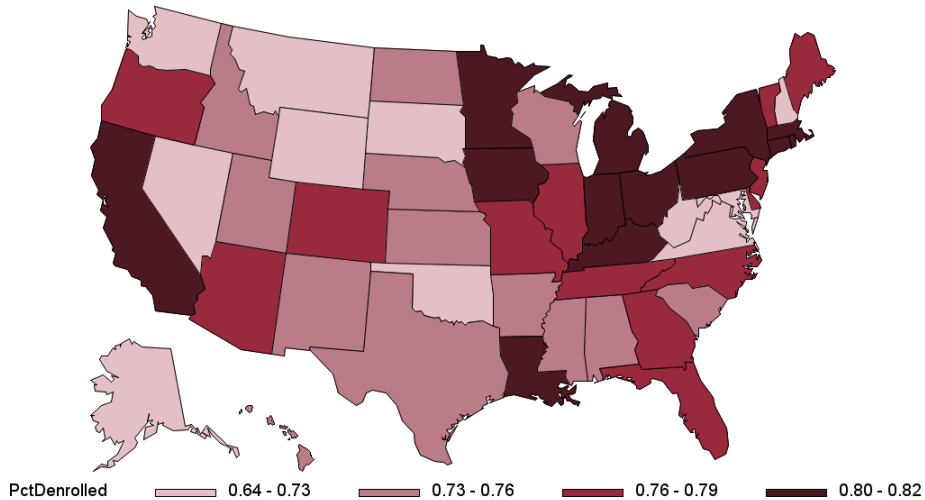
The 65–74-year-old age group comprises the largest group enrolled in Medicare Part D. A total of 81.1% percent of beneficiaries younger than 65 years of age were enrolled in Part D in 2021, compared to 74.0% of beneficiaries in the 65–74-year age group, 80.3% of beneficiaries in the 75–84-year age group, and 77.7% in the oldest age grouping.

Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

Age is calculated based on the age of the Medicare beneficiary as of December 31. If the beneficiary expired, the age is calculated based on age at time of death.

PROPORTION OF MEDICARE ENROLLEES IN PART D BY STATE, 2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

Description:

The proportion of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Part D varies by state. There were a total of 67 million beneficiaries in 2021 and 76.98% overall were enrolled in Part D.

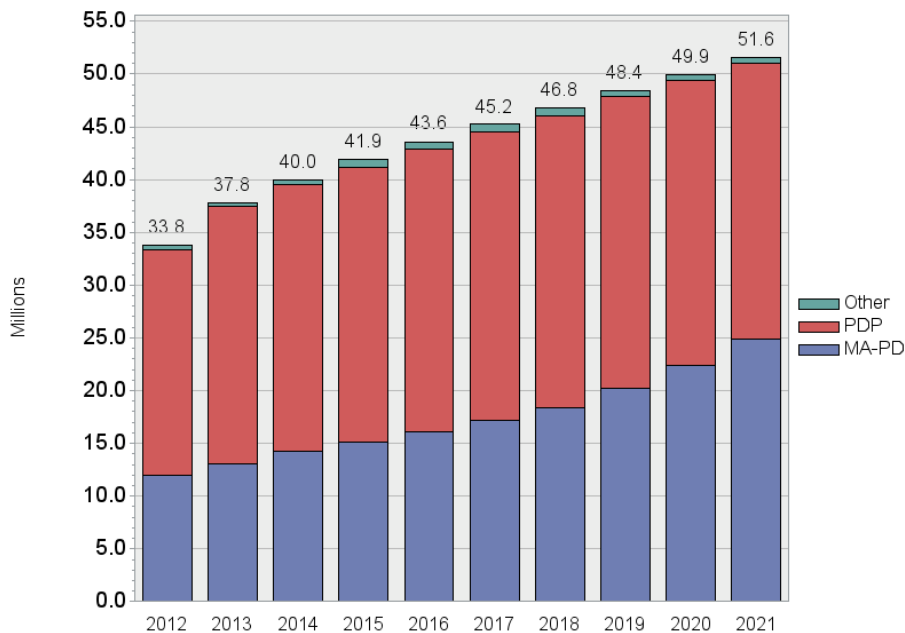
Maryland had the smallest proportion of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Part D (64.4%) and Michigan had the largest proportion (81.9%).

Technical notes:

Medicare beneficiaries who were enrolled in Medicare on or after January 1 of the year are counted.

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MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT BY PLAN TYPE, 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

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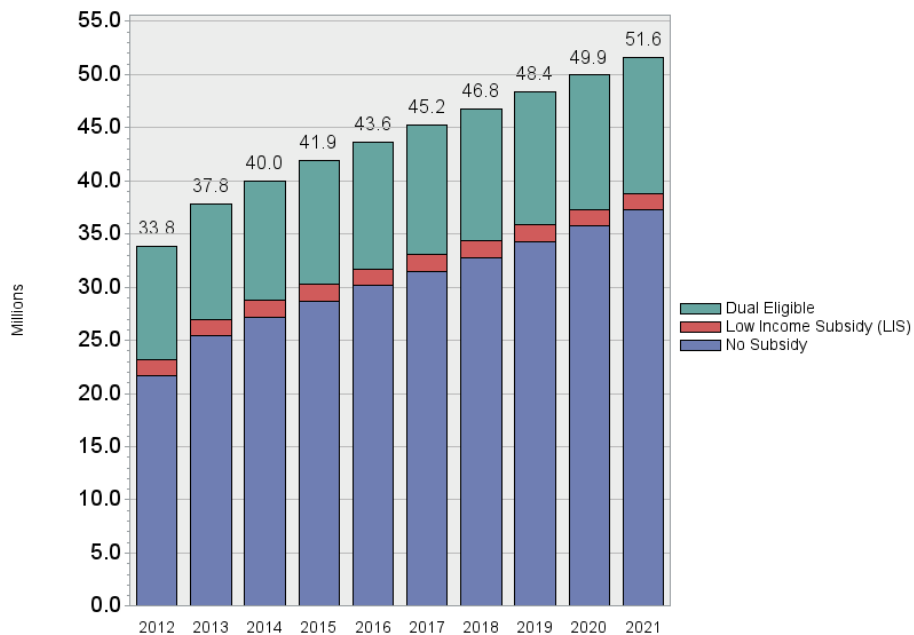
Medicare Part D enrollees may choose either a stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP) or a managed care drug plan which includes wrap around medical coverage (i.e., Medicare Advantage [MA-PD]). MA-PD coverage is not fee-for-service (FFS), which means that the Medicare A and B claims are not observable for this subgroup until 2015 when encounter service data became available. The proportion of Part D enrollees in managed care has increased from 35.6% in 2012 to 48.2% in 2021.

Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

The "Other" plan type includes employer sponsored plans, national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and demonstrations; in addition, "Other" includes employer direct plans.

MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT BY SUBSIDY TYPE, 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

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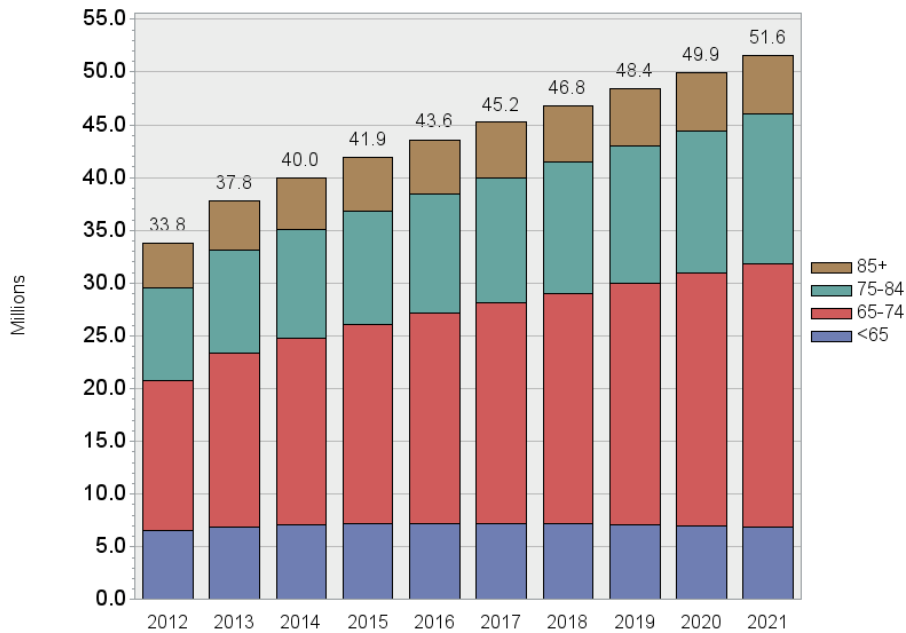
The proportion of Medicare Part D enrollees classified as dually eligible (i.e., enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid) has declined slightly from 31.4% in 2012 to 24.8% in 2021. This decrease in the proportion is likely due to an influx of beneficiaries without any subsidy for Part D electing to purchase the benefit, since the number of dually-eligible enrollees in Part D has increased from 10.6 million in 2012 to 12.78 million in 2021.

Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

Classification used the state-reported dual status variable to determine dual eligibility (DE; with a full low-income subsidy [LIS]) and the cost-share group variable to determine non-dual eligible LIS status, where any month of DE or LIS resulted in such a classification.

MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT BY AGE GROUP, 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

Description:

The population aged 65–74 years accounts for the largest proportion of the Part D enrollees.

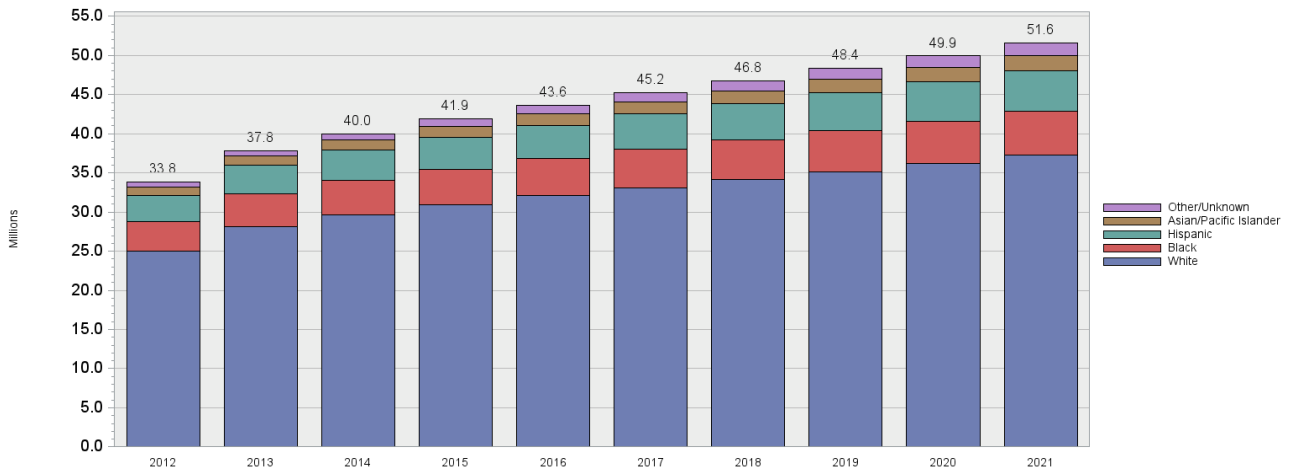
The proportion of Part D enrollees comprised of 65–74-year-olds has increased over time — from 42.3% in 2012 to 48.4% of the Part D enrolled population in 2021.

Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

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MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT BY RACIAL GROUP, 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

Description:

The racial distribution of Medicare Part D enrollees has been stable over time.

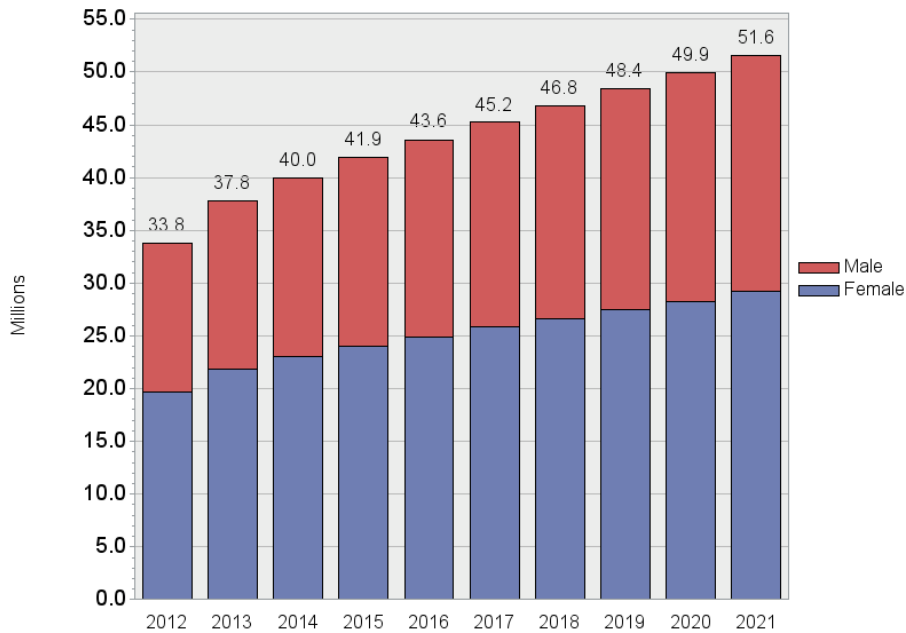
The white racial group comprises the largest proportion of Part D enrollees, by racial group (72.2% of Part D enrollees in 2021). The second and third largest groups are the Black and Hispanic racial groups (10.8% and 10.2% of all Part D enrollees, respectively).

Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

The Research Triangle Institute (RTI) race variable is used; American Indian, Native American, Other, and Unknown races are grouped together due to small cell sizes.

MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT BY SEX, 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files, May 2023.

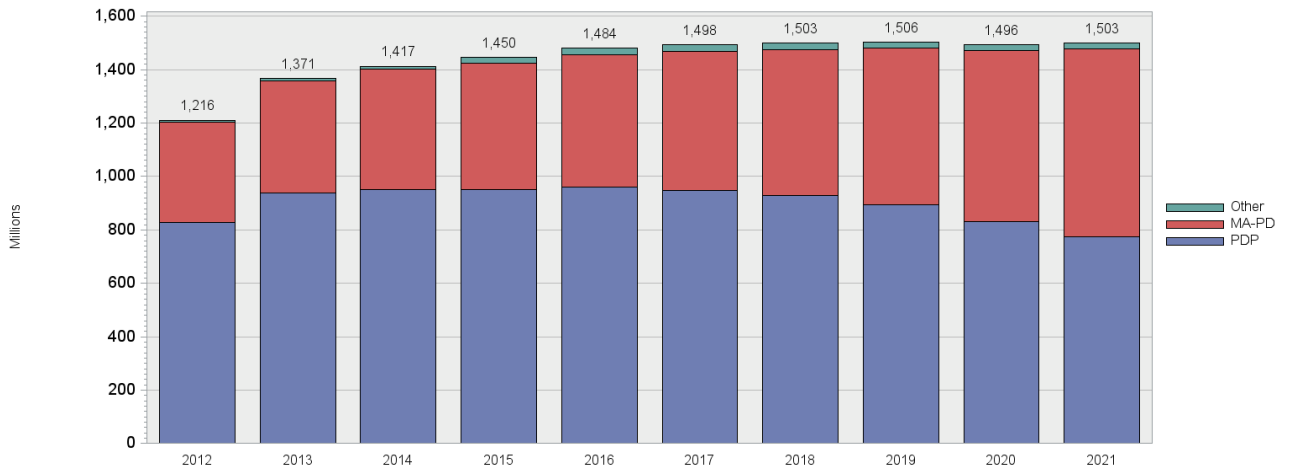
Description:

Females accounted for 58.2% of all Medicare Part D enrollees in 2012. This proportion has declined slightly over time, to 56.5% in 2021.

Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

MEDICARE TOTAL PART D EVENTS (FILLS), 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files and Part D Event data, May 2023.

Description:

For Medicare Part D, all Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) are present in the data — regardless of whether the beneficiary is enrolled in managed care or a fee-for-service plan.

The total number of PDEs has increased over time from 1.2 billion in 2012 to 1.5 billion in 2021. There were fewer PDEs in 2021 than 2019; whereas the historical pattern showed an increase in total PDEs each year.

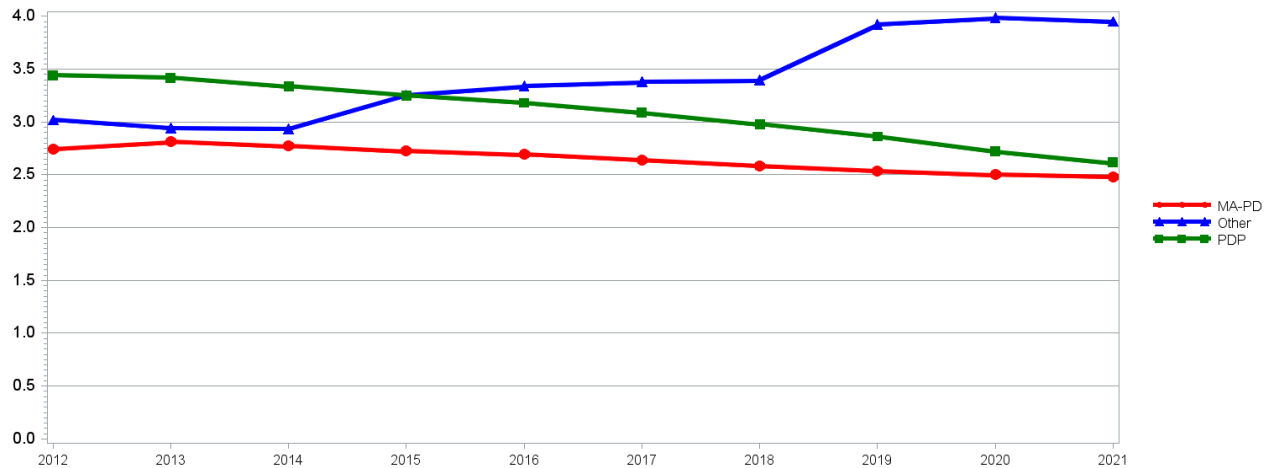
Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

PDEs are available for all filled prescriptions that are covered as part of the Part D benefit. Fills may consist of different quantities of the drug; no adjustment was made to account for fills which provided more than a 30-day supply.

The "Other" plan type includes employer sponsored plans, national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and demonstrations.

AVERAGE PART D FILLS PER PERSON PER MONTH BY PART D PLAN TYPE, 2012–2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files and Part D Event data, May 2023.

Description:

Medicare Part D enrollees may choose either a stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP) or a managed care drug plan which includes wrap around medical coverage (i.e., Medicare Advantage [MA-PD]). Medicare also enrolls some beneficiaries in “Other” Part D plans.

The average number of Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) per month for MA-PD plan enrollees was 2.7 fills per person in 2012 and has decreased slightly over time (to 2.5 fills per person per month in 2021).

Historically, the average number of PDEs per month has been lower for those enrolled in MA-PD plans than for those enrolled in PDP plans. However, for PDP plans, the average fills per person per month has decreased from 3.4 in 2012 to 2.6 in 2021.

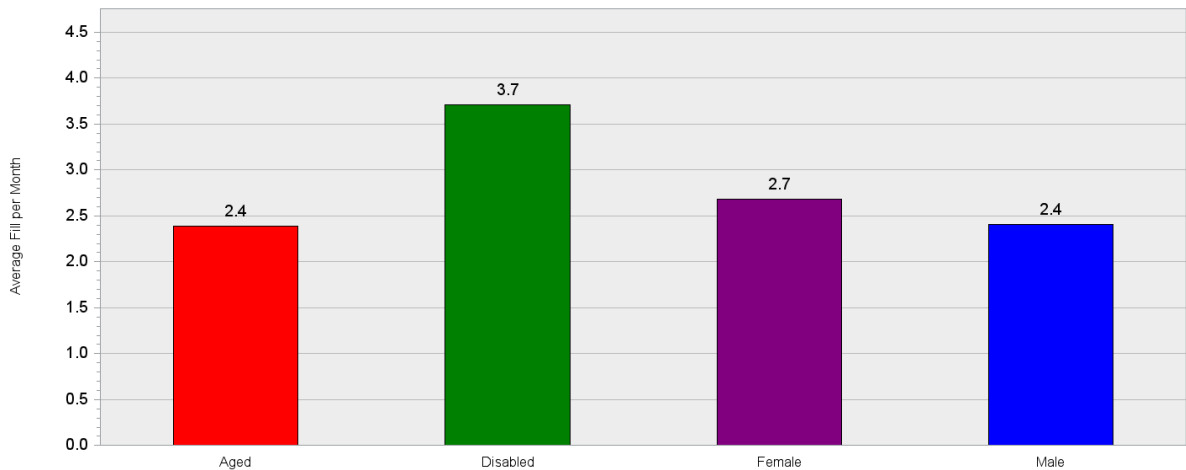
Technical notes:

Monthly Part D enrollment counts were used to calculate average number of PDEs per month.

For Medicare Part D, all PDEs are present — regardless of whether the beneficiary is enrolled in managed care or a fee-for-service plan. PDEs are available for all filled prescriptions that are covered as part of the Part D benefit. Fills may consist of different quantities of the drug; no adjustment was made to account for fills which provided more than a 30-day supply.

The "Other" plan type includes employer sponsored plans, national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and demonstrations.

AVERAGE PART D FILLS PER PERSON PER MONTH BY MEDICARE STATUS OR SEX, 2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files and Part D Event data, May 2023.

Description:

The average number of Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) per month is shown for two variables on this graph by reason for enrollment in Medicare, as well as the sex of the beneficiary.

The average monthly number of drug fills is much higher for those enrolled due to a disability rather than due to aging into the Medicare benefit.

Average number of fills per month is higher for females than males.

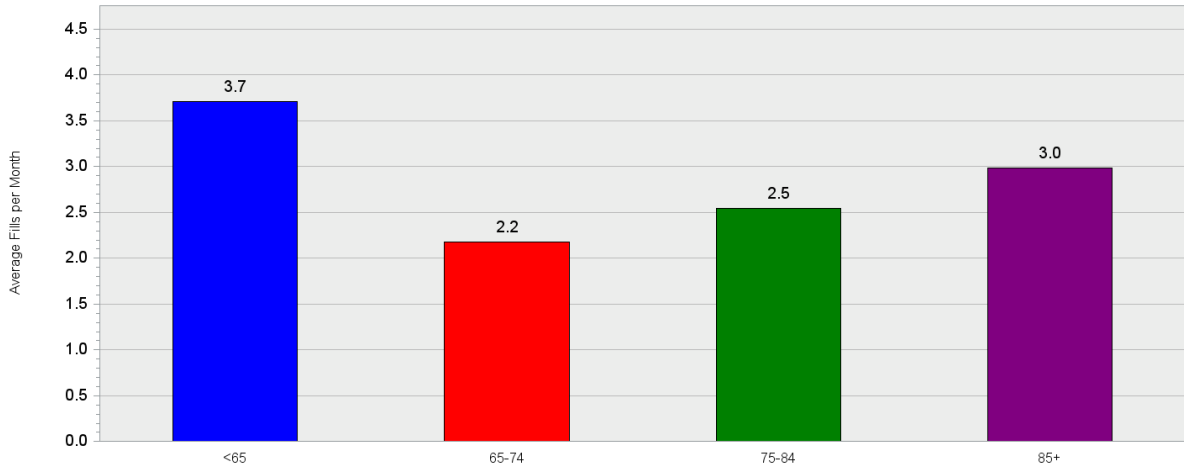
Technical notes:

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The reason for enrollment in Medicare classification used the Medicare status code, and combined end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and Disabled categories into the "Disabled" grouping.

AVERAGE PART D FILLS PER PERSON PER MONTH BY AGE GROUP, 2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files and Part D Event data, May 2023.

Description:

The average number of Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) per month is shown by age group. The highest average number is for the youngest group, which likely reflects Medicare enrollment due to disability rather than age.

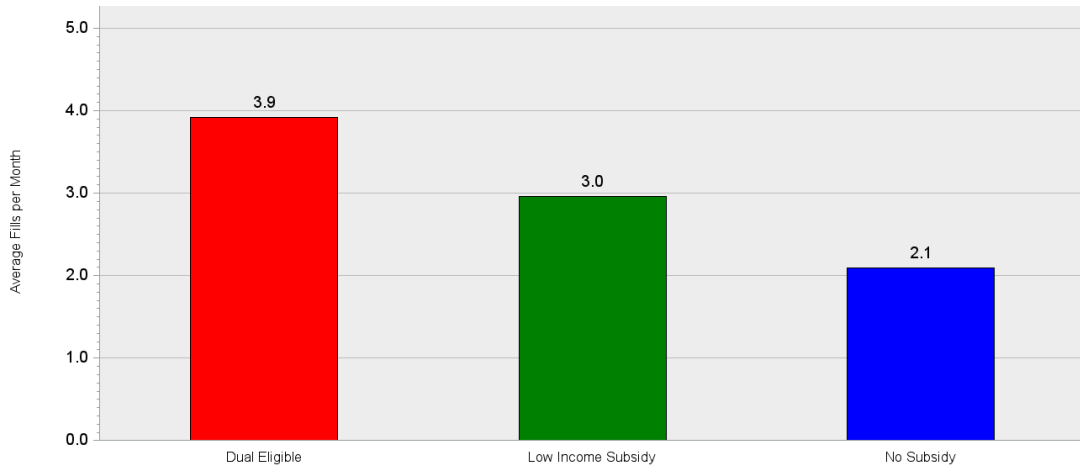
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AVERAGE PART D FILLS PER PERSON PER MONTH BY PART D SUBSIDY TYPE, 2021



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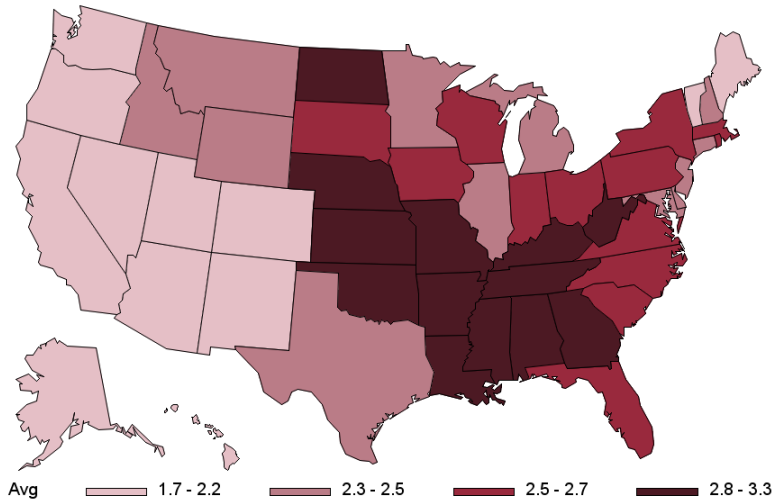
The average number of Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) per month is shown by Part D subsidy status. Those classified as dually eligible (i.e., enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid) have a much higher number of average monthly fills than those who have no subsidy. This is likely due to the Medicaid coverage requirements — including disability and medical need.

Technical notes:

Monthly Part D enrollment counts were used to calculate average number of PDEs per month.

For Medicare Part D, all PDEs are present — regardless of whether the beneficiary is enrolled in managed care or a fee-for-service plan. PDEs are available for all filled prescriptions that are covered as part of the Part D benefit (note that some drugs may have been covered by Medicaid and not Medicare; these drugs are not included in these calculations). Fills may consist of different quantities of the drug; no adjustment was made to account for fills which provided more than a 30-day supply.

AVERAGE PART D FILLS PER PERSON PER MONTH BY STATE, 2021



SOURCE: Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW), Medicare Beneficiary Summary Files and Part D Event data, May 2023.

Description:

The average number of monthly prescription drug fills varies by state. Part D enrolled beneficiaries in Hawaii had the lowest average number of monthly fills (1.7), and Kentucky had the highest (3.3).

Technical notes:

Medicare Part D coverage includes anyone with one month or more of Part D during the year.

All Medicare covered drugs were included in the count of drug fills. Fills may consist of different quantities of the drug; no adjustment was made to account for fills which provided more than a 30-day supply.