

## Medicare Monthly Enrollment Methodology

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### Overview

The **Medicare Monthly Enrollment data file** presents Medicare monthly and yearly enrollee counts by geographic area (state/territory and county) beginning with calendar year 2013. The file includes counts for the following:

- Total Medicare beneficiaries
- Original Medicare beneficiaries (i.e. Fee-for-Service)
- Medicare Advantage & other health plan beneficiaries
- Aged beneficiaries
- Disabled beneficiaries
- Medicare-Medicaid enrollees (or dual-eligible beneficiaries)
- Total Part D (prescription drug) beneficiaries
- Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan beneficiaries
- Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan beneficiaries
- Part D Low-income subsidy beneficiaries

The **Medicare Monthly Enrollment Dashboard** presents Medicare enrollee counts by geographic area (state/territory and county) on a rolling 12-month basis and provides information on yearly trends beginning with calendar year 2013. The dashboard includes counts of total Medicare beneficiaries, Original Medicare beneficiaries, Medicare Advantage & Other Health Plan beneficiaries, total Part D beneficiaries, Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan beneficiaries, and Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan beneficiaries. The dashboard is sourced from the Medicare Monthly Enrollment data file.

### Data Source

The data reported in this file are based upon CMS administrative data for beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicare program from the CMS Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse (CCW). Detailed information on the CCW is available from the [CCW website](#).

### Methodology

The yearly Medicare enrollee counts are determined using a person-year methodology. For each calendar year, total person-year counts are determined by summing the total number of months that each beneficiary is enrolled during the year and dividing by 12. Using this methodology, a beneficiary's partial-year enrollment may be counted in more than 1 category (i.e., coverage type, entitlement type, health care delivery, dual eligibility, plan type, and low-income subsidy eligibility category).

The monthly counts represent Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in the given month.

CMS is obligated by the Federal Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a to protect the privacy of individual beneficiaries. Enrollee counts of 1-10 are suppressed and additional counts are counter-suppressed to prevent the recalculation of the suppressed counts of 1-10. All suppressed and counter-suppressed enrollee counts are denoted with an asterisk (\*).