

Table 1. Importance of Medicare

STATE	All Beneficiaries		Aged Beneficiaries		Disabled Beneficiaries		Women		Age 85 +		Rural		Poverty Rate	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Alabama	669,000	551,000	118,000	385,000	58%	66,000	10%	244,000	36%	41%	13%			
Alaska	38,000	32,000	6,000	20,000	51%	2,000	6%	19,000	51%	*	3%			
Arizona	651,000	573,000	78,000	357,000	55%	60,000	9%	91,000	14%	13%	10%			
Arkansas	433,000	357,000	76,000	243,000	56%	45,000	10%	258,000	60%	42%	17%			
California	3,783,000	3,348,000	435,000	2,129,000	56%	394,000	10%	168,000	4%	20%	9%			
Colorado	451,000	389,000	62,000	253,000	56%	45,000	10%	83,000	19%	24%	3%			
Connecticut	510,000	456,000	54,000	297,000	58%	60,000	12%	16,000	3%	14%	4%			
Delaware	108,000	95,000	13,000	61,000	57%	10,000	9%	30,000	27%	30%	9%			
DC	76,000	67,000	9,000	46,000	60%	10,000	14%	-	0%	27%	18%			
Florida	2,761,000	2,477,000	284,000	1,538,000	56%	295,000	11%	219,000	8%	30%	9%			
Georgia	885,000	730,000	155,000	514,000	58%	83,000	9%	350,000	40%	43%	11%			
Hawaii	159,000	146,000	13,000	86,000	54%	15,000	10%	43,000	27%	24%	8%			
Idaho	159,000	140,000	19,000	87,000	55%	17,000	11%	105,000	66%	25%	8%			
Illinois	1,626,000	1,440,000	186,000	946,000	58%	185,000	11%	343,000	21%	27%	12%			
Indiana	841,000	732,000	109,000	486,000	58%	86,000	10%	259,000	31%	28%	9%			
Iowa	476,000	429,000	47,000	276,000	58%	62,000	13%	300,000	63%	35%	6%			
Kansas	389,000	348,000	41,000	225,000	58%	50,000	13%	203,000	52%	41%	9%			
Kentucky	610,000	487,000	123,000	339,000	56%	57,000	9%	342,000	56%	42%	14%			
Louisiana	596,000	495,000	101,000	333,000	56%	63,000	11%	162,000	27%	35%	16%			
Maine	211,000	178,000	33,000	118,000	56%	22,000	11%	98,000	46%	25%	17%			
Maryland	628,000	559,000	69,000	364,000	58%	63,000	10%	59,000	9%	20%	10%			
Massachusetts	951,000	827,000	124,000	556,000	59%	112,000	12%	15,000	2%	19%	8%			
Michigan	1,379,000	1,191,000	188,000	785,000	57%	136,000	10%	294,000	21%	25%	10%			
Minnesota	644,000	577,000	67,000	368,000	57%	81,000	13%	258,000	40%	32%	10%			
Mississippi	411,000	328,000	83,000	236,000	57%	43,000	11%	287,000	70%	55%	20%			
Missouri	850,000	735,000	115,000	489,000	58%	97,000	11%	319,000	38%	30%	8%			
Montana	134,000	117,000	17,000	73,000	54%	15,000	11%	103,000	77%	34%	10%			
Nebraska	251,000	227,000	24,000	146,000	58%	33,000	13%	149,000	59%	28%	10%			
Nevada	223,000	195,000	28,000	117,000	52%	15,000	7%	25,000	11%	50%	9%			
New Hampshire	164,000	143,000	21,000	93,000	57%	18,000	11%	55,000	34%	23%	9%			
New Jersey	1,188,000	1,064,000	124,000	696,000	59%	129,000	11%	-	0%	25%	8%			
New Mexico	225,000	193,000	32,000	121,000	54%	21,000	10%	104,000	46%	49%	16%			
New York	2,666,000	2,320,000	346,000	1,555,000	58%	310,000	12%	235,000	9%	23%	15%			
North Carolina	1,095,000	917,000	178,000	636,000	58%	100,000	9%	437,000	40%	37%	11%			
North Dakota	103,000	93,000	10,000	58,000	56%	14,000	14%	69,000	67%	12%	14%			
Ohio	1,689,000	1,476,000	213,000	973,000	58%	170,000	10%	325,000	19%	25%	9%			
Oklahoma	500,000	435,000	65,000	285,000	57%	56,000	11%	236,000	47%	44%	10%			
Oregon	481,000	428,000	53,000	269,000	56%	53,000	11%	171,000	36%	31%	10%			
Pennsylvania	2,089,000	1,874,000	215,000	1,219,000	58%	224,000	11%	342,000	16%	23%	8%			
Rhode Island	170,000	148,000	22,000	100,000	59%	20,000	12%	-	0%	14%	10%			
South Carolina	545,000	449,000	96,000	314,000	58%	46,000	9%	184,000	34%	29%	15%			
South Dakota	118,000	106,000	12,000	67,000	57%	15,000	13%	85,000	72%	14%	13%			
Tennessee	807,000	669,000	138,000	465,000	58%	78,000	10%	307,000	38%	43%	12%			
Texas	2,196,000	1,924,000	272,000	1,243,000	57%	222,000	10%	509,000	23%	33%	13%			
Utah	198,000	176,000	22,000	109,000	55%	20,000	10%	55,000	28%	29%	5%			
Vermont	86,000	74,000	12,000	49,000	57%	10,000	11%	64,000	75%	41%	8%			
Virginia	864,000	742,000	122,000	495,000	57%	82,000	9%	440,000	51%	29%	11%			
Washington	718,000	632,000	86,000	400,000	56%	77,000	11%	160,000	22%	28%	8%			
West Virginia	335,000	272,000	63,000	183,000	55%	32,000	9%	199,000	59%	41%	16%			
Wisconsin	775,000	689,000	86,000	443,000	57%	91,000	12%	291,000	38%	28%	6%			
Wyoming	64,000	56,000	8,000	34,000	54%	6,000	10%	44,000	69%	42%	10%			
TOTAL	37,979,000	33,106,000	4,873,000	21,680,000	57%	4,016,000	11%	9,154,000	24%	29%	11%			

1-6. Data from the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration, for 1998. Excludes residents of foreign countries, of unknown residence, and in territories.

7. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Table 2. Demographic Trends

STATE	Seniors: 2000		Seniors: 2025		55-65 Uninsured/ Individual Insured	
	#	%	#	%	3	
	1		2		3	
Alabama	582,000	13%	1,069,000	21%	104,000	27%
Alaska	38,000	6%	92,000	10%	9,000	23%
Arizona	635,000	13%	1,368,000	21%	119,000	33%
Arkansas	377,000	14%	731,000	24%	88,000	39%
California	3,387,000	10%	6,424,000	13%	768,000	32%
Colorado	452,000	11%	1,044,000	20%	93,000	30%
Connecticut	461,000	14%	671,000	18%	80,000	26%
Delaware	97,000	13%	165,000	19%	11,000	17%
DC	69,000	13%	92,000	14%	10,000	25%
Florida	2,755,000	18%	5,453,000	26%	426,000	33%
Georgia	779,000	10%	1,668,000	17%	158,000	30%
Hawaii	157,000	12%	289,000	16%	16,000	20%
Idaho	157,000	12%	374,000	22%	30,000	31%
Illinois	1,484,000	12%	2,234,000	17%	227,000	24%
Indiana	763,000	13%	1,260,000	19%	134,000	30%
Iowa	442,000	15%	686,000	23%	86,000	34%
Kansas	359,000	13%	605,000	20%	57,000	31%
Kentucky	509,000	13%	917,000	21%	76,000	23%
Louisiana	523,000	12%	945,000	18%	111,000	30%
Maine	172,000	14%	304,000	21%	31,000	23%
Maryland	589,000	11%	1,029,000	16%	102,000	24%
Massachusetts	843,000	14%	1,252,000	18%	103,000	21%
Michigan	1,197,000	12%	1,821,000	18%	144,000	20%
Minnesota	596,000	12%	1,099,000	20%	100,000	24%
Mississippi	344,000	12%	615,000	20%	75,000	34%
Missouri	755,000	14%	1,258,000	20%	104,000	23%
Montana	128,000	13%	274,000	24%	23,000	34%
Nebraska	239,000	14%	405,000	21%	47,000	37%
Nevada	219,000	12%	486,000	21%	41,000	26%
New Hampshire	142,000	12%	273,000	19%	20,000	21%
New Jersey	1,090,000	13%	1,654,000	17%	179,000	26%
New Mexico	206,000	11%	441,000	17%	43,000	31%
New York	2,358,000	13%	3,263,000	17%	386,000	24%
North Carolina	991,000	13%	2,004,000	21%	200,000	31%
North Dakota	99,000	15%	166,000	23%	20,000	39%
Ohio	1,525,000	13%	2,305,000	20%	191,000	21%
Oklahoma	472,000	14%	888,000	22%	85,000	28%
Oregon	471,000	14%	1,054,000	24%	93,000	31%
Pennsylvania	1,899,000	16%	2,659,000	21%	277,000	25%
Rhode Island	148,000	15%	214,000	19%	21,000	26%
South Carolina	478,000	12%	963,000	21%	108,000	30%
South Dakota	110,000	14%	188,000	22%	23,000	38%
Tennessee	707,000	12%	1,355,000	20%	150,000	28%
Texas	2,101,000	10%	4,364,000	16%	475,000	33%
Utah	202,000	9%	495,000	17%	27,000	20%
Vermont	73,000	12%	138,000	20%	15,000	30%
Virginia	788,000	11%	1,515,000	18%	136,000	21%
Washington	685,000	12%	1,580,000	20%	129,000	26%
West Virginia	287,000	16%	460,000	25%	53,000	30%
Wisconsin	705,000	13%	1,200,000	21%	112,000	26%
Wyoming	62,000	12%	145,000	21%	14,000	35%
TOTAL	34,707,000	13%	61,954,000	19%	6,130,000	28%

1. Projections of State Population by Age: 1005-2025. Series A projections. U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.
2. March 1997-1999 CPS averages for individually insured and uninsured. Note: small cell size.

Table 3. Prescription Drugs

STATE	Firms Offering Coverage 1	Medigap Avg. Premiums 2	Access to Medicare Managed Care Basic Plans w/Drugs 3		Income Distribution of People Ages 65 +					
					<\$15,000	\$15-50,000	\$50,000+	<\$15,000	\$15-50,000	\$50,000 +
Alabama	19%	\$124	0	0%	242,000	248,000	84,000	42%	43%	15%
Alaska	na	na	0	0%	9,000	15,000	7,000	29%	48%	23%
Arizona	22%	na	618,329	94%	179,000	287,000	96,000	32%	51%	17%
Arkansas	14%	\$158	0	0%	164,000	165,000	26,000	46%	46%	7%
California	19%	na	3,365,276	93%	1,237,000	1,541,000	605,000	37%	46%	18%
Colorado	25%	\$135	387,696	83%	111,000	171,000	66,000	32%	49%	19%
Connecticut	24%	\$207	559,603	97%	130,000	235,000	77,000	29%	53%	17%
Delaware	na	\$120	65,492	60%	38,000	46,000	15,000	38%	46%	15%
DC	na	na	71,448	100%	36,000	25,000	12,000	49%	34%	16%
Florida	20%	\$167	2,380,337	82%	925,000	1,294,000	353,000	36%	50%	14%
Georgia	24%	\$215	312,886	37%	273,000	368,000	101,000	37%	50%	14%
Hawaii	29%	na	148,794	100%	57,000	77,000	26,000	36%	48%	16%
Idaho	na	na	45,058	29%	48,000	72,000	16,000	35%	53%	12%
Illinois	25%	\$131	1,031,593	63%	497,000	678,000	156,000	37%	51%	12%
Indiana	21%	na	314,114	38%	266,000	357,000	78,000	38%	51%	11%
Iowa	17%	\$114	0	0%	111,000	218,000	44,000	30%	58%	12%
Kansas	21%	\$126	84,574	22%	120,000	198,000	52,000	32%	54%	14%
Kentucky	20%	na	161,963	28%	187,000	221,000	59,000	40%	47%	13%
Louisiana	24%	na	332,643	52%	244,000	205,000	51,000	49%	41%	10%
Maine	20%	\$197	124,069	62%	60,000	94,000	11,000	36%	57%	7%
Maryland	23%	na	530,113	81%	216,000	275,000	129,000	35%	44%	21%
Massachusetts	25%	na	981,848	97%	286,000	378,000	93,000	38%	50%	12%
Michigan	28%	\$166	745,704	54%	409,000	640,000	151,000	34%	53%	13%
Minnesota	19%	na	0	0%	161,000	260,000	53,000	34%	55%	11%
Mississippi	17%	\$140	0	0%	166,000	112,000	29,000	54%	36%	9%
Missouri	18%	\$136	536,078	61%	235,000	390,000	111,000	32%	53%	15%
Montana	na	\$111	0	0%	33,000	62,000	10,000	31%	59%	10%
Nebraska	22%	\$111	0	0%	84,000	108,000	21,000	39%	51%	10%
Nevada	20%	\$143	184,359	86%	75,000	94,000	34,000	37%	46%	17%
New Hampshire	na	\$105	80,957	48%	44,000	76,000	14,000	33%	57%	10%
New Jersey	20%	na	1,255,239	100%	371,000	424,000	142,000	40%	45%	15%
New Mexico	20%	\$141	110,771	52%	84,000	78,000	37,000	42%	39%	19%
New York	24%	\$159	2,154,414	80%	973,000	1,028,000	340,000	42%	44%	15%
North Carolina	22%	\$125	0	0%	346,000	428,000	114,000	39%	48%	13%
North Dakota	na	\$122	0	0%	34,000	43,000	9,000	40%	50%	10%
Ohio	28%	\$131	1,537,564	83%	519,000	766,000	136,000	37%	54%	10%
Oklahoma	22%	\$112	377,159	75%	157,000	225,000	56,000	36%	51%	13%
Oregon	21%	\$119	256,842	53%	124,000	212,000	48,000	32%	55%	13%
Pennsylvania	22%	\$142	1,918,911	81%	608,000	881,000	177,000	36%	53%	11%
Rhode Island	na	\$107	179,263	92%	75,000	68,000	14,000	48%	43%	9%
South Carolina	21%	\$142	0	0%	195,000	181,000	35,000	47%	44%	9%
South Dakota	na	\$113	0	0%	36,000	55,000	8,000	36%	56%	8%
Tennessee	24%	na	106,671	14%	245,000	296,000	69,000	40%	49%	11%
Texas	19%	\$124	1,533,910	69%	795,000	781,000	254,000	43%	43%	14%
Utah	21%	\$113	0	0%	46,000	111,000	30,000	25%	59%	16%
Vermont	na	\$155	0	0%	23,000	36,000	7,000	35%	55%	11%
Virginia	23%	\$98	244,746	30%	267,000	364,000	150,000	34%	47%	19%
Washington	17%	\$159	434,817	59%	155,000	270,000	98,000	30%	52%	19%
West Virginia	19%	\$116	0	0%	133,000	139,000	28,000	44%	46%	9%
Wisconsin	23%	na	331,034	42%	200,000	325,000	82,000	33%	54%	14%
Wyoming	na	\$123	0	0%	21,000	26,000	7,000	39%	48%	13%
TOTAL	22%	\$136	23,504,275	61%	12,050,000	15,647,000	4,421,000	38%	49%	14%

1. Private-sector establishments offering retirees 65+ insurance, 1996. 1996 MEPS Insurance Component, U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy & Research.
2. Average Medigap premiums for a 65 year old for Plan H. From state insurance commissioners' data.
3. Data from 2000 Medicare + Choice plan submissions. Note: This is just for basic plans. Plans may charge an extra premium for drugs.
4. March 1997-1999 average CPS.

Table 4. Medicare Spending and Health Care Providers

STATE	Benefit Spending \$ Millions 1	Medicare Share of Total Spending 2	Hospitals 1997 3	Physicians 1998 4	Nursing Homes 1997 5
Alabama	3,561	22%	110	9,700	219
Alaska	160	6%	22	1,400	16
Arizona	2,986	21%	69	11,100	164
Arkansas	1,929	23%	78	6,900	207
California	22,558	18%	425	96,600	1,319
Colorado	2,279	16%	65	12,600	206
Connecticut	3,128	18%	33	11,900	251
Delaware	405	17%	6	2,300	39
DC	922	14%	10	4,200	21
Florida	17,903	28%	203	41,500	719
Georgia	4,287	18%	161	18,500	315
Hawaii	639	14%	23	3,900	38
Idaho	601	17%	43	2,500	86
Illinois	8,490	18%	198	31,900	631
Indiana	4,263	19%	115	15,300	507
Iowa	1,810	20%	117	8,500	263
Kansas	1,809	19%	127	6,800	285
Kentucky	2,897	21%	103	9,100	318
Louisiana	4,293	21%	126	13,200	220
Maine	793	18%	39	4,400	135
Maryland	3,642	18%	50	18,600	232
Massachusetts	5,807	20%	85	27,500	521
Michigan	7,711	20%	163	28,200	385
Minnesota	2,798	15%	143	15,400	435
Mississippi	2,216	22%	101	5,300	151
Missouri	4,695	22%	121	16,300	482
Montana	534	19%	48	2,600	102
Nebraska	1,080	17%	91	4,200	154
Nevada	1,105	20%	27	3,400	43
New Hampshire	648	14%	26	4,200	63
New Jersey	6,908	19%	88	27,400	275
New Mexico	829	15%	42	4,000	73
New York	17,065	18%	223	73,800	662
North Carolina	5,296	20%	130	17,600	399
North Dakota	480	19%	47	2,200	88
Ohio	8,835	19%	176	31,900	856
Oklahoma	2,373	21%	123	7,300	220
Oregon	1,832	19%	62	9,400	130
Pennsylvania	13,183	24%	203	50,100	769
Rhode Island	1,022	19%	11	3,300	100
South Carolina	2,563	17%	62	8,400	178
South Dakota	504	19%	59	2,200	83
Tennessee	4,728	22%	125	14,800	273
Texas	14,666	18%	386	49,000	1,105
Utah	888	15%	41	4,900	81
Vermont	289	16%	14	2,100	40
Virginia	3,657	16%	96	16,800	218
Washington	2,883	16%	89	16,400	280
West Virginia	1,528	21%	53	4,700	101
Wisconsin	3,267	17%	125	16,100	361
Wyoming	218	15%	25	1,200	33
TOTAL	208,963	19%	5,108	801,600	14,852

1. 1999 spending from the Health Care Financing Administration

2. Medicare share of total personal health care expenditures, 1993. Health Care Financing Review, Fall 1995.

3-6. From 1998 Data Compendium from the Health Care Financing Administration.