

How well is **MEDICARE** working for beneficiaries in

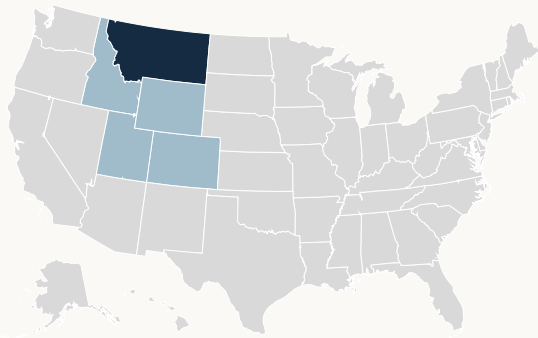
# Montana

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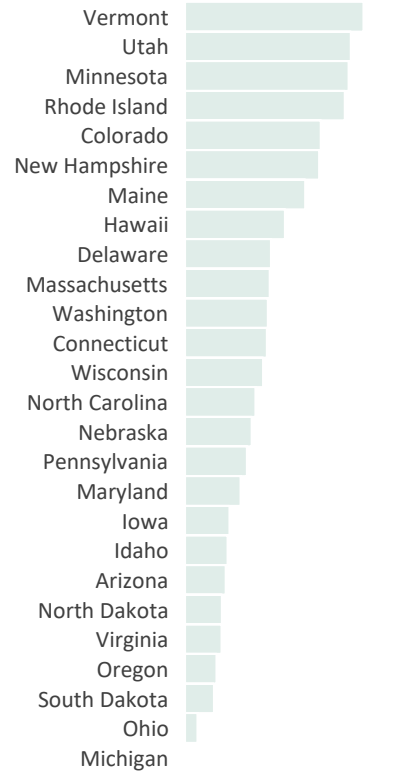
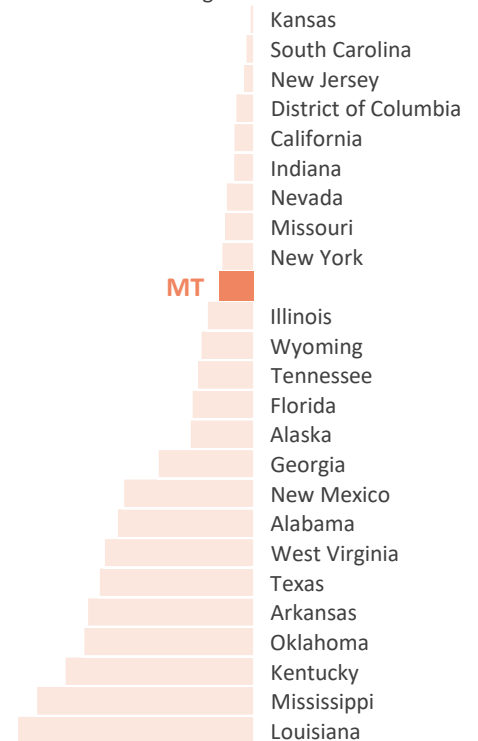
Medicare is a federal program that should be uniform across the country — but the experience of beneficiaries varies depending on where they live. See the latest performance data for your state.

**Montana ranks #36 overall.**

	National rank	Rank among Rocky Mountain states
Overall	36 of 51	4 of 5
Access to Care	49	5
Quality of Care	13	4
Costs and Affordability	37	4
Population Health	14	3



Note: Rocky Mountain region includes CO, ID, MT, UT, WY.

**How Montana compares to all states***Better-than-average overall performance**Worse-than-average overall performance***The Medicare Population in Montana**

	Montana	United States <sup>a</sup>
State population enrolled in Medicare	23.3%	19.8%
Population age 65 and older	241,423	61,245,283
Share of beneficiaries age 85 and older	9.9%	10.8%
Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage	29.9%	50.4%
Median household income over age 65	\$58,390	\$59,648
Older adults with income at or near federal poverty level	15.9%	18.9%
Beneficiaries receiving Low-Income Subsidy	12.3%	20.1%

Table 1. Medicare Performance Indicators

Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average <sup>a</sup>	Best state rate	State rank
Access to Care					
2025 Scorecard					
Adults age 65 and older who had a routine checkup in the past two years	2024	94.4%	97.1%	99.2%	46
Medicare Advantage plans within a state that require prior authorization for specialist doctor visits or preventive care	2025	56.0%	48.3%	8.3%	38
Adults age 65 and older who did not have at least one person they think of as their personal health care provider	2024	7.3%	4.0%	1.9%	47
Adults age 65 and older without a dental visit in the past year	2024	29.0%	28.2%	19.1%	30
Medicare beneficiaries with a home health referral who received home health services within seven days of hospital discharge	2022	41.2%	51.5%	62.9%	48
Quality of Care					
2025 Scorecard					
Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	2023	19.7%	21.2%	17.4%	7
Hospital admissions for ambulatory care—sensitive conditions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	16.6	26.4	13.9	4
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits, Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	134.1	155.2	126.4	6
30-day hospital readmissions among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2023	21.0	37.5	18.6	3
Risk-adjusted 30-day mortality among Medicare beneficiaries age 65 and older hospitalized for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, or stroke	07/2020 - 06/2023	15.0%	14.4%	12.3%	31
Short-stay nursing home residents readmitted within 30 days of hospital discharge to nursing home	10/2023 - 09/2024	18.3%	25.0%	13.0%	4
Patient safety and adverse hospital events composite measure (PSI-90; lower is better)	07/2021 - 06/2023	45	36	16	34
Adults age 65 and older with an injurious fall in the past year	2023	32.9%	38.7%	28.8%	6
Long-stay nursing home residents who received an antipsychotic medication	01/2024 - 12/2024	19.6%	14.6%	7.5%	40
Long-stay nursing home residents with pressure sores	01/2024 - 12/2024	6.2%	5.5%	3.9%	36
Adults age 65 and older who have ever received a pneumonia vaccine	2024	69.8%	70.3%	76.4%	36
Adults age 65 and older who received a flu vaccine in the past year	2024	58.3%	62.8%	73.1%	43
Adults age 65 and older who received a COVID vaccine between August 2024 and March 2025	08/2024 - 03/2025	—	43.4%	54.7%	—

Table 1. Medicare Performance Indicators (cont.)

Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average <sup>a</sup>	Best state rate	State rank
Costs and Affordability					
2025 Scorecard					
Adults age 65 and older who went without care because of cost in the past year	2024	3.6%	3.8%	1.6%	28
Medicare beneficiaries average out-of-pocket spending on Part D drugs	2023	\$386	\$386	\$216	24
Total share of Part D drug costs paid by the Medicare beneficiary	2023	9.8%	7.4%	3.0%	46
Total Medicare (Parts A & B) reimbursements per enrollee	2023	\$9,198	\$11,886	\$8,203	4
Primary care spending as share of total Medicare spending among beneficiaries age 65 and older	2023	3.7%	5.7%	10.9%	48
Population Health					
2025 Scorecard					
Adults age 65 and older who rated their health as fair or poor	2024	22.4%	25.0%	15.9%	18
Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with three or more chronic conditions	2023	49%	62%	45%	4
Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor physical health days per month	2024	18.0%	17.5%	13.6%	32
Adults age 65 and older reporting 14 or more poor mental health days per month	2024	8.8%	8.7%	6.0%	29
Adults age 65 and older who reported difficulty with dressing, running errands alone, walking, or concentrating	2024	29.9%	32.6%	22.1%	18
Average number of years of additional life expectancy at age 65	2021	18.4	18.4	20.6	25
Adults age 65 and older reporting loneliness or lack of emotional support	2022	31.5%	34.5%	28.7%	9
Adults age 60 and older who experienced food insecurity within the past year	2023	7.6%	9.2%	3.8%	22

Notes: (a) National (U.S.) estimates include all 50 states and D.C. and do not include territories.