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	211	275	283	257	277	141
<b>Medicare Status<sup>2</sup></b>						
<b>Aged</b>						
65 - 74 years	48.55	48.67	49.09	47.69	48.61	49.48
	0.22	0.76	0.89	0.93	0.30	1.76
75 - 84 years	24.67	26.57	24.16	22.57	25.05	18.73
	0.16	0.57	0.64	0.62	0.22	1.29
85 years and older	9.73	10.50	8.85	9.73	9.82	7.95
	0.13	0.32	0.33	0.41	0.16	0.74
<b>Disabled</b>						
Under 45 years	3.74	3.52	3.66	4.15	3.61	5.83
	0.06	0.19	0.17	0.24	0.09	0.66
45 - 64 years	13.31	10.74	14.24	15.86	12.90	18.02
	0.13	0.52	0.71	0.73	0.18	1.81
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	45.63	46.01	44.22	46.90	45.65	44.25
	0.21	0.80	0.90	1.01	0.32	2.13
Female	54.37	53.99	55.78	53.10	54.35	55.75
	0.21	0.80	0.90	1.01	0.32	2.13
<b>Living Arrangement</b>						
Lives alone	28.58	29.33	27.39	29.01	28.12	31.41
	0.56	0.76	0.98	1.14	0.55	2.10
With spouse	51.13	51.36	53.11	48.24	51.66	46.70
	0.52	0.93	0.94	1.27	0.53	2.22
With children	10.25	9.13	10.77	11.22	10.27	10.26
	0.33	0.48	0.58	0.56	0.37	1.32
With others	10.04	10.18	8.73	11.53	9.95	11.64
	0.30	0.47	0.51	0.75	0.31	1.44

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<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White non-Hispanic	74.85	77.98	75.08	69.98	74.88	72.90
	0.69	0.77	0.97	1.29	0.75	1.78
Black non-Hispanic	9.79	8.81	11.09	9.55	9.97	10.96
	0.15	0.43	0.52	0.46	0.18	1.27
Hispanic	9.69	8.56	7.79	13.82	9.64	8.62
	0.60	0.58	0.60	1.29	0.64	1.16
Other	5.66	4.65	6.04	6.65	5.51	7.52
	0.35	0.38	0.60	0.77	0.36	1.18
<b>Income<sup>3</sup></b>						
Less than \$5,000	2.29	2.10	2.10	2.82	2.15	4.24*
	0.19	0.28	0.25	0.40	0.20	0.94
\$5,000 - \$9,999	8.27	7.26	8.19	9.86	8.50	8.26
	0.27	0.37	0.48	0.63	0.29	1.22
\$10,000 - \$14,999	12.99	12.03	11.65	16.14	13.08	13.65
	0.38	0.63	0.52	0.73	0.40	1.48
\$15,000 - \$19,999	9.60	8.14	8.92	12.58	9.40	12.57
	0.33	0.47	0.47	0.70	0.36	1.44
\$20,000 - \$24,999	9.88	8.42	11.14	10.40	9.76	10.37
	0.36	0.48	0.65	0.68	0.37	1.26
\$25,000 - \$29,999	8.07	8.03	8.46	7.62	8.07	7.59
	0.33	0.43	0.59	0.62	0.36	1.02
\$30,000 - \$39,999	12.51	12.12	13.73	11.52	12.55	11.93
	0.35	0.61	0.59	0.60	0.39	1.53
\$40,000 - \$49,999	9.74	10.07	10.23	8.63	9.74	9.20
	0.43	0.52	0.66	0.76	0.45	1.25
\$50,000 or more	26.64	31.83	25.56	20.44	26.75	22.20
	0.63	0.92	0.98	0.97	0.64	1.76

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<b>Schooling</b>						
0 - 8 years	8.06	6.03	6.50	13.05	8.24	6.90
	0.32	0.34	0.46	0.74	0.35	1.05
9 - 12 years (no diploma)	10.54	8.34	10.22	14.18	10.62	9.67
	0.35	0.47	0.47	0.77	0.39	1.04
High school graduate	28.01	24.20	30.56	30.31	28.36	24.61
	0.65	0.90	1.09	1.16	0.69	1.72
Voc/tech/bus/etc.	7.42	7.25	7.91	7.02	7.32	9.35
	0.33	0.50	0.62	0.50	0.33	1.48
Some college	18.06	19.39	18.31	15.79	17.90	21.12
	0.50	0.68	0.88	0.89	0.57	1.76
Any college degree	27.91	34.79	26.51	19.66	27.56	28.34
	0.69	0.92	0.99	0.99	0.70	1.99
<b>Health Status</b>						
Excellent	17.12	20.72	13.88	16.04	17.34	12.80
	0.43	0.74	0.77	0.73	0.47	1.39
Very Good	28.97	32.85	29.34	22.81	29.69	22.09
	0.55	0.81	0.98	0.84	0.53	1.76
Good	28.22	26.91	29.62	28.32	28.40	27.25
	0.59	0.73	0.94	1.03	0.64	1.79
Fair	17.95	14.29	18.92	22.06	17.77	21.50
	0.45	0.69	0.82	0.85	0.44	1.70
Poor	7.74	5.23	8.23	10.77	6.80	16.36
	0.27	0.36	0.50	0.68	0.28	1.47

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<b>Functional Limitation</b>						
None	52.86	58.18	51.31	47.08	53.90	41.18
	<i>0.61</i>	<i>0.90</i>	<i>1.11</i>	<i>0.98</i>	<i>0.65</i>	<i>2.32</i>
IADL only	13.65	13.24	13.90	13.95	13.42	13.98
	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.68</i>	<i>0.70</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>1.44</i>
One to two ADLs	22.89	20.23	24.43	24.79	22.80	26.23
	<i>0.54</i>	<i>0.75</i>	<i>1.04</i>	<i>0.82</i>	<i>0.60</i>	<i>1.68</i>
Three to six ADLs	10.60	8.34	10.36	14.18	9.88	18.62
	<i>0.34</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.50</i>	<i>0.78</i>	<i>0.35</i>	<i>1.61</i>
<b>Metropolitan Area Resident</b>						
Yes	76.68	78.81	76.60	73.68	76.69	73.04
	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.71</i>	<i>0.87</i>	<i>0.88</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>2.08</i>
No	23.32	21.19	23.40	26.32	23.31	26.96
	<i>0.39</i>	<i>0.71</i>	<i>0.87</i>	<i>0.88</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>2.08</i>

Source: Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey

Note: An \* indicates a sample size of 50 or less. Standard errors are shaded and in italics. See Appendix A for additional information on standard errors.

See Appendix B for definitions of terms and variables.

1 The term *community residents* includes beneficiaries who resided in the community at the time of the round 67 interview (fall 2013), and beneficiaries who resided in the community at the time of the round 64 interview (fall 2012) who died prior to the round 67 interview.

2 Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) are included within the subgroups of "Aged" and "Disabled."

3 Income estimates are derived from imputed income data. Standard errors of income estimates may be underestimated as they have not been adjusted to reflect the imputation of missing data.