

Medicaid Population's Demographic Mix: Age/Gender/Race

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Summary of Tabulations and Findings

- During 2011, 57.1 million persons (19% of overall USA population) were covered by Medicaid, as derived by dividing total coverage months by twelve.
- 72.1 million persons (24% of overall USA population) were covered by Medicaid for at least one month during 2011.
- Minority groups collectively comprise 35% of the overall USA population, but constitute the majority (56%) of Medicaid beneficiaries. Asians comprise a smaller share of Medicaid beneficiaries (3%) than overall USA population (5%).
 - 33% of the nation's Black population was covered by Medicaid during 2011 (at any given point in time), along with 27% of Hispanics and 12% of Whites.
- Medicaid and the closely related Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) cover a majority of the country's population across the first several years of life. At any given point in time during 2011, 52% of children age 5 and under were covered by these programs. Two-thirds of children 5 and under received Medicaid or (CHIP) coverage for at least a portion of 2011, along with 38% of those age 6-19.
- During 2011, the Medicaid population was 58% female (the overall USA population was 51% female). During 2011, females comprised 67% of Medicaid beneficiaries above age 19.

2011 Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Medicaid Beneficiaries Relative to Overall Population

- Minority groups collectively comprise 35% of the overall USA population, but constitute the majority (56%) of Medicaid beneficiaries
 - Blacks comprise 24% of Medicaid beneficiaries, versus 13% of overall USA population
 - Hispanics comprise 26% of Medicaid beneficiaries, versus 17% of overall USA population
- Asians comprise 3% of Medicaid beneficiaries – smaller than their 5% share of the overall USA population

Race/Ethnicity	Medicaid	USA	Medicaid as % of USA
White	23,634,370	197,533,627	12%
Black	12,787,729	38,361,614	33%
Hispanic	13,846,814	51,867,579	27%
Asian	1,857,949	15,194,209	12%
Other	1,255,942	2,798,450	45%
Multiple	263,408	5,827,085	5%
Unknown	3,472,682	0	na
Total	57,118,893	311,582,564	18%
Subtotal Where Race is Known	53,382,804	305,755,479	17%
Non-White Subtotal (where race is known)	29,748,434	108,221,852	27%
Non-White % of Total (where race is known)	56%	35%	

Medicaid beneficiary counts in this table represent average covered persons during 2011, derived as total covered months divided by 12.

Medicaid Enrollment is Often Defined in Two Different Ways

1. The number of persons covered by Medicaid at a given point in time (shown in first table on following slide). This is the most accurate depiction of the size of Medicaid's covered population.
2. The persons covered for at least one month during a year -- whether or not they were covered at other times during that same year. These figures, shown in second table on following slide, are considerably larger due to the temporary Medicaid coverage spans of many beneficiaries.

Medicaid's Share of USA Population by Age and Gender Cohort, 2011

Medicaid Share of USA Population, 2011 (based on average number of persons covered by Medicaid at a point in time)									
Age Cohort	All Persons			Females			Males		
	Medicaid	USA	Medicaid % of USA	Medicaid	USA	Medicaid % of USA	Medicaid	USA	Medicaid % of USA
<5	11,015,011	21,265,000	52%	5,380,217	10,396,000	52%	5,634,794	10,869,000	52%
6 - 19	18,774,214	61,777,000	30%	9,374,622.54	30,182,000	31%	9,399,592	31,595,000	30%
20 - 64	21,588,963	183,888,000	12%	14,388,788.96	92,789,000	16%	7,200,174	91,099,000	8%
65 +	5,740,705	39,179,000	15%	3,896,171	22,098,000	18%	1,844,534	17,081,000	11%
Total	57,118,893	306,109,000	19%	33,039,799	155,465,000	21%	24,079,094	150,644,000	16%
Medicaid Share of USA Population, 2011 (based on persons covered by Medicaid at any time during the year)									
Age Cohort	All Persons			Females			Males		
	Medicaid	USA	Medicaid % of USA	Medicaid	USA	Medicaid % of USA	Medicaid	USA	Medicaid % of USA
<5	13,949,513	21,265,000	66%	6,815,062	10,396,000	66%	7,134,451	10,869,000	66%
6 - 19	23,219,292	61,777,000	38%	11,662,457	30,182,000	39%	11,556,836	31,595,000	37%
20 - 64	28,330,079	183,888,000	15%	18,929,388.50	92,789,000	20%	9,400,691	91,099,000	10%
65 +	6,627,359	39,179,000	17%	4,431,276	22,098,000	20%	2,196,083	17,081,000	13%
Total	72,126,243	306,109,000	24%	41,838,183	155,465,000	27%	30,288,060	150,644,000	20%

The Medicaid expansion population entering the program under the ACA's provisions (beginning in CY2014) is almost entirely comprised of persons in the 20-64 age cohort.

Contact Information and Data Sources

Data Sources Underlying Tabulations

- CMS MSIS data were used to tabulate Medicaid covered months and unique eligibles by age cohort, gender, and race
- Bureau of the Census data were used to identify corresponding population figures for the overall USA population

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