

IV. POPULATIONS

Information about persons covered by Medicare Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) and Medicaid.

Medicare statistics are based on persons enrolled for coverage. Medicaid recipient counts are used as a surrogate of persons eligible for coverage. Current and trend data showing demographic and eligibility category distributions are included.

HIGHLIGHTS

- o In 2002, 85 percent of the Medicare population was age 65 and over.*
- o An estimated 95 percent of the total aged population has some type of Medicare coverage.*
- o In 2002, approximately 93.0 percent of the total Medicare population was covered by both Part A and Part B.*
- o The Medicare Part A beneficiaries ages 85 and over, as a percent of all aged beneficiaries, increased from 6.2 percent in 1966 to 12.7 percent in 2002. During this same time period, the 65 to 69 year age group, as a percent of all aged beneficiaries, decreased from 34.1 percent in 1966 to 26.9 percent in 2002.*
- o The Medicare female beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part A, as a percent of all aged beneficiaries, increased from 57.4 percent in 1966 to 58.2 percent in 2002. During this same time period, the Medicare male beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part A, as a percent of all aged beneficiaries, decreased from 42.6 percent in 1966 to 41.8 percent in 2002.*
- o There has been an increase of 11.1 percent in the number of Medicare State Buy-Ins between 1999 and 2002.*