

# Preventive Care Among the Medicare Population

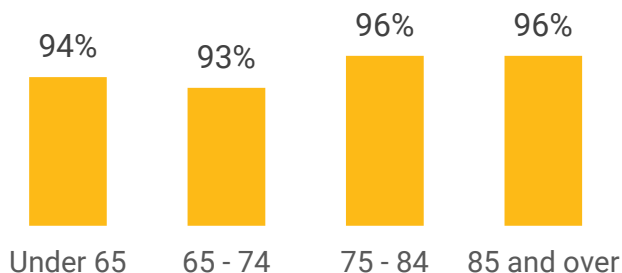
This infographic shows use of annual preventive health care services (blood pressure screening, cholesterol screening, and wellness visit) among Medicare beneficiaries living in the community in 2020.

Most beneficiaries had **blood pressure** and **cholesterol** screenings, regardless of individual characteristics

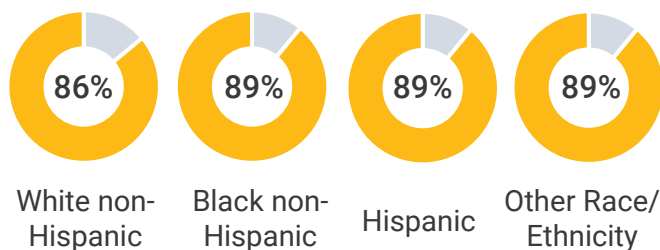
 **94%** had a **blood pressure** screening

 **86%** had a **cholesterol** screening


## Blood Pressure Screening by Age



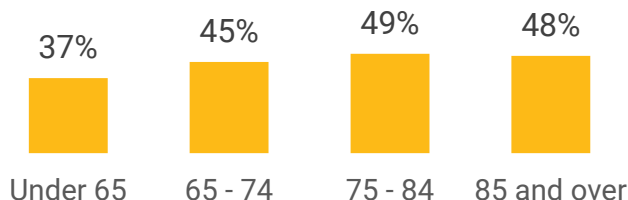
## Cholesterol Screening by Race/Ethnicity



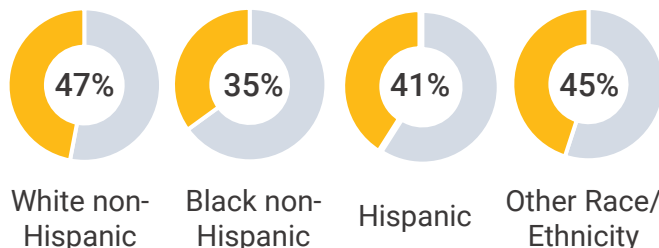
Fewer Medicare beneficiaries had a **wellness visit** and rates differed by individual characteristics

 **45%** had a **wellness visit**

## Wellness Visit by Age



## Wellness Visit by Race/Ethnicity



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