

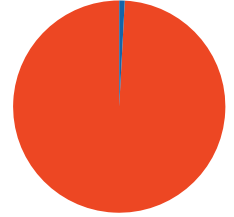
# California D-SNPs At a Glance

## How many Californians are enrolled in both Medicare & Medicaid?

There were about **1,693,000** Californians enrolled in both Medicare & Medicaid (“dually eligible”) in 2023.<sup>1</sup>

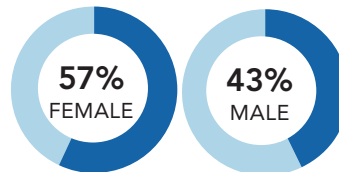
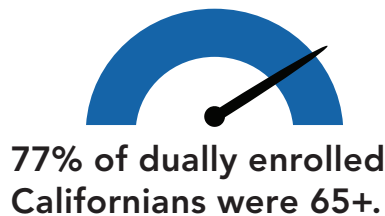
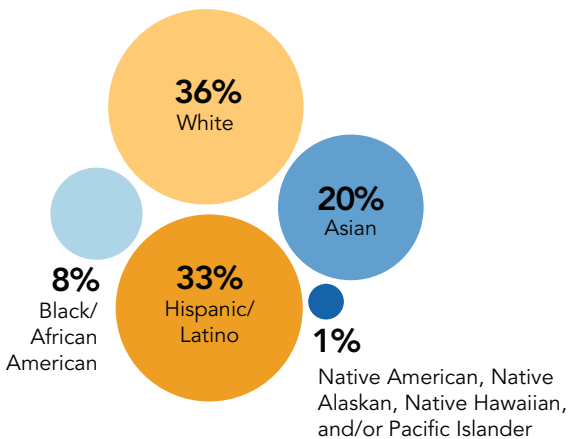
**1,670,000 individuals or about 99%** of dual eligible individuals in CA had full Medicaid benefits. These individuals are referred to as full-benefit dually eligible individuals.

**23,000 individuals or about 1%** of dually eligible individuals in CA, did not have full Medicaid; rather, their Medicaid coverage was limited to assistance paying for Medicare costs through enrollment in a Medicare Saving Program (MSP). These individuals are referred to as partial-benefit dually eligible individuals.



## What are some features of the dually enrolled population in CA?

According to American Community Survey data from 2017-2022:<sup>2</sup>



The most common languages reported by dually eligible Californians with LEP were **Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.**

## What is the D-SNP landscape for dually eligible CA residents?



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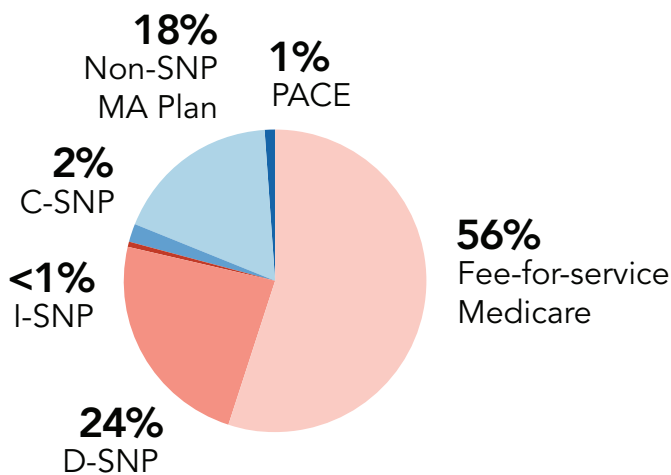
**Since 2020, D-SNP enrollment in California has grown by 238%.**

Dually eligible individuals in California receive their Medicaid benefits through managed care.<sup>4</sup> California has FIDE SNPs and CO D-SNPs.<sup>5</sup> The MMPs, or Medi-Medi Plans, are CO-DSNPs with Applicable Integrated Plan designation.<sup>6</sup> For more information on types of D-SNPs, see the [Justice in Aging D-SNP basics brief](#) and [FAQ](#).<sup>7</sup>

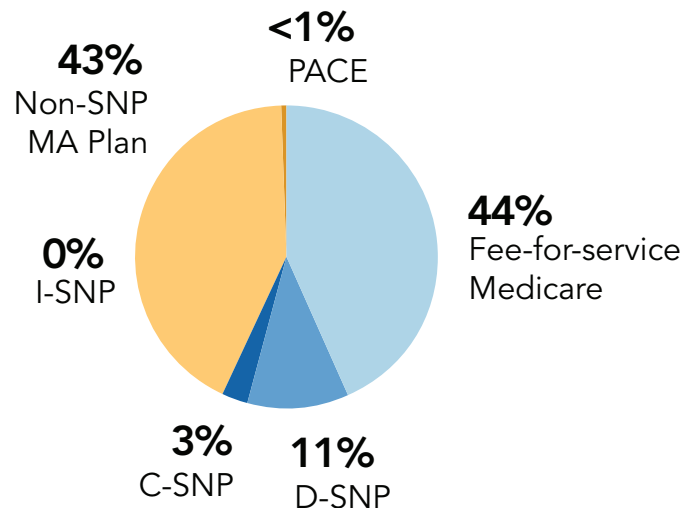
As part of the Financial Alignment Initiative, and in partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the State of California launched the Cal MediConnect demonstration in April 2014 to integrate care for dually eligible beneficiaries age 21 years and older.<sup>8</sup> In January 2023, the State’s Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) transitioned Cal MediConnect plans to Medicare Medi-Cal plans (MMPs or Medi-Medi plans) provided by the same companies that provided Cal MediConnect plans.<sup>9</sup> In January 2024, DHCS expanded the availability of Medi-Medi Plans to five additional counties.<sup>10</sup> DHCS requires Exclusively Aligned Enrollment (EAE) for all Medi-Medi D-SNPs.<sup>11</sup>

## What is Medicare managed care enrollment for dually eligible CA residents?

Among full-benefit dually eligible CA residents:<sup>13</sup>



Among partial-benefit dually eligible CA residents:<sup>12</sup>



## What are some key documents for CA D-SNPs?

- Department of Health Care Services, [D-SNP Policy Guide \(2024\)](#)
- Department of Health Care Services, [D-SNP Page](#)
- Department of Health Care Services, [Contracts and other D-SNP technical documents](#)
- Department of Health Care Services, 2024 [EAE SMAC](#) and [non-EAE SMAC](#)

Please note that this data is for informational purposes. Given that the information in this document is sourced from various datasets and individuals may underreport Medicaid enrollment to the U.S. Census, we advise exercising caution when using this data. Please reach out to Rachel Gershon, [rgershon@justiceinaging.org](mailto:rgershon@justiceinaging.org), with any questions.

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