

# LIHEAP in the Context of Other Social Safety Net Programs

## 2025 NEADA Winter Meeting

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# Economic Security of Adults Aged 65+, 2022

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## Official Poverty Measure

10.2%, or 5.9 million, had incomes below the poverty threshold of \$14,040 in 2022

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## Supplemental Poverty Measure

14.2% or 8.2 million, were in poverty, compared to 10.7% in 2021

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## 200% of Poverty (Economic Insecurity)

29.4%, or 17.0 million, were below 200% of the official measure  
42.2%, or 24.4 million, were below 200% of the SPM

<https://www.kff.org/medicare/issue-brief/how-many-older-adults-live-in-poverty/>

# \$30 Billion in Unclaimed Benefits

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## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

Nearly 60% of adults age 60+, or 4.2 million, who qualify for SNAP do not enroll, amounting to \$5.3 billion in forfeited food assistance each year.

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## **Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS, or Extra Help)**

Roughly 2 million Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible for LIS don't sign up, amounting to \$11.8 billion in forfeited prescription cost assistance each year.

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## **Medicare Assistance Programs (MSPs)**

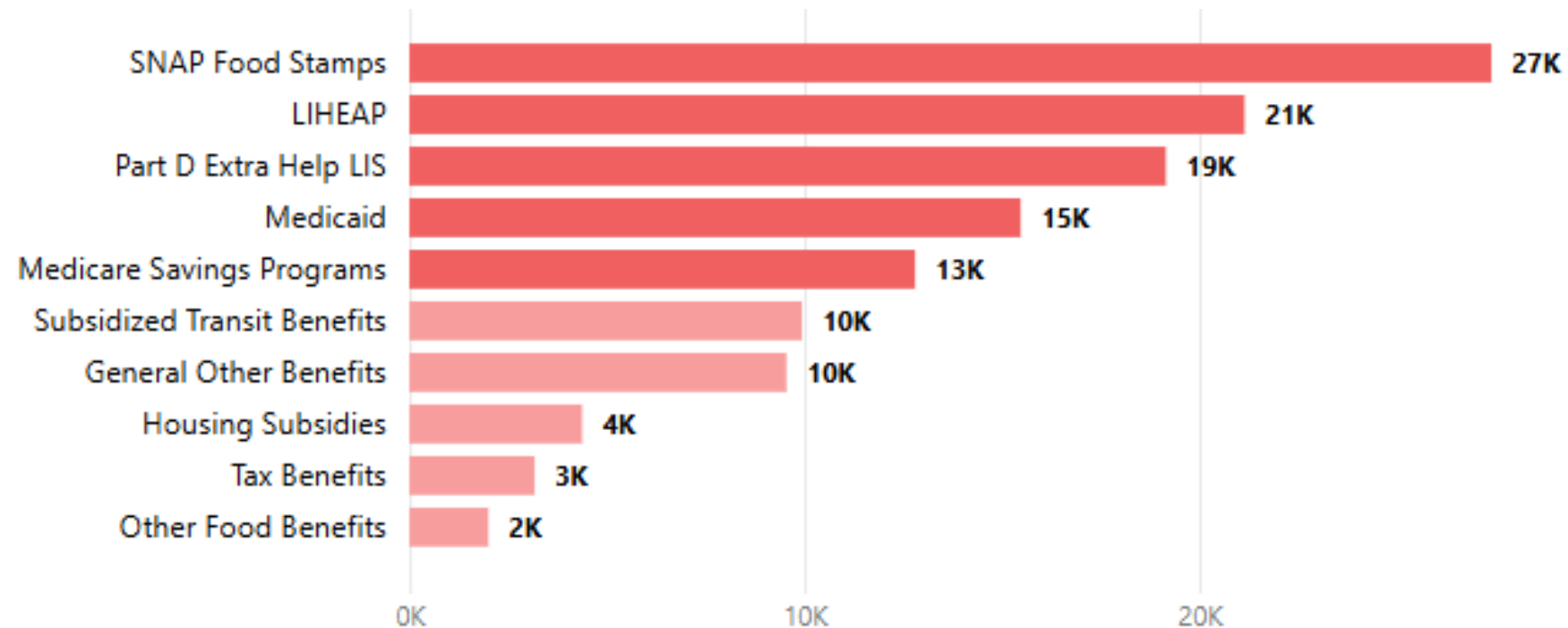
As many as 2 - 3 million Medicare beneficiaries are not enrolled in an MSP, amounting to \$3.96 billion - \$5.94 billion in forfeited assistance with premiums and other health coverage costs each year.

<https://www.ncoa.org/article/30-billion-left-on-the-table-connecting-more-older-adults-with-money-saving-public-benefits/>  
<https://www.ncoa.org/article/estimated-value-of-benefits-for-benefits-enrollment-centers/>

# Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs)

## Benefits Breakdown

### Top 10 Benefit Categories by Applications in CY2024



# BEC Locations

