

Table 5: Estimated and Actual Benefit Payments for Medicare Hospital Insurance (Part A) Program

(dollars in millions)

Calendar Year	Estimated Part A Benefit Payments, 1965 ^a	Actual Part A Benefit Payments ^b
1970	2,860	4,804
1975	4,047	10,353
1980	5,307	23,793
1985	6,860	47,710
1990	8,797	65,722

^a From the Committee on Ways and Means, *Actuarial Cost Estimates and Summary of Provisions of the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance System as Modified by the Social Security Amendments of 1965 and Actuarial Cost Estimates and Summary of Provisions of the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Systems as Established by Such Act*, 30 July 1965, Table 11.

^b From the Office of Management and Budget, Historical Tables: *Budget of the U.S. Government – Fiscal Year 2009*, Table 13.1.

Note: The actuary who prepared the 1965 estimates, has disputed such comparisons, arguing that a more accurate comparison would be based on percentages of taxable payroll, along with other adjustments.