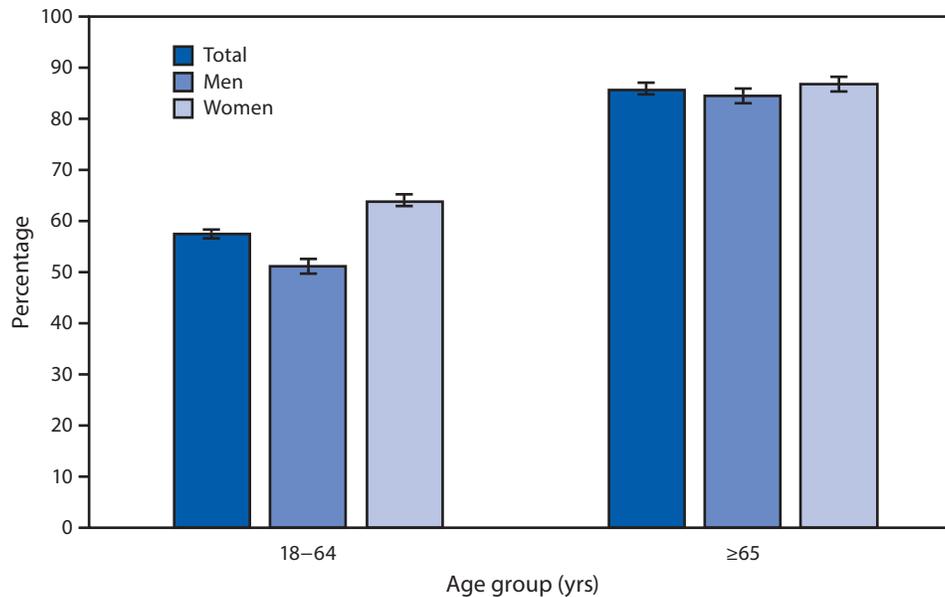


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Percentage* of Adults Aged ≥ 18 Years Who Were Prescribed Medication in the Past 12 Months,[†] by Sex and Age Group — National Health Interview Survey,[§] 2017



* With 95% confidence intervals indicated by error bars.

[†] Based on a positive response to the question "During the past 12 months, were you prescribed medication by a doctor or other health professional?"

[§] Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized U.S. population and are derived from the National Health Interview Survey Sample Adult component.

In 2017, 57.9% of adults aged 18–64 years and 86.1% of adults aged ≥ 65 years were prescribed medication in the past 12 months. Overall and for both men and women separately, receipt of a prescription increased with age. Among both age groups, a greater percentage of women were prescribed medication than men, with 64.3% of women and 51.3% of men aged 18–64 years and 87.1% of women and 85.0% of men aged ≥ 65 years having been prescribed medication.

Source: National Health Interview Survey, 2017. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/index.htm>.

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