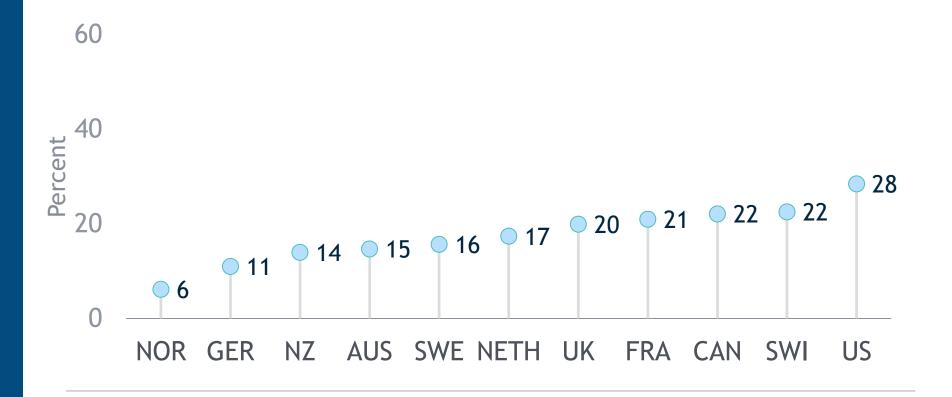
# 2020 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey

Chartpack for: Michelle M. Doty, Roosa S. Tikkanen, Molly FitzGerald, Katharine Fields, and Reginald D. Williams II, "Income-Related Inequality in Affordability and Access to Primary Care in Eleven High-Income Countries," *Health Affairs*, published online Dec. 9, 2020.



#### A Population at Risk

# More Than One-Quarter of U.S. Adults with Lower Income Experienced Material Hardships in the Past Year



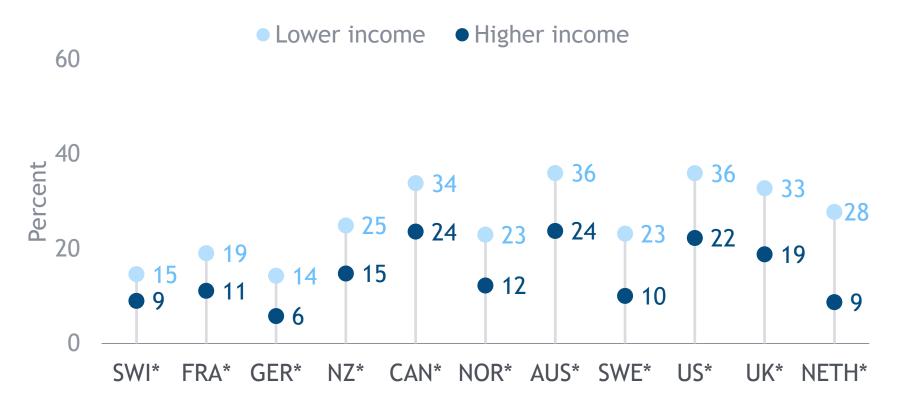


Definition: In the past 12 months, "always" or "usually" been worried or stressed about having enough food and/or having enough money to pay your rent or mortgage.

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# More Than One-Third of Lower-Income U.S. Adults Reported Anxiety, Depression, or Other Mental Health Conditions



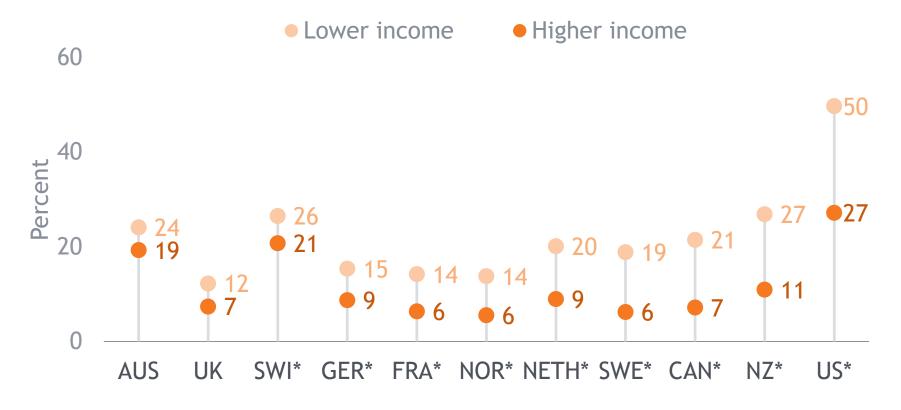


Definition: Ever been told by a doctor that you have/had depression, anxiety or other mental health conditions. Excludes those "no longer treating this condition." Note: Asterisks indicate where percentage-point differences between lower-income and higher-income adults were significant at p<.05 or better (\*).

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#### Affordability of Care

# Half of U.S. Adults with Lower Income Skipped Needed Medical Care or Did Not Fill Prescriptions Because of Cost in Past Year



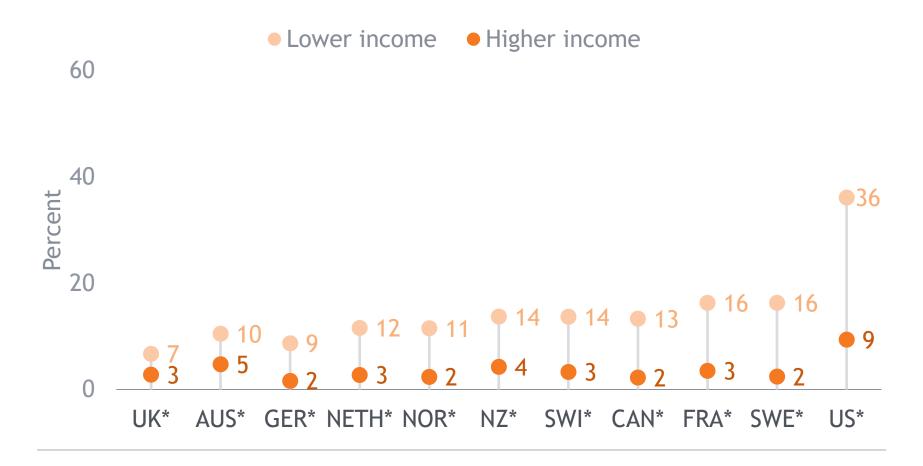


Definition: Skipped needed doctor visits, tests, treatments, follow-up, or prescription medicines because of cost, past year. Note: Asterisks indicate where percentage-point differences between lower-income and higher-income adults were significant at p<.05 or better (\*).

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# Had Problems Paying Medical Bills in Past Year



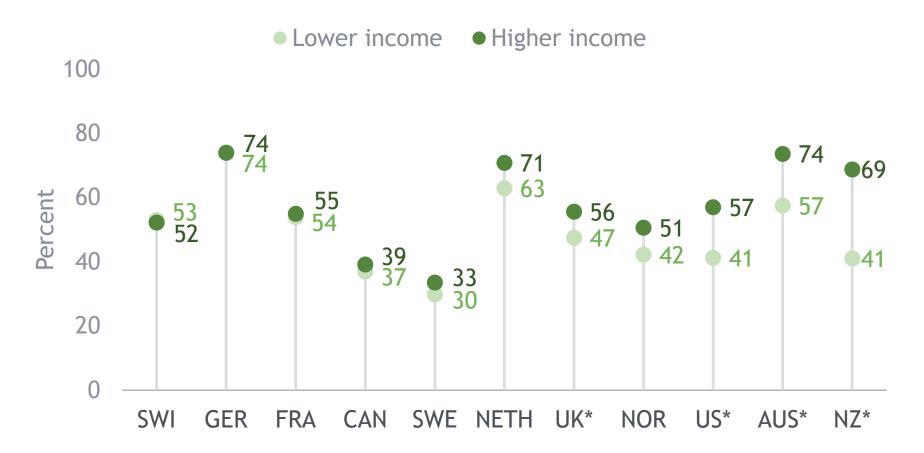


Definition: Had serious problems paying or unable to pay your medical bills in the past year. Note: Asterisks indicate where percentagepoint differences between lower-income and higher-income adults were significant at p<.05 or better (\*).

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Access to Primary Care

### Able to Access Same- or Next-Day Appointments When Needed



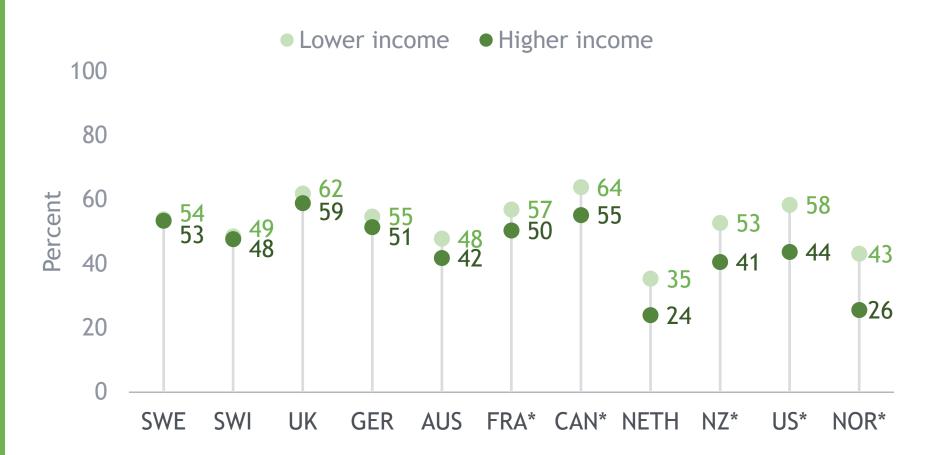


Definition: Last time were sick or needed medical attention, got same- or next-day appointment to see a doctor or a nurse, not including a visit to the hospital. Note: Asterisks indicate where percentage-point differences between lower-income and higher-income adults were significant at p<.05 or better (\*).

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#### **Difficult to Access After-Hours Care Without Going to the Hospital**





Definition: "Somewhat difficult" or "very difficult" to get medical care in the evenings, on weekends, or holidays without going to the hospital. Excludes those who never needed after-hours care. Note: Asterisks indicate where percentage-point differences between lower-income and higher-income adults were significant at p<.05 or better (\*).

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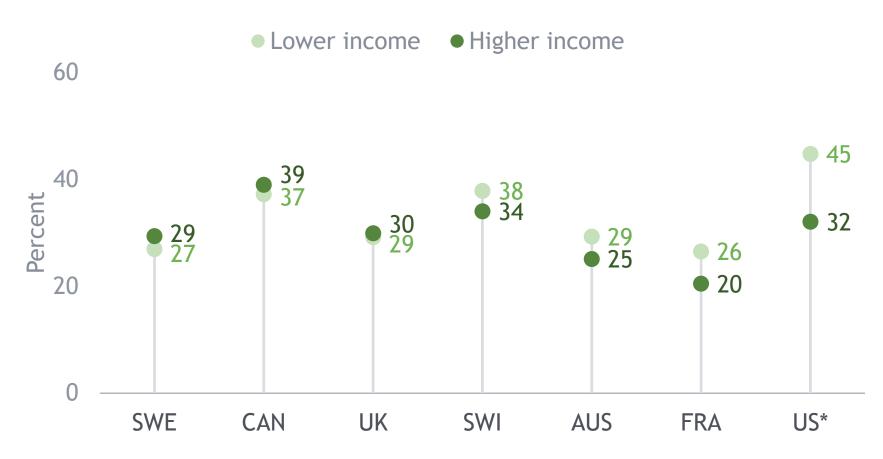
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### **Avoidable Emergency Department Visits in Past Two Years**



Definition: Among those with a regular provider/place of care and who visited the emergency department/A and E Department/ emergency room in the past two years, it was for a condition that you thought could have been treated by the doctors or staff at the place where you usually get medical care if they had been available. No data for Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, or Norway because of small sample sizes (<100). Note: Asterisks indicate where percentage-point differences between lower-income and higherincome adults were significant at p<.05 or better (\*).

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