A larger share of older adults in Switzerland, the United States, and Australia had high out-of-pocket health care costs compared to other high-income countries.

**Percent of adults age 65+ who reported out-of-pocket costs of more than USD 2,000 in the past year, by country**

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Note: Differences between US and all other surveyed countries except AUS were statistically significant at the p < 0.05 level.
Data: Commonwealth Fund 2021 International Health Policy Survey of Older Adults.

Source: Gretchen Jacobson et al., *When Costs Are a Barrier to Getting Health Care: Reports from Older Adults in the United States and Other High-Income Countries* (Commonwealth Fund, Oct. 2021).
Americans age 65 and older were more likely to report postponing or forgoing health care because of the cost than older adults in other high-income countries.

**Percent of adults age 65+ who reported they skipped doctor visit or medical test/treatment in the past year because of the cost, by country**

Did not consult/visit a doctor when had a medical problem because of the cost

Skipped a medical test or treatment because of the cost

Note: Differences in not consulting/visiting a doctor because of the cost between US and all other surveyed countries except AUS and NZ were statistically significant at the p < 0.05 level. Differences in skipping a medical test or treatment because of the cost between US and all other surveyed countries except AUS were statistically significant at the p < 0.05 level.

Data: Commonwealth Fund 2021 International Health Policy Survey of Older Adults.
Americans age 65 and older were more likely to report not filling a prescription or skipping a medication dose because of the cost than older adults in other high-income countries.

Note: Differences between US and all other surveyed countries were statistically significant at the p < 0.05 level.
Data: Commonwealth Fund 2021 International Health Policy Survey of Older Adults.

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About one of six older adults in the United States, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand reported skipping a dental visit because of the cost.

**Percent of adults age 65+ who reported they did not visit the dentist in the past year because of the cost, by country**

- **AUS**: 15%
- **CAN**: 14%
- **FRA**: 8%
- **GER**: 1%
- **NETH**: 2%
- **NZ**: 14%
- **NOR**: 6%
- **SWE**: 10%
- **SWIZ**: 9%
- **UK**: 6%
- **US**: 16%

Note: Differences between US and all other surveyed countries except AUS, CAN, and NZ were statistically significant at the p < 0.05 level.

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