

MEDICARE DATA HUB

# International Comparisons

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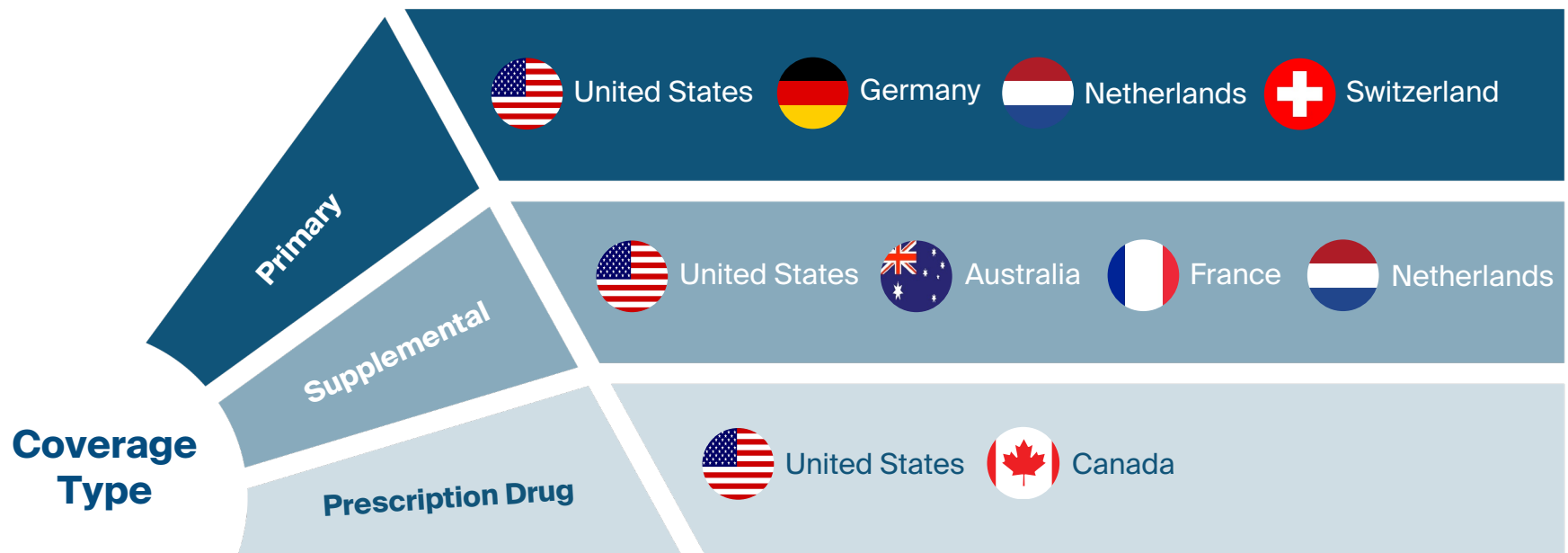
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## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

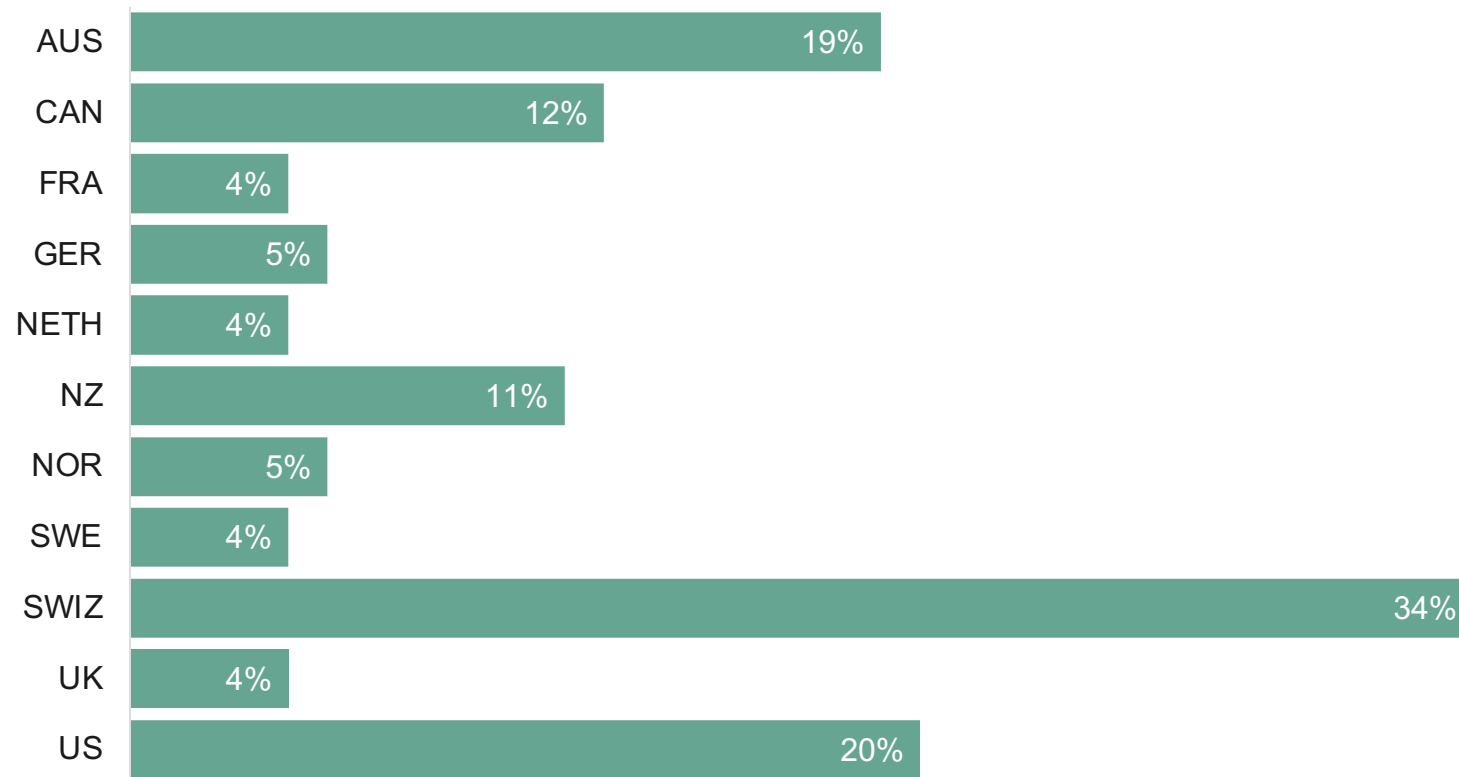
In the U.S. Medicare program, private plans offer primary, supplemental, and prescription drug–only coverage, similar to models of private plans in other countries.



## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AFFORDABILITY

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.

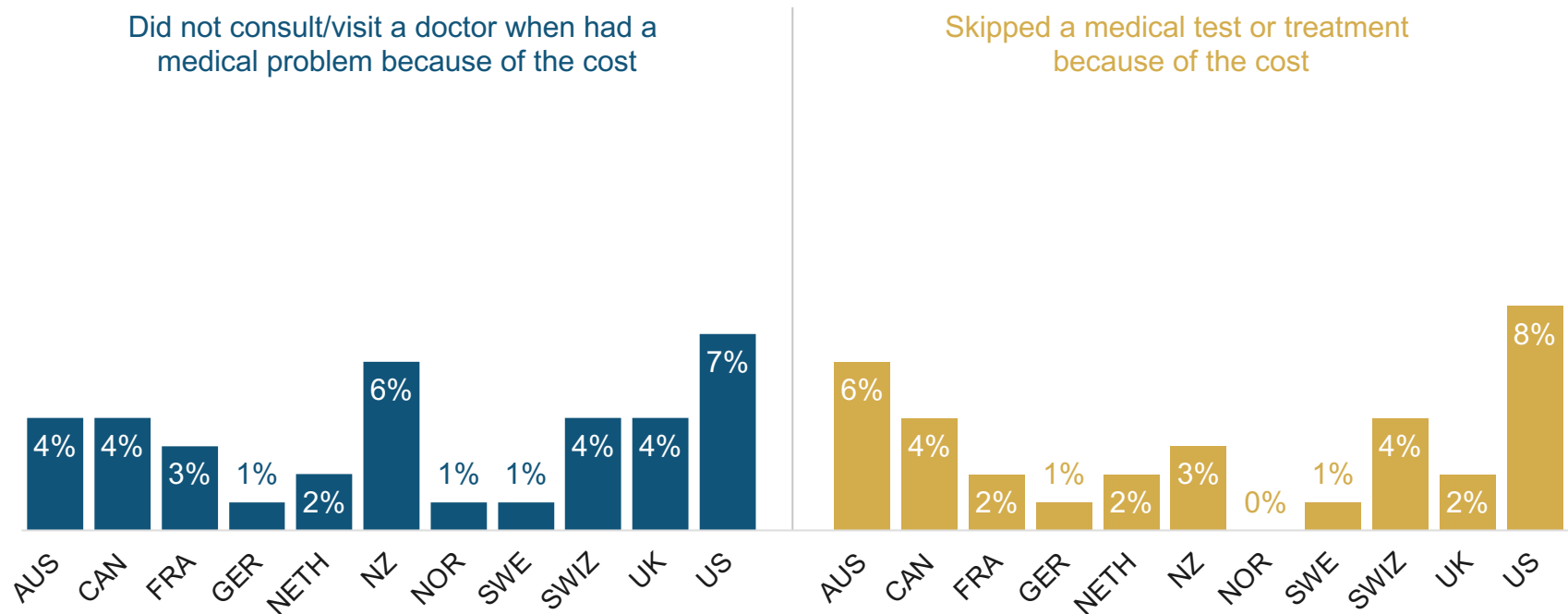
*Percent of adults age 65+ who reported out-of-pocket costs of more than USD 2,000 in the past year, by country*



## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AFFORDABILITY

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.

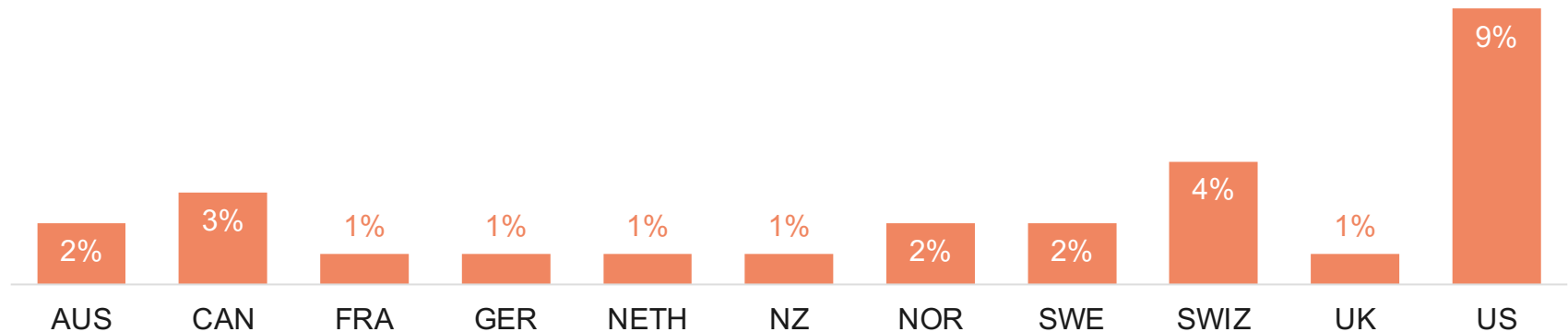
*Percent of adults age 65+ who reported they skipped doctor visit or medical test/treatment in the past year because of the cost, by country*



## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AFFORDABILITY

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.

*Percent of adults age 65+ who reported they did not fill a prescription or skipped a dose of medication in the past year because of the cost, by country*



## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AFFORDABILITY

About one of six older adults in the United States, Australia, 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*

