The U.S. is a world outlier when it comes to health care spending.

Percent of GDP spent on health, 1980–2021*

Notes: * 2020 data. Current expenditures on health for all functions by all providers for all financing schemes. Data points reflect share of gross domestic product. Based on System of Health Accounts methodology, with some differences between country methodologies. GDP = gross domestic product. OECD average reflects the average of 38 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

The U.S. spends three to four times more on health care than South Korea, New Zealand, and Japan.

The U.S. is the only high-income country that does not guarantee health coverage.

Percent of total population with health insurance coverage

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Notes: Government/compulsory health insurance data: 2021 data for AUS, CAN, FRA, NZ, and NOR; 2020 data for GER, KOR, NETH, SWE, SWIZ, UK, and US; 2019 data for JPN. Voluntary health insurance coverage data: 2021 data for AUS, CAN, and NZ; 2020 data for GER, KOR, NETH, and US; 2019 data for UK; 2017 data for FRA and SWIZ. Government health insurance refers to public benefit basket covering a minimum set of health services. Voluntary health insurance refers to payments for private insurance premiums, which grant coverage for services from private providers. See more information on definitions here: https://www.oecd.org/health/Spending-on-private-health-insurance-Brief-March-2022.pdf.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

U.S. life expectancy at birth is three years lower than the OECD average.

Note: * 2020 data. Total population at birth. OECD average reflects the average of 38 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here. Because of methodological differences, JPN and UK data points are estimates.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.
Avoidable deaths per 100,000 population in the U.S. are higher than the OECD average.

Avoidable deaths per 100,000 population (standardized rates), 2000–2020*

Notes: Rates reflect age-standardized rates. Avoidable mortality includes deaths which are preventable and treatable. * 2019 data for CAN, JPN, KOR, and UK; 2018 data for SWE and SWIZ; 2016 data for FRA, NZ, and NOR.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

The U.S. has the highest rate of infant and maternal deaths.

Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births

- OECD average: 4.1

Maternal mortality, deaths per 100,000 live births

- OECD average: 9.8

Notes: Infant mortality rates reflect no minimum threshold or gestation period or birthweight. Infant mortality 2021 data for FRA and SWIZ; 2020 data for AUS, CAN, GER, JPN, KOR, NETH, NOR, SWE, UK, and US; 2018 data for NZ. Maternal mortality 2020 data for AUS, CAN, GER, JPN, KOR, NETH, NOR, SWE, and US; 2019 data for SWIZ; 2018 data for NZ, 2017 data for UK; 2015 data for FRA. OECD average reflects the average of 38 OECD member countries.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

Rates of suicide were highest in the U.S., Japan, and South Korea.

**Notes:** Rates reflect age-standardized rates. Intentional self-harm death rates 2020 data for AUS, GER, KOR, NETH, UK, and US; 2019 data for CAN, JPN, and SWIZ; 2018 data for SWE; 2017 data for FRA; 2016 data for NZ and NOR. OECD average reflects the average of 38 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

Deaths from assault are highest in the U.S.

Mortality from assault, deaths per 100,000 population (standardized rates)


Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

The U.S. obesity rate is nearly double the OECD average.

Notes: Obese defined as body-mass index of 30 kg/m² or more. Data reflect rates based on measurements of height and weight, except NETH, NOR, SWE, SWIZ, for which data are self-reported. (Self-reported rates tend to be lower than measured rates.) 2021 data for NZ; 2020 data for KOR, NETH, and SWE; 2019 data for CAN, JPN, NOR, UK, and US; 2017 data for AUS, FRA, and SWIZ; 2012 data for GER. OECD average reflects the average of 23 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, which provide data on obesity rates.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.
Adults in the U.S. are the most likely to have multiple chronic conditions.

Percent of adults age 18 and older who have multiple chronic conditions

Notes: Chronic disease burden defined as adults age 18 years and older who have ever been told by a doctor that they have two or more of the following chronic conditions: asthma or chronic lung disease; cancer; depression, anxiety or other mental health condition; diabetes; heart disease, including heart attack; or hypertension/high blood pressure. Data reflect 11 countries which take part in the Commonwealth Fund's International Health Policy Survey.

* Statistically significant differences compared to US or comparator bar at p<.05 level.


The U.S. has the highest rate of death because of COVID-19.

Deaths per 1 million because of COVID-19

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Notes: Rate per 1 million people who have died from COVID-19 since January 22, 2020. Available data as of January 18, 2023.

Data: Our World in Data.

The U.S. has among the lowest rates of physician visits and practicing physicians.

**Physician consultations in all settings per capita**

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Notes: Data for UK not available. 2021 data for AUS and NOR; 2020 data for FRA, GER, KOR, NETH, and SWE; 2019 data for CAN and JPN; 2017 for NZ and SWIZ; 2011 data for US. OECD average reflects the average of 37 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

Notes: 2021 data for CAN, GER, NZ, NOR, SWIZ, and UK; 2020 data for AUS, FRA, JPN, KOR, and NETH; 2019 data for SWE and US. OECD average reflects the average of 31 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

Hospital stays are shortest in the Netherlands and the U.S. The U.S. has among the lowest number of hospital beds.

**Average length of stay for inpatient care (days)**

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**Number of total hospital beds per 1,000 population**

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Notes: Data reflect average length of stay for inpatient care for all hospitals. 2021 data for NOR; 2020 data for CAN, FRA, GER, KOR, NETH, SWE, and SWIZ. 2019 data for AUS and NZ; 2018 data for UK; 2010 data for US. Data for JPN not available. OECD average reflects the average of 36 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, where data are available.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

Notes: 2021 data for NZ and UK; 2020 data for CAN, FRA, GER, JPN, KOR, NETH, NOR, SWE, and SWIZ; 2019 data for US; 2016 data for AUS. OECD average reflects the average of 38 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, with available data.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

The U.S. has a higher influenza vaccination rate compared to the OECD average, but its COVID-19 vaccination rate is still lower than that of many peer nations.

Notes: Flu immunization rates reflect age-standardized rates. 2021 data for AUS, NZ, and NOR; 2020 data for CAN, FRA, GER, JPN, KOR, NETH, SWE, UK, and US; 2010 data for SWIZ. OECD average reflects the average of 37 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, where data are available.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.
The U.S. has among the highest rates of screening for breast and colorectal cancers.

**Percent of females ages 50–69 screened for breast cancer**

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OECD average: 54.6

Notes: 2021 data for NZ and NOR; 2020 data for AUS, FRA, KOR, NETH, and UK; 2019 data for CAN, GER, JPN, SWE, and US; 2017 data for SWIZ. Programmatic data for all countries except survey data for JPN, SWE, SWIZ, and US. OECD average reflects the average of 27 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, who provide breast cancer program data. Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

**Percent of population ages 50–74 screened for colorectal cancer**

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OECD average: 44

Notes: 2020 data for FRA, KOR, and NETH; 2019 data for AUS, CAN, JPN, and US; 2018 data for GER. Programmatic data for all countries except survey data for JPN and US. OECD average reflects the average of 17 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, who provide colorectal cancer program data. Data not available for NOR, NZ, SWE, SWIZ, and UK. Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.
MRIs are most common in Norway and Germany; the U.S. performs MRIs more frequently compared to the OECD average.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans per 1,000 population

Notes: 2021 data for AUS, NOR, and US; 2020 data for GER, KOR, and NETH; 2019 data for CAN and FRA; 2014 data for JPN. OECD average reflects the average of 28 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, which provide data on MRI exam scans. Data not available for NZ, SWE, SWIZ, and UK.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.

The U.S. has among the highest rates of hip replacements, right behind Switzerland.

Inpatient hip replacement procedures per 1,000 population age 65 and older

OECD average: 9.4

KOR | UK | CAN | SWE | NZ | FRA | NETH | GER | NOR | US | SWIZ
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3.8 | 5.2 | 7.5 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 14.2 | 15.6 | 16.4

Notes: 2021 data for NOR; 2020 data for CAN, FRA, GER, KOR, SWE, SWIZ, and UK; 2019 data for NETH and NZ; 2010 data for US. OECD average reflects the average of 32 OECD member countries, including ones not shown here, which provide data on hip replacement procedures. Data not available for AUS and JPN.

Data: OECD Health Statistics 2022.