

America Spends More on Health Care Than Other Countries— But We Die Younger

The United States spends much more on health care than other countries. U.S. health care spending totaled \$2 trillion in 2005, representing 16 percent of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP). Health care spending accounted for 11.6 percent of the GDP in Switzerland, 10.7 percent in Germany, 9.8 percent in Canada and 11.1 percent in France.

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Per Capita Health Spending, 2004



¹OECD estimate
Data are expressed in U.S. dollars adjusted for purchasing power parities (PPPs), which provide a means of comparing spending between countries on a common base. PPPs are the rates of currency conversion that equalize the cost of a given "basket" of goods and services in different countries.



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