OECD HealthStatistics 2015

OECD Health Statistics 2015 is the most comprehensive source of comparable statistics on health and health systems across the 34 OECD countries. Covering the period 1960 to 2014, this interactive database can be used for comparative analyses on health status, risk factors to health, health care resources and utilisation, as well as health expenditure and financing. OECD Health Statistics 2015 is available in OECD.Stat, the statistics portal for all OECD databases.

- **Growth**: Per capita health spending in Israel grew by 2.8% compared to 1.0% on average across OECD countries. Health spending has grown by 3.6% each year on average since 2009.
- **Share of GDP**: The share of GDP allocated to health spending (excluding capital expenditure) in Israel was 7.5% in 2013, compared with an OECD average of 8.9%. The share has increased rapidly from 7.0% in 2010 as growth in health spending has outpaced economic growth.
- **Per capita spending**: Israel spent the equivalent of USD 2428 per person on health in 2013, compared with an OECD average of USD 3453. Public sources accounted for 60% of overall health spending, below the OECD average.

**Figure 1. Annual health spending growth**, 2010-2013

*Per capita spending in real terms.*
Source: OECD Health Statistics 2015

Health spending in Israel continues to grow strongly

In 2013, per capita health spending in Israel increased by 2.8% in real terms. The pattern of health spending growth in Israel has been almost the opposite of the majority of OECD countries, characterised by relatively low growth in the 2000s which has accelerated in more recent years - per capita health spending has averaged a 3.6% annual increase since 2009. Israel is one of only six - mainly European - countries that have seen annual health spending growth increase since 2009.

The strong growth in both 2012 and 2013 is a result of a rapid increase in out of pocket spending - averaging almost 10% increase over the two years. By contrast, government spending on health in 2013 increased at the lowest rate (in nominal terms) since 2007 and marked a reduction in spending in per capita real terms.
Health spending as a share of GDP in Israel is increasing rapidly

Health spending in Israel (excluding investment expenditure in the health sector) was 7.5% of GDP in 2013 (Figure 2), below the OECD average of 8.9%. The share of GDP has been increasing rapidly, particularly in recent years - rising from 7.0% in 2010. This has been the result of health spending growth well above the rate of economic growth. The share of the economy allocated to health spending is similar to Hungary and the Slovak Republic, but below the levels of some southern European countries such as Portugal and Spain (9.0% and 8.9% respectively).

The share of government spending in Israel as a share of total spending on health was just below 60% in 2013. This has dropped from a high of 64% in 2010 as growth in private household spending has recently outpaced government spending on health. The public share of spending is well below the OECD average of 73% and similar to the levels in Greece and Portugal.

Out-of-pocket spending represented 26% of health spending in Israel - up from 23% in 2010. This is above the OECD average of around 20%, although still below some other southern European countries such as Greece (31%) and Portugal (28%).

In per capita terms (adjusted for different price levels using economy-wide purchasing power parities), Italy spent USD 2428 per head in 2013. This compares with an OECD average of USD 3453.

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