

Setting health care expenditure level in Sweden

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Organisation of health and medical services

Three political and administrative levels

<p>State</p> <p>Ministry of Health and Social Affairs</p> <p>Central government agencies</p>	<p>21 County councils</p> <p>divided into 6 regions</p>	<p>290 local authorities</p> <p>(municipalities)</p>
<p>legislation</p> <p>supervision</p> <p>evaluation</p>	<p>Responsible for offering health and medical services to all residents</p> <p>Promoting good public health</p>	<p>Responsible for home care service of elderly and disabled</p>

finance, organisation, follow-up, provision

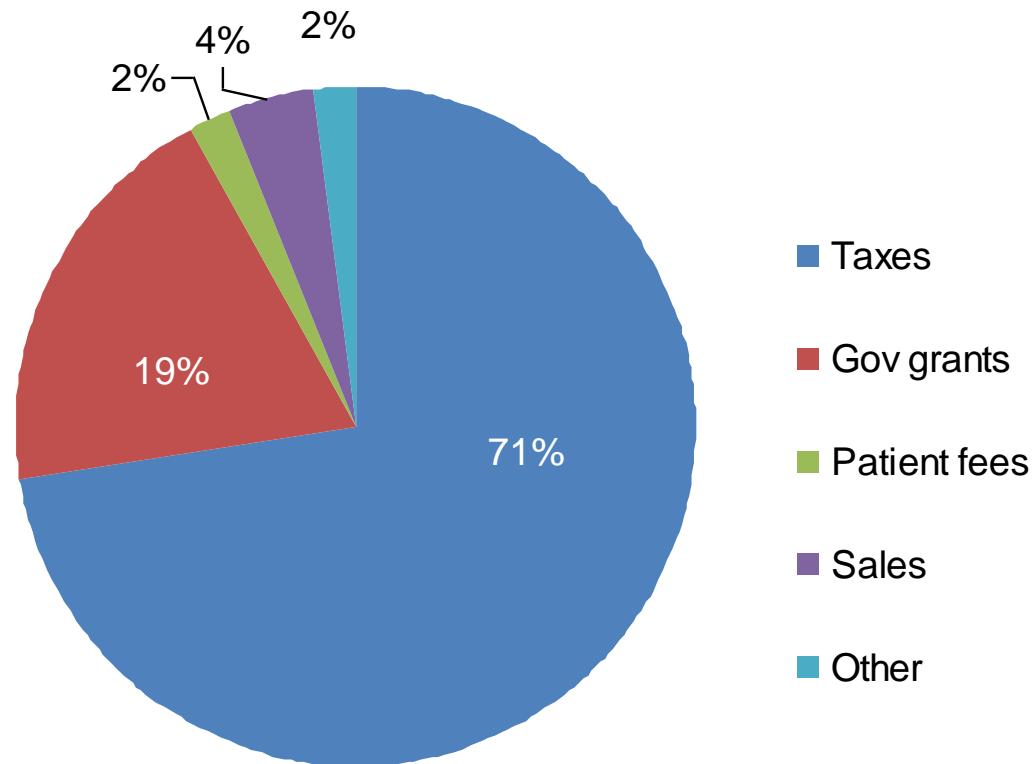
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Health care resources

- **The total cost of medical health care amounts to approximately 309 billion SEK (33 billion EUR), which is 10 % of GDP (prel. 2009).**
- **71% of county council services are financed by county council taxes. The remainder is covered by the general government grant + households consumption.**
- **90% of the county councils budget goes to health and medical care and dental care.**

Health care resources

Income of the County councils (2009)



Government grants

- **General government grant 23 billion kr (2,5 billion EUR)**
- **Targeted grant for pharmaceutical benefits 23 billion kr (2,5 billion EUR)**
- **Targeted grants for specific objectives (partly result based), e.g.:**
 - **Increase access to care 1 billion kr**
 - **Patient safety 675 million kr**
 - **Coordinated care of the most sick elderly people 1 billion kr**

Setting health care expenditure levels

- **Primarily the County Councils responsibility**
- **State level:**
 - **Law demanding a balanced budget on County Councils**
 - **Level of general grant to the regional level**
 - **Pricing of drugs and targeted grants for pharmaceutical subsidies**
 - **Changing incentives and behaviour through legislation, agreements with the regional level and targeted grants**

Cost control - current reforms

- **High-cost protection scheme for healthcare and pharmaceuticals, increasing patient fees**
- **Revision of price setting model for pharmaceuticals**
- **Follow-up and evaluation of outcomes**