

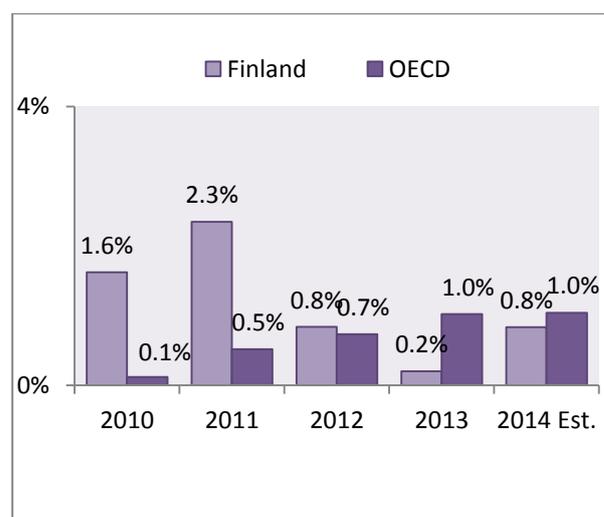
OECD Health Statistics 2015



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:** Health spending in Finland grew by just 0.2% in 2013, with further slow growth in 2014. Overall health spending has continued to grow since 2010, although slowing in recent years
- ▶ **Share of GDP:** The share of GDP allocated to health spending (excluding capital expenditure) in Finland was 8.6% in 2013, compared with an OECD average of 8.9%. This was practically unchanged from 2012, when health spending accounted for 8.5% of GDP.
- ▶ **Per capita spending:** Finland spent the equivalent of USD 3442 per person on health in 2013, compared with an OECD average of USD 3453. Public sources accounted for 75.0% of overall health spending, slightly above the OECD average.

Figure 1. Annual health spending growth*, 2010-2014



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

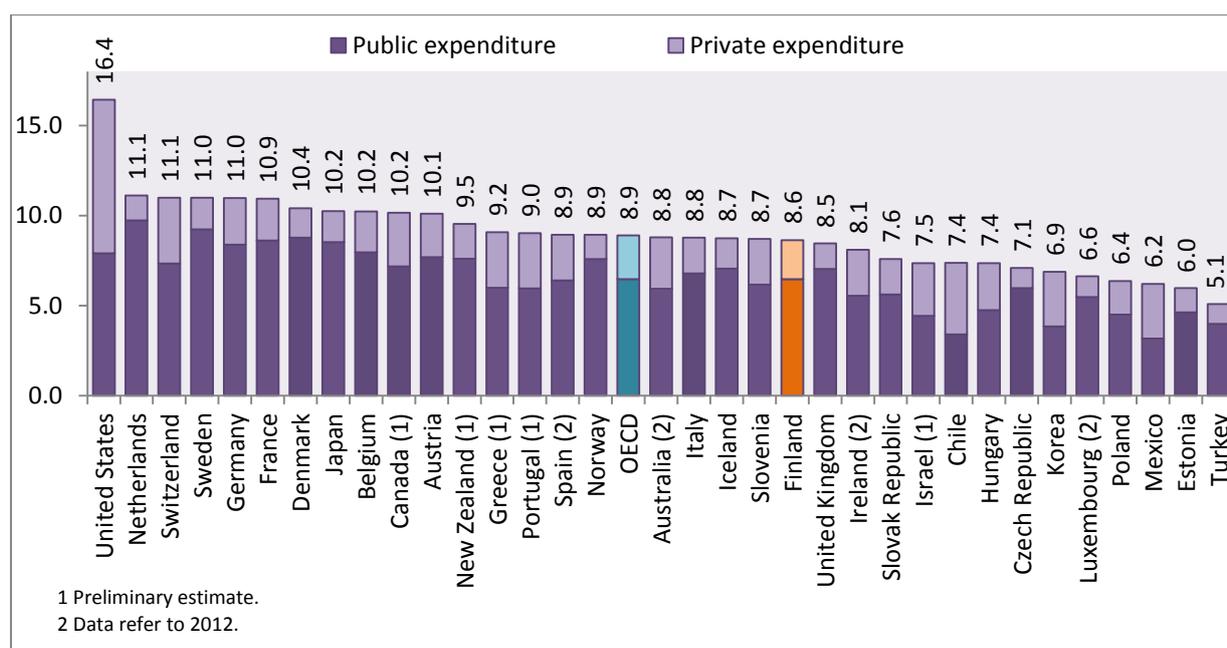
Health spending growth in Finland remains positive but has slowed in recent years

In 2013, per capita health spending in Finland was characterized by near-zero growth (+0.2%). This followed low growth in 2012, when health spending increased by 0.8% in real terms. Already health spending in Finland has continued to grow throughout the crisis period, increases in the most recent years are in contrast to higher health spending growth in 2010 (+1.6%) and 2011 (+2.3%).

Cuts in central government contributions to municipalities and to the national health insurance scheme contributed to the slowdown of public spending growth in 2012 and 2013. Additionally in 2012, per capita private spending contracted, driven by a 2.5% reduction in out-of-pocket payments.

Preliminary estimates point to a slight increase in overall per capita health spending in 2014, with growth at 0.8%.

Figure 2. Health spending* as a share of GDP, 2013



* Excluding capital expenditure.
Source: OECD Health Statistics 2015

Health spending as a share of GDP in Finland remains just below the OECD average

Health spending in Finland (excluding investment expenditure in the health sector) was 8.6% of GDP in 2013 (Figure 2), slightly below the OECD average of 8.9%. This has increased by nearly 1 percentage point since 2003, indicating that health spending grew faster than GDP over this ten-year period.

The share of the economy allocated to health spending is similar to Iceland (8.7%), Slovenia (9.7%) and the United Kingdom (8.5%), but well below the levels of other western and northern European countries, such as the Netherlands (11.1%), Sweden (11.0%), Germany (11.0%) and Denmark (10.4%).

The share of government spending in total spending on health in Finland has remained relatively constant over the last years and stood at 75% in 2013. This is close to

the OECD average of 73% but considerably lower than in the other Nordic countries - Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden - where more than 80% of health spending is financed from public sources. Among OECD countries, only the United States and Chile report public spending on health below 50%.

Although out-of-pocket spending at 19% of health spending is just below the OECD average (19.5%) and comparable to Belgium (18%) and Iceland (18%), it remains higher compared with other western and northern European countries.

In per capita terms (adjusted for different price levels using economy-wide purchasing power parities), Finland spent USD 3442 per head in 2013. This compares with an OECD average of USD 3453.

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