



France

Health at a Glance provides the latest comparable data and trends on population health and health system performance. This Country Note shows how France compares to other OECD countries across indicators in the report.

How does France perform overall?

This section shows key indicators, and also how often France is above the OECD average on relevant indicators (where data are available for France).

Health status

Key indicators:



Life expectancy was 82.4 years, 2.1 years above the OECD average. Preventable mortality was 109 per 100,000 (lower than the OECD average of 158); with treatable mortality at 51 per 100,000 (lower than the OECD average of 79). 8.9% of people rated their health as bad or very bad (OECD average 7.9%). Diabetes prevalence was lower than the OECD average.

France performs better than the OECD average on 58% of indicators

(Based on 19 indicators, data missing for 0 indicators)

Risk factors

Key indicators:



Smoking prevalence, at 25.3%, was higher than the OECD average of 16.0%. Alcohol consumption was higher than the OECD average; at 10.5 litres per capita versus 8.6. Obesity prevalence was 15.6%, lower than the OECD average of 25.7%. There were 20.3 deaths from air pollution per 100,000 population (OECD average 28.9).

France performs better than the OECD average on 46% of indicators

(Based on 13 indicators, data missing for 0 indicators)

Quality of care

Key indicators:



Acute care: 30-day mortality after stroke was 7.3% (OECD average 7.8%), and 5.5% after AMI (OECD average 6.8%). Primary care: There were 601 avoidable admissions per 100,000 population, more than the OECD average of 463. Safe prescribing: France prescribed more antibiotics than on average in the OECD. Preventive care: 47% of women were screened for breast cancer, less than the OECD average of 55%.

France performs better than the OECD average on 55% of indicators

(Based on 11 indicators, data missing for 22 indicators)

Access to care

Key indicators:



All of the population is covered for a core set of services. 71% of people were satisfied with the availability of quality healthcare (OECD average 67%). Financial coverage, with 85% of spending covered by mandatory prepayment, was higher than the OECD average of 76%. Out-of-pocket spending, at 9% of health expenditure, was lower than the OECD average of 18%. 2.8% of the population reported unmet needs (OECD average 2.3%).

France performs better than the OECD average on 64% of indicators

(Based on 14 indicators, data missing for 4 indicators)

Health system resources

Key indicators:



France spends \$6630 per capita on health, more than the OECD average of \$4986 (USD PPP). This is equal to 12.1% of GDP, compared to 9.2% on average in the OECD. There are 3.2 practising doctors per 1,000 population (OECD average 3.7); and 9.7 practising nurses (OECD average 9.2). France has 5.7 hospital beds per 1,000 population, more than the OECD average of 4.3.

France is above the OECD average on 63% of indicators

(Based on 30 indicators, data missing for 2 indicators)

Note: Overall comparisons of health status, risk factors, access, quality and resources are unweighted and therefore not measures of performance; OECD averages for quality of care are based on Chapter 1 (and differ slightly from averages in Chapter 6 due to differences in country coverage)

On which indicators does France perform well or badly?

The graphs below show selected indicators from Health at a Glance 2023 where the performance of France deviates markedly from the OECD on average. For more details on the data presented, please refer to the full report, using the graph references provided (e.g. g5.1).

France: ● Better ● Worse ● Higher ● Lower

● OECD average ● Other OECD countries

Health status



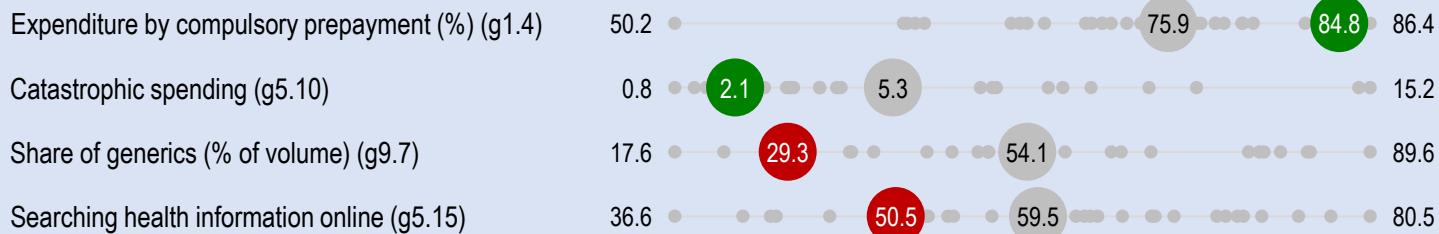
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