Spain's National Health System Information System

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KEY DATA FROM SPAIN´S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

June 2026

Population

Inhabitants
49 million

21% of them older than 65
84 years is the life expectancy of someone born now
80 of those years will be lived in good health

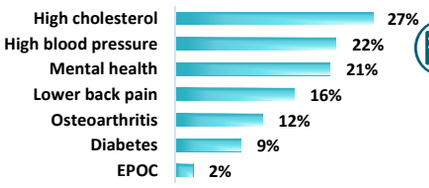
Births
317,255

Deaths
433,311

Causes
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Breast or colon-recto cancer
- Coronary heart disease
- Lung or colon-recto cancer

Health status
7 out of 10
people believe they are in good health

Principal chronic health problems



Public system coverage
Full Portfolio of Services for all people who reside in Spain.

Lifestyles

Obesity
15% in **adults** 15% 15%

7% in **children and infants** 7% 8%

Nutrition
53% eat **fruit** 56% 50%

33% eat **vegetables** 38% 27%
every day

Physical activity
28% do not do any physical activity 32% 25%

Tobacco
17% smoke **tobacco** daily 13% 20%

Alcohol
31% drink weekly 22% 41%

Other drugs
13% of adults have consumed **cannabis** 9% 16%

and **3 % cocaine** 1% 4%

in the past 12 months

National Health System professionals

Medicine
181,000

44,000	professionals in primary healthcare
99,000	professionals in hospital healthcare
4,000	professionals in accident and emergency services (phone nos.112/061)
33,000	professionals training to be specialists

Nursing
233,000

45,000	professionals in primary healthcare
179,000	professionals in hospital healthcare
5,000	professionals in accident and emergency services (phone nos.112/061)
4,000	professionals training to be specialists

Other professionals
395,000

41,000	other professionals in primary healthcare
333,000	other professionals in hospital healthcare
19,000	other professionals in accident and emergency services (phone nos.112/061)
3,000	other professionals training to be specialists

Healthcare

Primary healthcare centres

3,000	healthcare centres
10,000	doctor's offices
2,000	outpatient accident and emergency services
243 million	medical consultations
147 million	nursing consultations
78 million	teleconsultations
14 million	home visits
36 million	emergencies

Accident and emergency (phone nos. 112/061)

3,000	ambulances
8 million	healthcare demands
600	ambulances mobilized for 1,000 healthcare demands

Hospitals
476

117,000	beds
22,000	outpatient hospital places
386	reference centres, services and units
47	hospitals with an authorized transplant programme
4 million	hospital admissions
	7.9 days overall average stay
	6.5 days average stay in acute-care hospitals
	€ 5,810 average cost of each hospital stay
95 million	consultations
	102 days average waiting time for first consultation
3,9 million	surgical interventions (with or without hospitalization)
	121 days average waiting time for non-urgent surgical interventions
6,335	transplants
26 million	emergencies

Research

Most renowned institutions in Spain's research structure

Instituto de Salud Carlos III (Carlos III Health Institute)
Intramural centres

Centers of excellence in human health
Centers linked to Carlos III Health Institute

Research institutes and networks

35	accredited research institutes
7	results-oriented cooperative research networks in health (RICORS)
13	network biomedical research centers (CIBER)
13	research support platforms

Health expenditure

Public
€ 105.1 billion/year

7,0%	GDP
€ 2,176	per inhabitant
7 out of 10 euros	dedicated to curative care rehabilitation, and long-term care
€ 14,6 billion	in prescriptions for medication

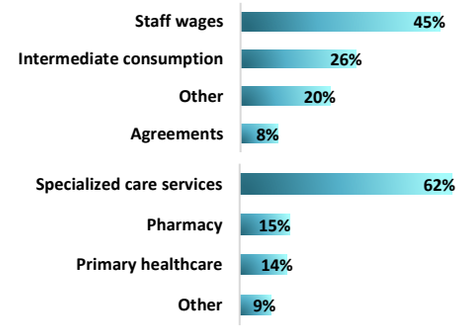
Private
€ 37.6 billion/year

2.5%	GDP
€ 779	per inhabitant
9 out of 10 euros	are direct payments by households, mainly for curative care and rehabilitation (including dental care), medication (including co-payment), lenses and hearing aids.

Total
€ 142.7 billion/year

9.5%	GDP
€ 2,955	per inhabitant

Distribution of public health expenditure managed by the Autonomous Communities



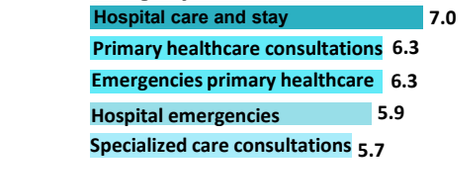
Citizens' opinion

Health system
5 Out of 10 people
consider that the health system **works well**

Fewer than 3 out of 10 believe that it **needs changes**

Nearly 2 out of 10 believe that it should be **rebuilt**

Assessment by the users of the National Health System



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https://www.mscbs.gob.es/estadEstudios/portada/home.htm

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