

# KEY DATA FROM SPAIN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

## Population

**Inhabitants**  
47 million  
20% of them older than 65  
82 years is the life expectancy of someone born now  
79 of those years will be lived in good health

**Births**  
341,315

**Deaths**  
493,776  
**Causes**  
Cerebrovascular disease  
Breast or colon cancer  
Coronary heart disease  
Lung or colon cancer

**Health status**  
Nearly 8 out of 10 people believe they are in good health

**Principal chronic health problems**

- 19% High cholesterol
- 17% High blood pressure
- 15% Mental health
- 13% Lower back pain
- 8% Osteoarthritis
- 7% Diabetes
- 2% COPD

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

## Lifestyles

**Obesity**  
16% in adults 16% 17%  
10% in children and infants 10% 10%

**Nutrition**  
68% eat fruit 71% 64%  
47% eat vegetables every day 52% 41%

**Physical activity**  
36% do not do any physical activity 40% 32%

**Tobacco**  
20% smoke tobacco daily 16% 23%

**Alcohol**  
35% drink weekly 25% 46%

**Other drugs**  
11% of adults have consumed cannabis and 3% cocaine in the past 12 months 6% 4%

## National Health System professionals

**Medicine**  
165,000  
43,000 professionals in primary healthcare  
88,000 professionals in hospital healthcare  
4,000 professionals in accident and emergency services (phone nos. 112/061)  
30,000 professionals training to be specialists

**Nursing**  
213,000  
41,000 professionals in primary healthcare  
166,000 professionals in hospital healthcare  
4,000 professionals in accident and emergency services (phone nos. 112/061)  
3,000 professionals training to be specialists

**Other professionals**  
353,000  
35,000 other professionals in primary healthcare  
300,000 other professionals in hospital healthcare  
17,000 other professionals in accident and emergency services (phone nos. 112/061)  
2,000 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
- 262 million medical consultations
- 191 million nursing consultations
- 167 million teleconsultations
- 13 million home visits
- 30 million emergencies

**Accident and emergency (phone nos. 112/061)**

- 3,000 ambulances
- 9 million healthcare demands
- 500 ambulances mobilized for 1,000 healthcare demands

**Hospitals**  
464  
114,000 beds  
19,000 outpatient hospital places  
297 reference centres, services and units  
45 hospitals with an authorized transplant programme

- 4 million hospital admissions
- 8.1 days overall average stay
- 6.8 days average stay in acute-care hospitals
- € 5,034 average cost of each hospital stay
- 73 million consultations
- 79 days average waiting time for first consultation
- 2.8 million surgical interventions (with or without hospitalization)
- 113 days average waiting time for non-urgent surgical interventions
- 4,781 transplants
- 17 million emergencies

## Research and innovation

Most renowned institutions in Spain's research structure  
**Instituto de Salud Carlos III (Carlos III Health Institute)**

Intramural centres

**Centres of excellence in human health**  
Foundations and centres

**Research institutes and networks**  
32 accredited research institutes  
14 thematic networks for cooperative research in health  
12 public research consortiums  
5 research support platforms

**Initiatives to promote innovation**  
Fundación para la Innovación y la Prospectiva en Salud en España - FIPSE (Foundation for Health Research and Forecasting in Spain)

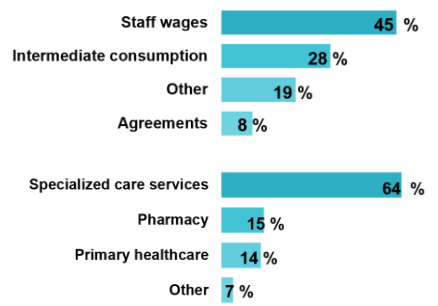
## Health expenditure

**Public**  
€ 90.3 billion/year  
8% GDP per inhabitant  
€ 1,907 dedicated to curative care rehabilitation, and long-term care in prescriptions for medication  
7 out of 10 euros

**Private**  
€ 12.8 billion  
2.9% GDP per inhabitant  
€ 687 are direct payments by households, mainly for curative care and rehabilitation (including dental care), medication (including co-payment), lenses and hearing aids.  
9 out of 10 euros

**Total**  
€ 122.8 billion/year  
10.9% GDP per inhabitant  
€ 2,594

### Distribution of public health expenditure managed by the Autonomous Communities



## Citizens' opinion

**Health system**  
7 Out of 10 people consider that the health system works well  
More than 2 out of 10 believe that it needs changes  
Fewer than 1 out of 10 believe that it should be rebuilt

**Assessment by the users of the National Health System**

Primary healthcare consultations	7,3
Hospital care and stay	7,1
Specialized care consultations	6,8
Accident and emergency care	6,1

The data collected in this infographic are the most recent available in each of the existing sources of information in the Health Information System, at:

