

**Public health spending**  
Public social expenditure as a percentage of GDP

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Australia	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9
Austria	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8
Belgium	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.5	7.3
Canada	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.8
Czech Republic	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.4	6.7	6.4	6.3
Denmark	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.9
Finland	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.9	6.0	6.2
France	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.8
Germany	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.6	7.7
Greece	4.4	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.6
Hungary	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.9	5.3	6.0	5.8	6.0
Iceland	6.1	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.9	7.1	6.7	6.3
Ireland	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.9	6.5
Italy	5.4	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.8
Japan	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3
Korea	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.2
Luxembourg	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.6	6.1	6.8	7.3	7.0
Mexico	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.9
Netherlands	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.0
New Zealand	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.9
Norway	5.3	5.5	4.9	5.3	6.2	6.3	6.1	5.8
Poland	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3
Portugal	5.4	5.6	6.4	6.3	6.5	7.1	7.2	..
Slovak Republic	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.3
Spain	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.8	5.8
Sweden	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.8
Switzerland	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1
Turkey	3.5	3.9	..	..	..	..	..	5.4
United Kingdom	5.4	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.8	7.0
United States	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0
OECD - Total	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.2

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