

HEALTH ACCOUNT OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY 2012

Expenditure on health in the Basque Country accounted for 8.8% of GDP in 2012

With respect to 2011, total expenditure decreased by 1.9%

Total expenditure on healthcare, calculated in accordance with the System of Health Accounts (SHA 1.0) methodology of the OECD, reached 5,663 million euros in 2012, which represented 8.8% of Basque GDP, according to Eustat data. Of this amount, 73.2% came from public funding and 26.8% from private funding.

In recent years, the change in healthcare funding has changed in keeping with GDP performance. Thus, in 2010, the amount was 5,768 million euros, 2.3% more than in 2009; in 2011, expenditure increased by only 0.1%, reaching 5,774 million euros, and in 2012 the amount spent on healthcare decreased by 1.9% with respect to 2011.

The indicator of contributions from public administrations, in other words, public expenditure on healthcare compared to the total expenditure by Public Administrations in the Basque Country stood at 16.1% in 2011, one percentage point more than in Spain, whose indicator was 15.1%.

Table 1: Main data and indicators of the Health Account of the Basque Country. 2005-2012

	2005	2009	2010	2011	2012(a)	Variation rate (%)	
						2012(a)/2011	Average annual
TOTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE (thousands €)	3.994.669	5.636.111	5.768.253	5.774.603	5.662.970	-1,9	5,1
Public finance	2.889.805	4.230.867	4.276.976	4.258.789	4.143.089	-2,7	5,3
Private financing	1.104.864	1.405.244	1.491.277	1.515.814	1.519.881	0,3	4,7
Total expenditure per inhabitant (euros)	1.893	2.602	2.656	2.652	2.578	-2,8	4,5
Total expenditure in % GDP	7,0	8,8	8,9	8,8	8,8	0,0 (*)	1,8 (*)
Public expenditure in % Public Admin. Expenditure	15,6	16,3	15,9	16,1	:	:	:

(:) data not available

(*) Differences in percentage points

Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country

In the **international comparison**, and from 2011 data, the most recent data provided by the OECD, there has been no difference compared to previous financial years. **Expenditure as a percentage of GDP** in the Basque Country reached 8.8%, placing it below the other countries. However, **healthcare expenditure per capita at PPP** (Purchasing Power Parity in \$) stood at 3,695 in the Basque Country, placing it above other countries such as the United Kingdom (3,405), Finland (3,374) and Spain (3,072; 20.3% lower than that of the Basque Country). At the very top of the table are Norway with 5,669 and Switzerland with 5,643. In terms of funding, 73.8% of the total expenditure on healthcare comes from public funding, in line with surrounding countries.

Table 2: Indicators of expenditure by country. 2011

	Public expenditure in % GDP	Public expenditure in % Total expenditure	Total expenditure in % GDP	Total expenditure per inhabitant (PPP, US\$)	GDP per inhabitant (PPP (\$))
Germany	8,7	76,4524	11,3	4.495	39.662
Austria	8,2	76,2408	10,8	4.546	42.186
Belgium	8,0	75,9	10,5	4.061	38.629
Canada	7,9	70,4	11,2	4.522	40.449
Denmark	9,3	85,3	10,9	4.448	40.933
Spain	6,8	73,0	9,3	3.072	33.045
United stated	8,5	47,8	17,7	8.508	48.113
Finland	6,8	75,4	9,0	3.374	37.479
France	8,9	76,8	11,6	4.118	35.395
Ireland	6,0	67,0	8,9	3.700	41.548
Iceland	7,3	80,4	9,0	3.305	36.611
Italy	7,2	77,8	9,2	3.012	32.648
Norway	7,9	84,9	9,3	5.669	61.060
United Kingdom	7,8	82,8	9,4	3.405	36.158
Sweden	7,7	81,6	9,5	3.925	41.461
Switzerland	7,1	64,9	11,0	5.643	51.227
Basque Country	6,5	73,8	8,8	3.695	42.023

PPP: Purchasing Power Parity

Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country and OECD Health Data 2013 (October 2013)

Other **supply indicators**, such as the number of doctors per inhabitant, average hospital stay or medical consultations, and **health indicators**, such as life expectancy, nevertheless place the Basque Country above the OECD average.

Table 3: Indicators of structure, healthcare activity and Health. 2011

	Doctors/ 1,000 inhab.	Average stay hospitals	Visits/ inhab.	Life expectancy
Germany	5,4	7,9	9,7	80,8
Spain	4,9	6,1	7,4	82,4
Italy	6,1	6,8	:	82,7
Belgium	4,9	7,2 *	7,4	80,5
Ireland (1)	4,2	5,9	:	80,6
Luxembourg	4,3	7,3	6,6	81,1
Denmark	:	5,1	6,8	82,2
United stated	2,8	6,5	:	81,1
Switzerland	3,8	6,5	:	82,8
Basque Country	5,5	6,8	8,6	82,8

(*) Data 2010

(:) not available

Source: EUSTAT. Hospital and External public hospital statistics, EUROSTAT y OECD Health Data 2013 (October 2013)

A **more detailed analysis** of the advance data on the Health Accounts of the Basque Country for 2012 shows that the current expenditure on healthcare was 97.9%, and the remaining 2.1% was allocated to Gross Capital Formation (investment).

Table 4: Expenditure on Health by function

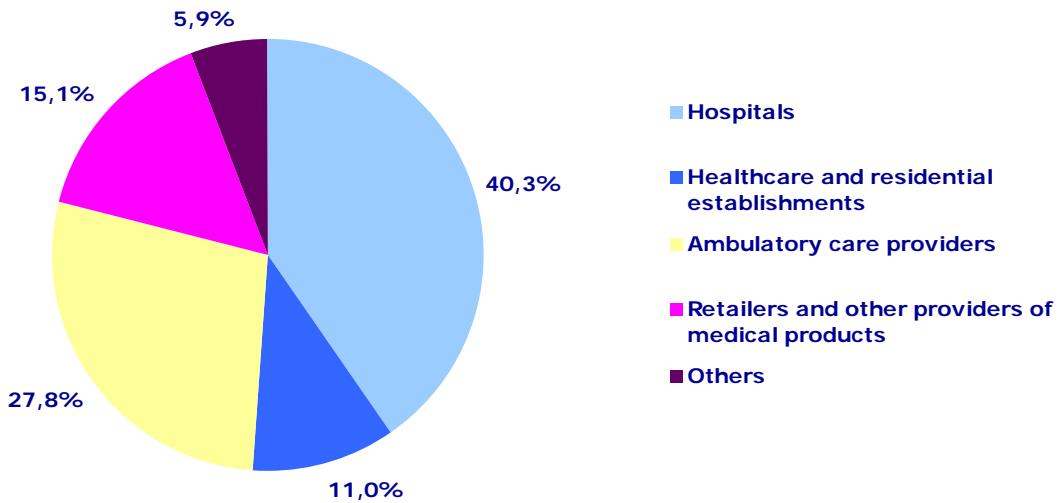
FUNCTION	2010	2011	2012(a)	% of Total Health			Variation rate (%)	
				2010	2011	2012(a)	2011/2010	2012(a)/2011
HC.1 Curative health care	2.986.412	3.007.122	2.964.914	51,8	52,1	52,4	0,7	-1,4
HC.2 Rehabilitation healthcare	91.017	104.474	105.923	1,6	1,8	1,9	14,8	1,4
HC.3 Medium and long-term healthcare	879.847	913.030	910.753	15,3	15,8	16,1	3,8	-0,2
HC.4 Auxiliary healthcare services	371.420	374.941	372.471	6,4	6,5	6,6	0,9	-0,7
HC.1 - HC.4 Individual healthcare services	4.328.696	4.399.567	4.354.061	75,0	76,2	76,9	1,6	-1,0
HC.5 Healthcare products dispensed to outpatients	1.011.666	966.432	932.652	17,5	16,7	16,5	-4,5	-3,5
INDIVIDUAL EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH	5.340.362	5.365.999	5.286.713	92,6	92,9	93,4	0,5	-1,5
HC.6 Prevention and public health services	87.865	82.333	80.816	1,5	1,4	1,4	-6,3	-1,8
HC.7 Health administration and insurance	183.365	174.971	176.847	3,2	3,0	3,1	-4,6	1,1
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH	5.611.592	5.623.303	5.544.376	97,3	97,4	97,9	0,2	-1,4
HC.R.1 Gross Capital Formation	156.661	151.300	118.594	2,7	2,6	2,1	-3,4	-21,6
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH	5.768.253	5.774.603	5.662.970	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,1	-1,9

Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country

In the distribution of **total expenditure** by functions, 76.9% corresponded to individual healthcare services. Of these functions, the largest section is Curative healthcare, which decreased by 1.4% compared to 2011. The second most important function corresponds to Health Products provided to outpatients, which accounted for 16.5% of total spending and decreased by 3.5% compared to 2011. Expenditure on medium and long stay healthcare provision accounted for 16.1% of the total and a decrease of 0.2% was recorded. Other functions within current expenditure whose amount decreased compared to 2011 were Preventative services and public healthcare (-1.8%), and auxiliary healthcare services (-0.7%). Medical rehabilitation service (1.4%) and the Administration and Health Insurance function (1.1%) had positive growth rates. Gross Fixed Capital Formation fell by 21.6% in 2012.

The structure of **expenditure by provider** was similar to that of previous periods; the greater part of spending was on hospitals (40.3%) and the second biggest spending was on providers of outpatient care, with 27.8%. Healthcare and residential establishments accounted for 11% of current expenditure; this being the only expenditure that increased with respect to 2011 (1.8%).

Graph 1. Distribution of expenditure on health by provider. 2012



Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country

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