

HEALTH ACCOUNT OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY 2009

The average growth in expenditure on health between 2005 and 2009 in the Basque Country stood at 9.0%

In 2009 the total expenditure per inhabitant stood at 2602 euros, up 6.9% on the previous year

In 2009 the total expenditure on healthcare in the Basque Country reached 5636 million euros, up 7.5% on 2008 according to Eustat data and following the System of Health Accounts (SHA) methodology of the OECD.

This total expenditure on health was 8.8% of GDP in 2009, 1.8 percentage points up on 2005. In terms of how this expenditure was financed, public financing accounted for 75.1% of the total, standing at 4231 million in 2009.

Table 1: Main data and indicators of the Health Account of the Basque Country. 2005-2009

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Variation rate (%)	
						2009/2008	Average annual 2009/2005
TOTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE (thousands €)	3.994.669	4.303.344	4.743.779	5.244.239	5.636.111	7,5	9,0
Public finance	2.889.805	3.115.888	3.475.698	3.900.495	4.230.867	8,5	10,0
Private financing	1.104.864	1.187.456	1.268.081	1.343.744	1.405.244	4,6	6,2
Total expenditure per inhabitant (euros)	1.893	2.027	2.217	2.433	2.602	6,9	8,3
Total expenditure in % GDP	6,97	6,97	7,14	7,72	8,78	1,05 (*)	1,80 (*)
Public expenditure in % Public Admin. Expenditure	15,60	15,67	16,01	16,25	16,27	0,02 (*)	0,67 (*)
GDP m.p.	57.289.143	61.760.620	66.427.468	67.924.490	64.225.605	-5,4	2,9
Population (01-july)	2.109.890	2.123.184	2.139.370	2.155.349	2.165.991	0,5	0,7

(*) Differences in percentage points

Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country

Public expenditure on healthcare compared with the total expenditure of public administrations, which is an indicator of effort placed on healthcare by the public administrations, increased across the series, and stood at 16.3% in 2009.

In the **international comparison**, with the data provided by the OCED for the year 2009, the expenditure on healthcare per capita in the Basque Country stood at 3658 PPC (Purchasing Power Parity in \$) per inhabitant, above countries such as the United Kingdom (3487), Finland (3226) and Spain (3067) and below Norway (5352) and Switzerland (5144), amongst others.

As regards financing, **public expenditure in the Basque Country was 75.1% of total health spending, in line with surrounding countries**. The indicator of the effort placed on health by the public administrations in the Basque Country was 16.3, a level that was above that of countries such as the United Kingdom (16.0), Belgium (15.1), Sweden (14.8) and Spain (15.2).

Table 2: Indicators of expenditure by country. 2009

	Public expenditure in % Public Admin. Expenditure	Public expenditure in % GDP	Public expenditure in % Total expenditure	Total expenditure in % GDP	Total expenditure per inhabitant (PPP, US\$)	GDP per inhabitant (PPP (\$))
Germany	18,7	8,9	76,9	11,6	4.218	36.328
Austria	16,2	8,6	77,7	11,0	4.289	38.823
Belgium (d)	15,1	8,2	75,1	10,9	3.946	36.287
Canada	18,1	8,1	70,6	11,4	4.363	38.230
Denmark	16,8	9,8	85,0	11,5	4.348	37.706
Spain	15,2	7,0	73,6	9,5	3.067	32.254
United States	19,7	8,3	47,7	17,4	7.960	45.797
Finland	12,1	6,8	74,7	9,2	3.226	35.237
France	16,3	9,2	77,9	11,8	3.978	33.763
Ireland	14,6	7,2	75,0	9,5	3.781	39.652
Iceland	15,5	7,9	82,0	9,7	3.538	36.654
Italy	14,2	7,4	77,9	9,5	3.137	33.105
Norway (e)	17,4	8,1	84,1	9,6	5.352	55.730
United Kingdom	16,0	8,2	84,1	9,8	3.487	35.656
Sweden	14,8	8,2	81,5	10,0	3.722	37.155
Switzerland	19,9	6,8	59,7	11,4	5.144	45.150
Basque Country	16,3	6,6	75,1	8,8	3.658	42.360

d: Differences in methodology

e: estimation

PPP: Purchasing Power Parity

Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country and OECD Health Data 2011 (November 2011)

However, spending as a percentage of GDP, standing at 8.8% in the Basque Country, situated it below all countries of reference.

To complete the comparison of expenditure on health carried out in the Basque Country as regards other countries in the OCED, the analysis of another type of **indicator of offer**, such as the number of doctors per inhabitant, average length of stay or medical consultations, **and of health**, such as life expectancy, is necessary. **If the compared data are analysed, these indicators place the Basque Country above the OCED average.**

Table 3: Indicators of structure, healthcare activity and Health. 2009

	Doctors/ 1,000 inhab.	Average stay hospitals	Visits/ 1,000 inhab.	Life expectancy
Germany	3,6	9,7	8,2	80,3
Spain	3,5	6,9	7,5	81,8
Italy	3,4	6,7	7,0	81,8
Belgium	2,9	7,8	7,6	80,0
Ireland (1)	3,1	6,1	3,3	80,0
Luxembourg	2,7	7,3	6,3	80,7
Denmark	3,4	4,8	4,6	79,0
United States	2,7	7,7	5,0	80,4
OECD	3,1	7,2	6,5	79,5
Basque Country	3,9	7,7	7,9	82,2

(1) Includes doctors and others

Source: EUSTAT. Hospital and External public hospital statistics, EUROSTAT y OECD Health Data 2011 (November 2011)

A detailed analysis of the Health Accounts of the Basque Country reveals that, out of the total spending on healthcare in 2009, 96.6% corresponded to current expenditure and the remaining 3.4% to Gross Capital Formation (investment).

In the distribution of expenditure by functions, 74.2% corresponded to individual healthcare services. The greatest growth was produced in medium and long-stay healthcare provision, which grew to an accumulative annual rate of 13.8%, with the largest part of health spending relative to dependence included in this function.

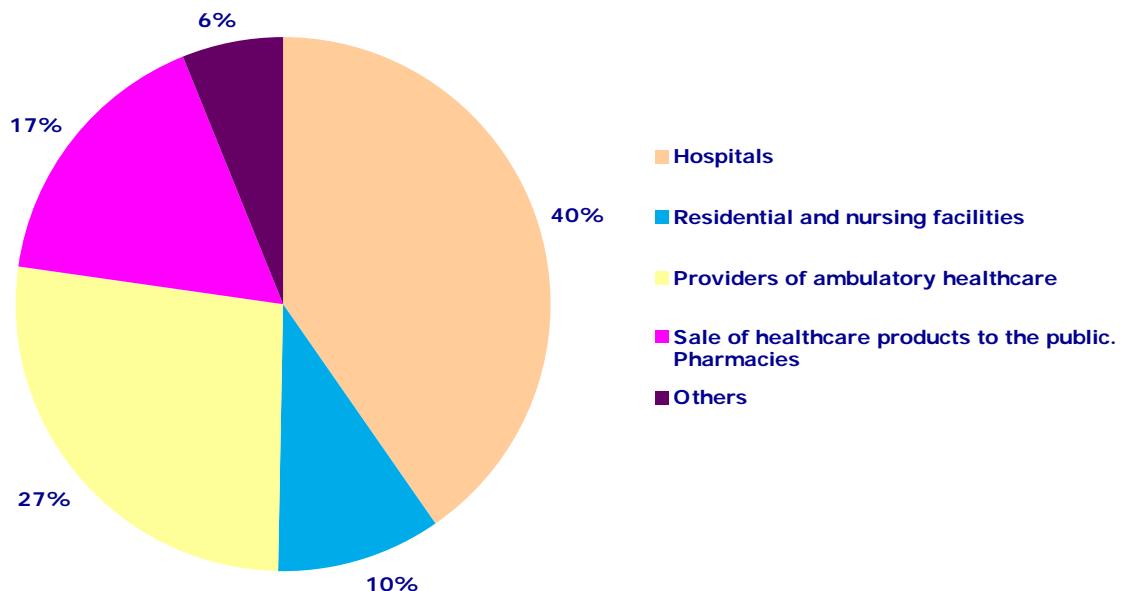
Table 4: Expenditure on Health by function

FUNCTION	thousands euros		% of Total Health Expenditure		Variation rate (%) Average annual accumulative rate 2009/2005
	2005	2009	2005	2009	
HC.1 Curative health care	2.105.129	2.909.899	52,7	51,6	8,4
HC.2 Rehabilitation healthcare	68.151	96.615	1,7	1,7	9,1
HC.3 Medium and long-term healthcare	496.655	834.029	12,4	14,8	13,8
HC.4 Auxiliary healthcare services	253.046	344.169	6,3	6,1	8,0
HC.1 - HC.4 Individual healthcare services	2.922.981	4.184.712	73,2	74,2	9,4
HC.5 Healthcare products dispensed to outpatients	781.618	986.777	19,6	17,5	6,0
INDIVIDUAL EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH	3.704.599	5.171.489	92,7	91,8	8,7
HC.6 Prevention and public health services	79.244	98.877	2,0	1,8	5,7
HC.7 Health administration and insurance	105.477	176.523	2,6	3,1	13,7
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH	3.889.320	5.446.889	97,4	96,6	8,8
HC.R.1 Gross Capital Formation	105.349	189.222	2,6	3,4	15,8
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH	3.994.669	5.636.111	100,0	100,0	9,0

Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country

The function with the second largest expenditure was that of health products provided to outpatients, which accounted for 17.5% of expenditure. Thus, by summing these two groups the individual expenditure on health is obtained, which represented 91.8% of expenditure.

Graph 1. Distribution of expenditure on health by provider



Source: EUSTAT. Health Account of the Basque Country

The analysis of the structure of **expenditure by provider** shows that the greater part of spending was on hospitals (40%) and the second biggest spending was on providers of outpatient care, with 27%. Residential and nursing facilities represented 10% of current expenditure, but was the group that experienced the greatest increase in the analysed period, with an accumulative rate of 11.4% (health expenditure relative to situations of dependency has been included in this group).

For further information:

*Basque Statistics Office
C/ Donostia-San Sebastián, 1 01010 Vitoria-Gasteiz
Tel:+34-945-01 75 00 Fax:+34-945-01 75 01 E-mail: eustat@eustat.es
Contact: Clara Ramos Hernández
Tel:+34-945-01 75 97 Fax:+34-945-01 75 01
Further press releases on the Health Account of the Basque Country
Databank on the Health Account of the Basque Country*