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COVID-19 pandemic caused a significant rise in public current health expenditure

Vienna, 2022-02-10 – In 2020, current health expenditure in Austria amounted to €43.52 billion or 11.5% of gross domestic product (GDP). Compared to 2019, this share increased by 1.0 percentage point mostly due to a decrease of GDP. Nominal expenditure increased by €1.88 billion from 2019 to 2020.

"The increase in health expenditure in 2020 is primarily due to the additional expenditure to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, €1.42 billion in public money was spent to deal with the health aspects of the pandemic, in addition to other increases in health expenditure. The increase was dampened by the fact that the use of medical services was lower in some areas, e.g. dental services, therapeutic aids or rehabilitation services," explains Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

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