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# Health expenditure exceeded 50 billion euros for the first time

**However, pandemic related public health expenditure was declining in 2022**

Vienna, 2023-06-14 – In 2022, current health expenditure in Austria amounted to €50.81 billion or 11.4% of gross domestic product (GDP) according to a preliminary estimate by Statistics Austria. Nominal expenditure increased by €1.69 billion or 3.4% from 2021 to 2022.

“In 2022, pandemic-related health expenditure decreased significantly, but at the same time expenditure in other areas of the health care sector increased above average. In particular, public expenditures for hospitals, treatment in medical practices or for pharmaceuticals drove up current health expenditure in 2022. As a result, public and private health expenditure together exceeded the 50-billion-euro mark for the first time”, explains Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

## **Moderate rise in public health expenditure in 2022**

The federal government, the federal states, the municipalities and the social health insurance institutions accounted for €39.56 billion of current health expenditure, which corresponds to an increase of 2.8% compared to 2021. On the one hand, pandemic-related health expenditure fell significantly by €1.25 bn against 2021. On the other hand, public health expenditure, e.g. for hospitals, for treatment in medical practices or for pharmaceuticals, rose significantly. Thus, the public share of current health expenditure was 77.8% in 2022 (see table).

Current expenditure on health of private households, voluntary health insurances, non-profit institutions and enterprises amounted to €11.26 billion or a share of 22.2% of current health expenditure. Private current health expenditure rose therefore by 5.8% from 2021 to 2022 (see table). This increase is above the average increase between 2015 and 2021 (2.3%).

It has to be noted that available data for 2022 comprises uncertainty to some degree, especially concerning private expenditure data.

For more information on health expenditure, please refer to our [website](#).

## Current health expenditure in Austria according to the System of Health Accounts, 2015–2022, in million euros

Public and private expenditure on health <sup>1</sup>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Current expenditure on health	35 692	37 021	38 355	39 871	41 651	43 383	49 128	50 814
Public expenditure	26 433	27 381	28 390	29 772	31 266	33 329	38 488	39 557
Private expenditure	9 259	9 640	9 965	10 100	10 385	10 054	10 640	11 256
Public expenditure, % of current expenditure on health	74.1	74.0	74.0	74.7	75.1	76.8	78.3	77.8
Private expenditure, % of current expenditure on health	25.9	26.0	26.0	25.3	24.9	23.2	21.7	22.2
Current expenditure on health, % of GDP	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.5	11.4	12.1	11.4
Gross domestic product (GDP)	344 269	357 608	369 362	385 274	397 170	381 042	406 149	446 933

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, National Accounts, company reports, own calculations/estimations. – According to SHA 2011 (OECD/Eurostat/WHO). – Rounding differences were not settled.

1) Health expenditure according to the System of Health Accounts includes expenditure on long-term nursing care.

**Information on methodology, definitions:** Health expenditure is compiled according to the “System of Health Accounts (SHA)” on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection since 2005. This internationally comparable system of health accounts was developed by the OECD and published for the first time in 2000 in the form of the manual “A System of Health Accounts”. A revision of the manual was carried out within the framework of a joint project by OECD, Eurostat and WHO (A System of Health Accounts, 2011 Edition).

Based on an EU-regulation (Commission regulation (EU) 2021/1901) it is mandatory for EU member states to provide current health expenditure data (meaning not including gross capital formation in health care provider industries) structured according to the three SHA dimensions financing schemes (HF), health care providers (HP) and health care services and goods (HC). Statistics Austria publishes annual updates of health expenditure data and submits the results to OECD, Eurostat and WHO for their databases and publications. Current health expenditure according to the System of Health Accounts includes expenditure on long-term nursing care. Long-term care according to SHA is composed of medical or nursing care as well as providing help with activities of daily living (support with food intake, washing, dressing, etc.). In contrast, assistant services such as performing household and assisted living are outside the boundary of the current health care expenditure account.

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