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# Healthcare expenditure to rise to 52.3 billion euros in 2023

**Despite a significant decrease in pandemic-related expenses, 4.8% more was spent than in 2022**

Vienna, 2024-06-12 – In 2023, current health expenditure in Austria amounted to €52.28 billion or 10.9% of gross domestic product (GDP) according to a preliminary estimate by Statistics Austria. Nominal expenditure increased by €2.38 billion or 4.8% from 2022 to 2023.

“In 2023, public and private expenditure on healthcare exceeded the 50 billion euro mark. However, the share of healthcare expenditure in economic output fell from 11.2% in 2022 to 10.9% because nominal gross domestic product rose even more sharply than healthcare expenditure in 2023. Nevertheless, the share of healthcare expenditure in GDP is still above the pre-pandemic level. Although pandemic-related healthcare expenditure fell significantly once again in 2023, it was primarily public spending on inpatient services and treatment in the private practice sector that drove up expenditure”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

## **Significant rise in public health expenditure excluding pandemic-related spending**

The federal government, the federal provinces, the municipalities and the social health insurance institutions accounted for €40.33 billion of current health expenditure, which corresponds to an increase of 4.2% compared to 2022. On the one hand, pandemic-related health expenditure has fallen considerably by €1.81 billion compared to 2022. On the other hand, public health expenditure, e.g. for hospitals, for treatment in medical practices or for long term care and therapeutic appliances, etc. rose significantly by 9.6%. In 2023, the public share of current health expenditure was therefore 77.1% (see table).

Current expenditure on health of private households, voluntary health insurances, non-profit institutions and enterprises amounted to €11.95 billion or a share of 22.9% of current health expenditure. Private current health expenditure rose by 6.7% from 2022 to 2023 (see table). This increase is thus higher than the average yearly increase between 2015 and 2022 of 2.8%.

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

## Current health expenditure in Austria according to the System of Health Accounts, 2015–2023, in million euro

Public and private expenditure on health <sup>1</sup>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Current expenditure on health	35 692	37 021	38 355	39 871	41 651	43 103	49 246	49 897	52 280
Public expenditure	26 433	27 381	28 390	29 772	31 266	33 163	38 516	38 698	40 333
Private expenditure	9 259	9 640	9 965	10 100	10 385	9 940	10 730	11 200	11 946
Public expenditure, % of current expenditure on health	74.1	74.0	74.0	74.7	75.1	76.9	78.2	77.6	77.1
Private expenditure, % of current expenditure on health	25.9	26.0	26.0	25.3	24.9	23.1	21.8	22.4	22.9
Current expenditure on health, % of GDP	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.5	11.3	12.2	11.2	10.9
Gross domestic product (GDP)	344 269	357 608	369 362	385 274	397 147	380 888	405 241	447 218	478 190

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.

It has to be noted that available data for 2023 comprises uncertainty to some degree, especially concerning private expenditure data, not the least due to the upcoming benchmark revision of the underlying data sources from National Accounts.

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