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Healthcare expenditure rose to 61.3 billion in 2025

Higher public and private expenditures result in an increase of 6.1%

Vienna, 2026-06-11 – According to a preliminary estimate by Statistics Austria, current healthcare expenditure in Austria amounted to €61.3 billion or 11.9% of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2025. Nominal expenditure on health increased by €3.5 billion or 6.1% from 2024 to 2025.

“Expenditure on the Austrian healthcare system exceeded the 60-billion-euro mark for the first time in 2025. With €61.3 billion, public and private healthcare expenditure was €3.5 billion higher than in 2024. However, at 6.1%, the growth rate was considerably lower than the previous year’s increase of 8.3%. The share of healthcare expenditure in GDP also rose, from 11.7% in 2024 to 11.9% in 2025. This is because healthcare expenditure has grown more stronly than nominal GDP,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Increases in both public and private health care expenditure

The public sector, thus, the federal government, the federal provinces, the municipalities and the social health insurance institutions, accounted for €46.4 billion of current health care expenditure. Growth rates were observed in all health care sectors, including hospitals, long term care services and medical goods. Overall, this corresponds to an increase of 5.9% compared to 2024, which lies well below the growth recorded in the previous year (2024: +7.7%) and also below the yearly average increase between 2018 and 2024 of 6.6%. In 2025, the public share of current health expenditure was 75.6% (see table).

Private current expenditure on health – of private households, voluntary health insurances, non-profit institutions and enterprises – amounted to €15.0 billion or a share of 24.4% of current health care expenditure. Private current health care expenditure rose by 6.5% from 2024 to 2025 (see table). This increase is thus higher than the yearly average increase between 2018 and 2024 of 5.0%.

For more information on health expenditure, please refer to our website.

Current health expenditure in Austria according to the System of Health Accounts, 2018–2025, in million euro

Public and private expenditure on health[1]	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Current expenditure on health	**40 300**	**42 045**	**43 405**	**49 500**	**50 289**	**53 402**	**57 837**	**61 338**
Public expenditure	29 801	31 284	33 164	38 484	38 822	40 673	43 793	46 384
Private expenditure	10 499	10 761	10 241	11 016	11 467	12 729	14 043	14 954
Public expenditure, % of current expenditure on health	73.9	74.4	76.4	77.7	77.2	76.2	75.7	75.6
Private expenditure, % of current expenditure on health	26.1	25.6	23.6	22.3	22.8	23.8	24.3	24.4
Current expenditure on health, % of GDP	**10.5**	**10.6**	**11.4**	**12.2**	**11.2**	**11.2**	**11.7**	**11.9**
Gross domestic product (GDP)	383 234	395 707	380 318	406 231	449 382	477 837	494 088	514 328

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 responsible for health 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 2025 comprises uncertainty to some degree, especially concerning private expenditure data.

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