

2020 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey

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Top-line Results for 11 Countries

Measure	Percent (%) of adults 18 years and older in:										
	AUS	CAN	FRA	GER	NETH	NZ	NOR	SWE	SWIZ	UK	US
Health Status & Risk Factors											
Has multiple chronic conditions	21	22	11	16	12	16	19	15	14	20	29
Has mental health conditions	27	26	15	9	15	18	17	14	12	25	27
Experienced material hardship, past year	9	13	13	6	5	9	3	6	16	11	16
Affordability of Care											
Skipped needed doctor visits, tests, treatments, follow-up, or prescription medicines because of cost, past year	21	14	11	11	9	18	8	11	23	10	38
Skipped dental care or checkups because of cost, past year	32	27	19	19	10	37	21	22	26	21	36
Had serious problems or unable to pay medical bills, past year	9	7	10	4	5	8	6	8	9	4	22
Access to Primary Care											
Has a regular provider or place of care	93	90	95	96	99	96	100	87	93	97	89
Last time needed care, got same/next day appointment	65	38	53	75	66	61	47	33	53	52	49
Difficult to access after-hours care	43	57	54	51	26	42	31	54	49	59	51
Had an avoidable ED visit, past two years	30	39	25	28	31	26	28	28	36	31	39

Source: Doty M, Tikkanen R, FitzGerald M, Fields K, Williams II R. Income-Related Inequalities in Affordability and Access to Primary Care in Eleven High-Income Countries, *Health Aff (Milwood)*, Dec 10, 2020 (online first).

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Measure	Percent (%) of adults 18 years and older, by income:																					
	AUS		CAN		FRA		GER		NETH		NZ		NOR		SWE		SWIZ		UK		US	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Health Status & Risk Factors																						
Has multiple chronic conditions	30	10	27	16	15	7	18	16	16	9	20	14	24	11	24	9	17	9	26	13	36	20
Has mental health conditions	36	24	34	24	19	11	14	6	28	9	25	15	23	12	23	10	15	9	33	19	36	22
Experienced material hardship, past year	15	5	22	5	21	5	11	3	17	1	14	5	6	1	16	2	22	8	20	5	28	5
Affordability of Care																						
Skipped needed doctor visits, tests, treatments, follow-up, or prescription medicines because of cost, past year	24	19	21	7	14	6	15	9	20	9	27	11	14	6	19	6	26	21	12	7	50	27
Skipped dental care or checkups because of cost, past year	35	30	40	16	26	11	23	17	19	8	45	33	28	16	29	17	34	18	27	18	51	21
Had serious problems or unable to pay medical bills, past year	10	5	13	2	16	3	9	2	12	3	14	4	11	2	16	2	14	3	7	3	36	9
Access to Primary Care																						
Has a regular provider or place of care	94	94	89	94	96	95	96	94	98	99	96	97	100	100	87	86	95	92	97	99	85	92
Last time needed care, got same/next day appointment	57	74	37	39	54	55	74	74	63	71	41	69	42	51	30	33	53	52	47	56	41	57
Difficult to access after-hours care	48	42	64	55	57	50	55	51	35	24	53	41	43	26	54	53	49	48	62	59	58	44
Had an avoidable ED visit, past two years	29	25	37	39	26	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27	29	38	34	29	30	45	32

Low: Percent of lower-income adults, defined as those whose self-reported household pre-tax income is 'somewhat below' or 'much below' the national average.

High: Percent of higher-income adults, defined as those whose self-reported household pre-tax income is 'somewhat above' or 'much above' the national average.

N/A: Not available due to small sample size in income subgroup (n<100).

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