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2013 Health Care Spending in the United States

Ambulatory (outpatient): $706 billion

Inpatient: $697 billion

Prescribed pharmaceuticals: $288 billion

Nursing facility care: $194 billion

Dental: $112 billion

Emergency: $102 billion

### 2013 Health Care Spending in the United States

#### US spending on personal health care*

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2013</td>
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#### On which conditions does the US spend the most money, and how are they changing over time? (in billions of US dollars)

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<th>Condition</th>
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<td>Diabetes mellitus</td>
<td>101.408, 6.10%</td>
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<td>Ischemic heart disease</td>
<td>88.108, 0.20%</td>
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<td>Low back and neck pain</td>
<td>87.608, 6.50%</td>
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<td>High blood pressure</td>
<td>83.908, 5.10%</td>
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<td>Falls</td>
<td>76.308, 3.00%</td>
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<td>Depression</td>
<td>71.108, 3.40%</td>
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<td>Oral disorders</td>
<td>66.408, 2.90%</td>
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<td>Vision and hearing loss</td>
<td>59.008, 2.80%</td>
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<td>Skin diseases</td>
<td>55.708, 3.50%</td>
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<td>Pregnancy and postpartum care</td>
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*Totals reflect amount of spending that could be broken down by condition.

Note: Spending on oral disorders includes oral surgery and cavities, including fillings, crowns, tooth removal, & dentures; skin diseases include conditions such as cellulitis, cysts, acne, and eczema.
Figure 1: Percentage of the Population with a Dental Visit in the Year, 2000-2014

Source: Health Policy Institute analysis of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, AHRQ. Notes: For children ages 2-18 and adults ages 65 and older, changes were statistically significant at the 1% level (2000-2014). Among adults ages 19-64, changes were statistically significant at the 1% level (2003-2014). Changes from 2013 to 2014 among children, adults 19-64, and the elderly 65 and older were not statistically significant.
Financial Barriers to Health Care


**EXHIBIT 1**

Percentages of National Health Interview Survey respondents who did not get selected health care services they needed in the past 12 months because of cost, by age group, 2014

- **Dental care**
- **Medical care**
- **Prescription drugs**
- **Eyeglasses**
- **Mental health care**

**Source** Authors’ analysis of data for 2014 from the National Health Interview Survey. **Notes** The sample consisted of 50,077 respondents. For all age groups, the difference between dental care and medical care not obtained was significant ($p < 0.05$).
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