

# SPAIN



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## Overview

- Health Insurance Coverage
  - Universal and private
- WHO Ranking #7  
(Bernal-Delgado et al., 2018)
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
  - \$29,638 per capita  
(OECD, 2019)

## Payer System & Financing

- Universal coverage with 99.5% coverage rate
- Most healthcare funding is via public taxation
- Private health insurance is optional  
(Bernal-Delgado et al., 2018)

## Reimbursement

- Public funds are used to finance reimbursement
- < 1% of citizens have private healthcare coverage
- Payroll contributions cover work injuries  
(Bernal-Delgado et al., 2018)

## Provider Choice

- Primary care provider choice
- Specialist requires primary care referral
- Limited patient preference available  
(Bernal-Delgado et al., 2018)

## Production

- Small companies account for majority of medical device manufacturing
- Strong reliance on imported healthcare products from Europe and U.S.  
(Bernal-Delgado et al., 2018)

## Challenges

- Lacking healthcare worker quantity
- Prolonged wait times for elective surgery
- Lack of dental care  
(Abasolo et al., 2017)
- Large influx of immigrants increase healthcare inequalities (Ledoux et al., 2018)

## Spanish Health in 2019 (Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development, 2019)

Per Capita on Health care per person	\$3,616
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	2.7
Percent of obese adults	53%
Life expectancy at birth	83.5 yrs
Suicide rate per 100,000	7.0
Hospital beds per 1,000	3.0
Practicing MDs per 1,000	4.0
Nurses per 1,000	5.9

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**WHO Ranking: #7 (Bernal-Delgado et al., 2018)**