

MOST EFFICIENT HEALTH CARE 2014: COUNTRIES

Singapore is best in Bloomberg's second annual ranking of countries with the most efficient health care while the U.S. remains near the bottom

Rank 2014	Rank 2013	Country	Efficiency score	Life expectancy	Health-care cost as percentage of GDP	Health-care cost per capita (US\$)	Change in life expectancy (years)	Change in health-care cost per capita (US\$)	Change in health-care cost per capita (%)	Change in GDP per capita (%)	Inflation (%)
1	2	Singapore	78.6	82.1	4.5	2,426	0.40	281.73	13.1	2.2	4.5
2	1	Hong Kong SAR	77.5	83.5	5.3	1,944	0.06	535.68	38.0	4.5	4.1
3	6	Italy	76.3	82.9	9.0	3,032	0.30	-306.64	-9.2	-8.6	3.0
4	3	Japan	68.1	83.1	10.2	4,752	0.50	110.93	2.4	0.7	0.0
5	8	South Korea	67.4	81.4	7.0	1,703	0.40	50.11	3.0	1.2	2.2
6	7	Australia	65.9	82.1	9.1	6,140	0.20	25.62	0.4	8.6	1.8
7	4	Israel	65.4	81.7	7.0	2,289	0.00	-84.64	-3.6	-2.1	1.7
8	19	France	64.6	82.6	11.8	4,690	0.45	-278.26	-5.6	-6.6	2.0
9	12	United Arab Emirates	64.1	77.0	3.2	1,343	0.18	-32.24	-2.3	6.7	0.7
10	14	United Kingdom	63.1	81.5	9.4	3,647	0.55	-11.47	-0.3	-0.7	2.8
11	-	Norway	63.0	81.5	9.1	9,055	0.16	-852.86	-8.6	0.5	0.7
12	15	Mexico	59.1	77.1	6.3	618	0.22	9.48	1.6	0.2	4.1
13	20	Ecuador	58.4	76.2	6.7	361	0.28	-0.81	-0.2	7.7	5.1
14	5	Spain	58.1	82.4	9.9	2,808	-0.10	-170.01	-5.7	-9.1	2.4
15	9	Switzerland	57.9	82.7	11.4	8,980	0.00	-267.86	-2.9	-5.2	-0.7
16	29	Saudi Arabia	57.8	75.5	3.1	795	0.21	73.88	10.2	7.6	2.9
17	13	Chile	55.5	79.6	7.2	1,103	0.27	81.75	8.0	5.1	3.0
18	24	Czech Republic	54.1	78.1	7.7	1,432	0.20	-113.70	-7.4	-9.2	3.3
19	23	Finland	53.3	80.6	9.3	4,232	0.16	-179.44	-4.1	-6.3	2.8
19	10	Sweden	53.3	81.7	9.7	5,319	-0.10	-99.36	-1.8	-3.0	0.9
21	17	Canada	52.9	81.2	11.0	5,741	0.17	84.32	1.5	1.2	1.5
22	21	Poland	52.4	76.8	6.7	854	0.05	-61.31	-6.7	-5.0	3.7
23	30	Germany	51.6	80.9	11.0	4,683	0.15	-312.72	-6.3	-4.0	2.0
24	31	Greece	49.9	80.6	9.1	2,044	-0.10	-259.74	-11.3	-14.1	1.5
25	11	Libya	49.8	75.2	4.3	578	0.19	367.40	174.1	134.0	6.1
26	37	China	49.5	75.2	5.3	322	0.16	47.88	17.5	11.8	2.7
27	18	Malaysia	49.2	74.8	3.9	410	0.17	25.37	6.6	3.7	1.7
28	27	Portugal	47.2	80.4	9.4	1,905	-0.10	-397.31	-17.3	-10.5	2.8
29	22	Thailand	46.9	74.2	3.9	215	0.18	1.19	0.6	5.5	3.0
30	33	Romania	46.8	74.6	5.0	420	0.00	-59.92	-12.5	-6.9	3.3

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31	36	Slovakia	46.3	76.1	7.8	1,326	0.15	-89.04	-6.3	-4.9	3.6
31	44	Turkey	46.3	74.9	6.2	665	0.32	20.54	3.2	0.5	8.9
33	32	Argentina	46.1	76.0	6.8	995	0.17	128.89	14.9	7.2	10.0
34	39	Denmark	45.7	80.1	11.2	6,304	0.25	-217.66	-3.3	-5.9	2.4
35	16	Austria	45.6	80.9	11.6	5,407	-0.05	-235.54	-4.2	-5.4	2.5
36	35	Peru	44.0	74.5	5.3	337	0.30	54.43	19.2	11.5	3.7
37	38	Hungary	42.6	75.1	7.9	987	0.20	-108.81	-9.9	-8.9	5.7
38	26	Venezuela	42.3	74.5	4.7	593	0.16	106.51	21.9	18.6	21.1
39	47	Serbia	41.4	75.2	10.6	561	0.65	-61.31	-9.8	-12.5	7.3
40	25	Netherlands	41.1	81.1	12.5	5,737	-0.10	-260.38	-4.3	-7.9	2.5
41	34	Belgium	40.2	80.4	10.9	4,711	-0.20	-203.11	-4.1	-6.6	2.8
42	-	Belarus	37.3	72.1	5.0	339	1.41	27.54	8.8	6.6	59.2
43	43	Dominican Republic	35.0	73.2	5.4	310	0.22	17.33	5.9	5.0	3.7
44	46	United States	34.3	78.7	17.2	8,895	0.10	428.07	5.1	3.8	2.1
45	41	Bulgaria	33.7	74.3	7.3	516	0.15	-6.00	-1.2	-3.6	3.0
46	45	Iran	32.5	73.8	7.5	490	0.31	7.57	1.6	-6.1	27.4
47	42	Colombia	31.6	73.8	6.8	530	0.20	64.00	13.7	9.0	3.2
48	40	Algeria	31.4	70.9	5.2	279	0.13	46.00	19.8	0.7	8.9
49	-	Azerbaijan	27.3	70.6	5.4	398	0.07	39.24	10.9	2.8	1.1
50	48	Brazil	23.9	73.6	9.3	1,056	0.27	-62.49	-5.6	-10.0	5.4
51	-	Russia	22.5	70.5	6.3	887	0.80	84.37	10.5	5.8	5.1

SOURCES: World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Health Organization, Hong Kong Department of Health

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METHODOLOGY: Bloomberg ranked countries based on the efficiency of their health-care systems. Each country was ranked on three criteria: life expectancy (weighted 60%), relative per capita cost of health care (30%); and absolute per capita cost of health care (10%). Within each criterion, 80% of the score was derived from the most recent health-care system assessment and 20% to changes, if any, over the previous year.

Relative cost is health cost as a percentage of GDP. Absolute cost is total health expenditure, which covers preventive and curative health services, family planning, nutrition activities and emergency aid. Changes were measured by baseline-adjusted life expectancy improvements, relative health-care cost increase, cost increase relative to increase in general income and consumer prices, and absolute per capita health-cost increase in U.S. dollar terms.

Countries were scored on each criterion and the scores were weighted and summed to obtain their efficiency scores. Included were countries with populations of at least five million, GDP per capita of at least \$5,000 and life expectancy of at least 70 years.