



Health Inequality Data Repository

INDICATOR METADATA

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About

This dataset is from the [WHO Health Inequality Data Repository](#).

This dataset contains indicators in European countries related to health care disaggregated by age, economic status, education, place of residence and sex.

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Data source

Data were downloaded from the Eurostat data browser (<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser>) via the [SDMX API](#), within the Population and social conditions > Health > Health care theme. These indicators are originally sourced from the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) and the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions survey (EU-SILC).

Methodology

The general coverage of the EHIS is the population aged 15 or over, while the coverage of EU-SILC is the population aged 16 or over.

Please refer to this resource for metadata for the EHIS:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/hlth_det_esms.htm

Please refer to this resource for metadata for the EU-SILC:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/hlth_silc_01_esms.htm

Dataset metadata

Date of first publication	April 2023
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Expected frequency of update	Annual
Date of data extraction	14 July 2023
Temporal coverage	2003–2022
Spatial coverage	Regional (Europe)
Spatial granularity	National
Number of countries, territories or areas	37
Number of indicators	17
Number of dimensions of inequality	5

Inequality dimensions

Age refers to the age of the respondent at the time of the survey, grouped in six subgroups: 16-24 years (or 15-24 years), 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-55 years, 55-64 years and 65+ years.

Economic status is computed on the basis of the total equivalised disposable income attributed to each member of the household. The data (of each person) are ordered according to the value of the total equivalised disposable income. Four cut-point values (the so-called quintile cut-off points) of income, dividing the survey population into five groups equally represented by 20 % of individuals each. The first quintile group represents 20 % of population with lowest income and the fifth quintile group 20 % of population with highest income.

Education reflects the educational attainment of the respondent, classified according to the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) version of 1997.

Place of residence refers to urban or rural place of residence, which is context-specific. Geographical areas are mapped (at level Local Administrative Units–Level 2; municipalities or equivalent) by degree of urbanization.

Sex refers to the male or female sex of the respondent.

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Indicator metadata

Indicator name	Disaggregation	Definition / Further information	Notes
One year or more since last visit to a medical doctor (%)	Age Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported blood cholesterol measurement within past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported blood pressure measurement within past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported blood sugar measurement within past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported breast examination by X-ray among women within past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported cervical smear test among women within past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported colonoscopy within past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported colorectal cancer screening test within past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)

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Self-reported consultation of a medical doctor in the past four weeks (%)	Age Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported consultation of a mental healthcare or rehabilitation care professional in the past 12 months (%)	Age Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported hospital day patient admissions (%)	Age Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported hospital inpatient admissions (%)	Age Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported unmet needs for health care for financial reasons (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported unmet needs for dental examination because too expensive, too far to travel, or waiting list (%)	Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Statistics of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) survey
Self-reported unmet needs for medical examination because too expensive, too far to travel, or waiting list (%)	Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Statistics of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) survey
Self-reported use of home care services in the past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Self-reported vaccination against influenza during the past 12 months (%)	Age Economic status Education Place of residence Sex	Eurostat metadata	Original data source: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)