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Data Release Information Sheet

Data Summary

Dataset name: Global Health Spending 1995-2018

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Summary:

Research by the Global Burden of Disease Health Financing Collaborator Network produced retrospective health spending estimates for 1995-2018 for 204 countries and territories. The estimates cover total health spending, health spending disaggregated by source into three domestic financing source categories (government, out-of-pocket, and prepaid private), and development assistance for health (DAH). Domestic health spending source data came primarily from the WHO's Global Health Expenditure Database (GHED). [DAH](#) data came from a diverse set of sources, including program reports, budget data, national estimates, and National Health Accounts (NHAs). The resulting estimates were used to forecast [GDP](#) and [prospective health spending estimates for 2018-2050](#). Estimates are reported in constant 2020 United States dollars, constant 2020 purchasing power parity adjusted (PPP) dollars, and as a percent of gross domestic product.

Relevant publications and visualizations:

- Global Burden of Disease 2020 Health Financing Collaborator Network. Tracking development assistance for health and for COVID-19: a review of development assistance, government, out-of-pocket, and other private spending on health for 204 countries and territories, 1990–2050. *The Lancet*. 22 September 2021.
- [Financing Global Health visualization](#)

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- Global Burden of Disease Health Financing Collaborator Network

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Data Files Information

File Inventory

File Name	Description	Version Date
IHME_HEALTH_SPENDING_1995_2018_Y2021M09D22.CSV	Health spending estimates [CSV]	September 22, 2021
IHME_HEALTH_SPENDING_1995_2018_Y2021M09D22.DTA	Health spending estimates [DTA]	September 22, 2021
IHME_HEALTH_SPENDING_1995_2018_CODEBOOK_Y2021M09D22.CSV	Codebook	September 22, 2021
IHME_HEALTH_SPENDING_1995_2018_INFO_SHEET_Y2021M09D22.PDF	Data Release Information Sheet	September 22, 2021

Variable Information

Variable	Variable Label	Variable Definition
location_id	Location ID	Unique numeric identifier for the location generated and stored in an IHME database of data dimensions
location_name	Location Name	Location of the estimate
iso3	ISO 3-digit Code	ISO 3-digit Code
level	Location Category	Location Category
year	Year	Time period of estimate
the_total_mean	Total Health Spending (2020 USD)	Total Health Spending (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
the_total_lower	Total Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 USD)	Total Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
the_total_upper	Total Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 USD)	Total Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
the_total_ppp_mean	Total Health Spending (2020 PPP)	Total Health Spending (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
the_total_ppp_lower	Total Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 PPP)	Total Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
the_total_ppp_upper	Total Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 PPP)	Total Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)

Variable	Variable Label	Variable Definition
ghes_total_mean	Government Health Spending (2020 USD)	Government Health Spending (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
ghes_total_lower	Government Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 USD)	Government Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
ghes_total_upper	Government Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 USD)	Government Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
ghes_total_ppp_mean	Government Health Spending (2020 PPP)	Government Health Spending (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ghes_total_ppp_lower	Government Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 PPP)	Government Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ghes_total_ppp_upper	Government Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 PPP)	Government Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ppp_total_mean	Prepaid Private Health Spending (2020 USD)	Prepaid Private Health Spending (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
ppp_total_lower	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 USD)	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
ppp_total_upper	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 USD)	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
ppp_total_ppp_mean	Prepaid Private Health Spending (2020 PPP)	Prepaid Private Health Spending (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ppp_total_ppp_lower	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 PPP)	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ppp_total_ppp_upper	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 PPP)	Prepaid Private Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
oop_total_mean	Out-of-pocket Health Spending (2020 USD)	Out-of-pocket Health Spending (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
oop_total_lower	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 USD)	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
oop_total_upper	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 USD)	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)

Variable	Variable Label	Variable Definition
oop_total_ppp_mean	Out-of-pocket Health Spending (2020 PPP)	Out-of-pocket Health Spending (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
oop_total_ppp_lower	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Lower UI (2020 PPP)	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Lower UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
oop_total_ppp_upper	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Upper UI (2020 PPP)	Out-of-pocket Health Spending, Upper UI (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
dah_total_mean	DAH (2020 USD)	Development Assistance for Health (thousands of 2020 United States Dollars)
dah_total_ppp_mean	DAH (2020 PPP)	Development Assistance for Health (thousands of 2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
the_per_cap_mean	Total Health Spending per person (2020 USD)	Total Health Spending per person (2020 United States Dollars)
the_per_cap_lower	Total Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 USD)	Total Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 United States Dollars)
the_per_cap_upper	Total Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 USD)	Total Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 United States Dollars)
the_per_cap_ppp_mean	Total Health Spending per person (2020 PPP)	Total Health Spending per person (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
the_per_cap_ppp_lower	Total Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 PPP)	Total Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
the_per_cap_ppp_upper	Total Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 PPP)	Total Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ghes_per_cap_mean	Government Health Spending per person (2020 USD)	Government Health Spending per person (2020 United States Dollars)
ghes_per_cap_lower	Government Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 USD)	Government Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 United States Dollars)
ghes_per_cap_upper	Government Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 USD)	Government Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 United States Dollars)
ghes_per_cap_ppp_mean	Government Health Spending per person (2020 PPP)	Government Health Spending per person (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ghes_per_cap_ppp_lower	Government Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 PPP)	Government Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)

Variable	Variable Label	Variable Definition
ghes_per_cap_ppp_upper	Government Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 PPP)	Government Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ppp_per_cap_mean	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person (2020 USD)	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person (2020 United States Dollars)
ppp_per_cap_lower	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 USD)	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person, Lower UI (2020 United States Dollars)
ppp_per_cap_upper	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 USD)	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 United States Dollars)
ppp_per_cap_ppp_mean	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person (2020 PPP)	Prepaid Private Health Spending per person (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
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oop_per_cap_ppp_upper	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 PPP)	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per person, Upper UI (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
dah_per_cap_mean	DAH per person (2020 USD)	Development Assistance for Health per person (2020 United States Dollars)
dah_per_cap_ppp_mean	DAH per person (2020 PPP)	Development Assistance for Health per person (2020 purchasing power parity dollars)
ghes_per_the_mean	Government Health Spending per Total Health Spending	Government Health Spending per Total Health Spending

Variable	Variable Label	Variable Definition
ghes_per_the_lower	Government Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Lower UI	Government Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Lower UI
ghes_per_the_upper	Government Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Upper UI	Government Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Upper UI
ppp_per_the_mean	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Total Health Spending	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Total Health Spending
ppp_per_the_lower	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Lower UI	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Lower UI
ppp_per_the_upper	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Upper UI	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Upper UI
oop_per_the_mean	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Total Health Spending	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Total Health Spending
oop_per_the_lower	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Lower UI	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Lower UI
oop_per_the_upper	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Upper UI	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Total Health Spending, Upper UI
dah_per_the_mean	DAH per Total Health Spending	Development Assistance for Health per Total Health Spending
dah_per_the_lower	DAH per Total Health Spending, Lower UI	Development Assistance for Health per Total Health Spending, Lower UI
dah_per_the_upper	DAH per Total Health Spending, Upper UI	Development Assistance for Health per Total Health Spending, Upper UI
the_per_gdp_mean	Total Health Spending per GDP	Total Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product
the_per_gdp_lower	Total Health Spending per GDP, Lower UI	Total Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Lower UI
the_per_gdp_upper	Total Health Spending per GDP, Upper UI	Total Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Upper UI
ghes_per_gdp_mean	Government Health Spending per GDP	Government Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product
ghes_per_gdp_lower	Government Health Spending per GDP, Lower UI	Government Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Lower UI
ghes_per_gdp_upper	Government Health Spending per GDP, Upper UI	Government Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Upper UI
ppp_per_gdp_mean	Prepaid Private Health Spending per GDP	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product
ppp_per_gdp_lower	Prepaid Private Health Spending per GDP, Lower UI	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Lower UI
ppp_per_gdp_upper	Prepaid Private Health Spending per GDP, Upper UI	Prepaid Private Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Upper UI
oop_per_gdp_mean	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per GDP	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product
oop_per_gdp_lower	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per GDP, Lower UI	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Lower UI
oop_per_gdp_upper	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per GDP, Upper UI	Out-of-pocket Health Spending per Gross Domestic Product, Upper UI

Variable	Variable Label	Variable Definition
dah_per_gdp_mean	DAH per GDP	Development Assistance for Health per Gross Domestic Product
dah_per_gdp_lower	DAH per GDP, Lower UI	Development Assistance for Health per Gross Domestic Product, Lower UI
dah_per_gdp_upper	DAH per GDP, Upper UI	Development Assistance for Health per Gross Domestic Product, Upper UI

Additional Information

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