



Welcome to Italy

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Introduction

- How well do you know Italy?
- What do you know about the Italian healthcare system?
- What are we going to learn?



Italy

The population is 60 million compared to 332 million for the US



If You Lived in Italy Instead of the US, You Would:

- Live 3.3 years **longer**
- Find **more** of your fellow citizens are over age 65
- Have **more** physicians
- Have 17% **more** hospital beds per 1,000
- See **less** adult obesity rates
- See **more** multigenerational households
- See 5 times **less** infant mortality
- See 8 times **less** teenage births
- Be 6 times **less** likely to be a victim of crime



Things You May Not Know...

- Italy is the fifth most visited country in the world.
- Italy has 55 world Heritage sites; more than anywhere else on earth.
- Rome is over 2,000 years old.
- One-fifth of Italy is covered in hills and mountains.
- There are active volcanoes in Italy.
- Italy is the world's largest wine producer.
- Italians have eaten pasta since the 4th century B.C.
- The Italians invented pizza in Naples in the 18th century.
- Italians have over 2,500 types of cheese.



Things You May Not Know...

- Italy has the oldest population in Europe.
- There are over 1,500 lakes in Italy.
- Tourists throw 3,000 euros a day in the Trevi fountain.
- You can find the world's smallest country in Italy.
- The first ever bank started in Italy.
- The Italians invented eyeglasses.
- 38 million espressos are consumed in Italy each day.



Italian Healthcare System

- In 1978, Italy created a national, universal healthcare system, called the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale. (SSN)
- Universal healthcare covers all citizens and legal foreign residents.
- It is funded by corporate and value-added tax revenues.
- It is essentially regionally based.



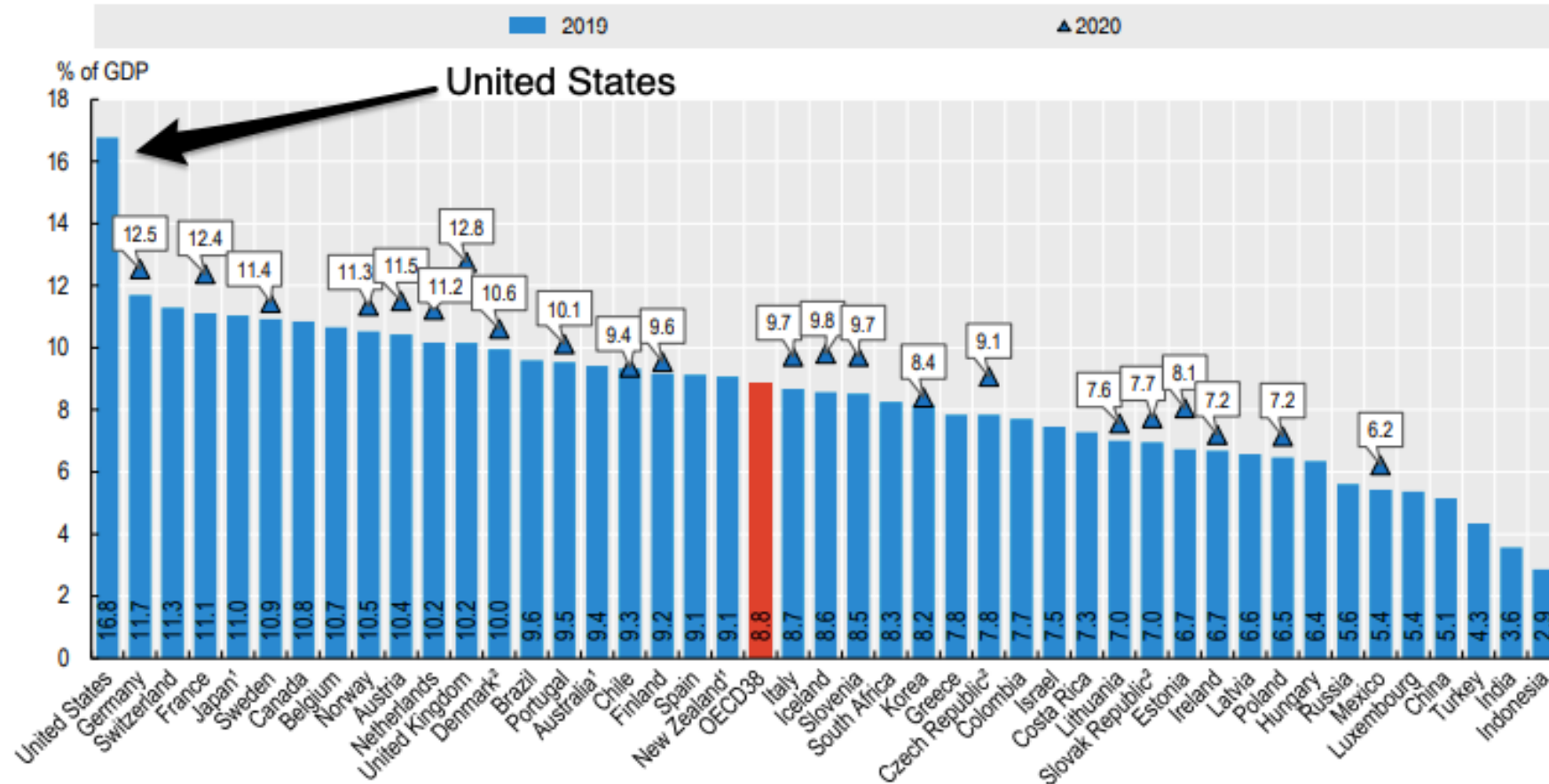
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- Residents receive mostly free primary care, inpatient care, and health screenings.
- Other statutory benefits include maternity care, specialty care, home care, hospice care, preventive medicine, and pharmaceuticals.
- Patients make copayments for specialty visits and procedures and some outpatient drugs.
- There are no deductibles for residents.
- Private health insurance has a limited role in Italy's health coverage system.



Healthcare Spending OECD

Figure 7.1. Health expenditure as a share of GDP, 2019 (or nearest year) and 2020



1. OECD estimates for 2019. 2. OECD estimates for 2020.

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2021, WHO Global Health Expenditure Database.

StatLink <https://stat.link/gdkxzq>

OECD "Health at a Glance 2021"



Healthcare Delivery Challenges...

- Access to care
- Cost management
- Immigration impact
- Healthcare disparities
- Wait times
- Continuity of providers
- Physician and nursing shortage



Impact of COVID

- COVID (declared a pandemic by WHO in March 2020) has shocked the world.
- Healthcare systems around the world were strained and Italy was one of the most affected countries.
- Italy was hit early in the pandemic.
- As in the US, the pandemic exposed weaknesses of the healthcare system.
- During COVID the Italian healthcare system has allowed sick individuals to receive the care they need without costing them financially.



Italy in the News

“When smaller is better: Italian health care goes local after pandemic”

“Italian healthcare organizations facing new dimensions: changes in governance structure”



Between Now and Wednesday Afternoon

- Speakers will provide a more in-depth perspective on the Italian healthcare system.
- Site visits will give a live and in-person perspective on hospitals and clinics.
- We will explore and immerse ourselves in Italian culture through organized group events and individual exploration
- Get to know one another and learn together



Let's start to explore...

