**Living in the EU: Education and Health**

The European Union complements national health and education policies, in particular those with a cross-border dimension. The main responsibility for health and education, however, lies with the governments of its Member States. This combination explains the spread in government expenditure on national welfare policies among the Member States, and in particular in individual direct payments for health. In terms of the gender gap in the area, women with tertiary education still suffer employment gaps. Moreover, national differences in the number of hospital beds available and people suffering from obesity, mainly concentrated among elderly people, also stand out.

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**Government expenditure in education**

(Percentage of GDP, 2017)

- More than 5.7%
- 5.0% - 5.7%
- 4.7% - 4.9%
- 4.0% - 4.6%
- Less than 4.0%

- EU average: 4.6% of GDP

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**Pupils and students enrolled by education level**

(2016)

- Pre-primary
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary

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**Youth employment - Tertiary education level**

(Percentage of population 20-29 years, 2016)

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(Percentage of population 15-24 years, 2017)
Government expenditure on health (Percentage of GDP, 2017)

General government includes central government, state government, local government and social security funds.

- More than 7.5%
- 7.0% - 7.5%
- 6.0% - 6.9%
- 4.9% - 5.9%
- Less than 4.9%

EU average: 7.0% of GDP

Household out-of-pocket expenditure on healthcare (Euro per capita, 2016)

EU average: €446 per capita

Note: Household out-of-pocket payment means a direct payment for healthcare goods and services from the household primary income or savings, where the payment is made by the user at the time of the purchase of goods or the use of the services.

Data for Malta refers to 2015

Available beds in hospitals (Per 100,000 inhabitants, 2016)

Per 100 000 inhabitants

EU average: 509

Share of obese people in the EU (%)
(Percentage of population, 2014)

Share of obese people in the EU (%)
By age (%)

By gender (%)

Notes

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