



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF DENMARK**

GENERAL DATA ON DANISH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

LIST OF QUESTIONS

- Medical expenditures in Denmark / per capita medical expenditures
- Number of hospitals, number of beds, number of clinics, number of pharmacies
- Number of doctors and nurses
- Whether to pay out-of-pocket when picking up prescription drugs at a pharmacy
- Number of outpatient visits per year
- Waiting days for inpatient treatment (average)
- Whether it is necessary to make an appointment when visiting a GP
- Satisfaction with medical care
- General public opinion on medical care
- Whether there are people who go to foreign hospitals while waiting for admission.
- Faculty of Medicine Capacity
- How doctors work (in the UK and France, many doctors work part-time and their working hours are short)
- Rate of female doctors

MEDICAL SPENDING

- Per capita medical expenditures in Denmark in 2022: 6,280 USD
- Medical expenditures as percent of GDP, 2022:

	Government/ compulsory	Voluntary/ out-of-pocket	Total
Denmark	8.1%	1.4%	9.5%
Japan	9.8%	1.7%	11.5%

MEDICAL FACILITIES

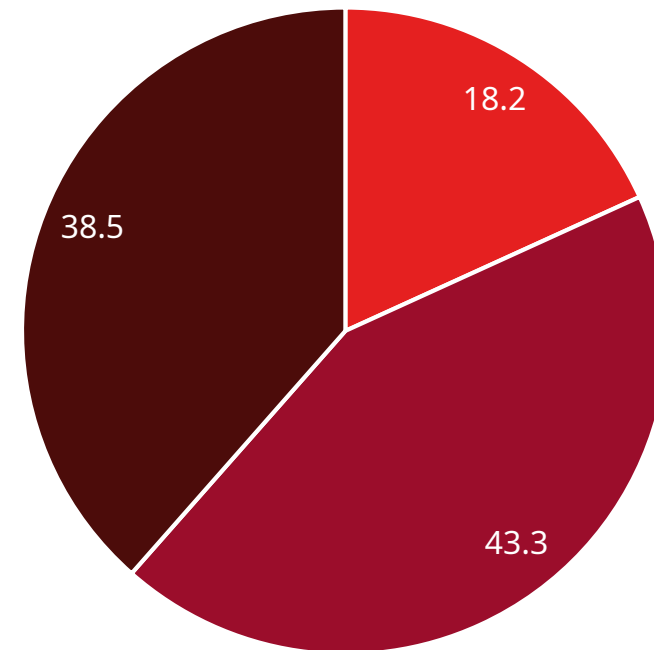
- There were 2.5 hospital beds per 1,000 people in Denmark in 2021
 - Lower than the OECD average of 4.3
 - Much lower than Japan's 12.6 beds per 1,000 people
- 40 public hospitals and 19 private hospitals in Denmark
- No. of physicians (2019): 24,643
- No. of hospital beds: 13,973
- Pharmacies in Denmark (2021):
 - 227 pharmacies and 2 online pharmacies
 - In addition: 80 branch pharmacies, 209 voluntarily established branches, 24 pharmacy outlets, about 350 over-the-counter outlets, and about 400 medicine delivery facilities (2021)

NURSES AND DOCTORS

- Practicing **doctors** per 1,000 population (2021):
 - Denmark: 4.4
 - Japan: 2.6
- Practicing **nurses** per 1,000 population (2021):
 - Denmark: 10.2
 - Japan: 12.1

- Doctors by type (Denmark, 2021):
 - General practitioners: 18.2%
 - Specialists: 43.3%
 - Other* types of doctors: 38.5%

*includes non-specialist doctors working in hospitals & recent medical graduates who have yet to start specialty training

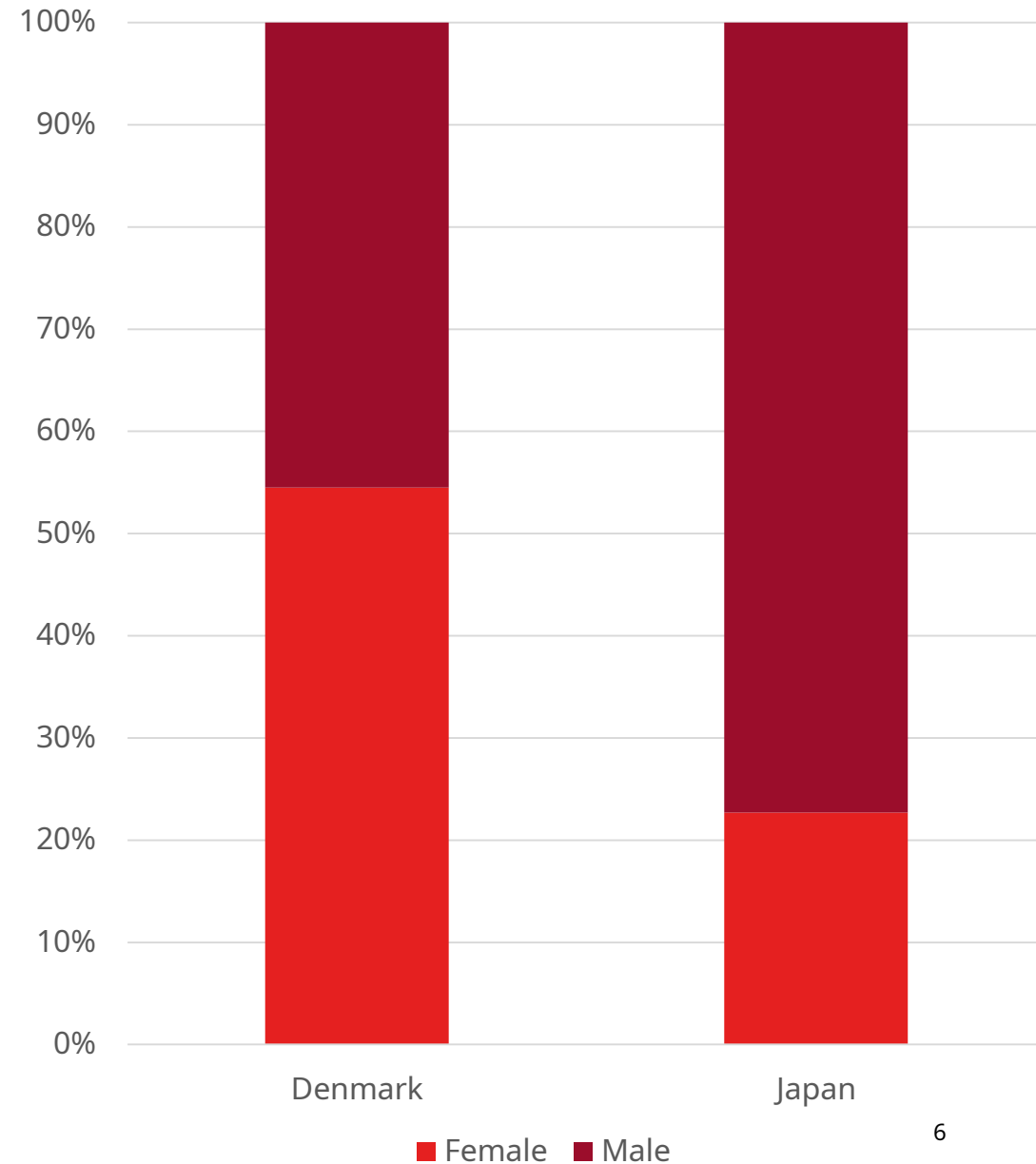


■ GPs ■ Specialists ■ Other

SHARE OF FEMALE DOCTORS

- In 2021, 54.5% of doctors in Denmark were women. The rate of female doctors has risen sharply from 36.2% in 2000
- In 2021, the rate of female doctors in Japan was 22.7%, up from 14.3% in 2000

Gender distribution among doctors



MEDICAL STUDENTS

- In 2021, Denmark had 22 new medical graduates per 100,000 population
 - Higher than the OECD average of 14.2
 - Three times higher than Japan's 7.2 medical graduates per 100,000 population

WAITING TIME FOR ADMISSION TO HOSPITALS

If Denmark's regional hospitals cannot guarantee that treatment is initiated within 30 days, the patient has a right to be treated at a private hospital in Denmark or even a public or private hospital abroad.

- This does not cover select treatments like organ transplants.
- The maximum waiting period has been temporarily extended to 60 days until December 31, 2024

GP – APPOINTMENT OR NOT?

In Denmark, you generally have to book an appointment with your GP in advance. Most doctors have telephone hours on weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 AM – during this time, it is possible to book an appointment. You can also book an appointment with your GP online through sundhed.dk.

PICKING UP PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Prescription drugs are often reimbursed. The reimbursed amount is automatically deducted from the prescription drug price when you buy the medicine at the pharmacy.

The more prescription medicine you buy within a year, the more reimbursement you will receive. The amount of reimbursement is based on the cheapest available medicine with a specific active substance.

The first reimbursement threshold for persons over the age of 18 is at 1,075 DKK or approx. 157 USD (1 DKK = 0.15 USD) annually, and triggers a 50% reimbursement.

The maximum annual co-payment from patients is 4,575 DKK or 666 USD.

Inpatient prescription drugs (in hospitals) are fully covered.

HEALTHCARE SATISFACTION

- 81% of Danes report being satisfied with the availability of healthcare where they live (2021)
 - Japan: 76%
 - OECD average: 67%
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- 1.2% of Danes report having unmet needs for medical care (2021)
 - OECD average: 2.3%

DOCTORS' WORKING HOURS

- Chief surgeons/chief physicians in Denmark are reported to work 47.6 hours per week (2021)
- In addition, 4 out of 10 chief surgeons/chief physicians also work side jobs, which add 18.2 hours to their monthly workload on average

HEALTHCARE UTILIZATION

- In Denmark: 5.93 total doctor consultations annually per person (in person and remote) (2020)
- In Japan: 11.13 visits per capita
- The above numbers include visits to the physician's office, visits in the patient's home, visits to outpatient departments in hospitals, etc.
- In 2022: the total number of hospital admissions (minimum 12 hours) in Denmark was 792,337
- This amounts to 134.3 hospital admissions per 1,000 people (based on population estimate of 5,900,000)

MORTALITY RATE

- The preventable mortality rate in Denmark in 2021 was 120 per 100,000 people
- OECD average: 158
- The treatable mortality rate in Denmark in 2021 was 54 per 100,000 people
- OECD average: 79

