

Peterson-Kaiser Health System Tracker

Measuring the costs and performance of the U.S. health system

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What is behind the recent slowdown in health spending?

Health spending data were obtained from National Health Expenditure (NHE) historical file from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services database. Additional health spending data were obtained from the health expenditure and financing file in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Health Statistics database. OECD data were accessed on June 25, 2014.

The average annual percent change was calculated as the n th root of the total percent growth rate over a period of 4 years, except for the 1990's where a period of 10 years is used.