

Peterson-Kaiser Health System Tracker

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

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How do health expenditures vary across the population?

Health spending data were obtained from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey conducted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Additional data on the Medicare population were obtained from a Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of a 5 percent sample of Medicare claims from the Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse. The 5 percent sample excludes beneficiaries with Medicare Advantage and people age 65 because some of the beneficiaries are enrolled for less than a full year.