

The Swiss Healthcare Model: Is It Relevant to the United States?



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THE SWISS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



**THE REGULATED HEALTH CARE
SYSTEM OF SWITZERLAND**

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THE SYSTEM OF REGULATED HEALTH CARE



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4 Key Actors in a Health System

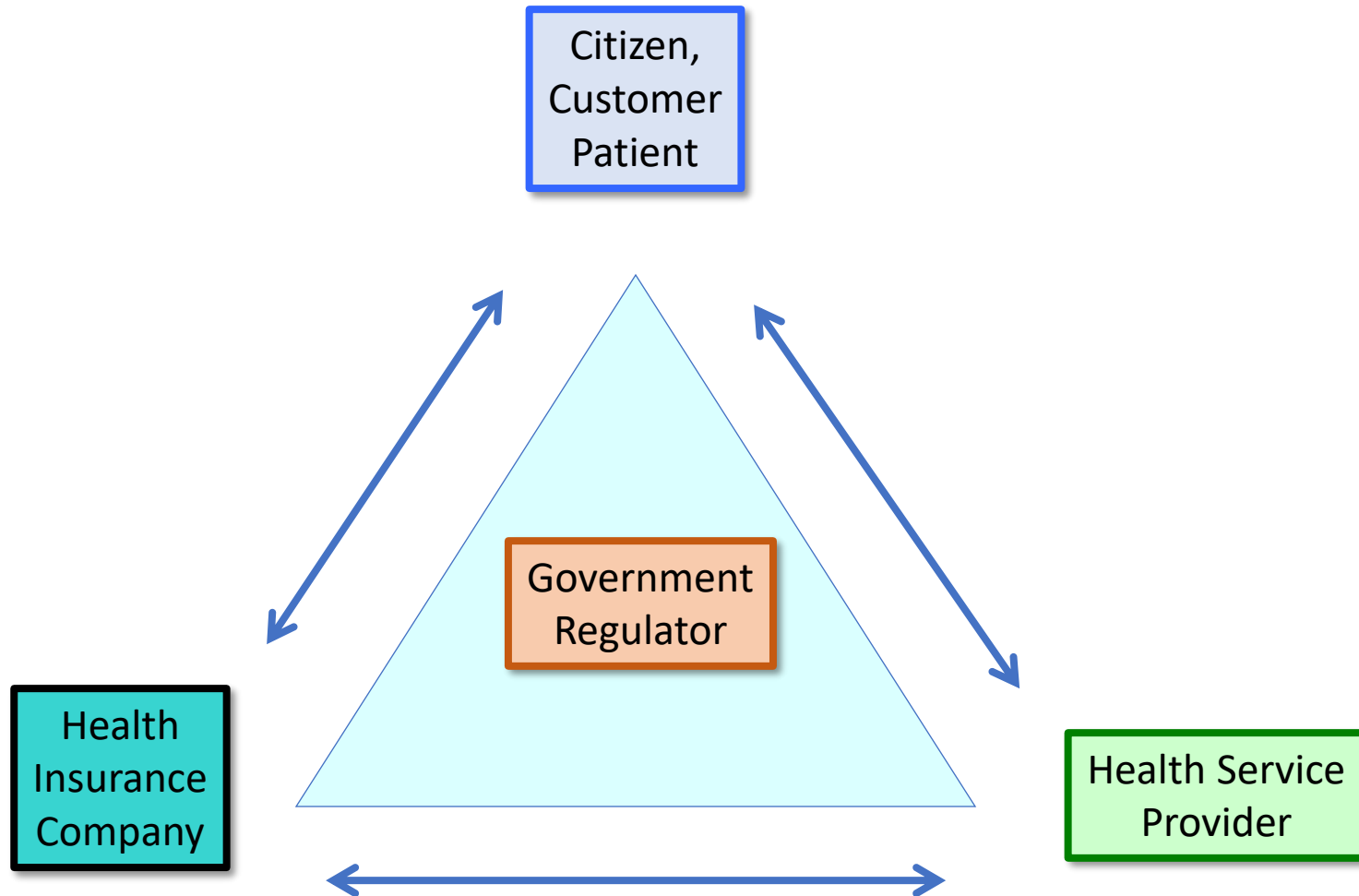
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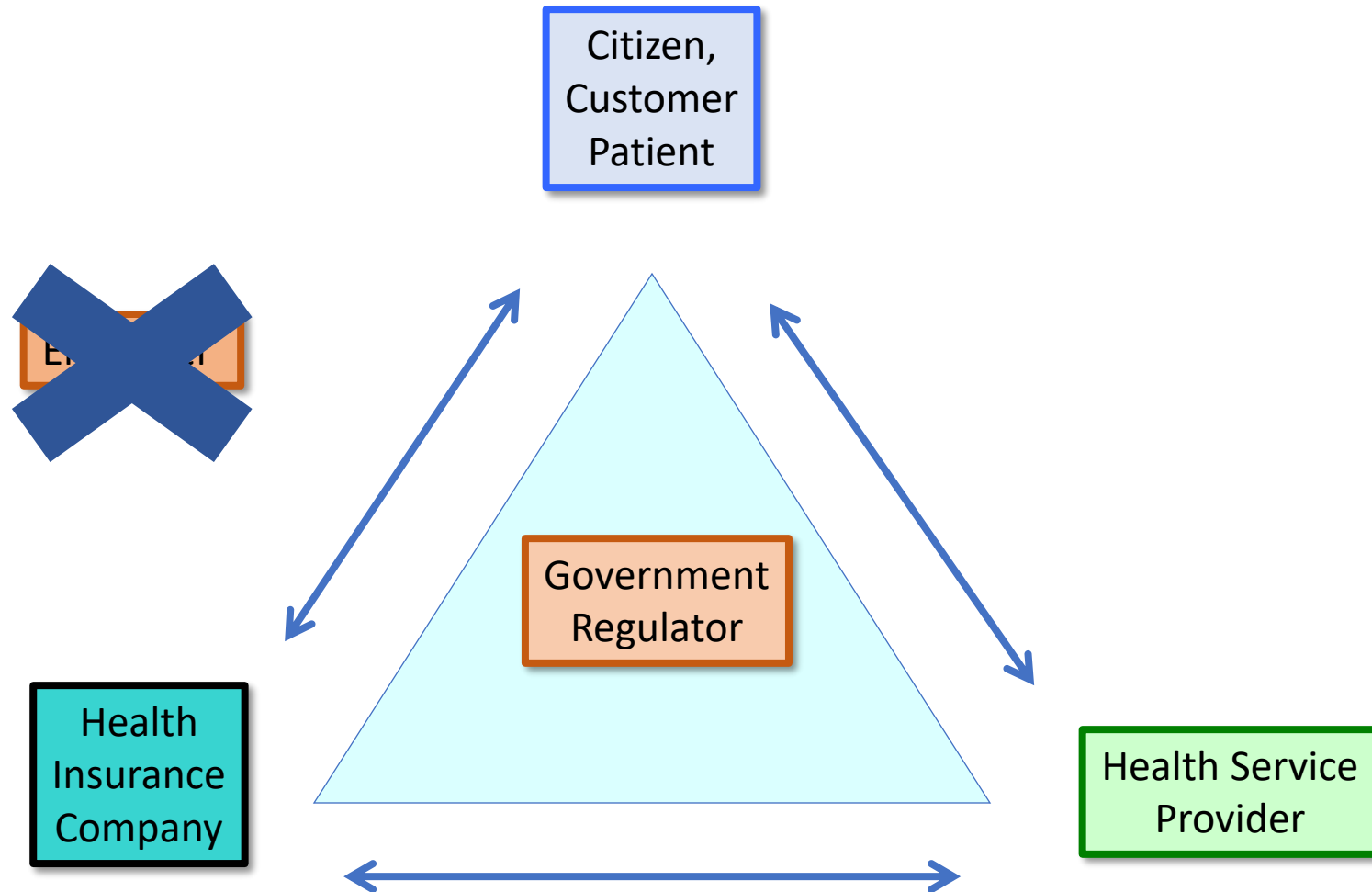
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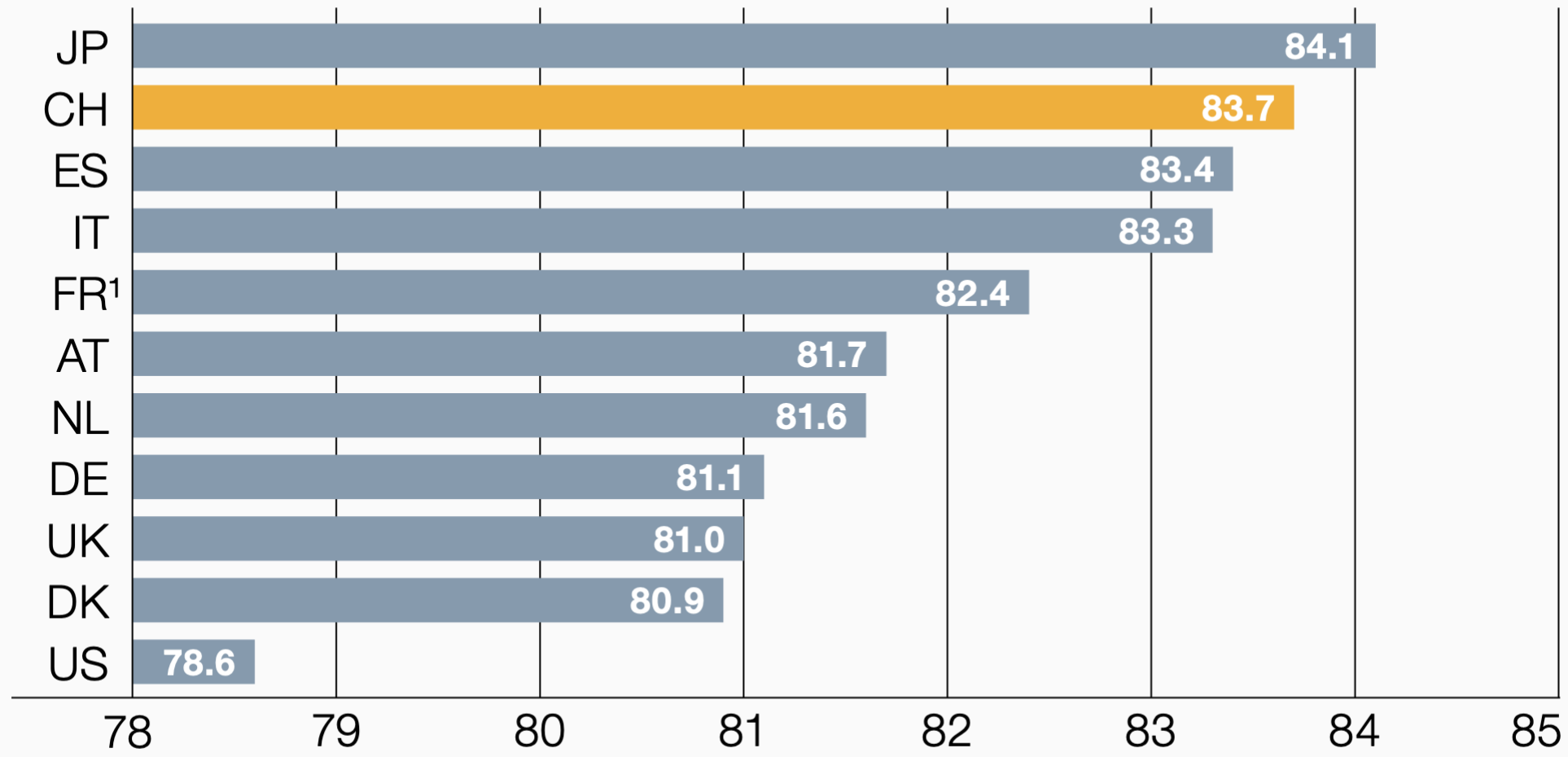


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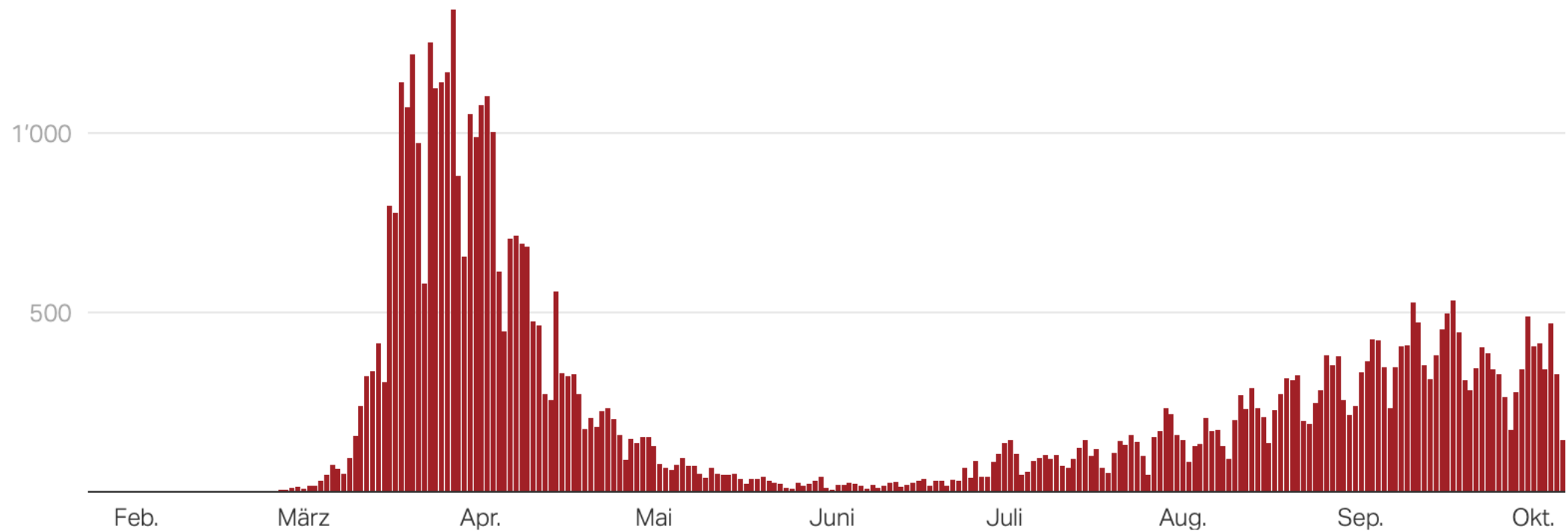
ACHIEVEMENTS

Countries ranked by life expectancy, 2016



Quelle: OECD Health Data, 2018.

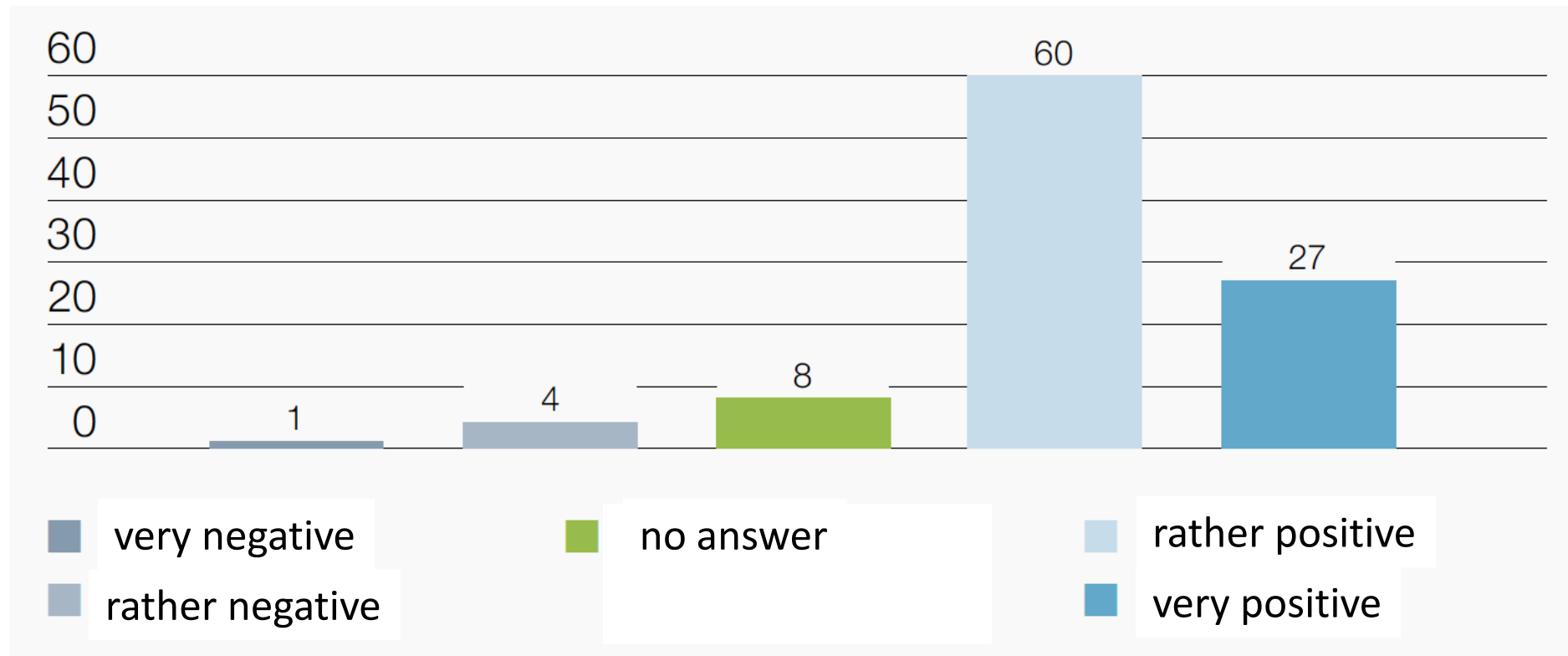
Covid-19: New Cases Switzerland



Hinweis: Zahlen vergangener Tage können rückwirkend korrigiert werden.

Grafik: jg, SRF Data • Quelle: [BAG](#) • [Daten herunterladen](#)

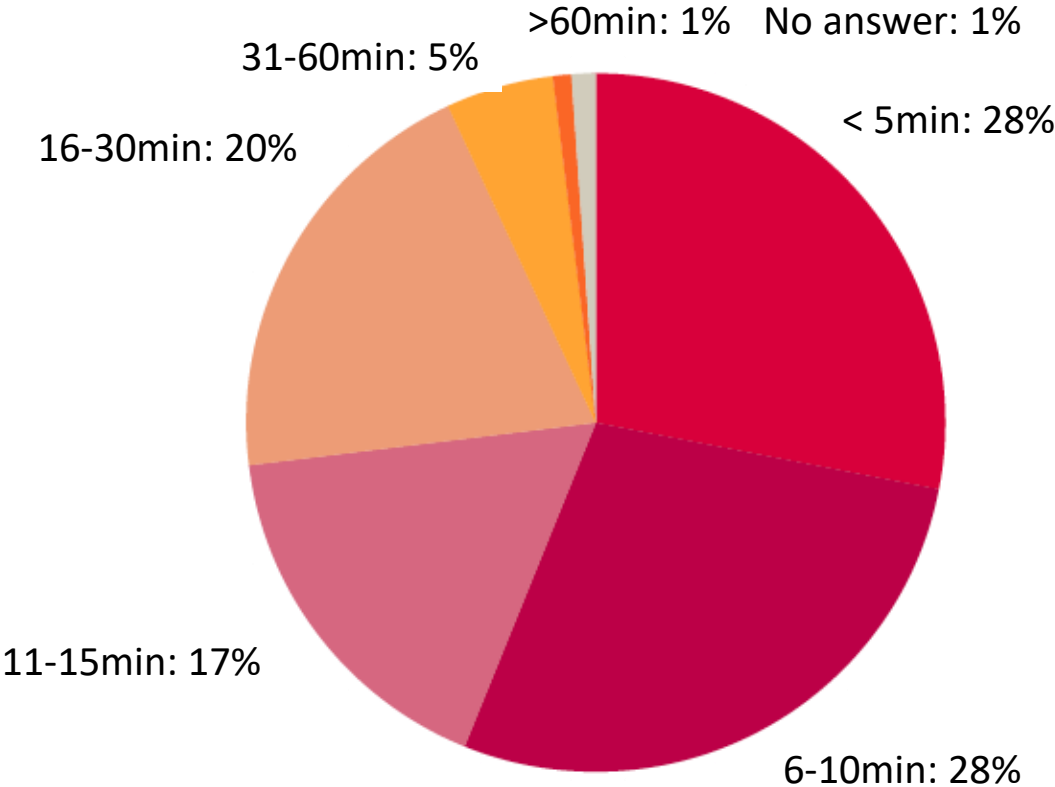
General Public: How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the Swiss Health Care System ?



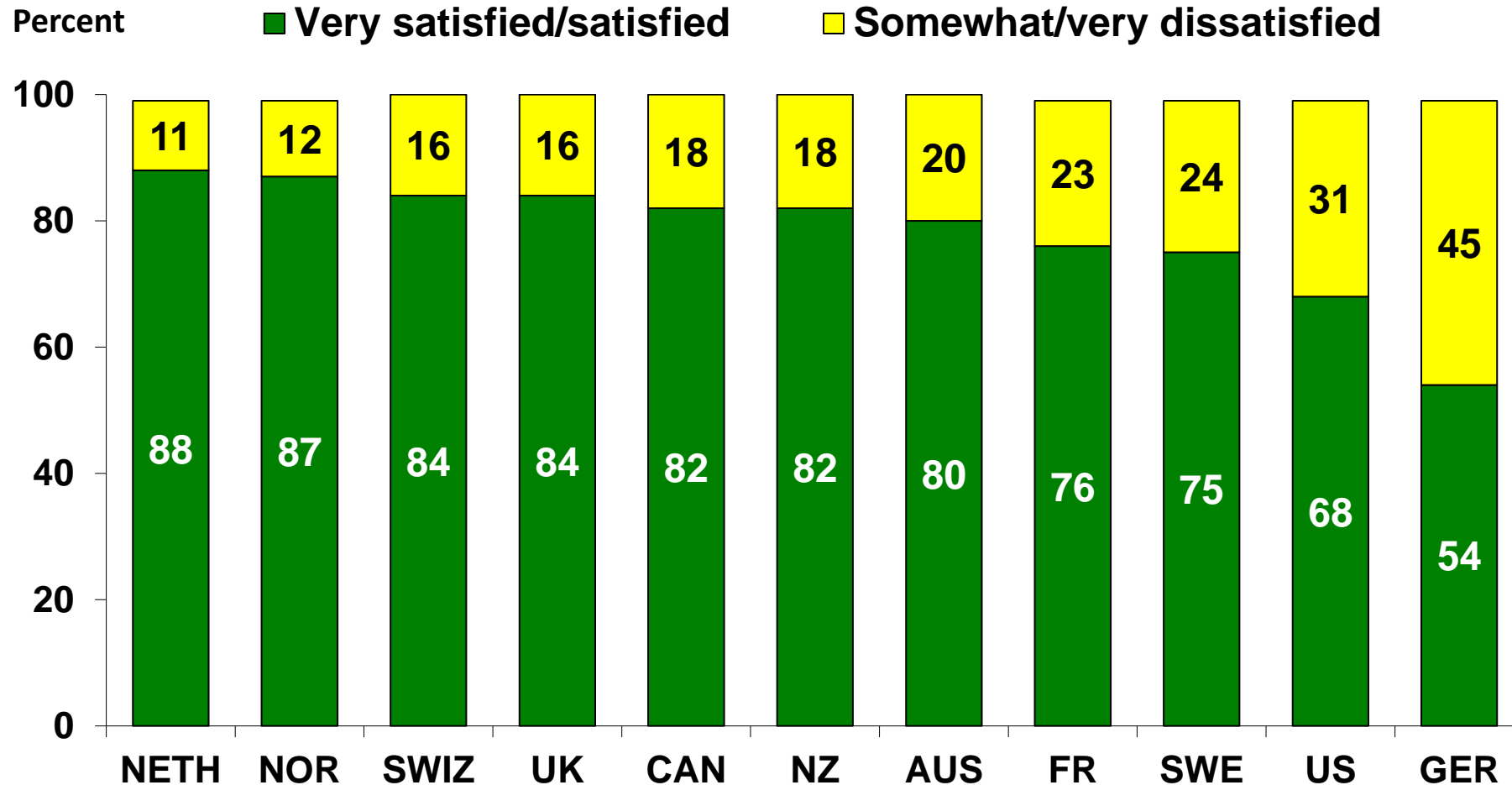
Quelle: Gesundheitsmonitor 2018, gfs.bern (N = 1 200), 2018.

Specific Aspects of the Swiss Health Care Systems: Distance to Next Primary Care Doctor (2012)

Question: How long does it take you to get to your primary care doctor?
(N = 5889)



Physician Satisfaction with Practicing Medicine



Source: 2012 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians.

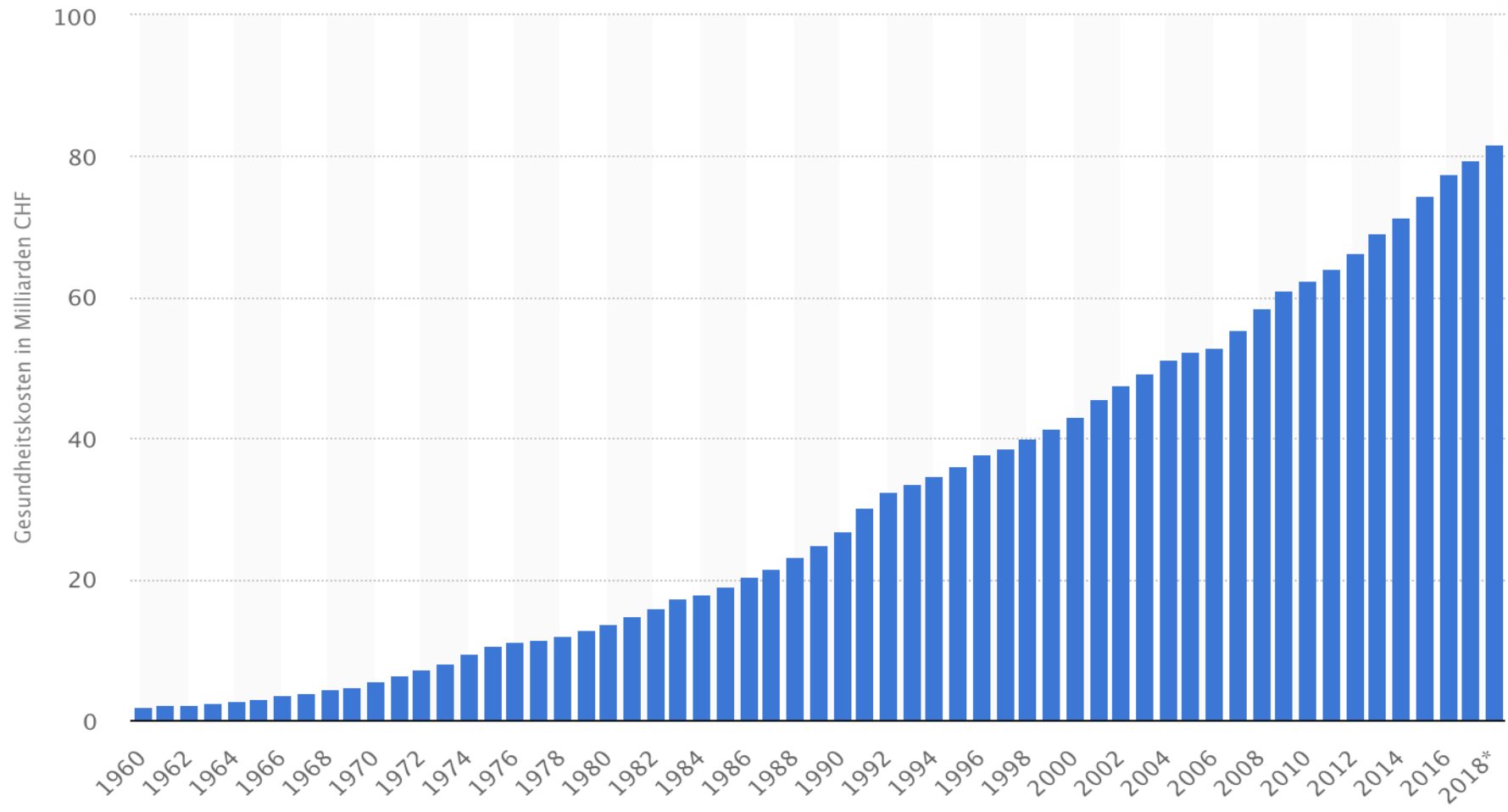
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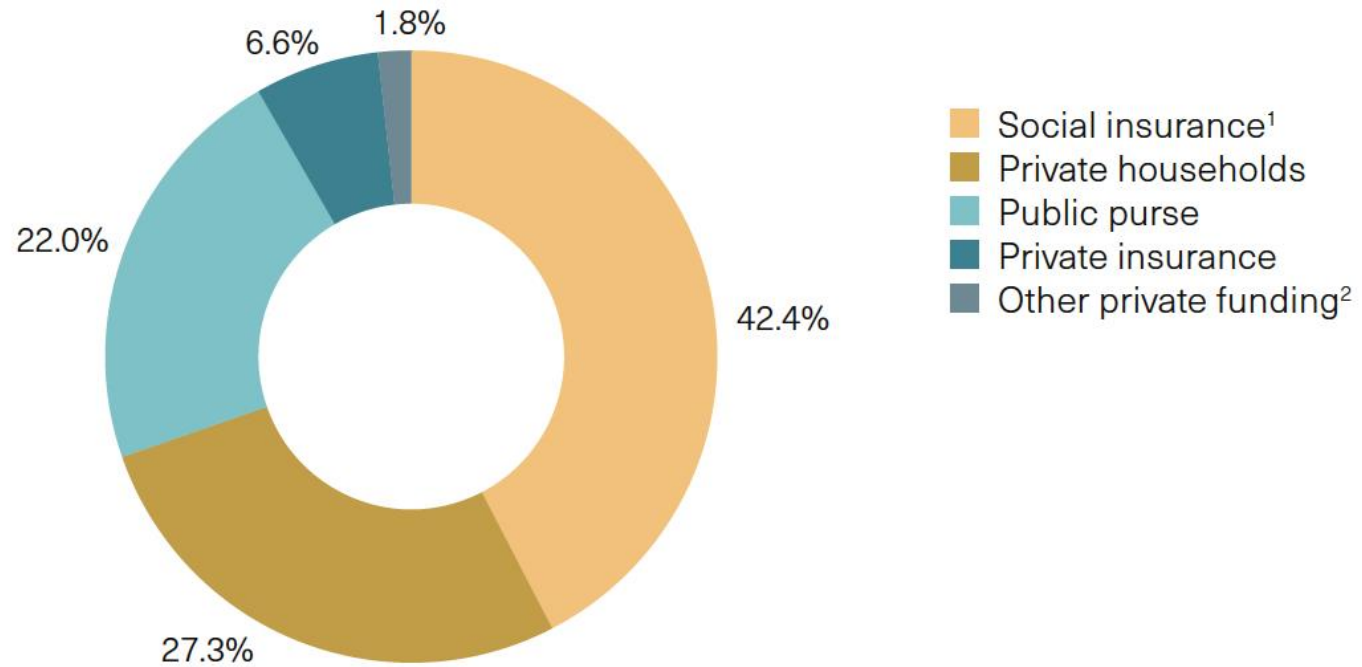
Health care costs in Switzerland, 1960 -2018

Bio CHF



Funding regime of the healthcare system

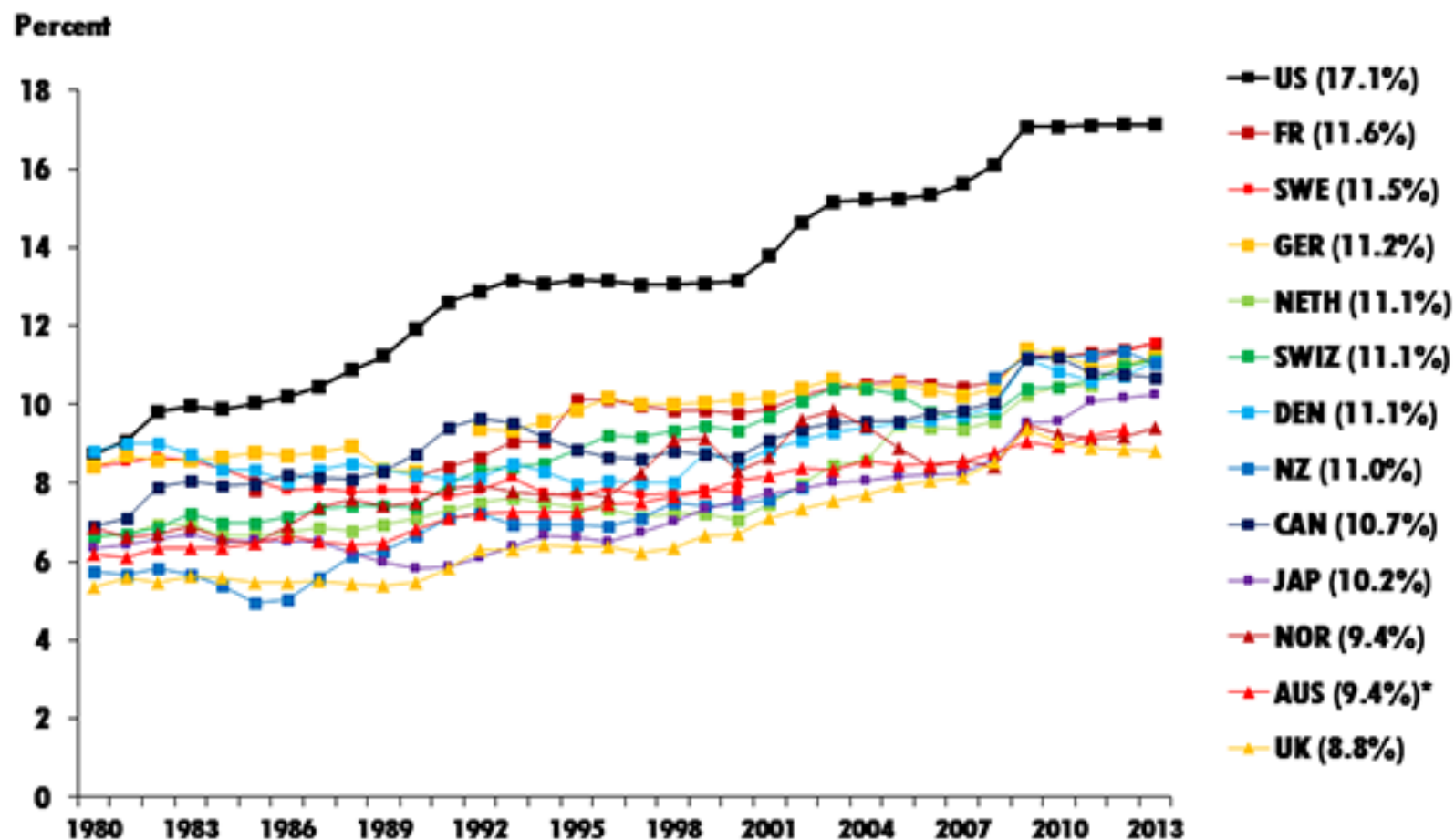
Total costs 2018: CHF 81'892m



¹ Including compulsory basic health insurance

² Foundations etc.

Health Care Spending as a Percentage of GDP, 1980–2013



* 2012.

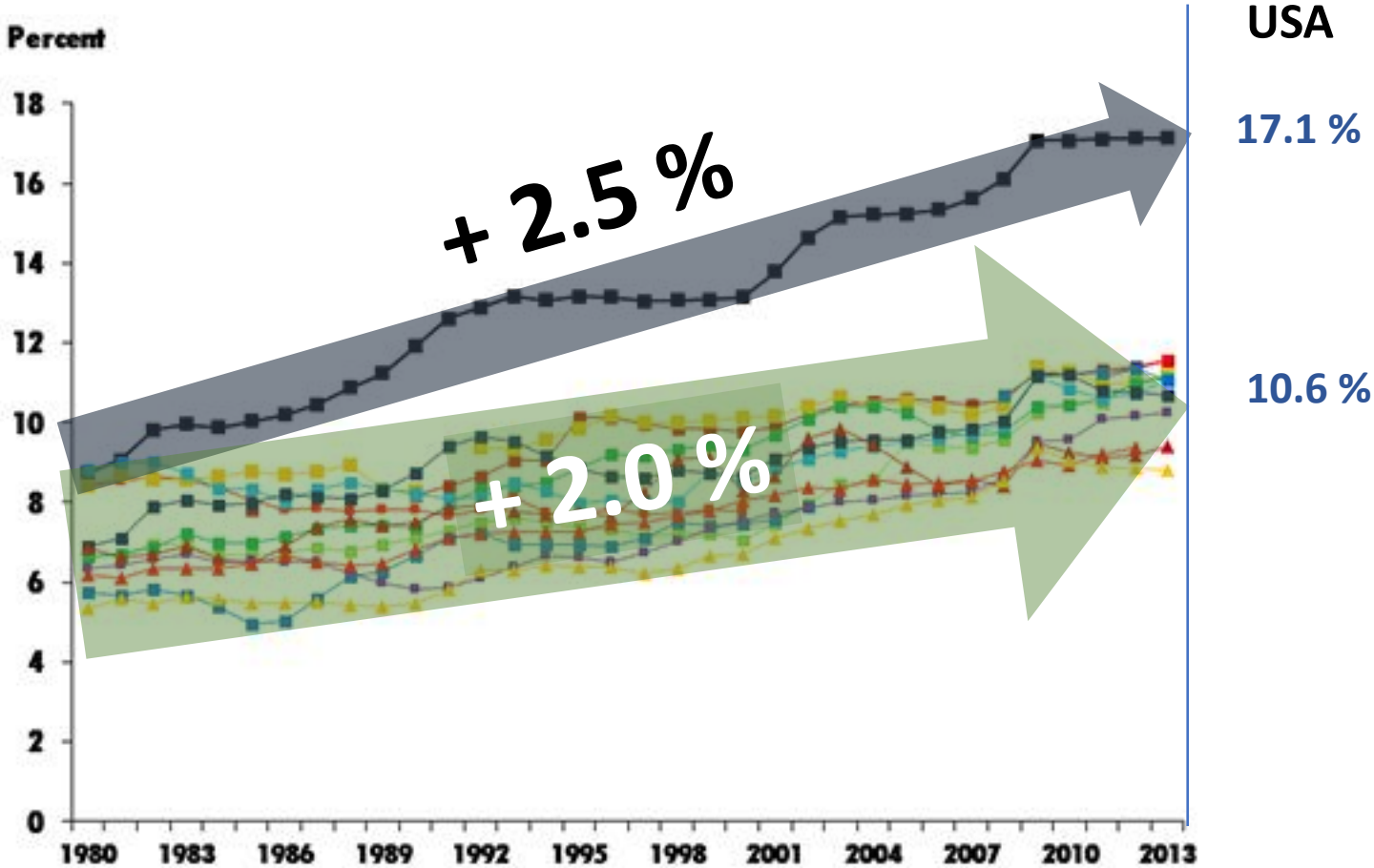
Notes: GDP refers to gross domestic product. Dutch and Swiss data are for current spending only, and exclude spending on capital formation of health care providers.

Source: OECD Health Data 2015.

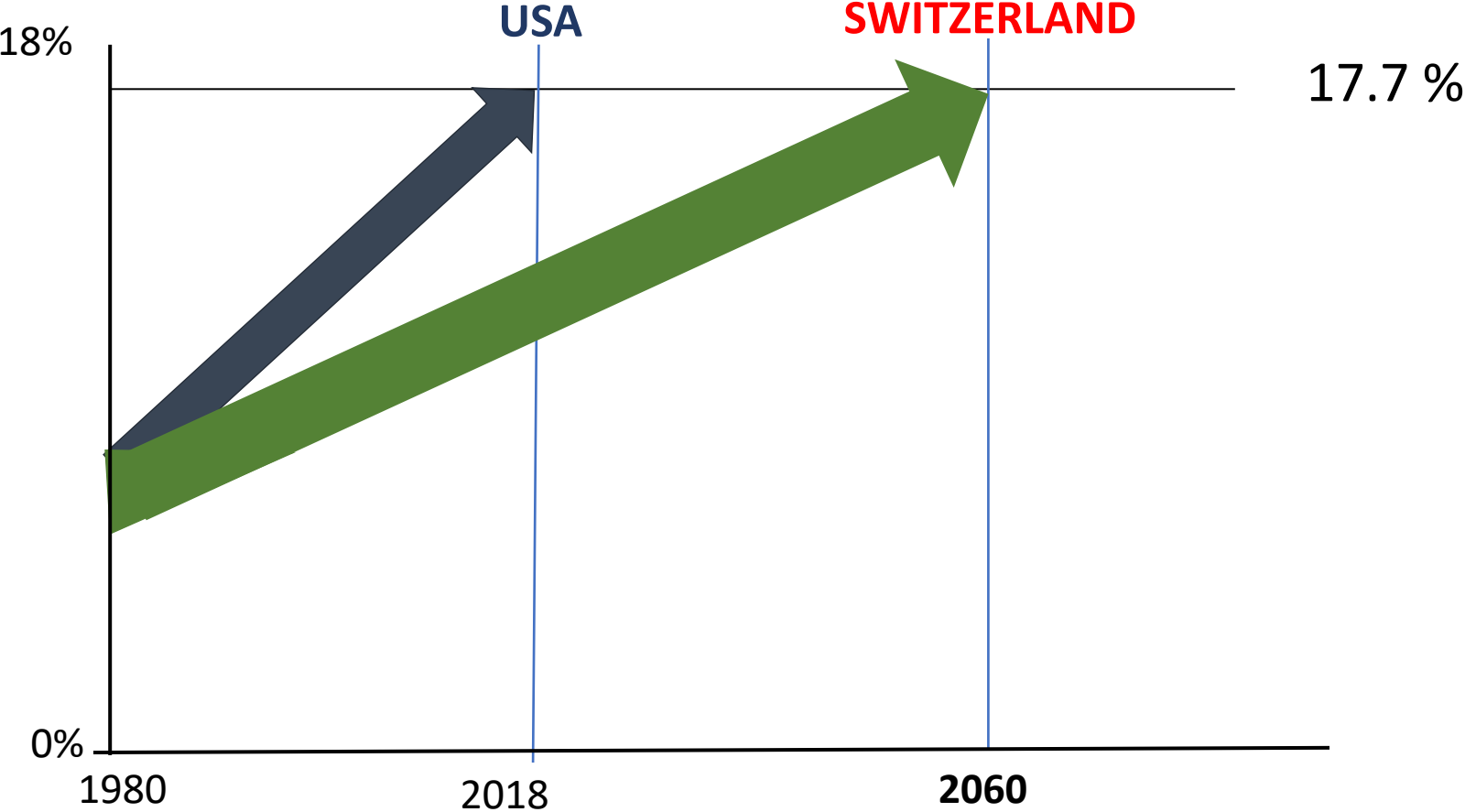


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FUND

Health Care Spending: Annual Growth Rate (% above GDP Growth)



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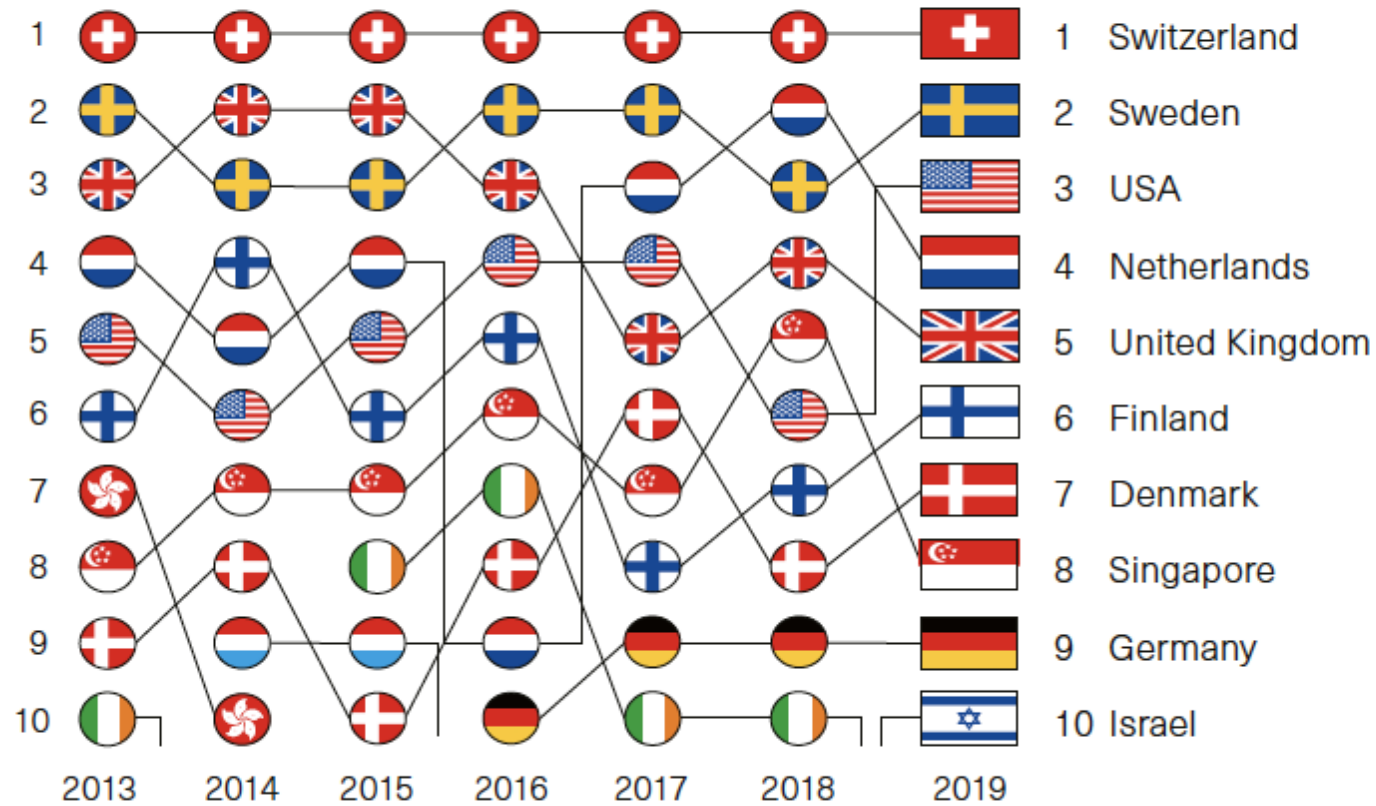


CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US



- High and rising health costs
- Structures overly focused on acute care
- Shortage of qualified health professionals
- Lack of transparency (e.g. costs, quality)
- No cushioning of social inequalities
- Limited progress with digitalisation

Global Innovation Index 2013–2019



Source: WIPO et al. (2019), Global Innovation Index 2019.

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DISCUSSION