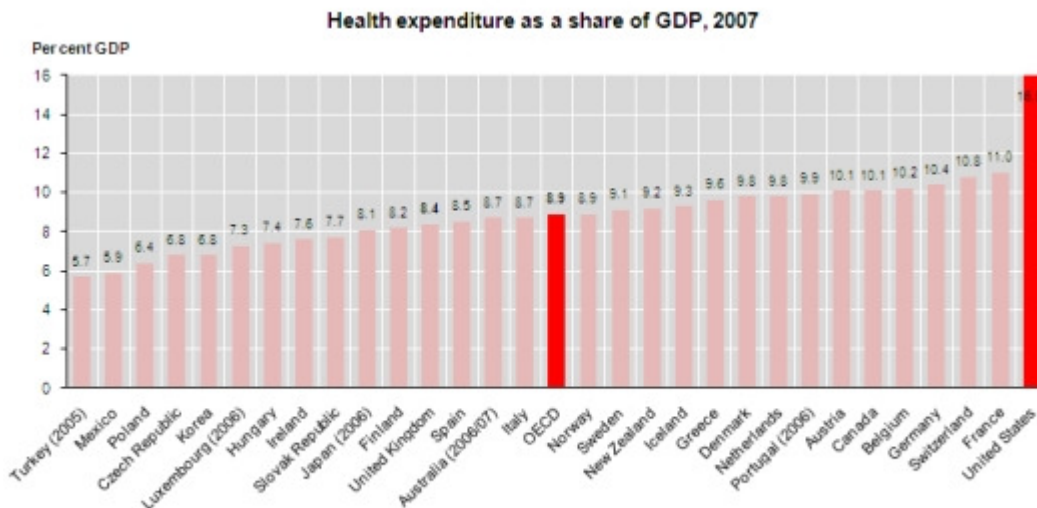


# Health Care

## Newburyport

- There are 210 physicians per 100,000 population in Newburyport, MA. The US average is 170.
- The U.S. Census Bureau also reported that the total number of people in Newburyport covered by employer-based health insurance declined.
- Sick leave is a disappointingly rare benefit for poor workers; the U.S. Department of Labor found that just 25 percent of the nation's lowest wage-earners had health care.
- 50 percent of private-sector employees have health care.
- Allan Greenspan, report titled *Economic Apartheid in America* states, “that the United States is the only industrialised nation that ‘views health care as a privilege, not a basic human right.’”
- US spends more on healthcare than the EU which has free medical care. Total health care per capita in the US is 7,290 (2007) versus a 2,984 average in the EU. Our government pays 43% of health care costs while EU pays 73%.
- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development report on health care in 2006 & 2007 states the following in regards to the 10 developed nations who are members:
  - Americans are the least satisfied with their health care;
  - America has the most privatized health care of any member;
  - we spend 16% of our GDP (2007) on health care compared to 8.3% OECD average;
  - \$911 is spent annually per person on administrative costs vs. \$270 in Canada;
  - Spending on health care is 2 ½ times higher than the OECD average
  - Canada’s infant mortality is 1/3 lower than here in the US;
  - Canadians live 2 years longer.
  - The public sector is the main source of health funding in all OECD countries, except Mexico and the United States. In the United States, 45% of health spending was funded by public sources in 2007, a much lower share than the average of 73% for OECD countries.



Source: OECD Health Data 2009