

# HEALTH SYSTEM COMPARISON BETWEEN

## Canada and Sweden



### Type of Insurance

**UNIVERSAL**  
**(Government Run)**

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### Financing

**Mostly General**  
**Taxation**

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**Total Health Spending as a Share of GDP**  
age adjusted

**12.5**

**9.2**



PHYSICIANS  
(age-adjusted, per 1,000 pop.)

**CANADA 2.6**  
**SWEDEN 3.4**



NURSES  
(age-adjusted, per 1,000 pop.)

**CANADA 10.3**  
**SWEDEN 10.1**



CURATIVE-CARE BEDS  
(age-adjusted, per 1,000 pop.)

**CANADA 2.0**  
**SWEDEN 1.8**

**31%**

**Waited 4+ hours**  
in emergency room before  
being treated  
(% of patients, 2010)

**20%**

**33%**

**Waited 6+ days**  
for access to doctor or nurse  
when sick or needed care  
(% of patients, 2010)

**25%**

**41%**

**Waited 2+ months**  
for specialist appointment  
(% of patients, 2010)

**31%**

**25%**

**Waited 4+ months**  
for elective surgery  
(% of patients, 2010)

**22%**