

# TAIWAN HEALTH PROFILE

## Basic Statistics (2016)

Total Population (1,000 persons)	23,540
Population Density (Persons/Km <sup>2</sup> )	650
Population aged under 15 (%)	13.3
Population aged over 64 (%)	13.2
Crude Birth Rate (‰)	8.9
Crude Death Rate (‰)	7.3
Total Fertility Rate (Per woman)	1.2

## International Comparisons

Country	Life Expectancy at Birth (Years) 2015	Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth (Years) 2015	Neonatal Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 live births) 2015	Maternal Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 live births) 2015	Current Health Expenditure:	
					As a share of GDP (%) 2014	Per Capita (US\$ PPP) 2014
Taiwan	80.2	71.2	2.5	12	5.9	2,715
Australia	82.8	71.9	2.2	6	9.0	4,207
Canada	82.2	72.3	3.2	7	10.0	4,492
France	82.4	72.6	2.2	8	11.1	4,367
Germany	81.0	71.3	2.1	6	11.0	5,119
Japan	83.7	74.9	0.9	5	11.4	4,152
UK	81.2	71.4	2.4	9	9.9	3,971
US	79.3	69.1	3.6	14	16.6	9,024

## Taiwan's Universal Health Coverage

Since its launch in 1995, Taiwan's **National Health Insurance** program has successfully provided universal, high-quality health care at an affordable cost.

**Universal** ♦ 99.9% coverage rate

**Comprehensive**

NHI covers all medically necessary services, the provision of nearly 16,000 prescription drugs, and home and rehabilitative care.

**Accessible**

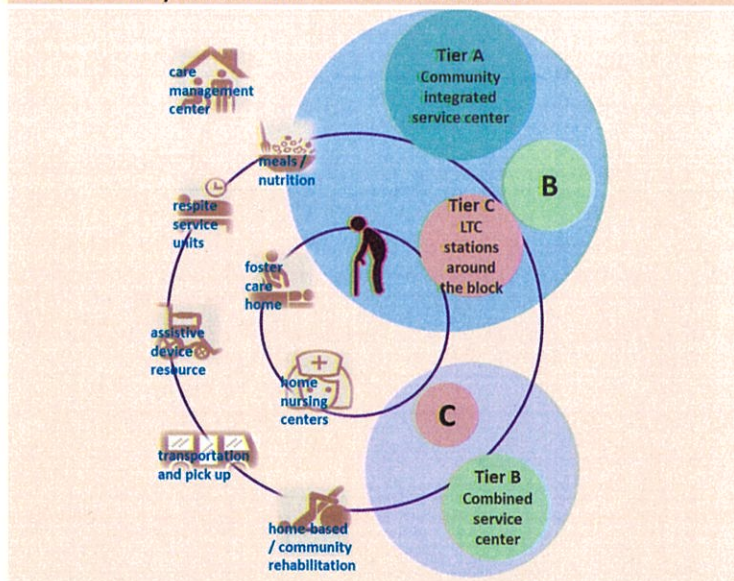
Per 10,000 population (2016):  
♦ Density of health workforce: 122.8 persons  
♦ Beds at health facilities: 69.3

**Affordable**

Total health expenditure (2015):  
♦ As a share of GDP: 6.1%  
♦ Per capita: US\$1,375

## Responding to an Aging Society

The **Long-term Care 2.0** program is designed to create a comprehensive care system that integrates medical care, long-term care services, housing, preventative care, and social assistance, allowing people with disabilities to receive the care they need within a 30-minute drive.



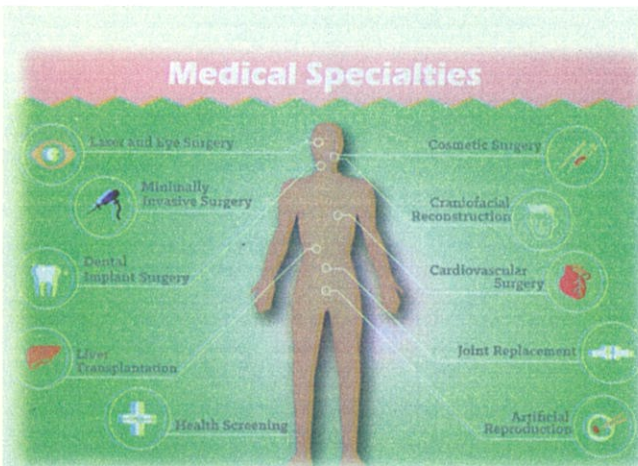
## Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

Taiwan was among the first eight countries to employ the WHO's IHR 2005: Joint External Evaluation (JEE) tool, demonstrating our public health capacity and setting an example for the Asia-Pacific region.

To strengthen the Asia-Pacific region's capacity to diagnose, prevent, and respond to Ebola, MERS, dengue fever, Zika, and Chikungunya, Taiwan and the US jointly organized several training workshops for participants from across the region.

Taiwan has successfully eradicated several deadly diseases, including malaria (1965) and polio (2000). A program of immunizations, begun in 1948, has also reduced the incidence of other communicable diseases.





## Medical Strengths

**Craniofacial Reconstruction Surgery:** Taiwan has 100 percent success in cleft lip and palate repair.

**Cardiovascular Treatments:** Asia's first successful heart transplant was performed in Taiwan.

**Joint Replacement:** It takes only one hour to perform minimally invasive hip and knee surgeries in Taiwan.

**Artificial Reproduction:** Taiwan is home to the world's most advanced embryo freezing technologies.

**Eye Treatments:** Noninvasive laser surgery to correct myopia is highly successful and has a short recovery time.

**Dental Surgery:** High-end digital medical devices and 3D tooth implantation allow a five-stage tooth implantation to be completed within one week.

**Liver Transplantation:** Our overall, five-year survival rate for living donor transplants is as high as 93 percent—the best in the world.

**Weight Management:** The first scar-free case of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery was performed in Taiwan.

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## International Cooperation

Taiwan actively participates in international health cooperation, and is committed to assisting other countries overcome health challenges and realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- ◆ **Medical Aid:** Taiwan International Health Action (TaiwanIHA)
- ◆ **Training Programs:** Taiwan International Healthcare Training Center (TIHTC)
- ◆ **Equipment Donation:** Global Medical Instruments Support & Service Program (GMISS)
- ◆ A selection of **Cooperation Projects** currently under implementation are shown below.



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