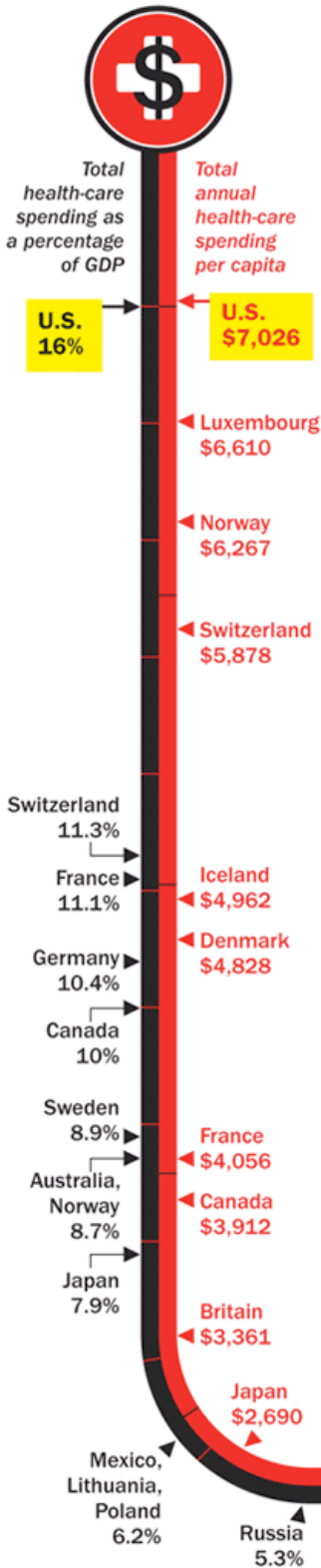
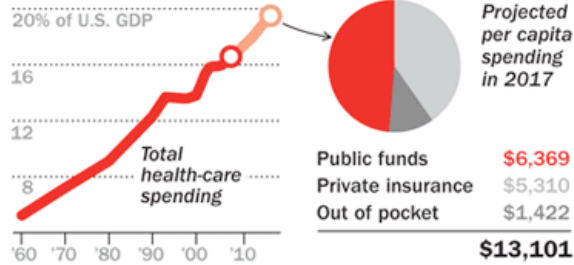


# 1 The U.S. spends far more on health care than any other nation



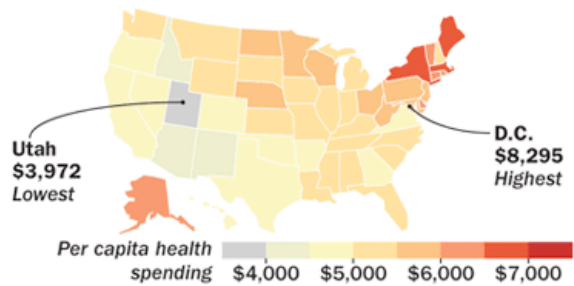
Health-care spending—already rising rapidly—will be one-fifth of the U.S. economy in nine years. Per-person spending will nearly double. Half of that money will come from public programs like Medicare



One benefit of all that spending is that the U.S. leads the world in medical innovation. Hospital care remains the largest expense, driven by demand from an aging population. Here is how the U.S. spends each health-care dollar



The Federal Government has health programs for the poor and elderly, leaving the states to fill in gaps or expand what's available. The result is a wide disparity in per-person spending across the country



\*Includes home health-care workers. Sources: World Health Organization; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services