

Oman: Health Systems Profile

Health status (2016)

Life expectancy at birth in years	<i>total</i>	77.0
	<i>males</i>	75.3
	<i>females</i>	79.5
Maternal mortality ratio per 100 000 live births (2015)	<i>total</i>	17

Communicable diseases (2017)

Tuberculosis notification rate per 100 000 population	6.0
Incidence rate of malaria per 1 000 population	...
Number of newly reported HIV cases	150

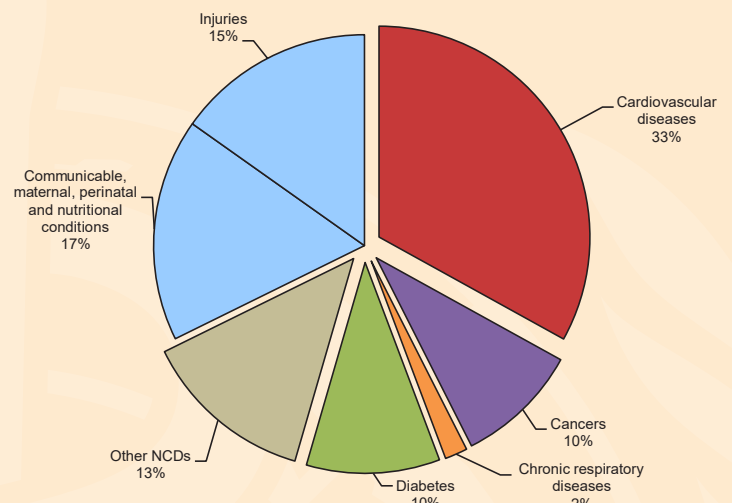
Behavioural risk factors

Estimated prevalence (%)	<i>males</i>	<i>females</i>	<i>total</i>
Current tobacco smoking (2015)*	12.8	0.3	9.1
Insufficient physical activity (2016)*	...	...	32.9

Metabolic risk factors

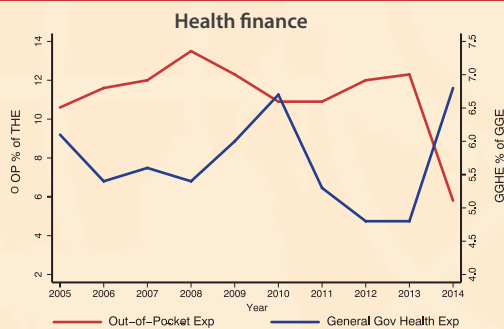
Estimated prevalence (%)	<i>males</i>	<i>females</i>	<i>total</i>
Raised blood pressure (2015)	...	...	24.8
Raised blood glucose (2014)	...	...	13.5
Overweight (2016)	...	...	62.6
Obesity (2016)	...	...	27.0

Proportional mortality (% of total deaths, all ages, both sexes)



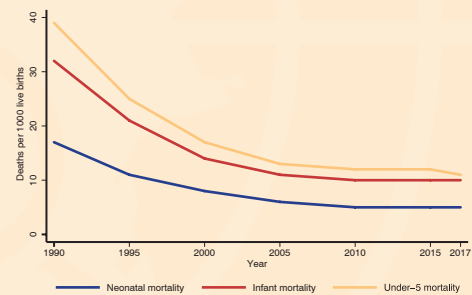
Total deaths: 9,500
NCDs are estimated to account for 68% of total deaths.

Expenditure and mortality trends



*GGHE % GGE is the general government health expenditure as % of general government expenditure
 **OOP % THE is the out-of-pocket expenditure as % of total health expenditure

Neonatal, infant and under 5 mortality rates per 1000 live births



Source: UN-IGME 2018

Health system: selected coverage interventions

Antenatal care visits (4+ visits) (2017)	77.1
Measles immunization coverage among 1-year-olds (2017)	100.0
Treatment success rate of new bacteriologically confirmed TB cases (2016)	51.0
DTP3-containing vaccine / Pentavalent coverage group among children under 1 year of age group (2017)	100.0

Health system: finance (2016)

General government expenditure on health as % of general government expenditure	6.7
Out-of-pocket expenditure as % of total health expenditure	6.4
Per capita total health expenditure at exchange rate (US\$)	636

Health system: workforce (2017)

Health workforce per 10 000 population		
Physicians	20.0	
Nurses/midwives	43.7	
Dentists	3.0	
Pharmacists	5.4	

Health system: information (2007-2016)

Percentage of births registered	...
Percentage of deaths registered	73.0

Universal Health Coverage

UHC index (2017)	72.0
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Health system: medicines and medical devices (2013)

Availability of selected essential medicines and medical products in health facilities (%)	public	...
	private	...
Number of scanners (in public facilities) per million population ^a	CT	7.2
	MRI	1.6

Health system: service delivery (infrastructure) (2015)

Primary health care facilities per 10 000 population	5.1
Hospital beds per 10 000 population	14.7

... No data available

^a Computed tomography (CT) and Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

* Age-standardized estimated

Please note the data sources are in the attachment

Health System Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Challenges, and Priorities - Oman 2018

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained investment in economic development and highest level of political commitment to health • Good health infrastructure based on PHC with near universal access • Well-established evidence-based 5-year planning process involving all levels of health personnel • Existence of a National drug policy, a commitment to rational use of medicines and good governance, an efficient government supply system and general availability of essential medicines/ technologies at all levels of care • Well-established health information system including a strong surveillance system and a commitment to research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High dependence on non-nationals, particularly in specialized areas • Gaps and maldistribution of health personnel (in actual numbers and competencies/skill mix) • Performance/accountability measures (i.e., extent of coverage, compliance to treatment, quality outcomes, etc.) needs improvement • Weak referral system with sub-optimal distribution of resources (both human resources as well as equipment) • Limited capacity for pharmacovigilance (human resources, regulatory framework, information management, etc.)
Opportunities	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health sector involved in setting National Development Strategy (2040) • Commitment to long-term planning (Health Vision 2050), strengthening and expanding health service provision • Expansion in the production of various cadres of health professionals both nationally and internationally and with it possibility to promote the “professionalization” of a various cadres of health workers • Potential to build on existing examples of intersectoral collaboration/partnership (governmental and private) • Commitment to decentralization • Establishment of a Central Public Health Laboratory and commitment to ensuring implementation of IHR • Building on efforts to strengthen public health emergency preparedness and response system • Development of a Medical City will enhance advanced specialized health care delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic and epidemiological transition • Limited non-health involvement in health to address social determinants of health and the changing behaviors and lifestyles • Strengthening human resource capacity to meet increasing demand for better quality of health care services • Health system finance sustainability • Growing unregulated private health care sector • Awareness on the strategic planning process and up-to-date health system thinking requires more attention • Sub-optimal productivity in service delivery based on available resources • Co-ordination between levels of care and service provision as well as between institutions needs strengthening
Priorities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening human resource capacity including restructuring health professions (quantity and quality) • Controlling NCD burden and their risk factors • Financing options for the health system for ensuring long term sustainability • Strengthening capacity in formulating, monitoring and evaluating policies and plans including regulating the private health care sector • Developing an appropriate mix and distribution of skilled health professionals based on a national human resource development plan and career path for all cadres of health professionals • Expanding health information and research system to monitor disease trends, risk behaviors and health system performance at national and regional levels and ensure evidence-based policies and plans • Establishing a national health accounting system including improving allocation of resources based on need • Developing a quality management/health performance system to ensure provision of quality services at all levels of care 	