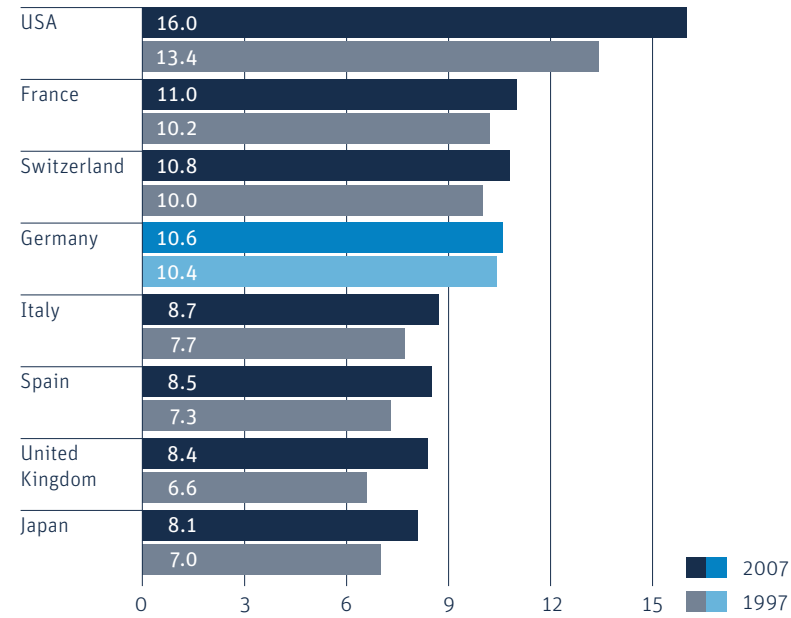


Health Care Spending in Europe, Japan and the USA as percent of GDP



2007: Japan, Switzerland estimated; United Kingdom: different methodology
Source: OECD

In an international comparison, Germany (after the USA, Switzerland and France) spends the fourth-largest proportion of its gross domestic product on health care services. In contrast to these other countries, Germany's share has barely increased over the past ten years.