Statistics on Health Insurance (1885–1914)

Abstract

These statistics on health care illustrate the growing public welfare and health care services available in Wilhelmine Germany. Note the boom at the beginning of the twentieth century as reforms expanded the purview of social security, thanks in part to social unrest and the rise of Social Democracy.

Source

Health Insurance (overview)

Year	Number of members at the end of the year		Income				Expenditures			
				From registration fees, regular payments, and additional payments (since 1893)				For costs of treatment		
	Total number	Regional Insurance Company for Employees	Total amount in Marks	Total amount in Marks	Number of members in millions	Percent of total income	Total amount in Marks	Total amount in Marks x 1,000	Per member in Marks	Percent of total income [1]
1885	4,294,173	1,534,888	63,294,983	53,783,550	13.4	85.0	50,563,414	45,604.6	11.4	90.3
1886	4,570,087	1,701,305	72,089,059	61,388,190	14.6	85.1	58,048,092	52,452.3	12.4	90.4
1887	4,842,226	1,909,046	78,169,963	66,700,954	14.6	85.5	60,517,278	54,768.5	12.0	90.5
1888	5,516,461	2,200,937	91,914,433	74,849,100	13.86	81.4	85,517,089	61,561.5	11.40	71.0
1889	6,071,035	2,451,072	102,529,830	84,301,886	13.72	82.2	95,380,338	70,975.2	11.55	74.4
1890	6,342,828	2,559,761	114,558,315	91,240,594	13.87	79.6	107,850,607	84,040.0	12.77	74.4
1891	6,530,513	2,685,707	119,925,617	96,757,627	14.06	80.7	112,734,062	89,166.1	12.96	79.1
1892	6,513,738	2,776,591	124,000,436	99,277,889	14.27	80.1	116,829,818	94,258.4	13.55	80.7
1893	6,754,735	3,020,654	131,562,137	106,306,192	14.96	80.8	125,369,485	101,971.7	14.35	81.3
1894	6,939,412	3,109,100	135,464,050	111,509,631	15.31	82.3	127,442,362	99,588.5	13.67	78.2
1895	7,288,884	3,287,712	144,992,369	117,309,026	15.60	81.0	136,669,341	104,822.4	13.93	76.7
1896	7,695,587	3,478,370	155,019,216	126,656,201	15.94	81.5	145,916,820	109,722.8	13.81	75.2
1897	8,122,626	3,696,498	166,971,725	135,486,710	16.25	80.8	157,357,109	120,487.9	14.45	76.5
1898	8,502,645	3,900,781	179,646,158	145,240,607	16.56	80.5	169,313,386	128 057.3	14.60	75.6
1899	8,786,973	4,030,949	193,741,196	154,711,407	16.90	79.5	183,654,357	145,324.2	15.87	79.1
1900	9,116,332	4,220,986	208,613,858	166,045,995	17.44	79.2	197,482,566	157,865.2	16.58	79.9
1901	9,152,103	4,266,871	216,294,954	171,353,270	17.77	79.2	205,230,659	163,355.6	16.94	79.6
1902	9,472,582	4,466,149	224,929,003	180,782,378	18.34	80.1	212,943,938	167,801.4	17.02	78.8
1903	9,897,483	4,807,473	242,917,378	193,541,940	18.93	79.3	230,521,030	180,841.7	17.69	78.4
1904	10,421,020	5,153,744	285,375,646	230,685,129	21.54	80.4	271,366,256	213,931.5	19.97	78.8

1905	10,940,269	5,470,141	312,097,081	250,351,868	22.38	79.8	296,993,446	232,243.9	20.76	78.3
1906	11,437,914	5,804,587	338,643,848	276,664,612	23.67	81.3	319,918,794	241,793.6	20.68	75.7
1907	11,721,796	5,915,114	375,964,286	300,379,168	24.75	79.5	356,393,964	273,887.5	22.56	76.8
1908	11,774,843	6,020,224	397,600,197	313,528,389	25.44	78.5	379,117,472	297,376.8	24.13	78.5
1909	12,244,446	6,347,374	413,538,233	330,550,626	26.40	79.6	394,595,423	305,710.3	24.42	77.5
1910	12,846,837	6,722,490	443,350,086	357,617,168	27.36	80.4	421,627,862	320,020.8	24.49	75.9
1911	13,357,225	7,075,087	488,834,719	388,442,459	28.52	79.2	466,975,881	357,468.4	26.25	76.6
1912	12,971,389	7,374,056	501,807,281	393,610,899	29.78	78.1	479,268,032	359,737.7	27.22	75.1
1913	13,091,069	7,434,507	536,961,538	414,237,760	30.53	76.8	513,366,745	390,686.5	28.80	76.1
1914	15,609,586	9,714,396	595,360,246	523,884,104	.	88.0	502,492,926	444,773.1	28.49	88.5

NOTES

[1] The percentages given in this column were compiled retroactively.

Source: *Statistik des Deutschen Reichs*, published by the Imperial Office of Statistics, new series, vol. 24 (1885), 31 (1886), 38 (1887), 46 (1888), 53 (1889), 59 (1890), 65 (1891), 72 (1892), 78 (1893), 84 (1894), 90 (1895), 96 (1896), 121 (1897), 127 (1898), 133 (1899), 140 (1900), 147 (1901), with an overview of the development of health insurance from 1885 to 1900, 156 (1902), 163 (1903), 170 (1904), 177 (1905), 186 (1906), 194 (1907), 229 (1908), 238 (1909), 248 (1910), 258 (1911), 268 (1912), 277 (1913), 289 (1914); reprinted in: Karl Erich Born, et. al., eds., *Quellensammlung zur Geschichte der deutschen Sozialpolitik 1867 bis 1914: Einführungsband*. Wiesbaden: 1966, pp. 148–49.

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