



Country report general questions

Albania

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Country description

The population in Albania is estimated at 2.9 million, with 32,000 births each year. The average life expectancy is estimated at 74 for men and 79 for women (2016). The gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$) is 12,020 (2017). The estimated total expenditure on health per capita (Intl \$, 2014) is 615 and the total current expenditure on health as percentage of GDP (2014) is 5.9%.

General health and school systems

The total density of hospitals is 1.36 per 100,000 people (2013). 99% of children are born in the hospital and 99.3% of births are attended by skilled personnel. The average stay in the hospital is 3 days. The birth registration coverage is 98.6%. The mortality under the age of 5 per is estimated at 9 deaths per 1000 live births (UNICEF, 2018).

The primary school starts at age 6.

Existing prevention programs and coverage

General Preventive Child Health Care Services are nationally organized. The GPs, paediatricians and nurses perform the general Preventive Child Health Care professionals. The care is funded by the Health Insurance Fund and is free of charge for the parents.

Health care contact moments in the first weeks and at 4-6 year

	Vaccination or tests	Coverage
First weeks		
At birth	BCG, Hepatitis B	99%
1 month	General examination (weight, height, head circumference)	95%
2 months	Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, HaemophilusInfluenzae type b, Polimielitis, and Pneumococcal.	98%
2 months	General examination (weight, height, head circumference)	95%
4-6 year		
4 years	General examination	
5 years	General examination Measles, Mumps, Rubela	95.7%
6 years	General examination Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomieltis	98%

Primary health care professionals invite 100% of the children, and 95% of the children attends. The quality of the general preventive child health care program is monitored every year. There is no information provided on collection of outcomes or cost-effectiveness.

Vaccinations are part of the general preventive child health care program and 99% of the children is vaccinated.

The total costs of general screening are unknown. The average salary costs for health care professionals who perform preventive child health care are around 6,462 euros per year (public hospitals), which is 3.4 euros per hour. In private hospitals, the salary can be about 10 euros per hour.

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