

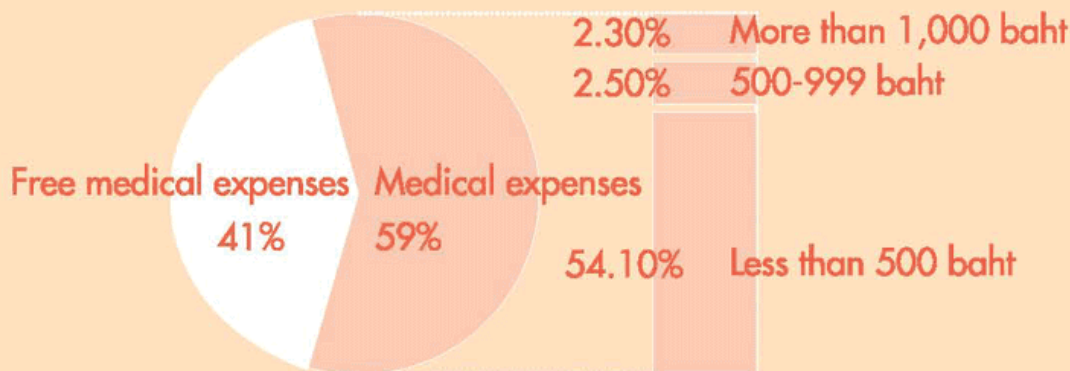
Illness

Over 90% of Thais are covered by some sort of government health insurance scheme, including the Civil Servants Medical Benefits Scheme, the Social Welfare Scheme, and the Thirty Baht Scheme. A further 5.7% of Thais are covered by some other form of health insurance, such as private medical insurance, or insurance provided by employers. Since the establishment of the Thirty Baht Scheme in 2001, the number of people seeking treatment in government facilities has increased. More than 50% of those seeking treatment live in Northern and Northeastern Thailand, the two regions with the lowest numbers of health workers per capita. In Bangkok, there are 924 people per doctor; in the Northeast, the ratio is 7-8 times higher. Doctors are still concentrated in wealthy areas.

The Thirty Baht Scheme has led to greater use of health centers and district hospitals. However, the health system needs to give more priority to health promotion, as opposed to treating illness. There also needs to be sufficient staff to cope with the rising numbers of patients.



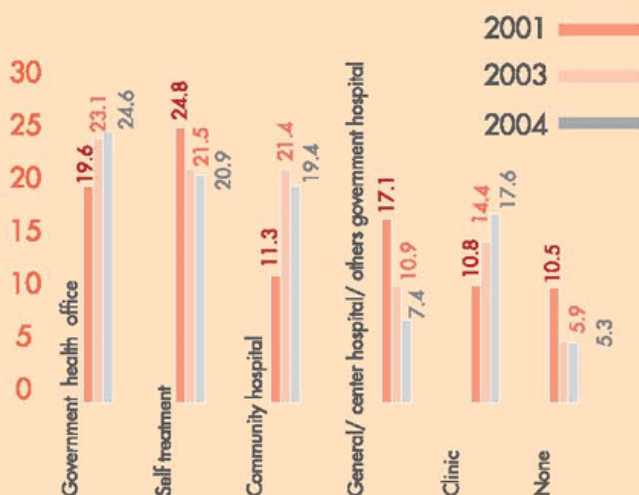
Average health expenditure, 2004



Source: Report of 2003 Health and Welfare Survey, 2004

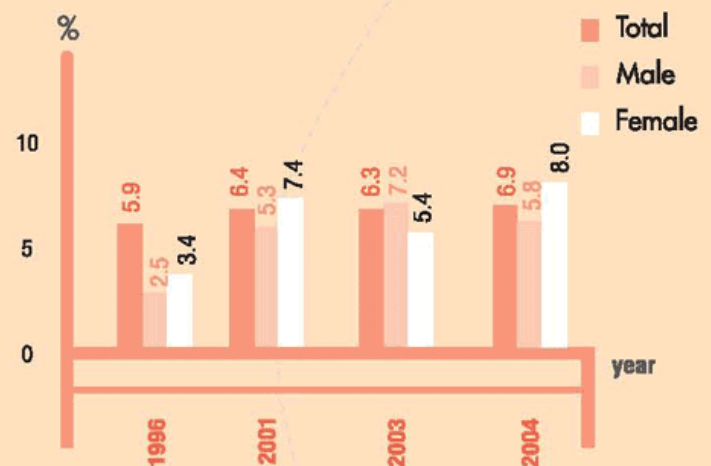
Type of treatment, 2001-2004

Note: For 1991-2001, referred to 2 weeks before interview date
For 2003-2004, referred to 1 month before interview date



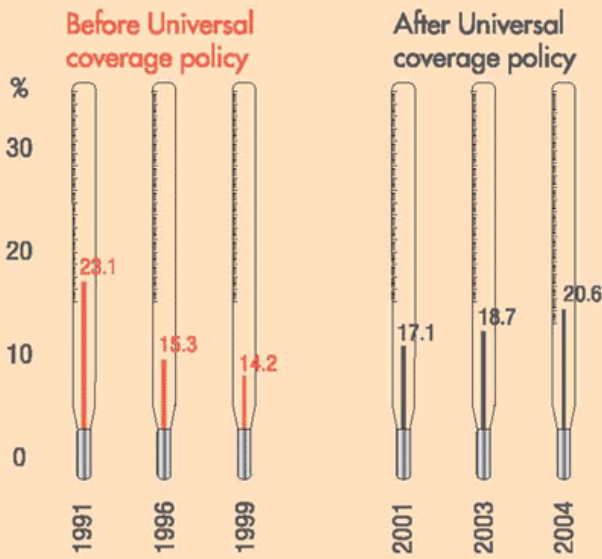
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Admission to hospital, 1996-2004



In the year 2004, 13.4 million Thais had some sort of health problem, and 90% of these people received government health insurance scheme

Reported illness of Thai population, 1991-2004

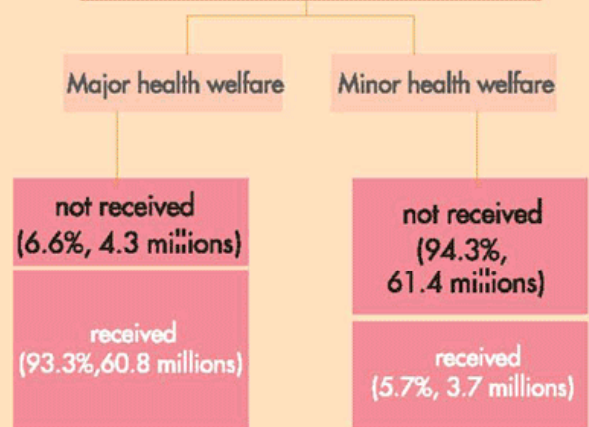


Illnesses refers to all kinds of illnesses ranging from minor to severe including not feeling well.

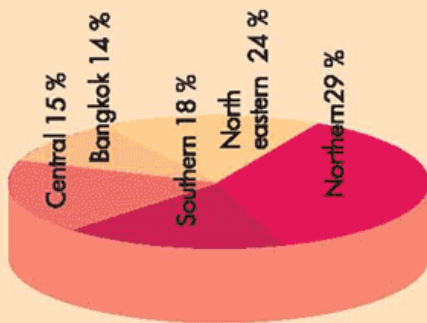
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The 'Thirty Baht for Every Treatment' policy attempts to provide universal health insurance to all Thais, with equal rights for everyone

65.1 million populations, 2004



Illness of population by region, 2004

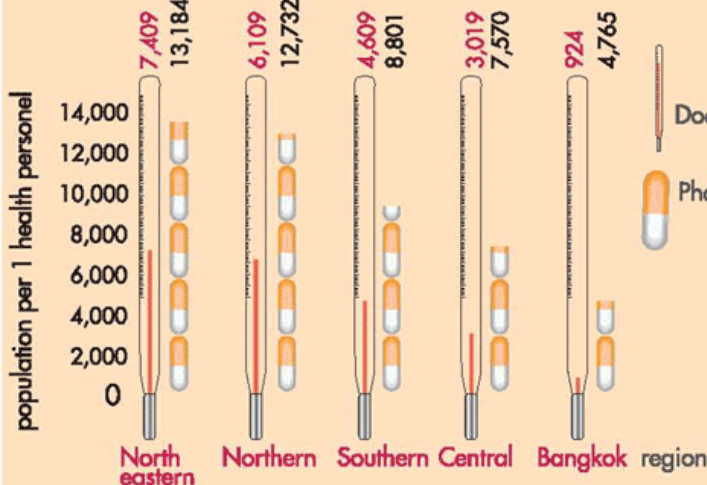


Major health welfare includes government officer welfare/ pensioners/ state enterprise welfare/ social security/ workmen compensation fund/ health card (not pay 30 baht and pay 30 baht)

Minor health welfare includes private insurance/ employer welfare/ others

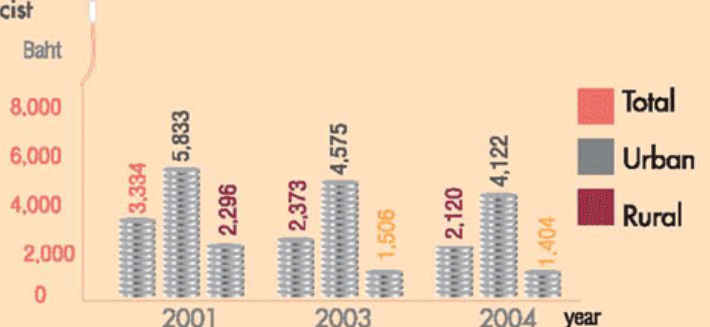
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Health resource by region, 2003



Source: Health Resource Reporting, Bureau of Policy and Strategy, 2003
Public health statistics, 2003

Average health expenditure of hospitalized population, 2001-2004



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