

An Overview of the Health Care Systems of Alaska's Northern Neighbors

A brief description of the health care systems of the Province of British Columbia, Nunavut, Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories

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Costs of Health Care Administration in the United States and Canada	Spending per capita (U.S. \$)	Spending per capita (U.S. \$)
Cost Category	US	Canada
Insurance overhead	\$259	\$47
Employer's management costs	\$57	\$8
Hospital administration	\$315	\$103
Nursing home administration	\$62	\$29
Administrative costs practitioners	\$324	\$107
Home care administration	\$42	\$13
Total	\$1,059	\$307

Source: Woolhandler et. al. "Costs of Health Care Administration in the United States and Canada" *New England Journal of Medicine*, Vol.349, Issue 8: 2003: As cited by Robert Logan

Number of Enrollees and Employees of Selected U. S. Private Health Insurers and Canadian Provincial Health Plans 2001

	Enrollees	Employees	Ratio emp/enroll
Ontario Health	11,742,672	1,433	0.01%
Cigna	14,300,000	44,600	0.31%
Saskatchewan Health	1,021,288	145	0.01%
Oxford	1,490,600	3,400	0.23%
2 Canadian	12,763,960	1,578	0.01%
2 US	15,790,600	48,000	0.30%

Source: Woolhandler et. al. 2003: as cited by Robert Logan

Per Capita Health Care Spending: Selected OECD Countries

<i>U.S. \$ purchasing power parity (2004)</i>	Total Per Capita	% GDP	% public financed	public \$ per capita	private \$ per capita
U.S	\$6,102	15.3%	44.7%	\$2,728	\$3,374
Canada	\$3,165	9.9%	69.8%	\$2,209	\$956
Australia	\$3,124	9.6%	67.5%	\$2,109	\$1,015
UK	\$2,508	8.1%	86.3%	\$2,164	\$344
France	\$3,159	10.5%	78.4%	\$2,477	\$682
New Zealand	\$2,083	8.4%	77.4%	\$1,612	\$471
Germany	\$3,043	10.6%	76.9%	\$2,340	\$703
average OECD (excluding US)	\$2,438	8.6%	73.8%	\$1,799	\$639

Source: Congressional Research Service Report for Congress: U.S. Health Care Spending Comparison with Other OECD Countries: September 17, 2007

How Does The U.S. Compare With Other Developed Countries?

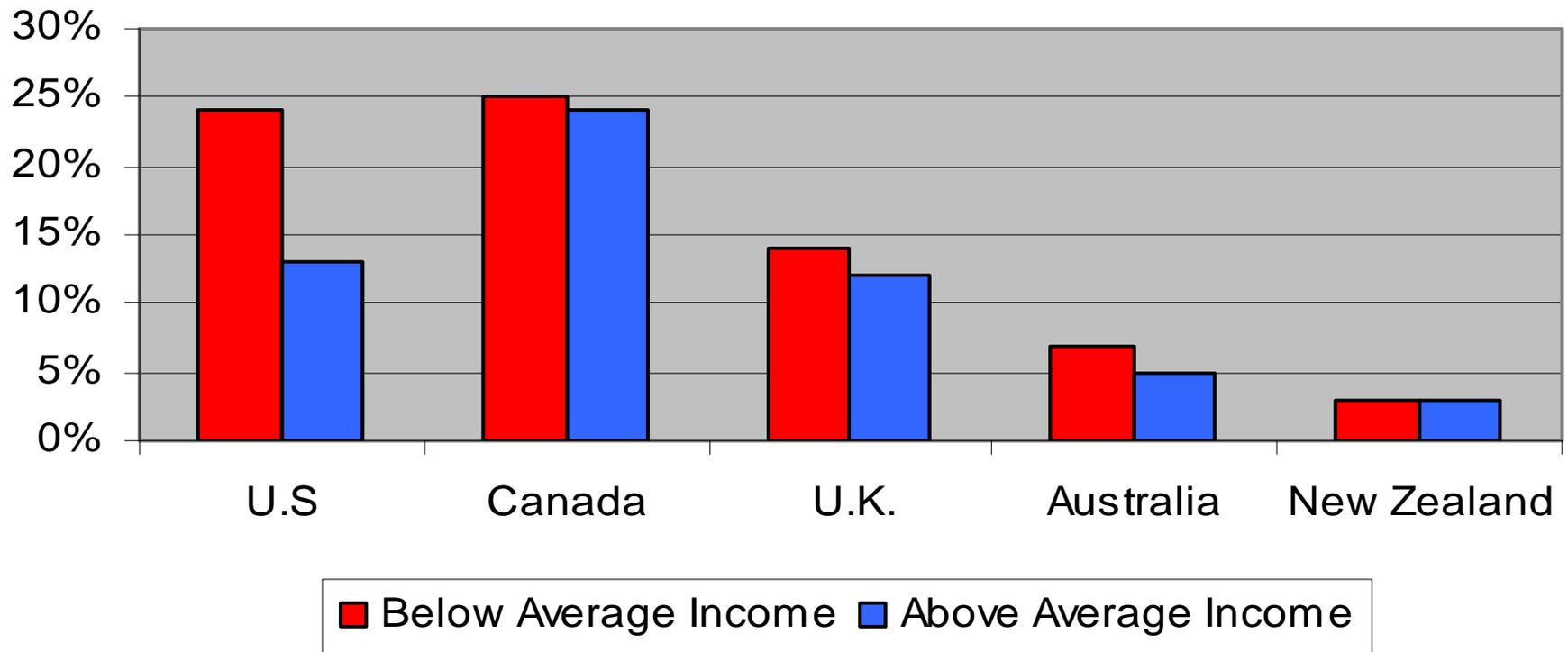
OECD (2005)	Life Expectancy	Infant Mortality per 1000
U.S.	77.8	6.8
Canada	80.2	5.3
Australia	80.9	5.0
UK	79	5.1
France	80.3	3.4
New Zealand	79	5.1
Germany	79	3.9
average OECD	78.6	5.4

Selected Comparative Data U.S. & Canada

Physicians per 1,000	
U.S.	2.4
Canada	2.2
average OECD	3.0
Nurses per 1,000	
U.S.	7.9
Canada	10
average OECD	8.6
Hospital Beds per 1,000	
U.S.	2.7
Canada	2.9
average OECD	3.9

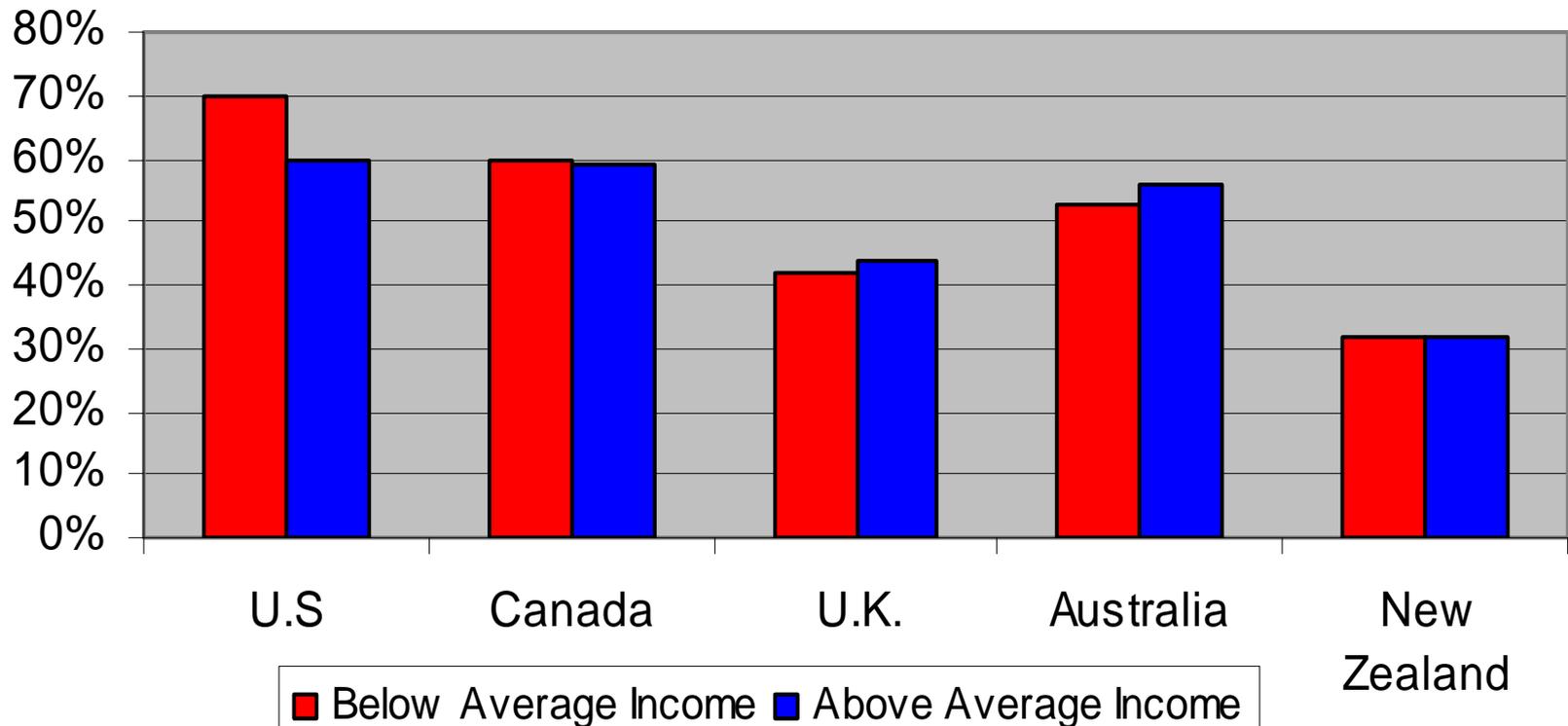
Waiting Times and Income

Percent Waited Six Days of More for Appointment When Sick

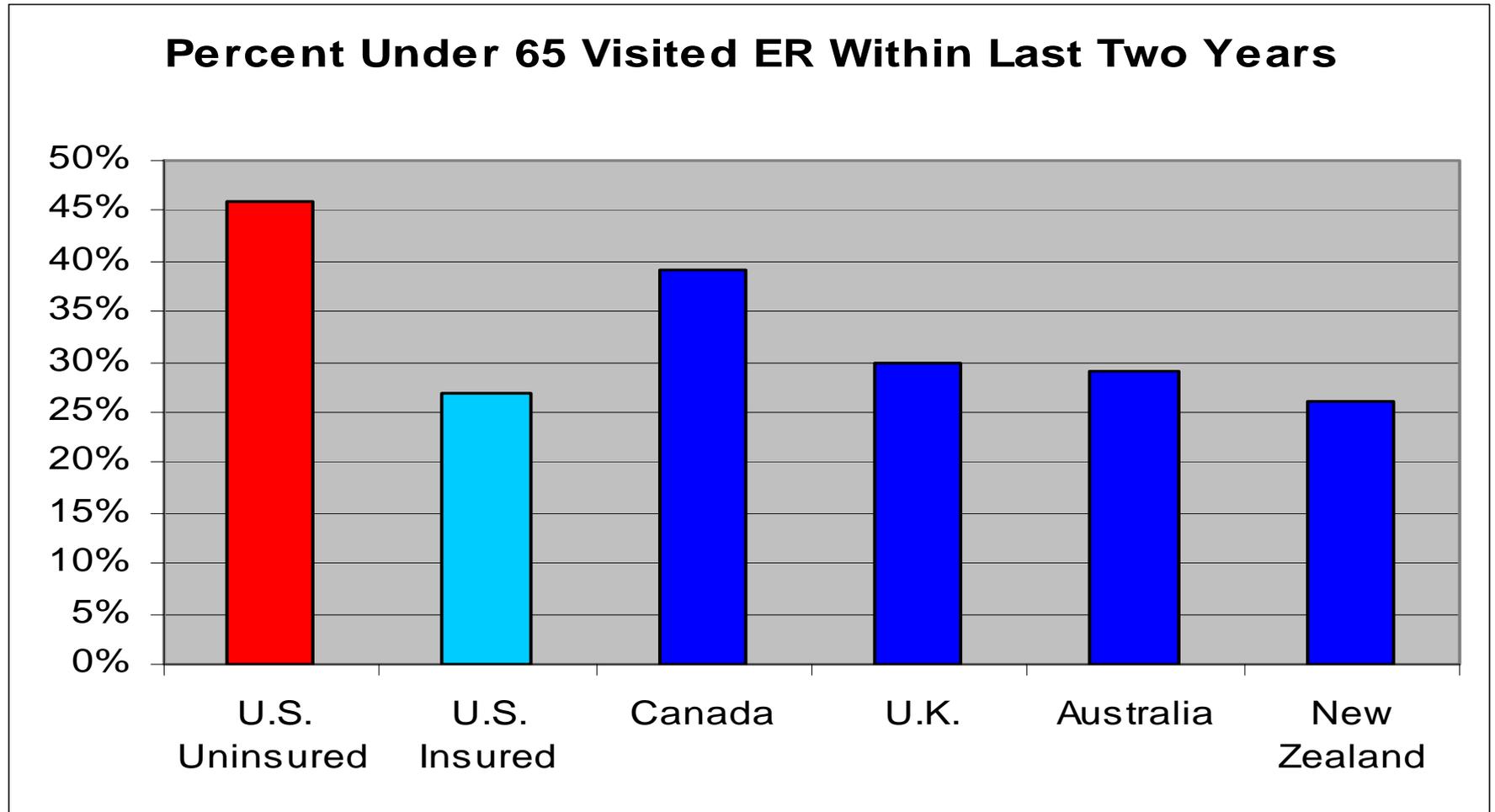


Income and Off-Schedule Services

Percent Reporting Difficulty Getting Care on Nights, Weekends, Holidays Without Going to ER



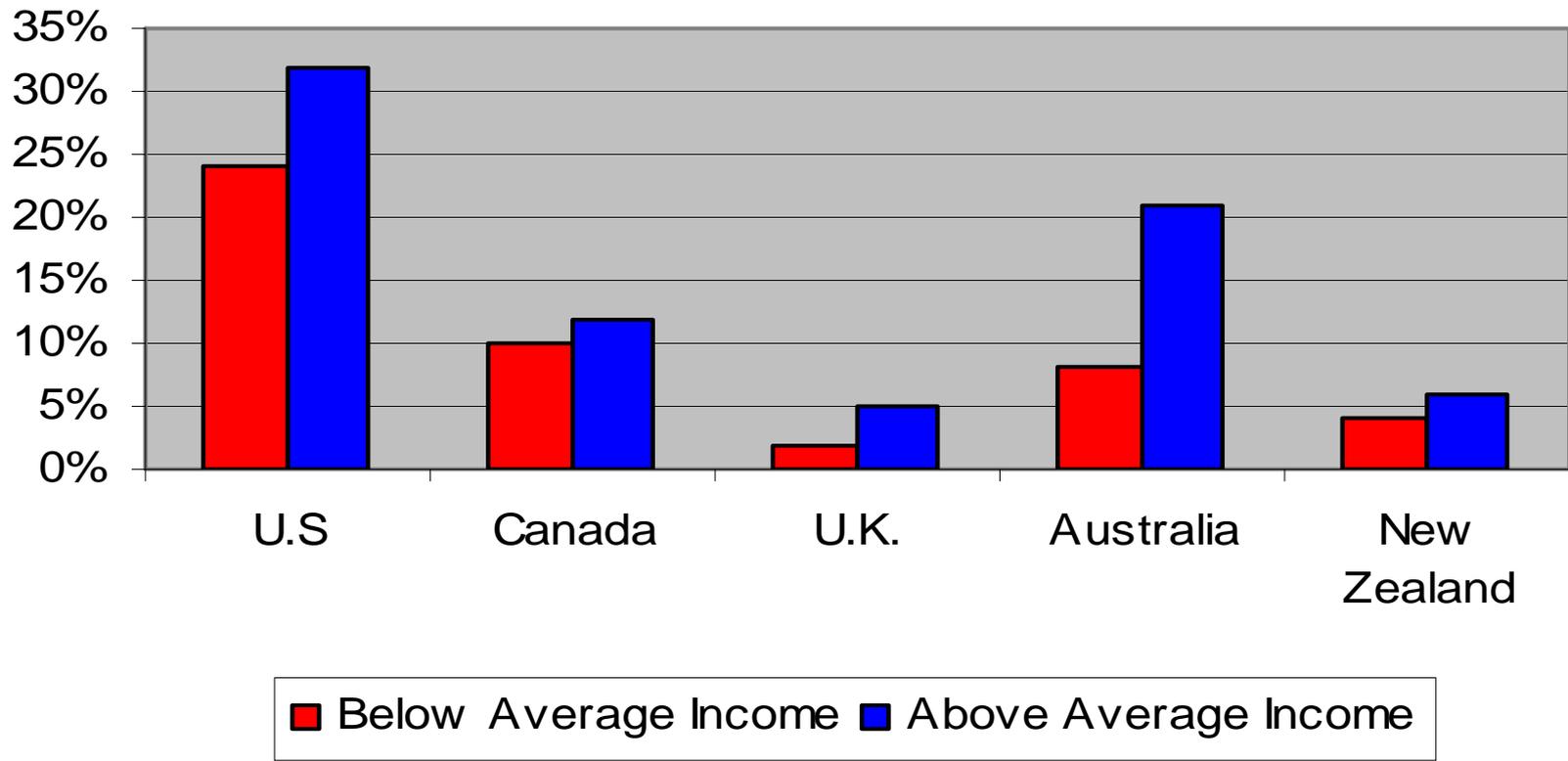
Insurance Status and Reliance on ER Services



Source: Commonwealth Fund 2004 International Health Survey

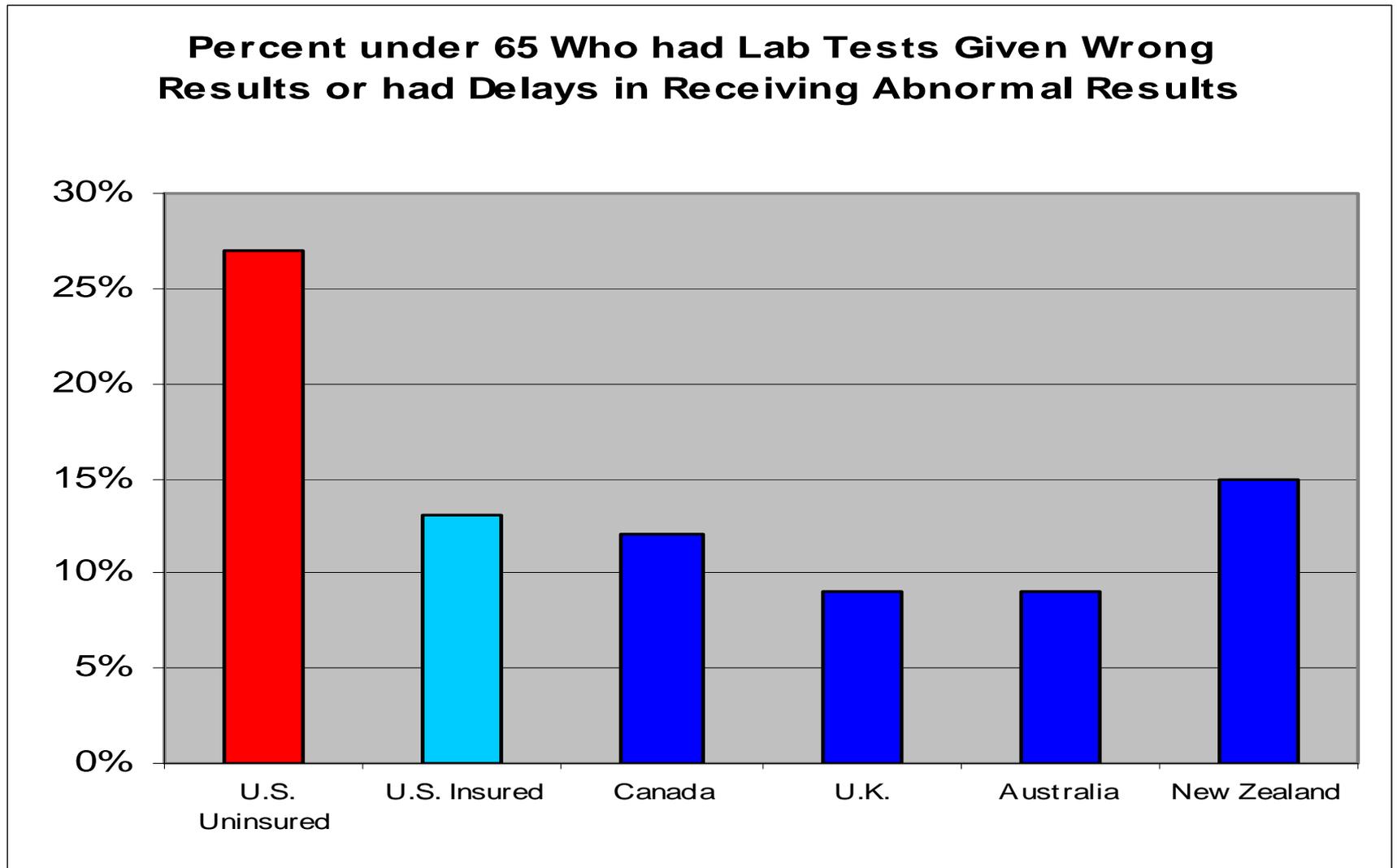
Income and Out-of-Pocket Spending

Spent More than US \$1,000 Out-of-Pocket for Medical Care in Past Year

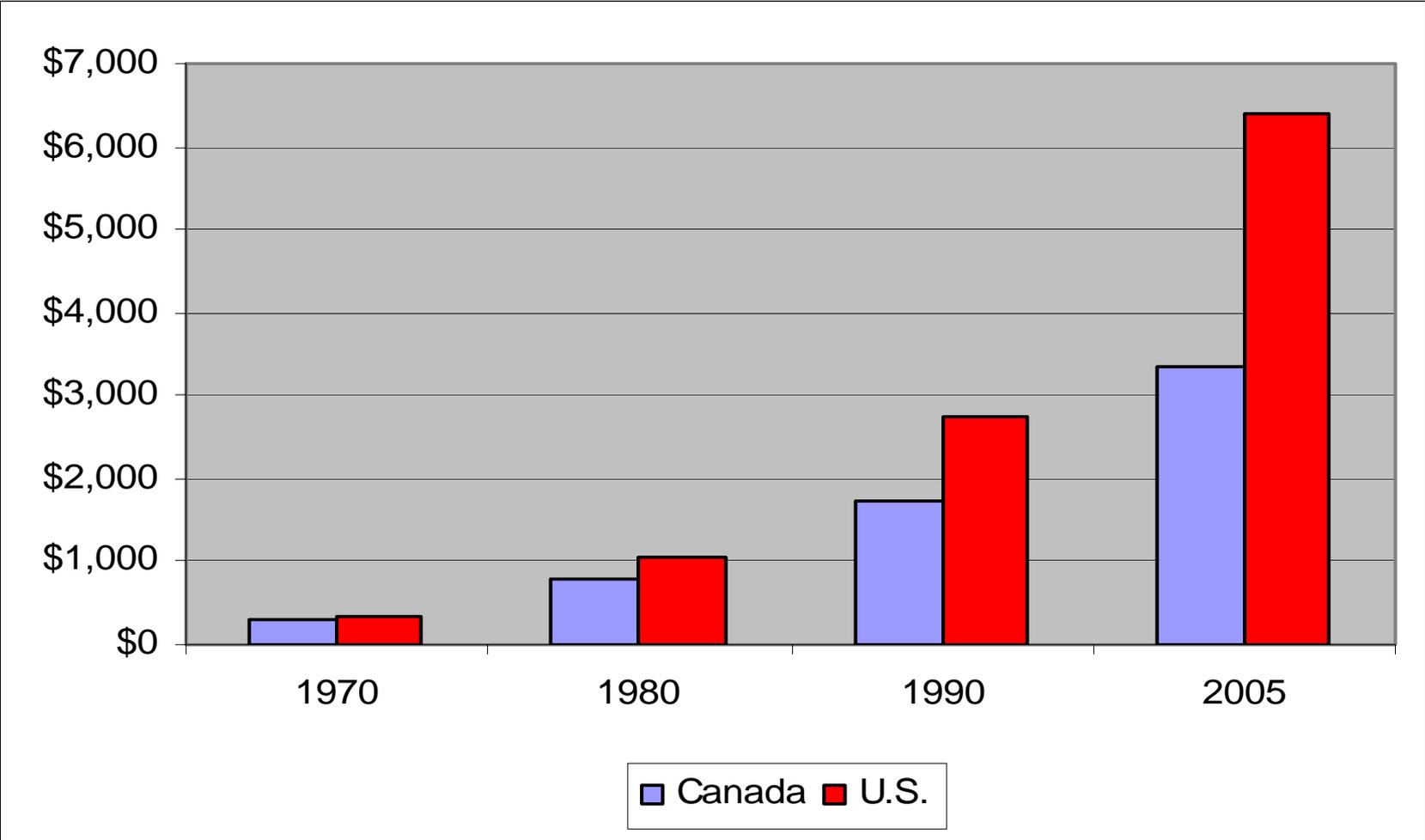


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Income and Reliability of Medical Tests

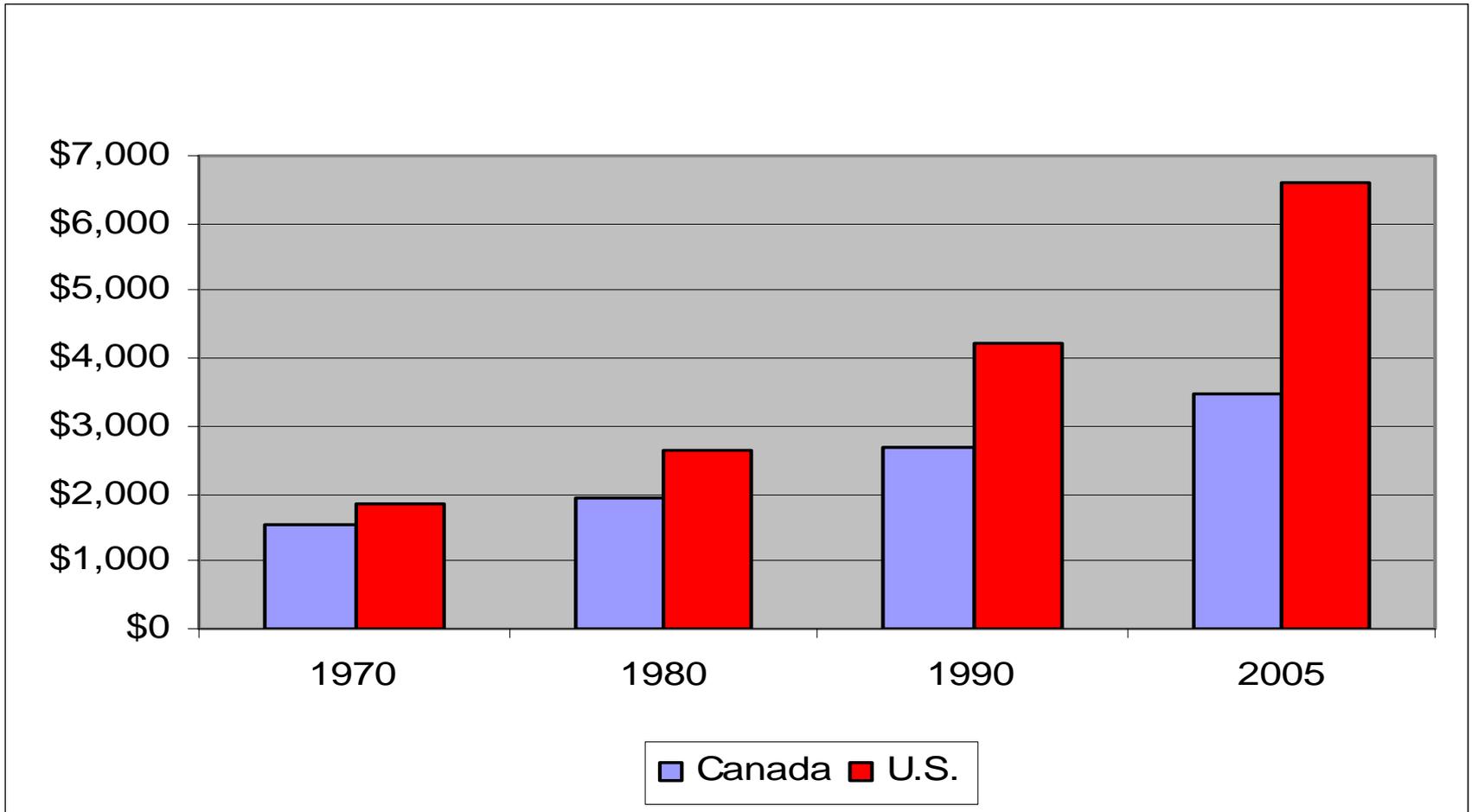


Health Care Spending Per Capita

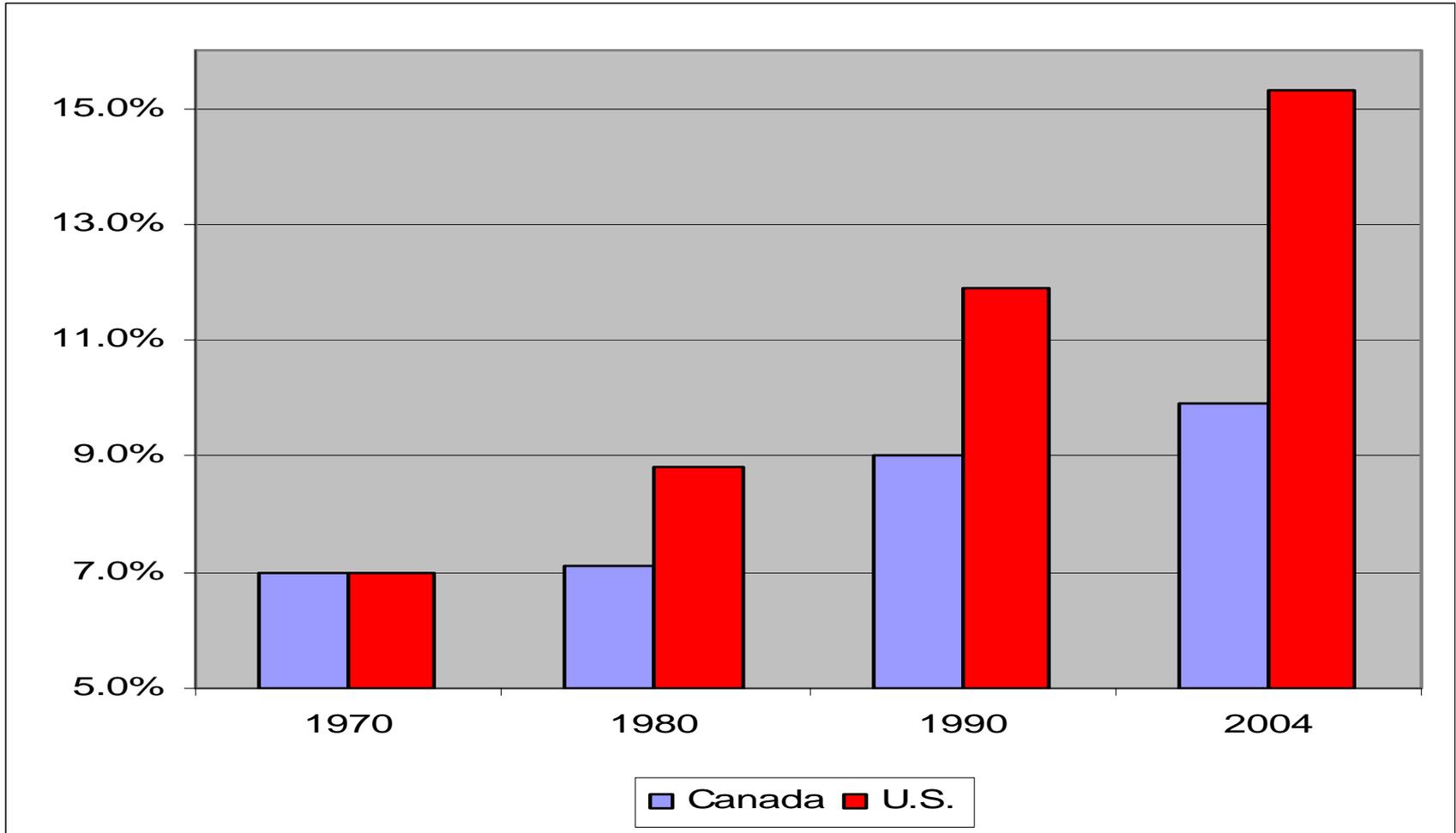


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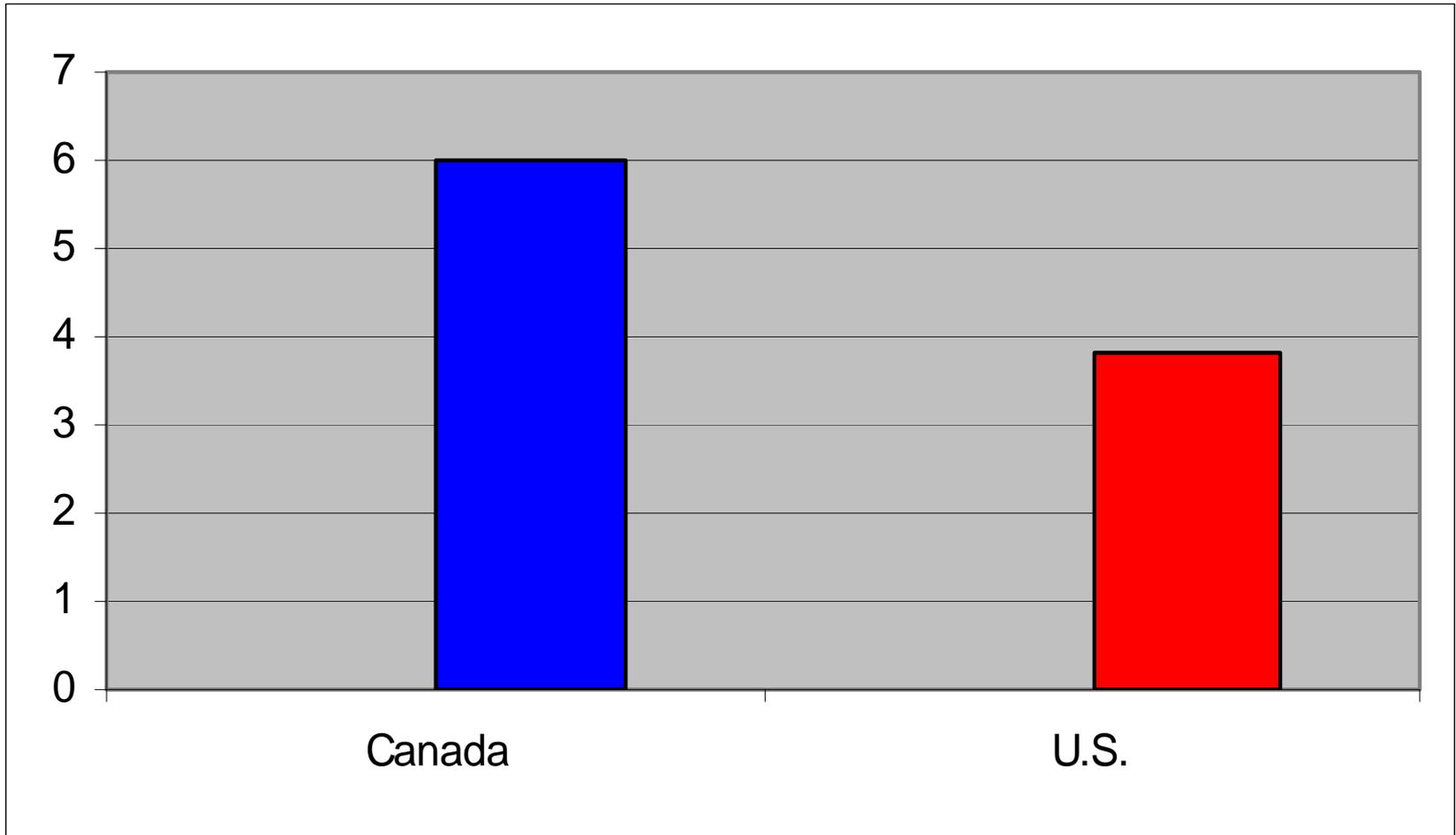
Health Care Spending Per Capita in Constant CPI 2006 \$ U.S.



Health Care Expenditure as Share of G.D.P.

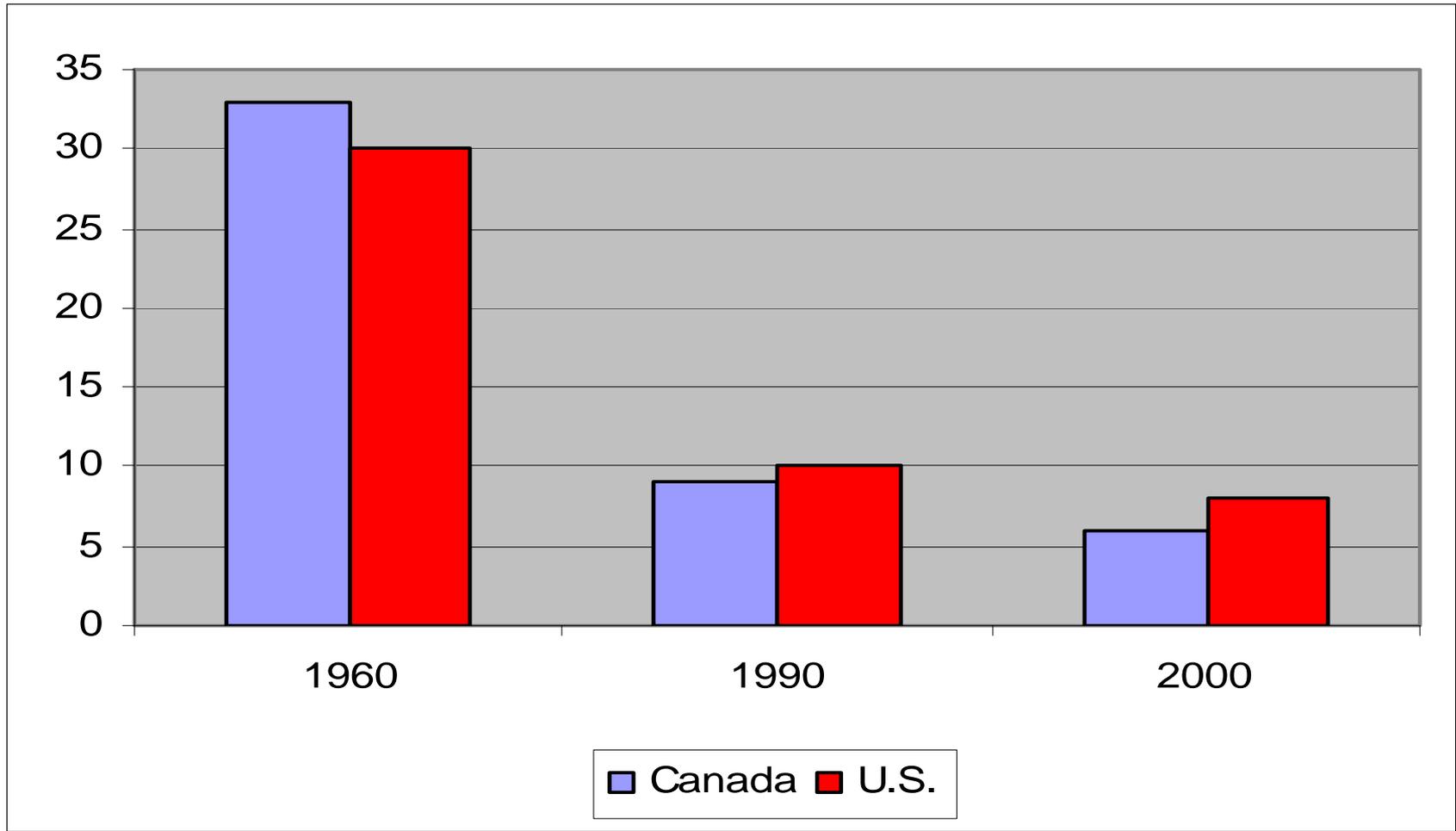


Average Number of Annual Physician Consultations Per Capita in 2005



Source: OECD as Cited by the Economic Policy Institute

Under 5 Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)



Source: UNICEF