



COUNTRY PROFILE

UNITED STATES



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Country : United states
Capital : Washington D.C
Language : English, Hawaiian, French, Spanish
Population : 320 206 000inhabit km²(2015)
Density : 34,2 inhabit km²
Surface area : 9 629 048km²
Currency : American dollar
Time zone: UTC -5 to- 10
Internet domain : .us
Telephone code : +1

HEALTH SYSTEM

The health care system in the United States is one of the most expensive in the countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Health care and medical expenses are provided at high prices, hence the interest of taking out private medical insurance. The country does not adopt an obligatory system of national health insurance.

In addition, private insurance still poorly covers some medical expenses. This is particularly the case of eye diseases, dental care, prostheses or optical costs. Before your trip, think about doing a checkup at your doctor.

Two main companies are responsible for the employee reimbursement system: PPO and HMO. While the former offers more expensive services, with freedom of choice for the physician, the latter offers less expensive services, but requires the consultation of affiliated doctors.

VACCINES

To get to the country, no vaccine is required. It is also recommended to update the universal vaccinations :

- **DTPolio** : the three diphtheria, tetanus and polio vaccines
- **Whooping Cough**
- **Hepatitis B**

The prices of the vaccines are higher than those practiced in France.

For students, some universities require DTPolio vaccination certificates, but also :

- **Measles**
- **Rubella**
- **Mumps**
- **BCG**

SICKNESS

Health risks in the United States are not important. No anxiety. It is also recommended to take the necessary measures to protect yourself against :

Lyme

Also called Lyme Borreliosis, the disease results from tick bites. It is more present in wooded areas. If you prefer forest walks, take the necessary precautions: use repellents, wear long clothes, cover your head, etc.

The main symptoms of Lyme Borreliosis: headache, skin lesion, fatigue, high temperature, etc.

Nile Virus

It is present in the states of Colorado and South Dakota. It is transmitted via the West Nile virus. It manifests itself in three ways: asymptomatic infection, meningitis or encephalitis, and West Nile fever.

No risk of malaria in the country

TARIFF **REFERENCES**

Health costs are very high in the United States. They are 4 to 5 times more expensive than in France, hence the interest of subscribing to health insurance before traveling to the country. Similarly for drugs whose prices are twice those in France. In fact, the average pharmaceutical expenditure per capita is approximately \$ 985. It is thus the highest in the world!

SOINS	TARIFS
Consultation at a general practitioner	150 - 200 \$
Day in a hospital	2000 - 3000 \$
Medical intervention following an insect bite	1000 \$
Consultation with a specialist	500 \$
A gynecological consultation	210 \$
Urinary tract infection	220 - 660 \$
Angina	260 \$
A bronchitis	110 \$
Otitis	440 \$
A domestic accident	870 \$
Sinusitis	140 \$
A clavicle fracture	1660 \$
10 days of hospitalization	84 000 \$

THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PUBLIC **SYSTEM**

- Public hospitals with saturated emergency services
- Emergency services are only available in major cities
- Large number of uninsured patients

THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PRIVATE **SYSTEM**

- Very high care rates

IN CASE OF **EMERGENCY**

For any emergency, call

911

The service is free from a public telephone.

For police services, call **411!**

Ask in advance about the quality of the emergency department at the health facility nearest you.

Always keep your insurance card and blood group number in your wallet !

WORLD PASS **TIPS**

Before your trip, consider taking out international insurance. World Pass offers very advantageous conditions, rates adapted according to the duration and the place of your stay.

The cover is guaranteed 24 hours a day and no advance is required in case of hospitalization.

N.B : Students, make sure to ask your university about the types of accepted health insurance. Some institutions require insurance with a higher level of coverage.

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