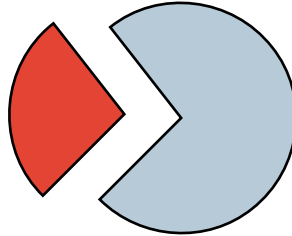


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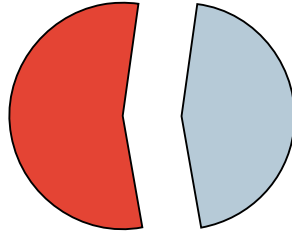
## The Concentration of Health-Care Spending on Americans

1% of Americans Consume 27%



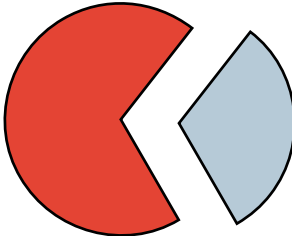
of U.S. Health-Care Dollars.

5% of Americans Consume 55%



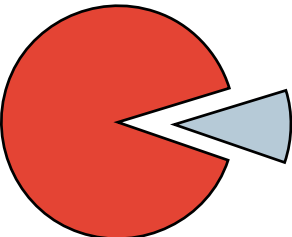
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10% of Americans Consume 69%



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30% of Americans Consume 90%



of U.S. Health-Care Dollars.

Source: Marc Berk and Alan Monheit, "The Concentration of Health Care Expenditures, Revisited," *Health Affairs* vol. 20, no. 2 (2001): 9-18. Expenditures are from among the civilian, noninstitutionalized U.S. population.

More than half of U.S. health-care spending is for treatments consumed by 5% of the population with high-cost illnesses and injuries, according to a study of 1996 expenditures published in *Health Affairs*. Similar concentration levels of expenditures were found in studies of spending patterns since 1928. An estimated 46.3% of the highest consumers of health-care services were the elderly.