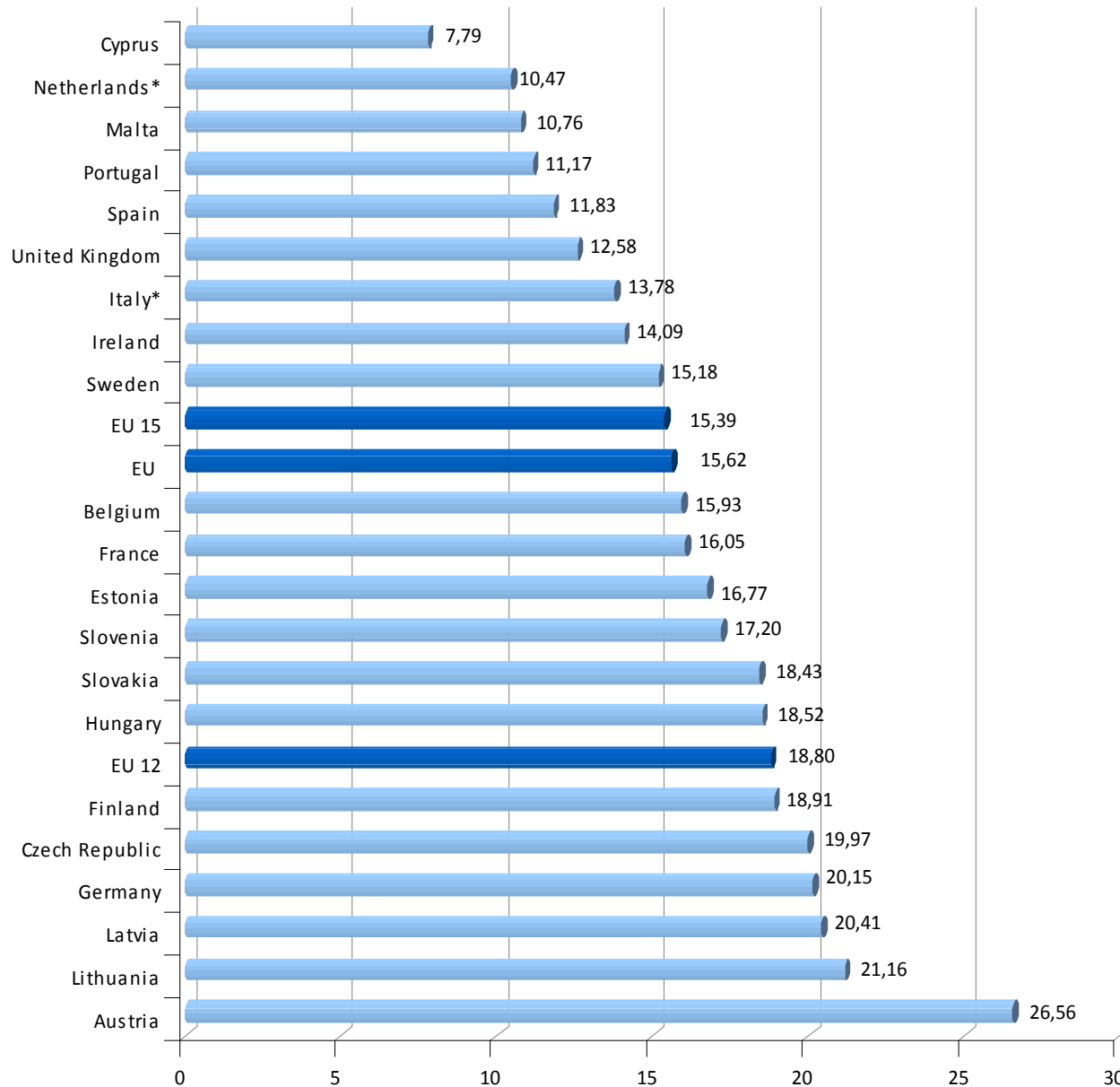


ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100 INHABITANTS

Year 2007



In 2007 the 27 European Member States of the European Union have registered on average 15,6 admissions in acute care hospitals every 100 inhabitants.

However, this ranged between Austria (26,6 admissions per 100 inhabitants) and Cyprus (7,8 admissions per 100 inhabitants).

Between 1996 and 2007 the average rate of acute care admissions in the European Member States dropped off by about 2,2 units.

It decreased by 2,4 units in 'EU15', but increased by 0,9 units in 'EU12'.

The major decreases were registered in the United Kingdom (-8,82), in France (-4,34), in Italy (-3,53) and in Belgium (-3,00).

The higher increases were registered in Austria (+4,13), followed by Slovenia (+2,35) and Lithuania (+1,57).

'EU15' - Countries joining the European Union between 1952 and 1995: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

'EU12' - Countries joining the European Union in 2004 or in 2007: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.

NOTE. All data refer to 2007 except Italy and the Netherlands (year 2006).

Data for Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Luxembourg, Poland and Romania are not available.

Source of data: WHO/Europe, European HFA Database, August 2009.