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# VHPB BALKAN MEETING

## *INTRODUCTION IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE SERVICE*

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## COUNTRY PROFILE

- **Population (in millions) (year):** The estimated number of population in the Republic of Serbia in 2021 was 6 834 326 (the estimations are based on the results of natural changes statistics and population internal migration).
- **Gross national income per capita (int EUR) (year):** The real GDP growth in the second quarter of 2022, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, amounted 3.9%
- **Health spending per capita (Euro):** Serbia allocated 456 euros per capita for health services, which is 9 percent of gross domestic product
- **Life expectancy (year):** Life expectancy in Serbia was 75.9 years, according to Eurostat data from 2018. For women, this figure is higher and amounts to 78.4 years, while for men it is 73.5 years.

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## HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE SERVICE

- The healthcare system is managed by the National Health Insurance Fund (RFZO), which covers all citizens and permanent residents. All employees, self-employed persons, and pensioners must pay contributions to it. Contributions are based on a sliding scale, with wealthier members of society paying higher percentages of their income
- Infectious disease service is achieved through the existence of clinical centers with infectious diseases clinics (5) and general hospitals with infectious diseases departments (40)
- Viral hepatitis is treated by infectious disease specialists and gastroenterologists from clinical centers and general hospitals