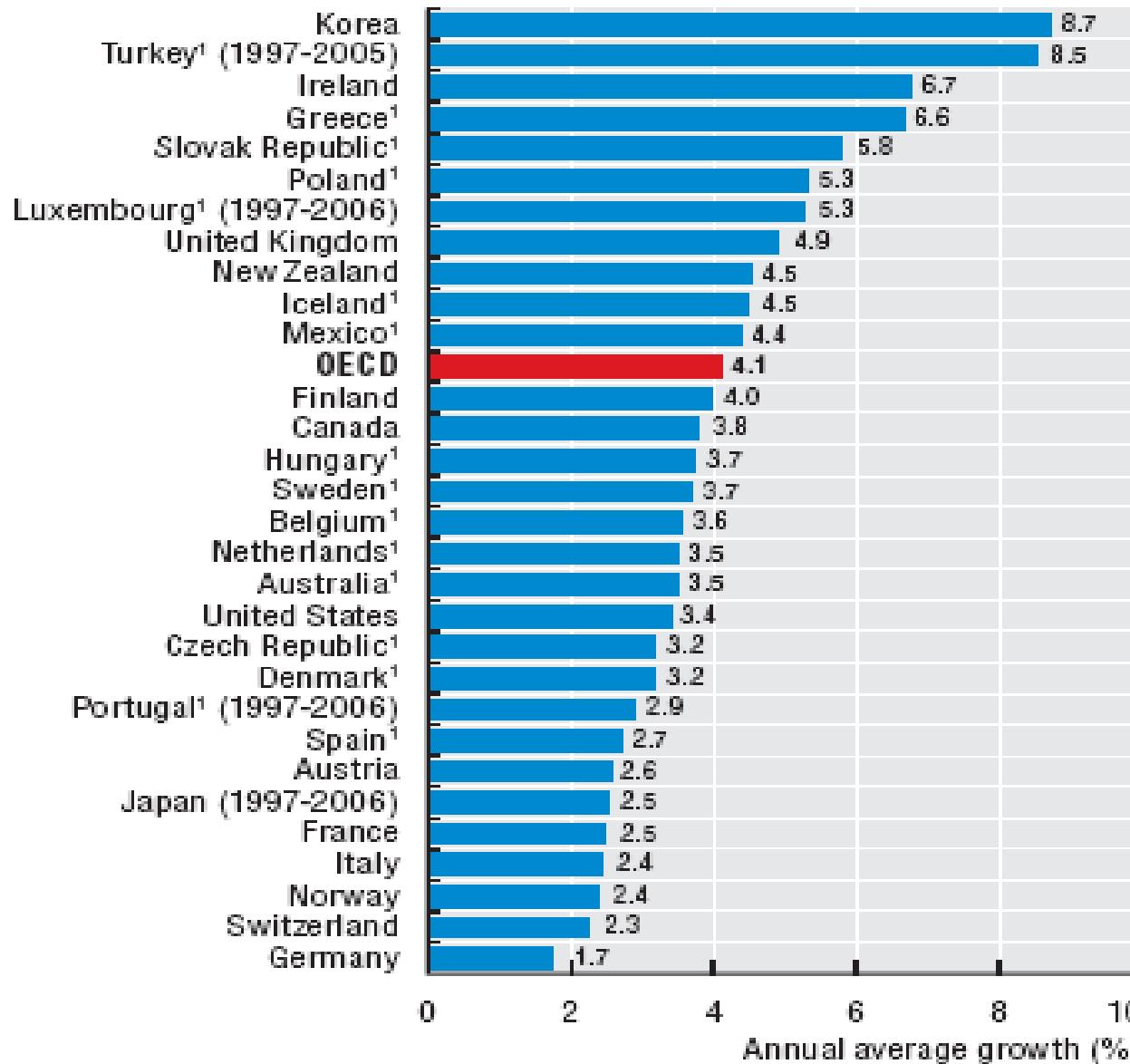


Across OECD countries, health expenditure has grown by slightly more than 4% annually over the past ten years

Annual average real growth in per capita health expenditure, 1997-2007



Source: OECD Health Data 2009, OECD (<http://www.oecd.org/health/healthdata>).