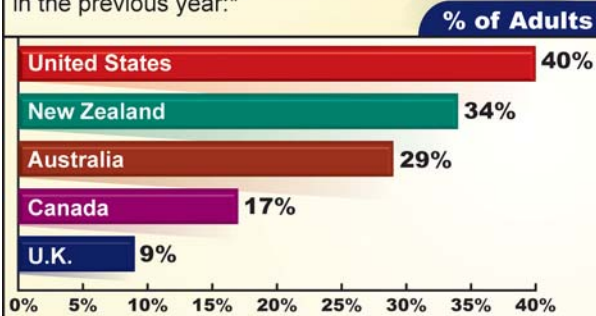


## Problems With the System

A survey of patients' experiences with medical doctors in five nations reveals serious access concerns in all countries, but particularly in the United States. In fact, patients in the U.S. were most likely to report "going without needed care because of costs" in the previous year:\*



\* "Going without care" meant that the patient reported not seeing a doctor when sick, not filling a prescription, skipping doses, and/or not getting recommended care due to cost.

SOURCE: Schoen C, Osborn R, Huynh PT, et al. Primary care and health system performance: adults' experiences in five countries. *Health Affairs* (Web exclusive), Oct. 28, 2004.