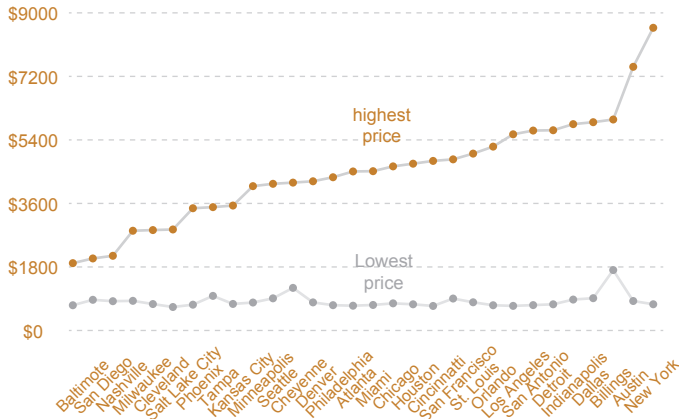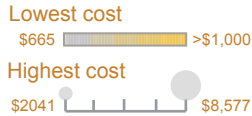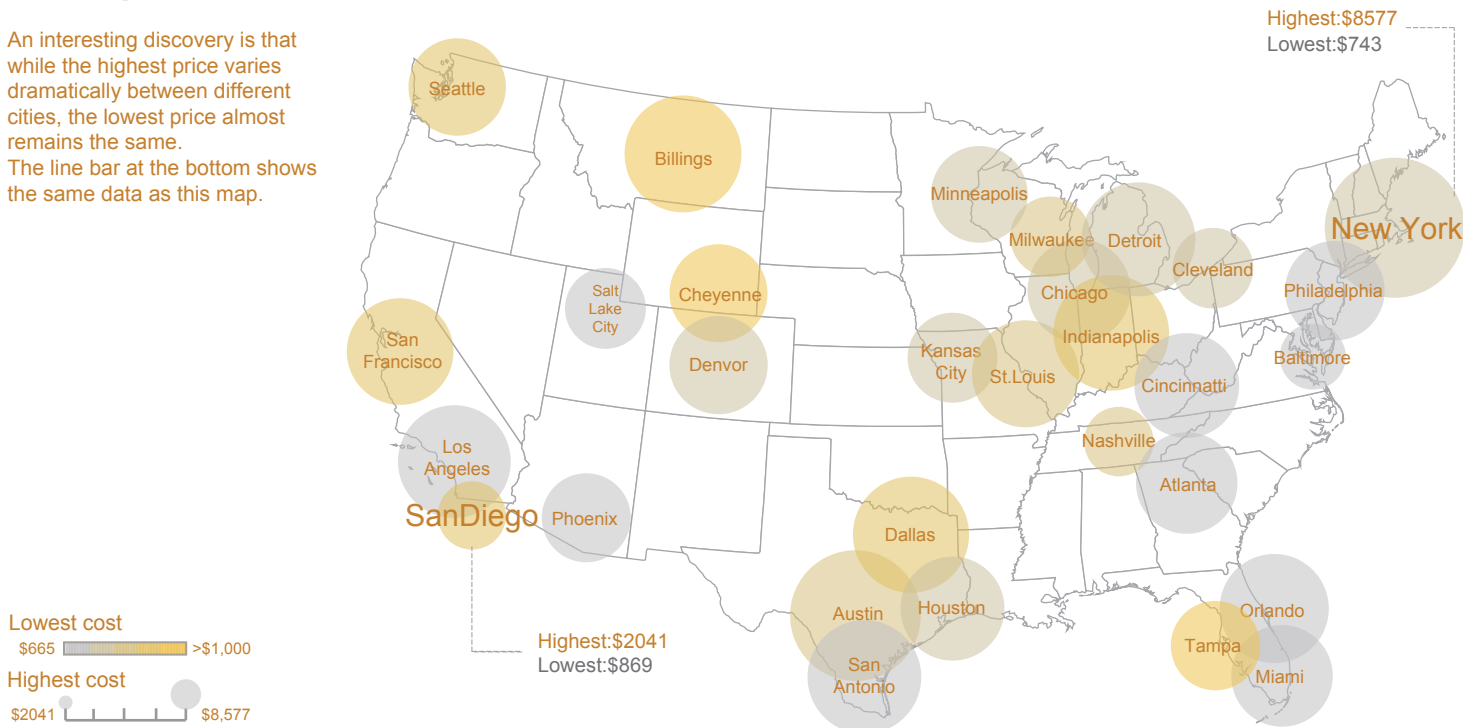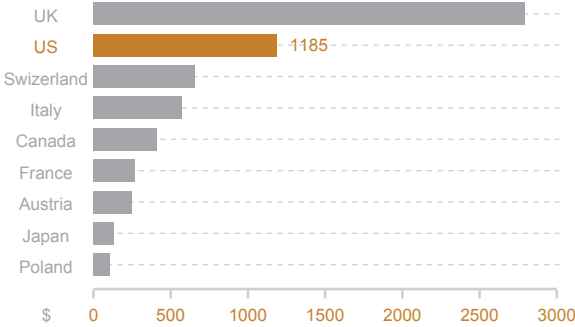# How Much Do You Pay For Your Colonoscopy?

The cost of a colonoscopy in the United States varies widely, from place to place, and even within a city. The average cost of the colonoscopy in the U.S. is about 1,185 dollars. However, in many other developed countries, it only costs a few hundred dollars. So why the prices vary so dramatically from place to place? Do you know what you are paying for?

A Comparison Between Cities

An interesting discovery is that while the highest price varies dramatically between different cities, the lowest price almost remains the same.
The line bar at the bottom shows the same data as this map.

Highest:$8577
Lowest:$743

Highest:$2041
Lowest:$869

Lowest cost
$665 ▱▱▱▱▱ >$1,000
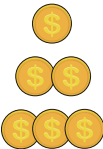
Highest cost
$2041 ●—●—●—● $8,577

What Is Colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy is an exam that views the inside of the colon (large intestine) and rectum, using a tool called colonoscope. The colonoscope has a small camera attached to a flexible tube that can reach the length of the colon.

What Accounts For the Big Differences?

1. Location
Doctor's office
Ambulatory Surgical Center
Hospital

2. Administer
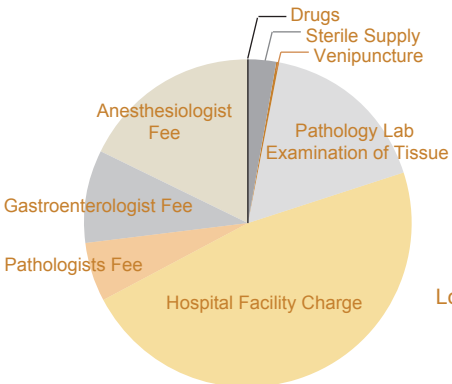Health professionals
Anesthesiologists
Gastroenterologist

3. Others
Insurance
(Private, state, or federal)

* High costs are no guarentee of high quality.

Average Price Around the World

UK
US — 1185
Swizerland
Italy
Canada
France
Austria
Japan
Poland

$ 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000

(line chart, lower-left)
$9000
$7200
$5400
$3600
$1800
$0

highest price
Lowest price

Baltimote, San Diego, Nashville, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Tampa, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Seattle, Cheyenne, Denver, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Miami, Chicago, Houston, Cincinnati, San Antonio, St.Louis, Orlando, Los Angeles, Detroit, Indianapolis, Dallas, Billings, Austin, New York

What Do You Pay For?

Drugs
Sterile Supply
Venipuncture
Anesthesiologist Fee
Pathology Lab Examination of Tissue
Gastroenterologist Fee
Pathologists Fee
Hospital Facility Charge

Total Price:
$8,679.00
Paid by Insurance:
$1,555.75
Actual payment:
$7,123.25

Location: New Jersey
Local community hospital
Data collected by
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