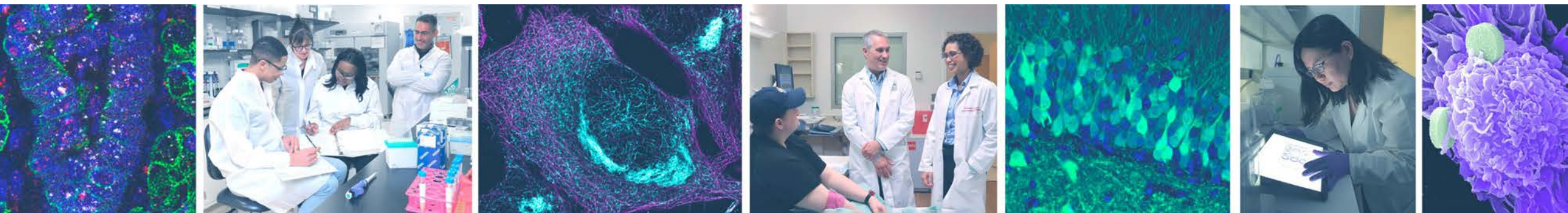


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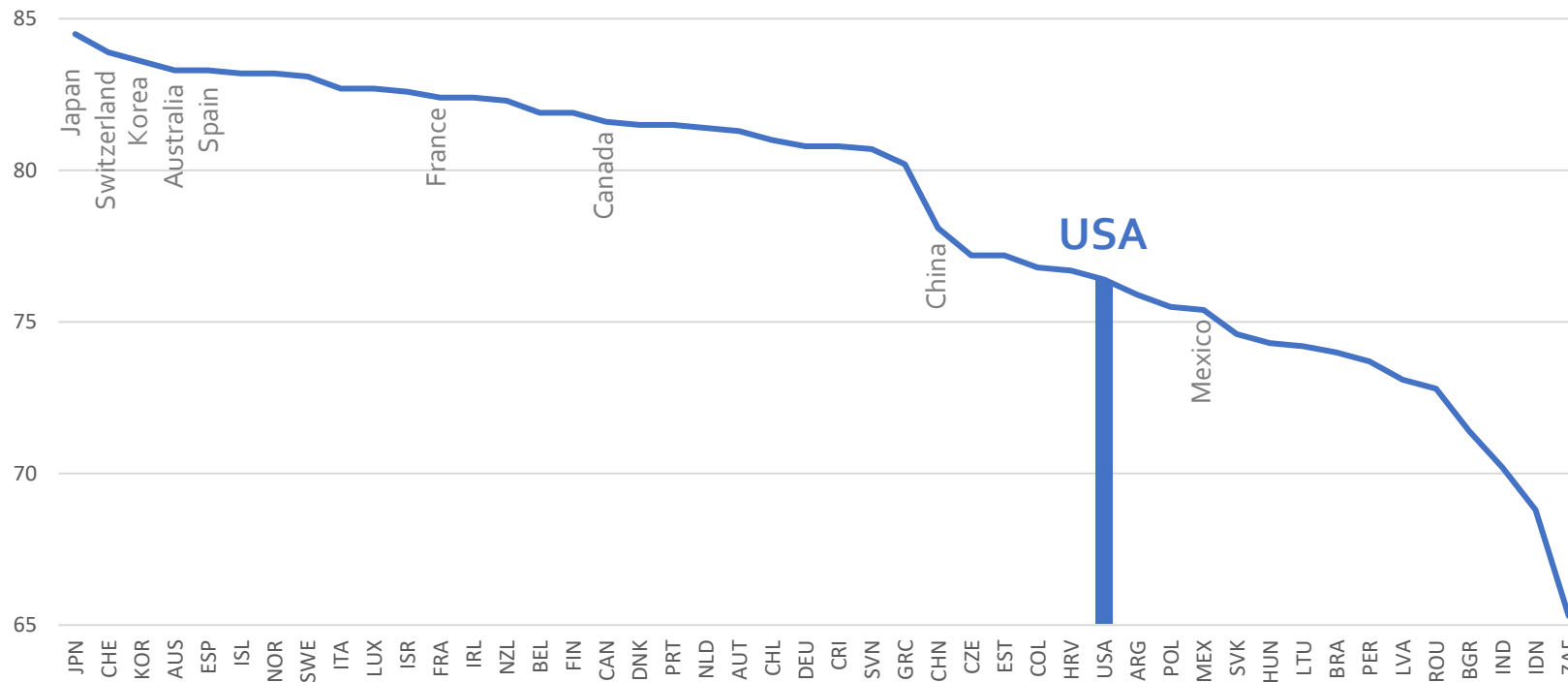




**The health of the U.S.
population is declining.**

U.S. life expectancy ranks low among peers

2021 Life Expectancy Throughout World³



Concerning U.S. life expectancy trends:

- Declined 2014-2017¹
- Dropped significantly—2.4 years—between 2019 and 2021²
- Increased in 2022 by 1.1 years; gain does not make up for pandemic losses.²

(1) National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2021. *High and Rising Mortality Rates Among Working-Age Adults*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/25976>.

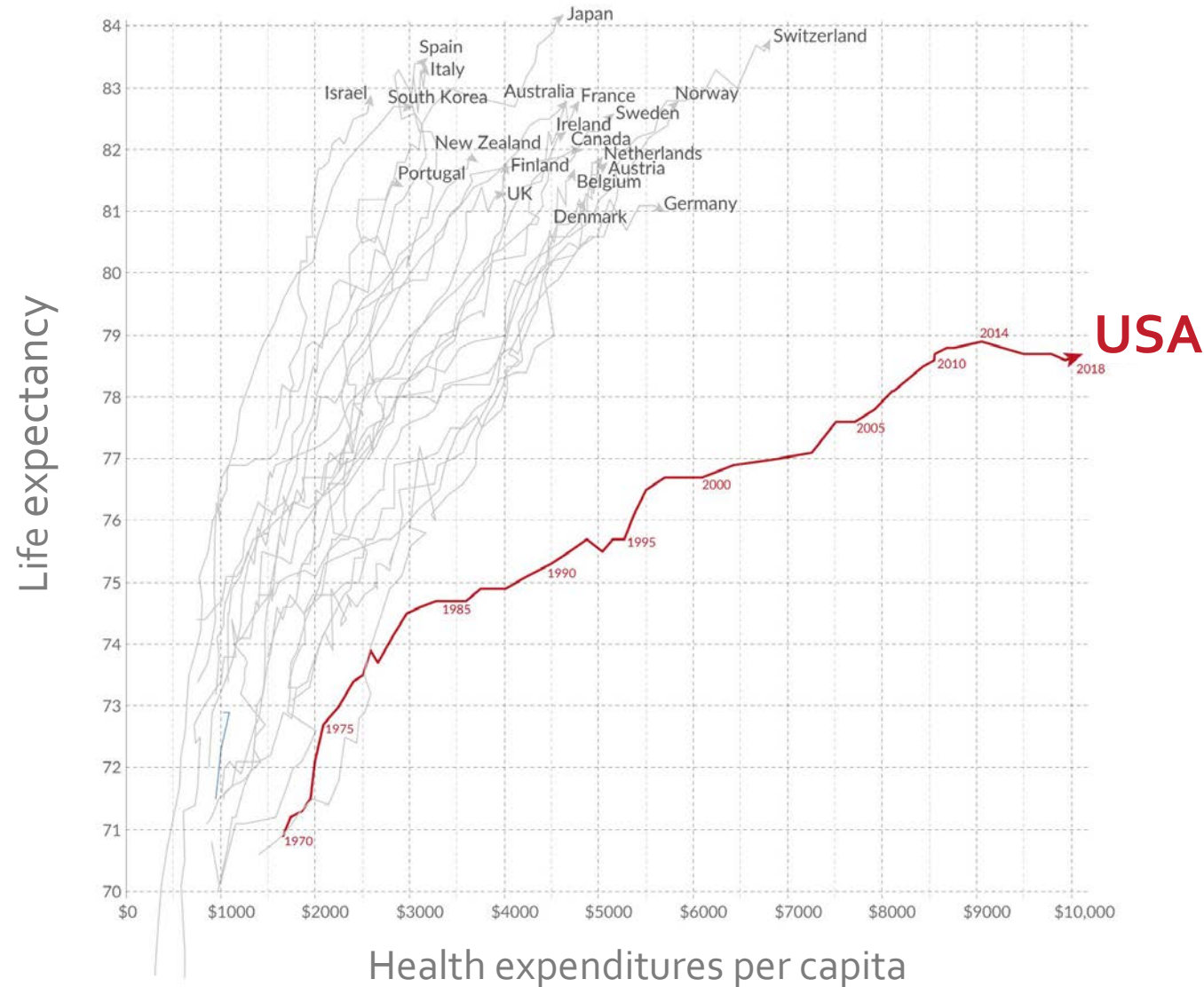
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Life expectancy vs. health expenditures

1970-2018



Source: Max Roser (2020) - "Why is life expectancy in the US lower than in other rich countries?" Published online at OurWorldInData.org. Retrieved from: <https://ourworldindata.org/us-life-expectancy-low> Data source for table: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)



Our work is not finished when we deliver scientific discoveries, our work is finished when all people are living long and healthy lives.

