Most of the Profit in Health Care Goes to 14 Pharmaceutical Companies

Analysis of 2017 total profit among the top U.S. health care companies:

- 14 pharmaceutical companies are making far more in profits than the combined profits of the 61 companies in the broader health care sector.
- 59% of the profits went to 14 pharmaceutical companies, while the remaining 41% went to the other 61 in the sector.
- Profit margins for pharmaceutical companies are seven times the profit margins of the broader health care sector.

- In 2017, 14 pharmaceutical companies made just under $70 billion in profits.
- The 61 other companies in the health care sector made just under $49 billion in profits.
- These 14 pharmaceutical companies made $21B more in profits than the rest of the health care sector—combined.
- The 14 pharmaceutical companies saw a profit margin of 21.8% – seven times larger than the 3.1% margin of the broader health sector.

Analysis of 2017 Total Profit Among Top U.S. Health Care Companies¹ (Billions)

Analysis of 2017 Profit Margins Among Top U.S. Health Care Companies

¹ Source: http://fortune.com/fortune500/
* Includes 61 companies in the following industries: Insurance and Managed Care, Medical Facilities, Medical Products and Equipment, Pharmacy and Other Services, Health Care Wholesalers and Others.