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## FAST FACTS

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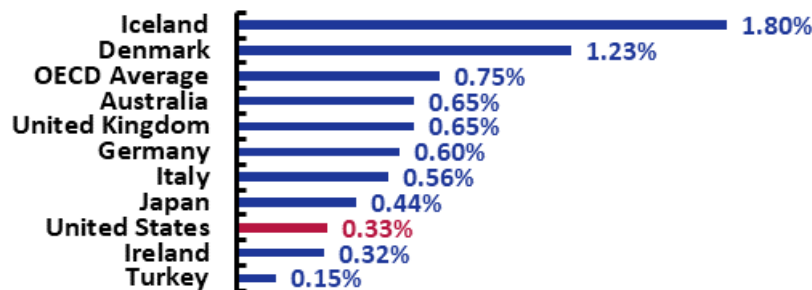
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### The United States Invests Less in Child Care Than Almost Every Other OECD Country

- The United States invests 0.33 percent of GDP in child care and early education, less than half the average of other industrialized countries (0.75 percent).
- Germany invests twice as much in child care and early education as the United States, while New Zealand and Korea spend three times as much. Iceland invests more than five times as much as the United States in child care and early education.
- Of all 33 OECD countries that reported on their spending on child care and early education as of 2017, the United States ranks third from the bottom in child care and early education investment as a share of GDP.

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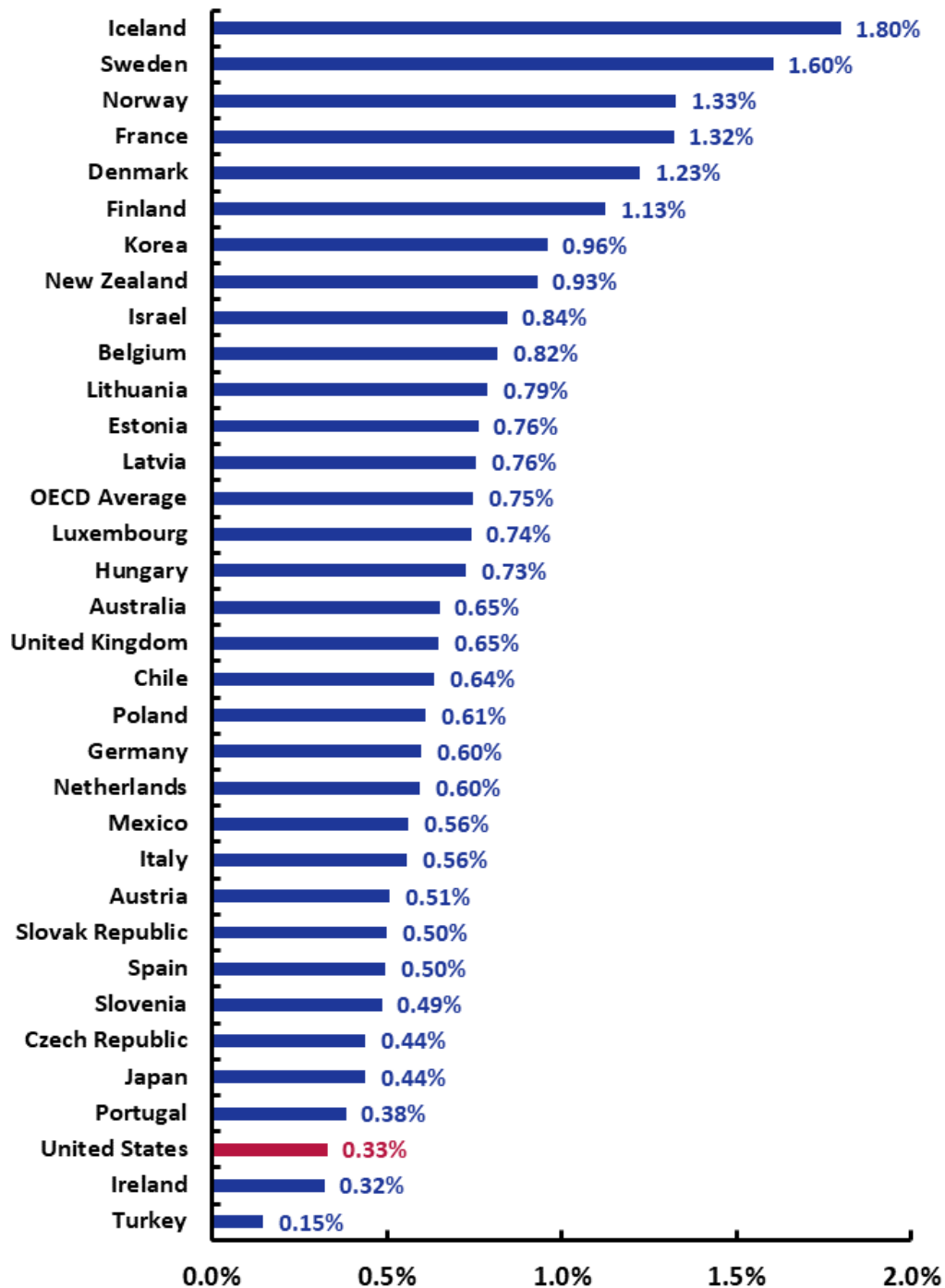
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Note: Canada, Greece and Switzerland do not report data on spending on childhood education and care. Since 2017, two countries have joined the OECD (Colombia and Costa Rica).