50+ Income in Illinois vs. Rx Price Gouging

Americans are sick and tired of paying the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs. It’s outrageous to pay three times what people in other countries pay for the same medicines. The President and Congress agree we need to lower drug prices, now it’s time for them to get it done.

**IN ILLINOIS**

The avg. annual cost of prescription drug treatment increased **26.3%** between 2015 and 2019, while the annual income for Illinois residents only increased **15.5%**.

### National Rx Facts

#### 4.7 Drugs/Month:

The avg. older American takes **4.7 prescription drugs/month**, typically on a chronic basis.¹

#### Too Expensive

Avg. annual cost for one brand name drug, used on a chronic basis: **≈$6,426 in 2019**

That’s almost **$1,338 more than in 2015**.¹

#### Highest Prices

Americans pay **3x more** than other countries for the same brand name drugs.²

#### PhRMA Spends Billions on Ads

PhRMA spent over **$161M for lobbying³** and nearly **$6.6B for advertising** in 2020.⁴

2008–2018, PhRMA spent more on stock buybacks and dividends than on R&D.⁵

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*Based on price associated with taking 4.7 widely used brand name prescription drugs. Income based on median person-level income.*

Sources & Notes:
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