

A count of publicly funded dispensings, people who received a publicly funded dispensing of selected pharmaceuticals, and total reimbursement cost (ex. GST), by year, 2006 - 2020
Selected pharmaceutical defined as those in therapeutic group (level 3) 'HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitors (Statins)'
Extracted 6/12/2021

Notes

NHIs should not be summed, as they will be counted in each row and column they appear; this may result in doublecounting.

The totals presented here (i.e., the highlighted and bolded figures) are calculated without double-counting. They may not be equal to the total of the row, column or table.

Administrative and bulk dispensing data has been excluded.

Although we've reviewed the provisional data presented here, this data could have unexpected errors that may be picked up through the rigorous data quality checks publication datasets undergo. As a result, published data may differ from the provisional data presented here. Published data should be considered the most accurate source and used where possible.

The Pharmaceutical Collection only counts publicly funded, community dispensed pharmaceuticals; It does not count hospital dispensings, drugs not funded by PHARMAC, or prescriptions that were never dispensed.

Some medications can be dispensed via practitioner supply order; for example, a family planning clinic may be dispensed a large volume of contraceptives which they then dispense to clients. Dispensings of this type have very poor NHI reporting and it is often not possible to tell who is ultimately receiving the medication.

These are excluded from the following data.

Before the new Community Pharmacy Services Agreement in July 2012, it was not mandatory for pharmacies to submit a claim for items where the healthcare user's copayment covered the entire cost of dispensing the pharmaceutical (e.g. there was nothing to claim for). This can create an artificial trend for increases in lower cost medicines over this time.

The Pharmaceutical Collection is a live dataset, whilst the Pharmaceutical Data Web Tool is a static extract. Comparing the two extracts may result in different figures.

Source: Ministry of Health, Pharmaceutical Collection

Year	Dispensings	Reimbursement Cost (ex. GST)	People
2006	1,799,439	\$ 72,030,401	320,232
2007	2,014,605	\$ 68,038,280	349,511
2008	2,262,614	\$ 72,526,527	384,231
2009	2,560,463	\$ 51,024,656	425,719
2010	2,842,230	\$ 49,068,248	451,514
2011	3,021,306	\$ 73,140,288	472,802
2012	2,975,418	\$ 59,336,464	491,437
2013	2,786,831	\$ 6,784,797	505,536
2014	3,017,166	\$ 7,003,678	514,481
2015	3,128,888	\$ 8,067,377	517,002
2016	2,891,356	\$ 7,249,324	519,073
2017	2,902,209	\$ 4,528,601	524,408
2018	3,007,556	\$ 3,774,513	533,710
2019	3,015,597	\$ 3,268,928	539,422
2020	3,996,710	\$ 4,362,002	548,565