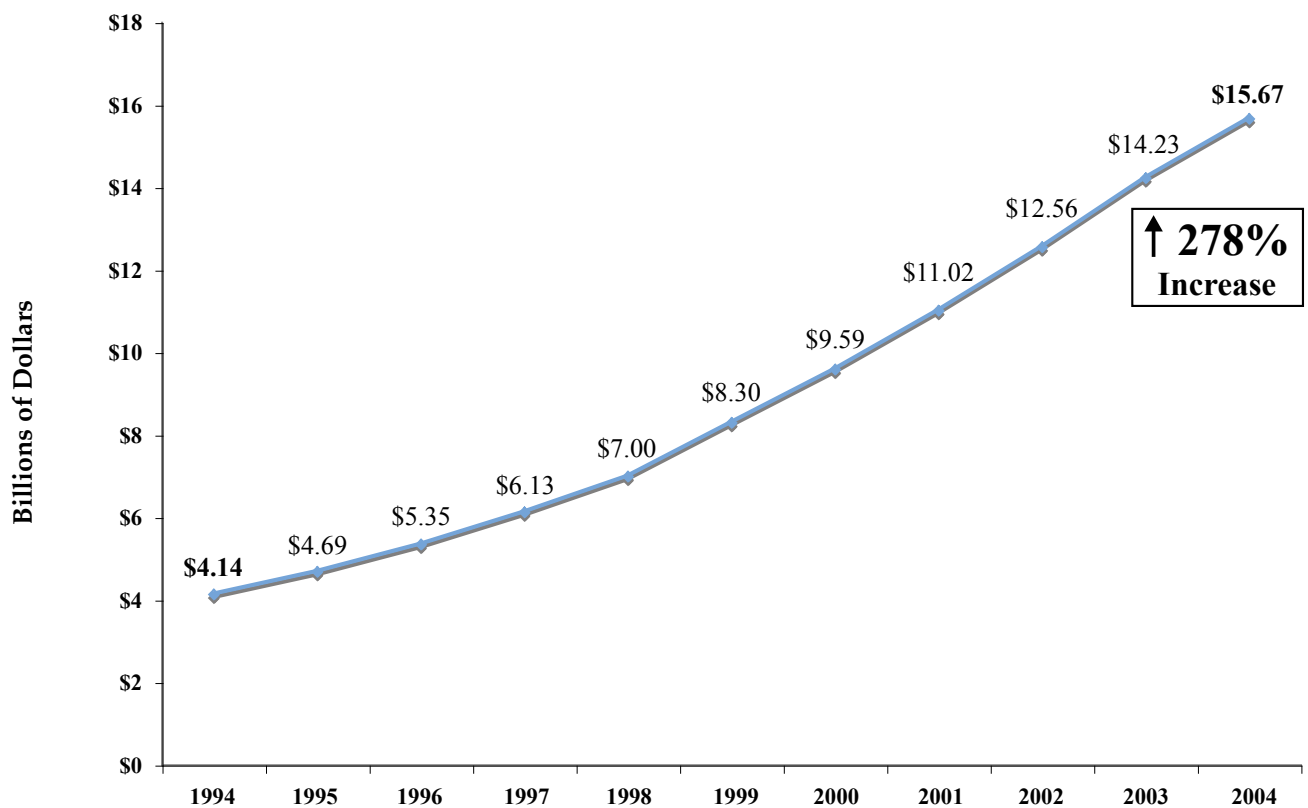


# The Facts About... Personal Health-Care Spending: NYS Prescription Drugs

## Growth In Personal Health-Care Spending On Prescription Drugs New York State, 1994-2004



Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group, 2005.

Personal health-care spending on prescription drugs in New York State rose 278% from 1994 to 2004, to \$15.67 billion, according to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) data. As a share of overall personal health-care spending, prescription drugs account for 12.3% of expenditures in New York State. For the U.S., personal health-care spending in this category rose 247% over this time period, accounting for 12.1% of expenditures.

Increased utilization, price inflation and higher-cost drugs drive the increases in prescription drug costs. Nationally, 14¢ of the private insurance health-care dollar was spent on prescription drugs in 2004.