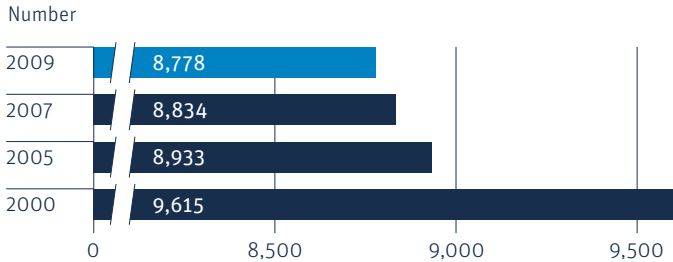
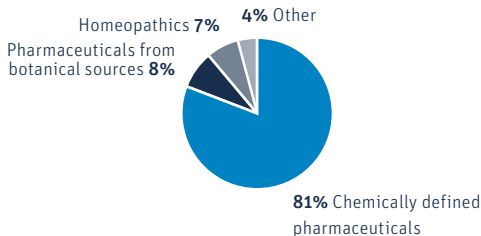


Number of Pharmaceuticals in Germany



Shares (2009)



Source: Rote Liste

The number of pharmaceuticals is decreasing over the long term. The well-known German drug directory known as the “Rote Liste” currently includes 8,778 product listings, including many rarely used pharmaceuticals. Based on evaluations made by statutory health insurance, 90 percent of physicians’ prescriptions are for only 2,000 pharmaceuticals. The number of available pharmaceuticals is often represented imprecisely. For example, if not just the individual product but all of its dosage forms and concentrations are counted separately, one may arrive at numbers of 40,000 pharmaceuticals or more. However, this method of counting is not customary in other countries and is therefore inappropriate for the purpose of comparisons.