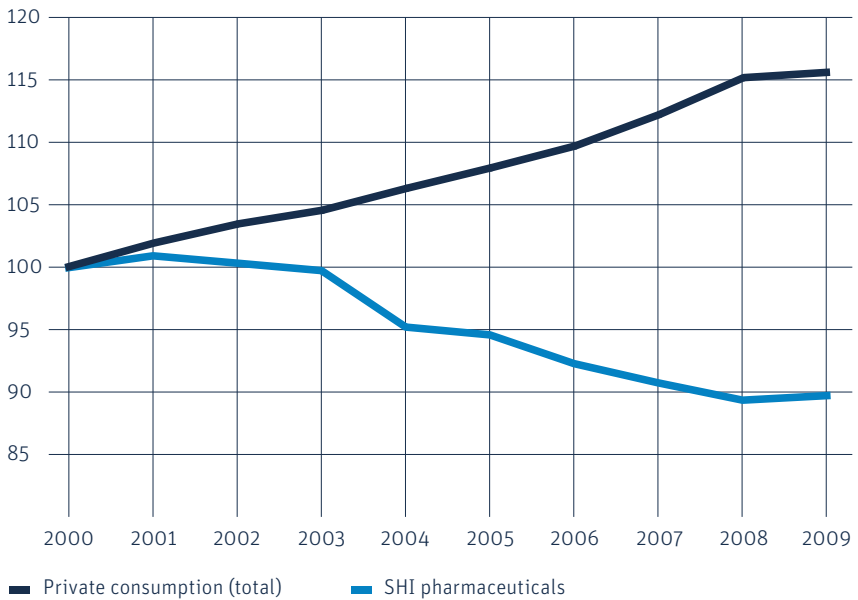


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**Price Trends**2000 = 100

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For detailed data, see Appendix, page 57  
Source: Federal Statistical Office, WIdO

Until 2003 prices for pharmaceuticals had barely changed, yet they have significantly decreased over the past seven years. Pharmaceuticals are now 10 percent cheaper than they were in 2000. In contrast, consumer goods and services prices overall have increased by over 15 percent since 2000.