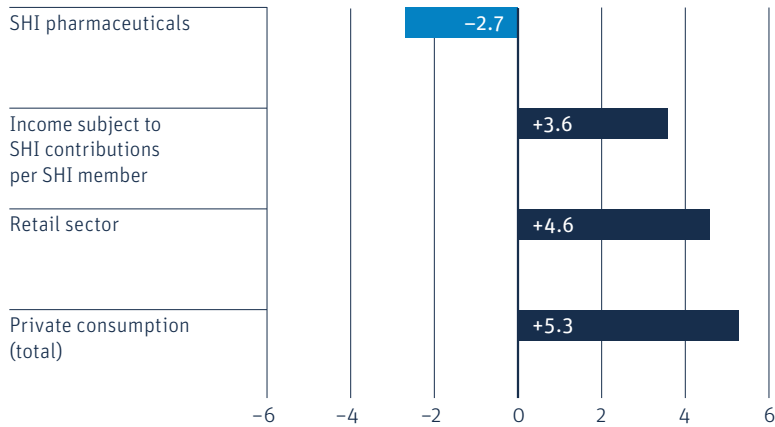


---

## Price Changes: A Comparison

Price increase from 2006 to 2009 in percent

---



---

Source: Federal Statistical Office, BMG, WiDo

The prices of pharmaceuticals provided to patients insured through statutory health insurance decreased by 2.7 percent over the past three years. In contrast, retail prices increased by 4.6 percent, and prices for private consumption were up 5.3 percent. The income of SHI members that is subject to contributions increased by 3.6 percent.