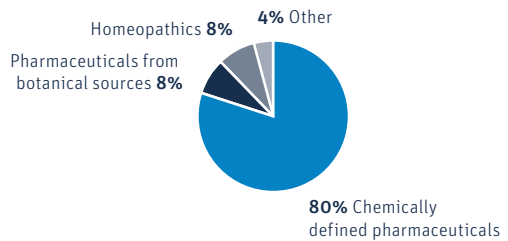

Number of Pharmaceuticals in Germany

in USD billion



Shares (2010)



Source: Rote Liste

The number of pharmaceuticals is declining significantly. The 'Rote Liste', a well known German drugs directory, currently lists 8,500 products, many of which are only rarely used. According to evaluations made by statutory health insurers, 90 percent of doctors' prescriptions are issued for just 2,000 medications. The number of pharmaceuticals available is often represented imprecisely. For example, if not only the individual product, but also every dosage form and concentration is counted separately, a figure of more than 40,000 pharmaceuticals can be reached. However, this method of counting is not customary in other countries and is therefore inappropriate for the purpose of comparison.