

PHARMACEUTICAL TRENDS

Top 10 Therapeutic Classes* in Canada, 2021

Rank	Therapeutic class	Total prescriptions* 2021 (000s)	% Change over 2020
1	Psychotherapeutics	108,986	4.0
2	Cardiovasculars	103,710	-1.9
3	Antihyperlipidemic agents	52,296	-0.6
4	Analgesics	45,786	4.1
5	Diabetes therapy	43,911	2.1
6	Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary	43,873	3.0
7	Neurological disorders	39,005	2.2
8	Vitamins	25,709	8.7
9	Thyroid therapy	22,729	-3.3
10	Hormones	24,038	2.0

* Estimated prescriptions dispensed in Canadian retail pharmacies. Includes new and refills.

**Includes cost of drugs plus any mark-ups and pharmacists' professional fees. Excludes hospitals.

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