

The Cost of 340B to Arkansas

In 2025, workers and employers lost \$139 million in negotiated rebates to 340B

Despite advocates' claims that the 340B program is free, it raises costs for patients, employers, state and local governments, Medicare, and managed Medicaid. One way it increases costs is by displacing the negotiated rebates that are used to lower net drug prices. Research by IQVIA shows that workers and employers lost \$14.5 billion in rebates nationally in 2025 due to 340B.¹ The cost to Arkansas workers and employers in 2025 was \$139 million.

Cost of 340B to Arkansas workers and employers

0.0325	PLAN TYPE	TOTAL COST
\$98	Private sector employees ²	\$117M
	Government employees ³	\$22M
	Total	\$139M

340B also displaces rebates in managed Medicaid, which cost the state of Arkansas \$1M in 2025.

Cost of 340B to Arkansas managed medicaid

PER BENEFICIARY	STATE'S TOTAL COST
\$15	\$1M

The cost of 340B to Arkansas has increased substantially in recent years due to program growth. From 2023 to 2025, the number of healthcare providers prescribing 340B drugs, the number of 340B facilities, and the value of 340B drug purchases all increased.

340B growth in Arkansas: 2023 to 2025

340B PRESCRIBERS		340B FACILITIES ⁴		340B DRUG PURCHASES ⁵	
#	GROWTH	#	GROWTH	#	GROWTH
12,759	+28%	363	+36%	\$1.5 billion	+46%

340B utilization in Arkansas is in line with neighboring states, which all have elevated levels compared to national average, indicating a strong 340B presence in the whole region.

Arkansas vs. neighbors

STATE	340B UTILIZATION ⁶	COST PER BENEFICIARY
AR	17%	\$98
MO	20%	\$117
OK	17%	\$98
LA	23%	\$134
Total U.S.	14%	\$81

1. The cost of 340B to states. IQVIA. 2026 (to appear).
2. Includes employer-sponsored plans and ACA health plans.
3. Includes state and local government employees.
4. Based on 340B "parent" facilities, not satellite sites or contract pharmacies.
5. 340B drug purchases at Wholesaler Acquisition Cost (WAC).
6. Percentage of 340B business by state, averaged over drug purchases and claims.