

The Cost of 340B to North Carolina

In 2025, workers and employers lost \$492 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 North Carolina workers and employers in 2025 was \$492 million.

Cost of 340B to North Carolina workers and employers

PER BENEFICIARY	PLAN TYPE	TOTAL COST
\$88	Private sector employees ²	\$427M
	Government employees ³	\$65M
	Total	\$492M

340B also displaces rebates in managed Medicaid, which cost the state of North Carolina \$54M in 2025.

Cost of 340B to North Carolina managed medicaid

PER BENEFICIARY	STATE'S TOTAL COST
\$28	\$54M

The cost of 340B to North Carolina 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 North Carolina: 2023 to 2025

340B PRESCRIBERS		340B FACILITIES ⁴		340B DRUG PURCHASES ⁵	
#	GROWTH	#	GROWTH	#	GROWTH
55,427	+26%	1,908	+27%	\$8 billion	+56%

North Carolina's 340B utilization is in line with neighboring states and close to the national average.

North Carolina vs. neighbors

STATE	340B UTILIZATION ⁶	COST PER BENEFICIARY
NC	15%	\$88
VA	12%	\$69
TN	12%	\$71
SC	15%	\$88
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.