

## Pharmaceutical trends

**Top 10 dispensed therapeutic classes\* in Canada, 2008**

Rank 2008	Therapeutic class	Prescriptions dispensed** 2008 (000s)	% Change over 2007
1	Cardiovasculars	70,848	7.8
2	Psychotherapeutics	57,198	7.3
3	Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary	30,531	11.7
4	Cholesterol agents	29,549	11.1
5	Hormones	25,243	2.5
6	Anti-infectives systemic	24,495	1.0
7	Analgesics	22,049	7.5
8	Diabetes therapy	19,707	7.7
9	Neurological disorders	18,085	12.1
10	Diuretics	17,079	4.4
<b>Total prescriptions</b>		<b>453,074</b>	<b>7.1</b>

\* 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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