

More than 1 in 5 US adults can't afford prescription drugs

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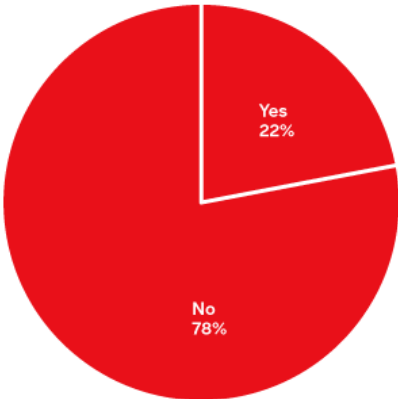
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Over the past year, **22%** of US adults have had to forgo prescription medications due to the cost. About **one-quarter** needed to see a doctor but could not afford it.

Beyond the chart: Between 1980 and 2018, US prescription drug spending increased by more than **10 times** after adjustments for inflation, per the Congressional Budget Office. Among US adults who'd made healthcare changes due to drug costs, **18.7%** delayed getting a refill and **16.4%** rationed their medication, according to a February 2021 GoodRx study.

Was There a Time* When US Adults Needed to Get Prescription Medication but Could Not Because of Cost?

% of respondents, June 2022



Note: n=3,646 ages 18+; weekly percentages; *in the past 12 months
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