

Generic medicines are used to fill the majority of prescriptions in **British Columbia**, for a fraction of the cost of brand-name drugs.

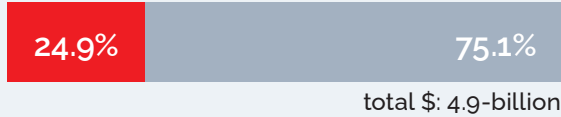


Percentage of total Rx's



Generic were dispensed to **fill 73.7% of all** prescriptions in 2023, **but only cost 24.9%** of all the money spent on drugs.

Percentage of total \$



Generics filled **54.4-million** prescriptions for **\$1.2-billion**. Brand-name drugs **only filled 19.4-million** prescriptions and cost **\$3.7-billion**.

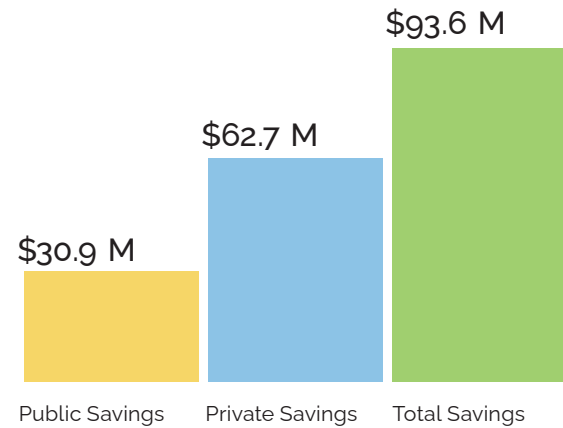
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Source: IQVIA

The increased use of generic medicines has a direct **impact on a responsive and sustainable healthcare system**.

For every one percent increase in the use of generics public sector drug benefit programs **will save \$30,900,000**, year over year.

Private sector drug plans can **save as much as \$62,700,000** for every one percent increase.



Source: CGPA calculations based on IQVIA data and CIHI public private market share.

Public Sector Utilization



In **British Columbia**, the public sector's use of generics is significantly lower than in the **United States** where **generics and biosimilars are dispensed to fill 90% of all** prescriptions.

Private Sector Utilization



The private sector use of generics is even lower. **Bridging the gap in the use of generics will save millions of dollars.**

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Source: AAM