

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



Percentage of total Rx's



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■ Generics ■ Brand-name

Generics were dispensed to **fill 77.5% of all** prescriptions in 2023, **but only cost 21.8%** of all the money spent on drugs.

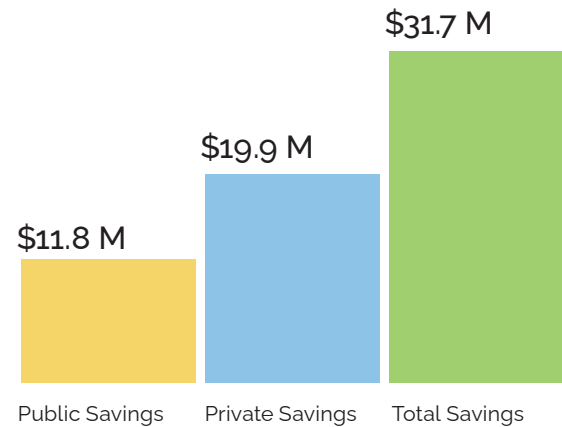
Generics filled **12.2-million** prescriptions for **\$289-million**. While brand-name drugs **only filled 3.5-million** prescriptions and cost **\$1.03-billion**.

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 \$11,800,000** year over year.

Private sector drug plans can **save as much as \$19,900,000** for every one percent increase.



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

Public Sector Utilization



Private Sector Utilization



■ Generics ■ Brand-name

In **Nova Scotia**, 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.

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

Source: AAM