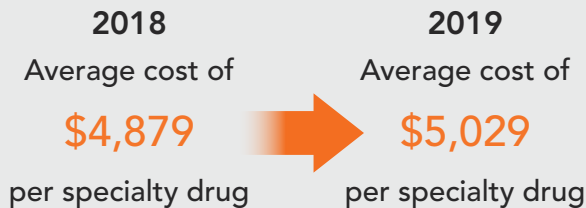


## CURBING HIGH DRUG COSTS

# The Impact of High-Cost Specialty Drugs

Year after year, drug makers continue to launch new products with exorbitant costs and hike prices on already-expensive drugs. This practice is particularly egregious for specialty drugs, which are often life-saving or essential for Americans to live everyday, normal lives. If left unchecked, and absent government reforms, prescription drug costs will continue to explode.

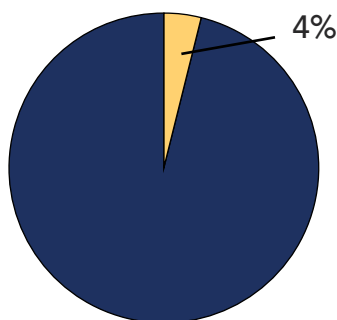
### Price Increase in Specialty Drugs



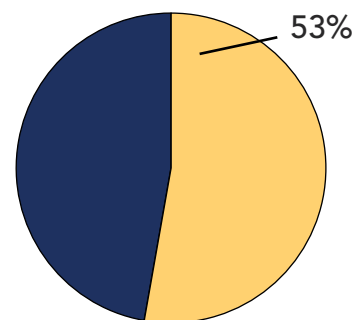
Year after year, more and more specialty drugs are approved, compounding the problem. In 2018, 44 out of the 59 (about 75 percent) drugs approved by the FDA were considered specialty drugs.

Specialty drugs play a central role in out-of-control drug pricing. In 2018, only 4 percent of Americans use one or more specialty drug. But specialty medicines accounted for 53 percent of all drug prescription drug spending in 2020.

Percentage of Population taking Specialty Drug




Percentage of Drug Spending on Specialty Drugs



Specialty spending per person doubled from \$285 in 2010 to \$572 in 2020 while traditional net medicine spending dropped by \$231 over the same period



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