

Which pharmacies have the best Rx prices?

To find out, Consumer Reports' secret shoppers called more than 150 drugstores across the U.S.—representing dozens of chain pharmacies, supermarket drugstores, and independent pharmacies—to compare prices for five commonly prescribed generic drugs. They included the diabetes drug pioglitazone (generic Actos, 30 mg); the painkiller celecoxib (generic Celebrex, 200 mg); the antidepressant duloxetine (generic Cymbalta, 20 mg); the cholesterol medication atorvastatin (generic Lipitor, 20 mg); and clopidogrel (generic Plavix, 75 mg), a blood thinner. The chart shows average discounted retail prices that pharmacies quoted for a one-month supply. (All prices are rounded to the nearest dollar.)

| Retailer | Price | | | | | Total Price |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Pioglitazone (Actos) | Celecoxib (Celebrex) | Duloxetine (Cymbalta) | Atorvastatin (Lipitor) | Clopidogrel (Plavix) | |
| HealthWarehouse.com | \$12 | \$22 | \$13 | \$10 | \$10 | \$66 |
| Costco [1] | \$16 | \$26 | \$35 | \$13 | \$16 | \$105 |
| Independents [2] | \$19 (\$10-\$493) | \$34 (\$11-\$295) | \$31 (\$20-\$267) | \$15 (\$8-\$197) | \$15 (\$8-\$260) | \$107 (\$69-\$1,351) |
| Sam's Club [1] | \$20 | \$38 | \$31 | \$20 | \$45 | \$153 |
| Walmart | \$132 | \$203 | \$123 | \$30 | \$30 | \$518 |
| Kmart | \$160 | \$185 | \$120 | \$35 | \$35 | \$535 |
| Grocery Stores [3] | \$113 (\$10-\$349) | \$189 (\$46-\$250) | \$170 (\$13-\$223) | \$32 (\$11-\$71) | \$36 (\$7-\$224) | \$565 (\$88-\$1,117) |
| Walgreens | \$167 | \$204 | \$251 | \$65 | \$65 | \$752 |
| Rite Aid | \$255 | \$194 | \$170 | \$128 | \$119 | \$866 |
| CVS/Target | \$270 | \$187 | \$195 | \$135 | \$141 | \$928 |

[1] Nonmember prices.

[2] Prices in parentheses are the ranges across sampled stores. Total price reflects the averages of the combined prices for the five drugs at individual independent pharmacies.

[3] Prices in parentheses are the ranges of the averages across sampled stores, including Albertsons, Food Lion, Giant Eagle, H-E-B, Hy-Vee, Kroger, Publix, and others. Total price reflects averages of the combined prices for the five drugs at individual grocery store pharmacies.