

## Terminology and background

**Certificate**: The employee and the linked dependants.

**Insured**: Any covered individuals (i.e. employee, spouse or child).

**Utilization**: The number of eligible claims per certificate.

**Eligible amount**: The cost of the drugs considered eligible by TELUS Health. This measure does not take into account any cost sharing (i.e. deductible, co-insurance, and maximums).

**Trend**: The presented trend is the historical trend.

Note: All insureds of age 64 or less are considered.

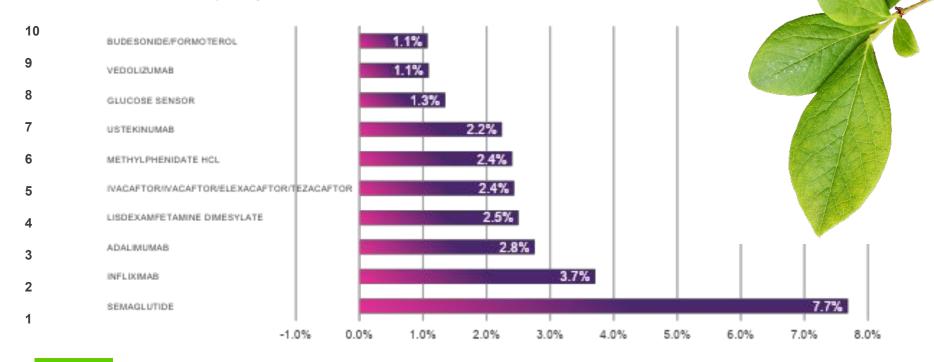




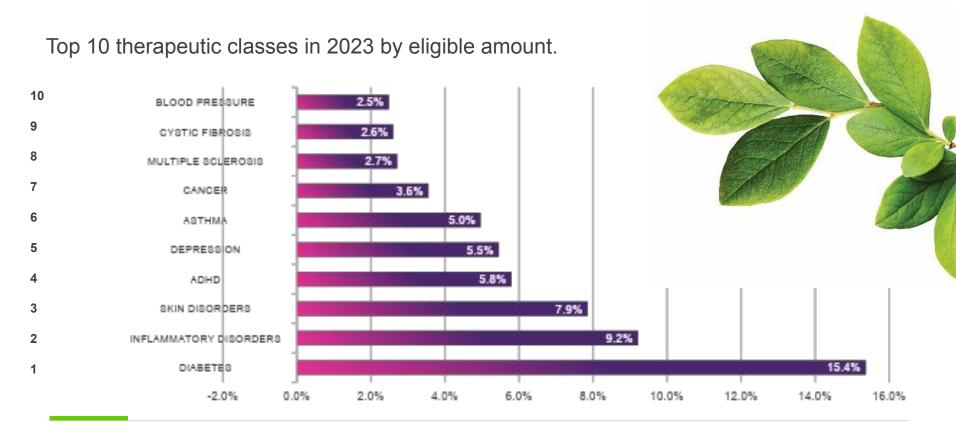
# Top 10 Analyses

## Top 10 drug molecules in 2023

Top 10 molecules by eligible amount in 2023

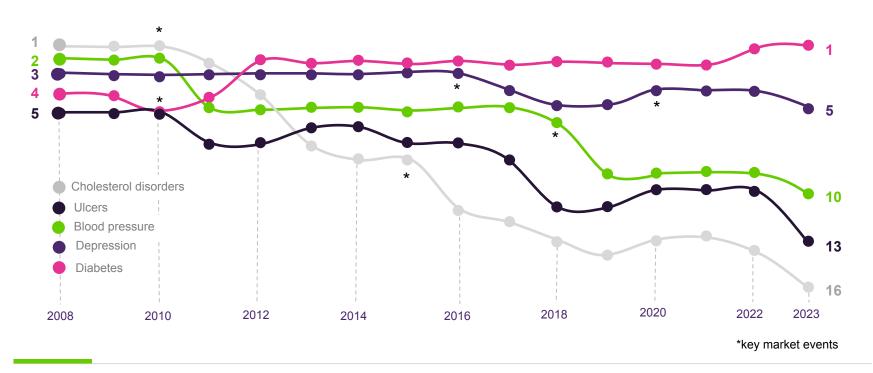


## Top 10 therapeutic classes 2023



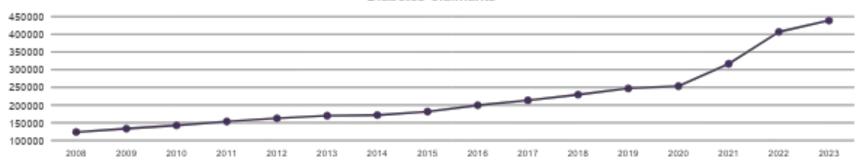
## Top 5 therapeutic classes in 2008 vs now

Ranking by % eligible amount

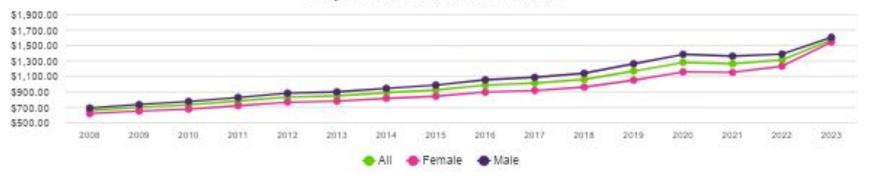


## Diabetes: A deeper dive

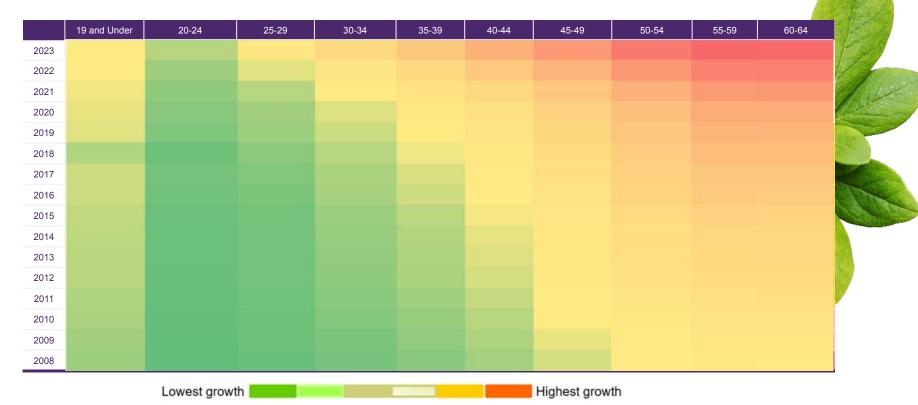
#### Diabetes Claimants



#### Cost per claimant for diabetes claimants



## Diabetes: Growth in cost by age



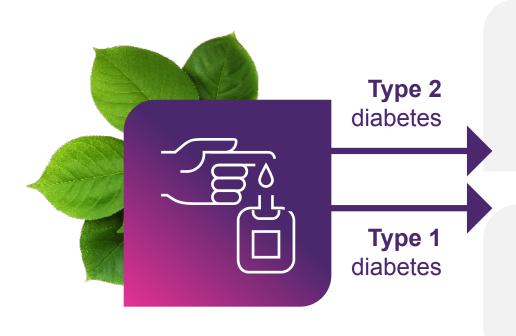


## Options for cost management in Diabetes

Step therapy

Prior authorization

## Diabetes pipeline



Tirzepatide (Mounjaro) - commercialized in early 2024

Cagrilintide + Semaglutide

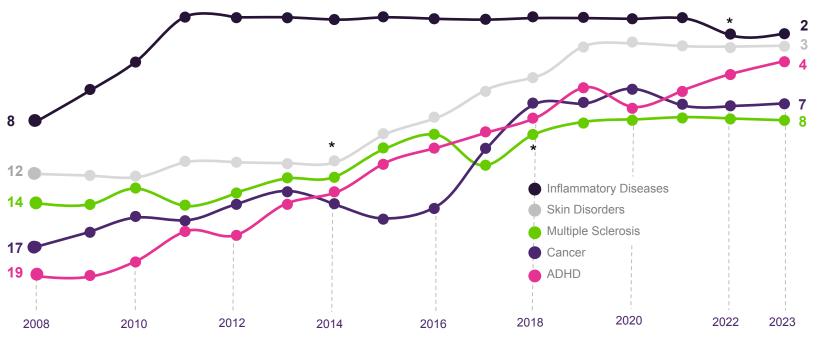
Retatrutide (Novel GIP/GLP-1/Glucagon receptor triagonist)

Insulin icodec (Awiqli) - approved March 2024

Devices: Dexcom 7, Freestyle Libre 3, Eversense E3

## Five fast growing therapeutic classes found in Top 10 in 2023

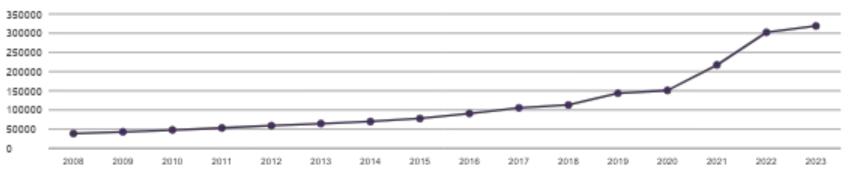
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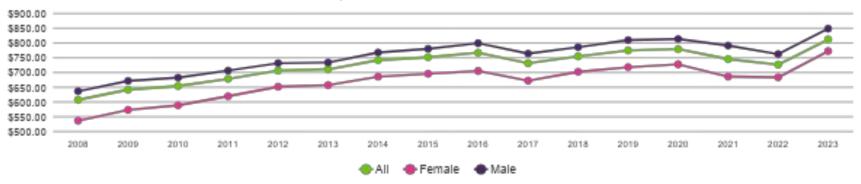
\*key market events

### ADHD: claimants count and cost

#### ADHD Claimants



#### Cost per claimant for ADHD claimants

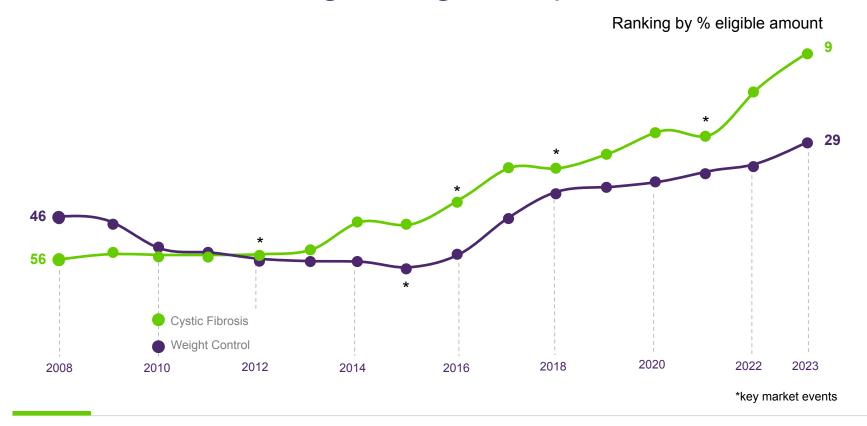




## Options for cost management in ADHD

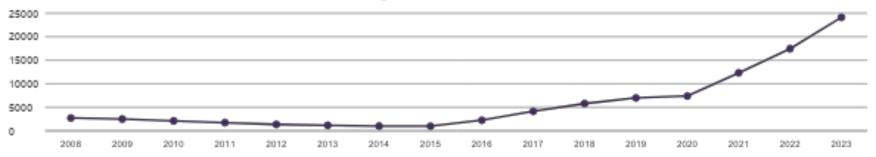
Mandatory generic pricing

## Two of the fastest growing therapeutic classes

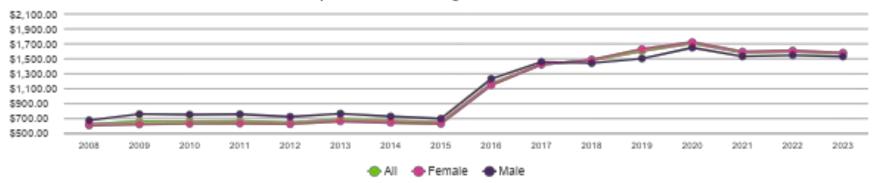


## Weight control 2008 to 2023

#### Weight control claimants



#### Cost per claimant for weight control claimants

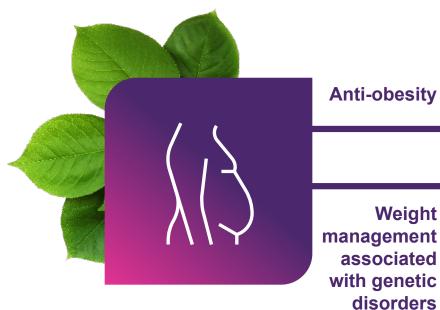




## Options for cost management in weight control

Prior authorization

## Weight control pipeline



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Cagrilintide + Semaglutide

Tirzepatide – weight control

Weight management associated with genetic disorders

Metreleptin (Myalepta)- Leptin replacement therapy for patients with generalized lipodystrophy

Setmelanotide (Imcivree)- MC4 Receptor agonist

## Key takeaways

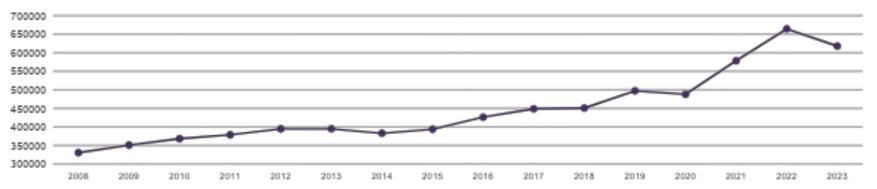
- The following therapeutic categories have seen a significant drop, falling from the top 5 position in 2008: cholesterol disorders, ulcers, blood pressure
- The following therapeutic categories have remained consistently in the top 10, over the last 15+ years: diabetes, inflammatory disease and depression
- Conversely, the following therapeutic classes have seen significant growth, over the last 15+ years: cystic fibrosis, ADHD, Skin disorders, cancer, multiple sclerosis, and weight control



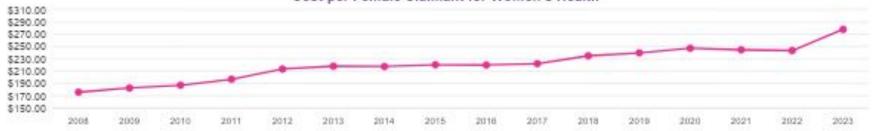


### Women's health in 2008 to 2023

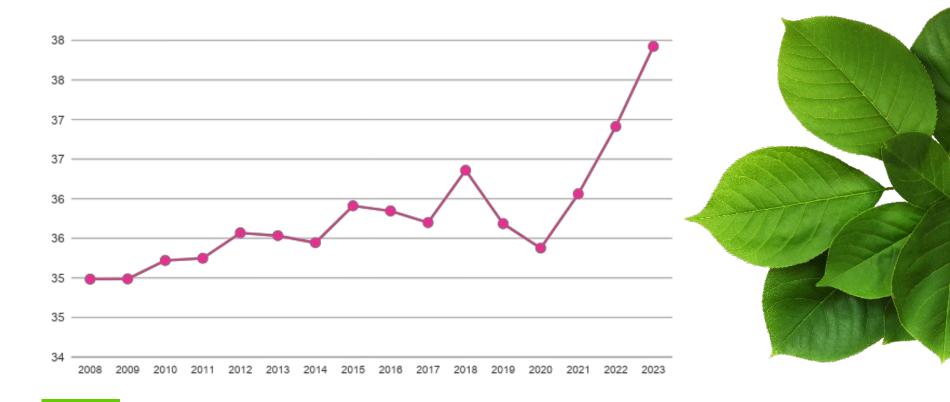
#### Annual Women's Health Female Claimants



#### Cost per Female Claimant for Women's Health



## Average age for women's health female claimant



Cost per claimant (with age group)



Addressing an underserved market

#### **Endometriosis**

- elagolix (Orlissa) marketed 2018
- estradiol, norethindrone acetate, relugolix (Myfembree) marketed 2024

#### Contraception

- drosperinone, estetrol monohydrate (Nextstellis) marketed 2021
- etonogestrel (Nexplanon) marketed 2022



## Medications in the pipeline



#### Sildenafil citrate

Female Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder

#### **Fezolinetant**

Menopausal vasomotor symptoms

#### **Zuranolone**

Post partum depression

## Future: Developments in digital health

Natural cycles app got recently approved by Health Canada as a form of birth control (class ii medical device license). FEMTECH Canada:
Network initiative fully dedicated to fostering innovation, commercialization and investment in women's health technologies.

NURX App in the US promises the help needed by women to take control of their wellbeing by delivering convenient, reliable and personalized care for their most intimate health needs.



## Increase of government initiatives

#### **Cervical cancer prevention**

- INESSS recommendation to replace pap test with VPH test
- Extended vaccination for boys for HPV

#### **Contraceptive coverage**

- Contraceptive services (BC)
- Pharmacare

#### National Women's Health Research Initiative: Innovation fund

**Biomedical discovery grants** will support biomedical research by teams proposing bold and innovative research questions in women's health

**Operating grants** will be launched to support the following areas of women's health:

- Translational research in healthcare diagnostics, therapeutics and devices
- Healthcare implementation research to remove barriers to access to healthcare



## Key takeaways

- Women's health advancements are growing, in a market that was previously under-represented and overlooked
- We continue to see growth in claimant count and cost and see a concentration of growth in the older age groups
- Innovation is not just in the drug space but in technology
- Government initiatives continue to increase to address this market





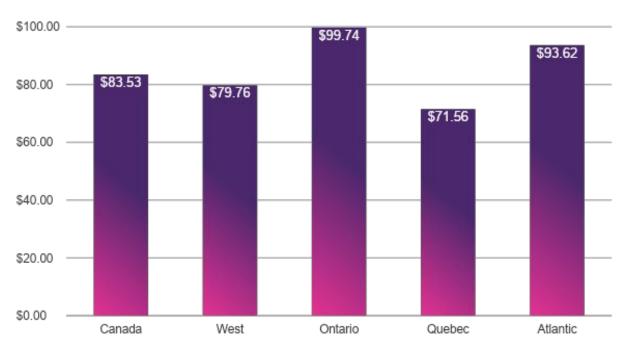
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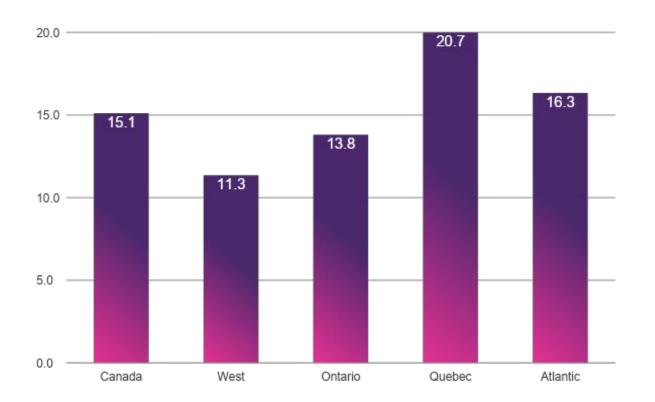


### Average eligible amount per claim 2023





### Utilization per certificate 2023





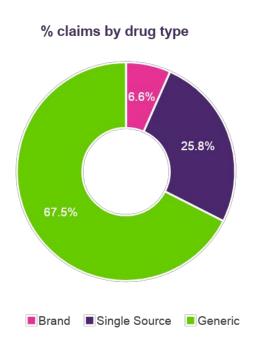
## Key results by region 2023

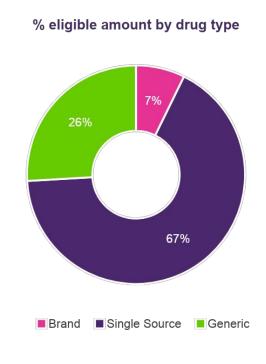
	Canada	West	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Eligible annual amount per certificate.	\$1,262	\$905	\$1,377	\$1,481	\$1,530
Average eligible amount per claim.					
Yearly utilization per certificate.	15.1	11.3	13.8	20.7	16.3





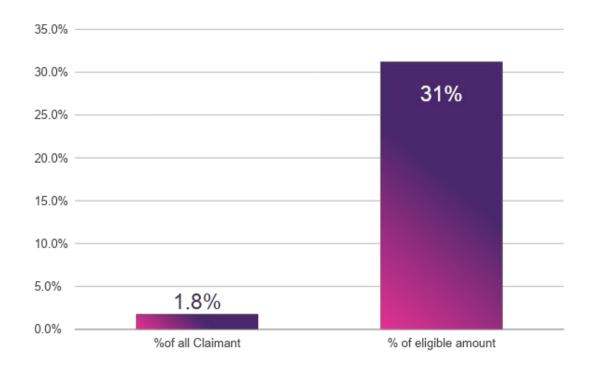
## Utilization percentage per drug type







## 2023 specialty split





Specialty drugs versus traditional drugs (2023)







## Options for cost management in Specialty space

Prior authorization

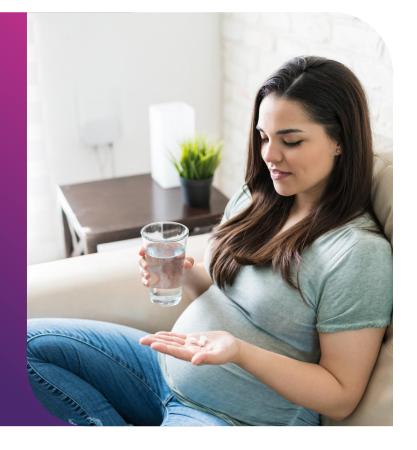
Biosimilar switch

TELUS Health Specialty drug program

## Key takeaways

- Consistent with previous years, a very small proportion of claimants are responsible for a third of the overall spend
- The split between traditional and specialty are consistent across the country, except in the west, likely driven by Pharmacare programs

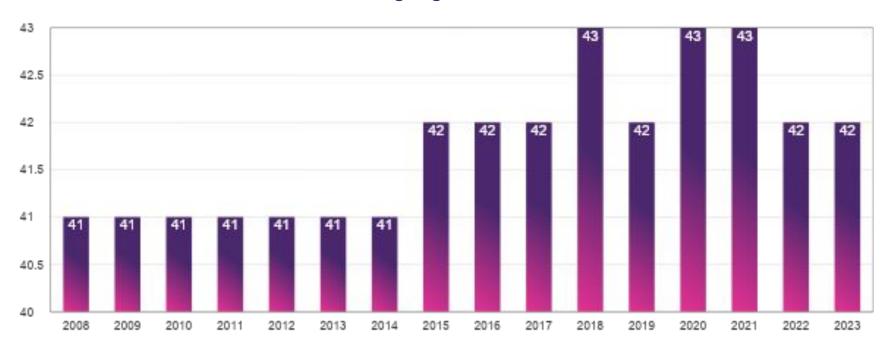
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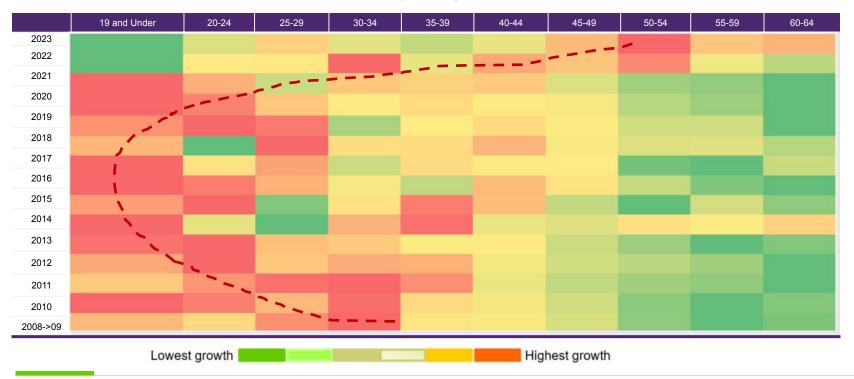
## The aging population hypothesis

#### Average age of insured

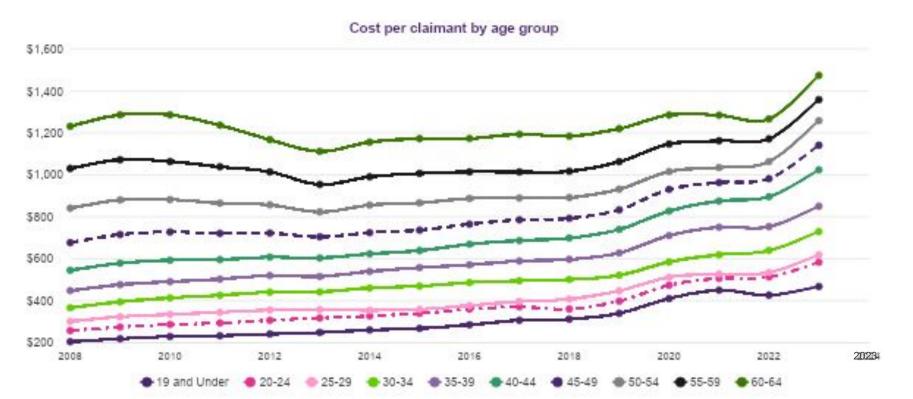


## Growth of cost per claimant by age group

#### Year-to-year growth rate



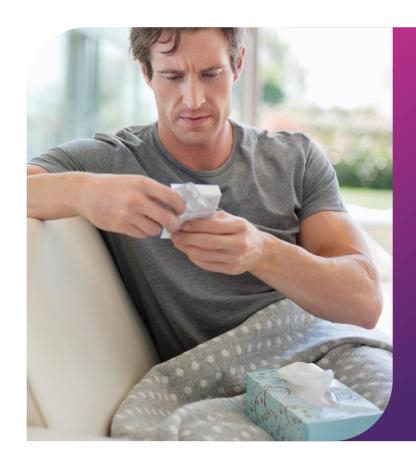
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## Key takeaways

- Average age of the covered population remains stable with a small increase to 42 years of age in 2023
- However, we are seeing higher growth in the average cost per claimant in the older population in recent years
- Average cost per claimant increases with age and is steadily increasing across all age bands for the last 15 years





## Final thoughts

- Key changes over the last 15 years of therapeutic classes
- Interesting developments in Women's health
- Re-baselining for the trending data with 2023 results
- Re-baseline the specialty space
- Examination of the aging population

## Thank you