During the COVID-19 pandemic, the net number of retail independent pharmacies nationwide increased. The recent increases in the number of stores continued overall five- and ten-year trends of an increasing number of independent pharmacies in the United States.

33 states had more independent pharmacies in 2020.

The median number of new independent pharmacies per state was 9.

In the last 10 years, the number of independent pharmacies increased by almost 13%.

That’s 2,645 more independent pharmacies since 2011.

The number of independent pharmacies steadily increased from 2011 to 2016. With some fluctuations, the number has remained relatively stable since then.

Source: Quest Analytics analysis of National Council for Prescription Drug Programs data.