Over the last ten years, the number of independent retail pharmacies nationwide increased by 1,719 stores or 8%. Over the last five years, the marketplace for independent pharmacies has experienced small fluctuations from year-to-year sometimes gaining stores, sometimes losing stores. These recent fluctuations in the overall number of stores have not dramatically shifted the independent pharmacy market. Today, the independent pharmacy market is stable.

“The demise of independent community pharmacy has been greatly exaggerated.”

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Between 2012 and 2016, the number of independent pharmacies increased each year. From 2017 to 2022, the number of independent pharmacies slightly fluctuated year-to-year.

Source: Quest Analytics analysis of NCPDP pharmacy data, 2022. Pharmacy count data is from January of a given year.