



Board of Pharmacy Releases Updated Data Tracking Pharmacy Trends Across Ohio

Revised data show a 19 percent decrease in the total number of retail pharmacies from 2015 to 2024.

Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Steven W. Schierholt today announced updated data showing trends in pharmacy closures.

Newly **revised data** shows Ohio saw the closure of 215 retail pharmacies in 2024. This included 19 independent, 14 small chain (2-11 stores), and 182 large chain pharmacies (12+ stores). Board of Pharmacy licensing data also shows 35 closings in 2025, including 5 hospital outpatient, 17 independent, 6 small chain, and 7 large chain pharmacies. Further, revised figures show the number of retail pharmacies declining in Ohio from a high of 2,218 in 2015 to 1,799 in 2024, a reduction of 19 percent.

“Pharmacies are essential for maintaining the health and safety of our citizens,” said Director Schierholt. “We hope that this data can provide much needed insight to improve access to pharmacy services throughout Ohio.”

The data, available on the Board’s online dashboard (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/trends), uses Board of Pharmacy licensing data to provide users with a visualization of where pharmacy openings and closures are occurring and offers insights into how closures impact access to pharmacy services in Ohio.

Additionally, the Board is now publishing monthly data from the dashboard that shows total pharmacy closures over time in table format. This information can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/closing.

The Board’s Pharmacy Access dashboard – available at Pharmacy.Ohio.gov/Trends – allows users to view data on pharmacy access around the state including:

- **Pharmacy Trends:** Provides an analysis of openings and closings of pharmacies by type (e.g., independent, small chain, large chain).
- **Pharmacy Closure Comparisons:** Analyzes pharmacy closures based upon certain characteristics (urban/rural, pharmacy type, social vulnerability index).
- **Pharmacy Deserts:** Provides a geographic visualization of areas that lack access to pharmacy services (sometimes referred to as “pharmacy deserts”) by census blocks.
 - For census blocks that are rural, this means not having a pharmacy within 10 miles.
 - For census blocks that are urban, this means not having a pharmacy within one mile.

The dashboard is updated monthly and was created through a partnership between the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, the InnovateOhio Platform, and the Ohio Department of Health.



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