

Report to Stakeholder Council

# Prescription Drug Affordability in Maryland: 2023 Community Forums & Marylanders' Feedback



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## The Issue

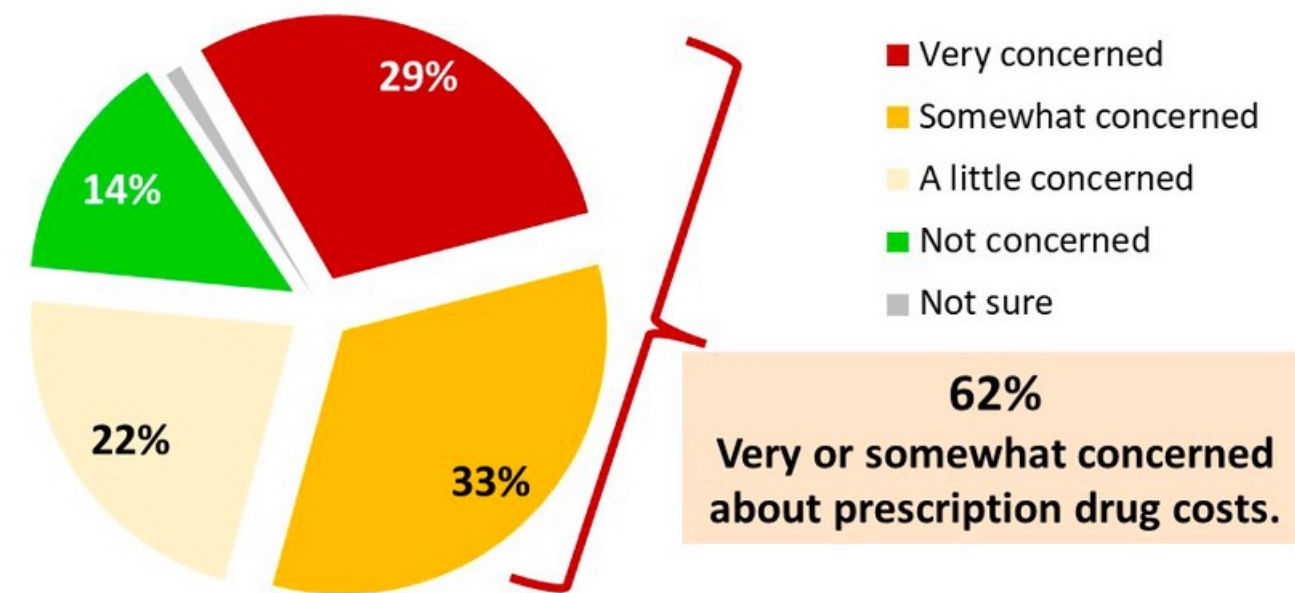
### Prescription Drug Costs Continue to Rise, Hurting Patients, Premiums, and Public Health

In 2022, drug makers raised prices on 8 commonly prescribed medicines, despite no proof of improved benefits, costing the US \$1.2 billion.

<https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2023/12/11/medicines-drugs-prices-humira-abbvie-jnj-amgen/>

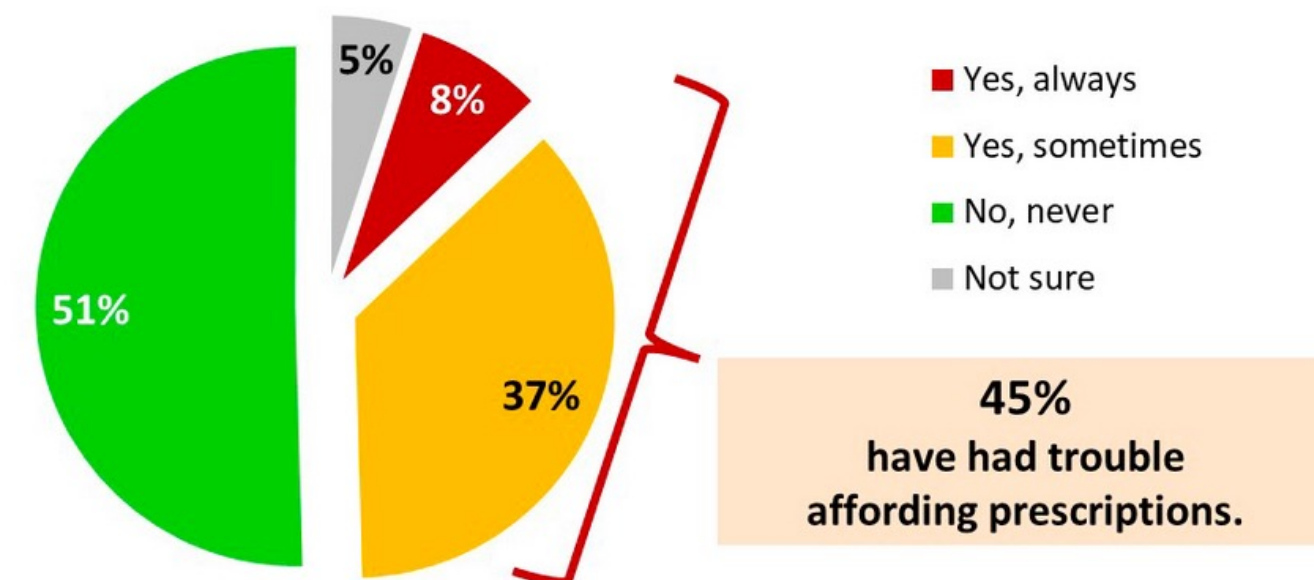
# Marylanders Struggle to Afford the Medicines They Need

## Personal Concern about Prescription Drug Costs



How much does the cost of prescription drugs concern you, personally? Would you say you are very concerned personally, somewhat concerned, a little concerned, or not personally concerned about it?

## Trouble Affording Prescription Medications



Do you or other members of your household ever have trouble affording prescription medications?

## Community Input

<b>2023 Forum Locations:</b>	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore City
Baltimore County	Charles County	Eastern Shore
Frederick County	Hagerstown	Howard County
Montgomery County	Prince George's County	Statewide Virtual Forum

**Forums were hosted by local leaders in each county and featured AARP Maryland, lawmakers, advocates, and an update on PDAB activities from Dr. Andrew York**



## Forum Highlights

### **Marylanders Support the PDAB**

Forum participants were appreciative of the PDAB & Stakeholder Council's work.

Recent polling shows this support is widespread, with 80% of respondents in favor of expanding the PDAB's authority.

### **Building on the Inflation Reduction Act**

Forum attendees were excited by the prescription drug provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act and look forward to how the PDAB can build on them.

### **Patients Need Help Affording Their Medications**

Marylanders across the state shared their stories about high-cost prescription drugs and the impact they have on their health and livelihoods. **Drugs don't work if people can't afford them.**

Nov. 15 Baltimore Co. Forum

“ “ Maryland’s Prescription Drug Affordability Board--the first in the nation-- has become a model for many other states. I commend the Board’s great work in making high-cost drugs more affordable for state and local governments.

**Speaker Adrienne Jones**



# Local Leader Support



We need continued action on this pressing issue.

# THANK YOU

For more information about the forums or the Prescription Drug Affordability Coalition, please visit [www.healthcareforall.com](http://www.healthcareforall.com)