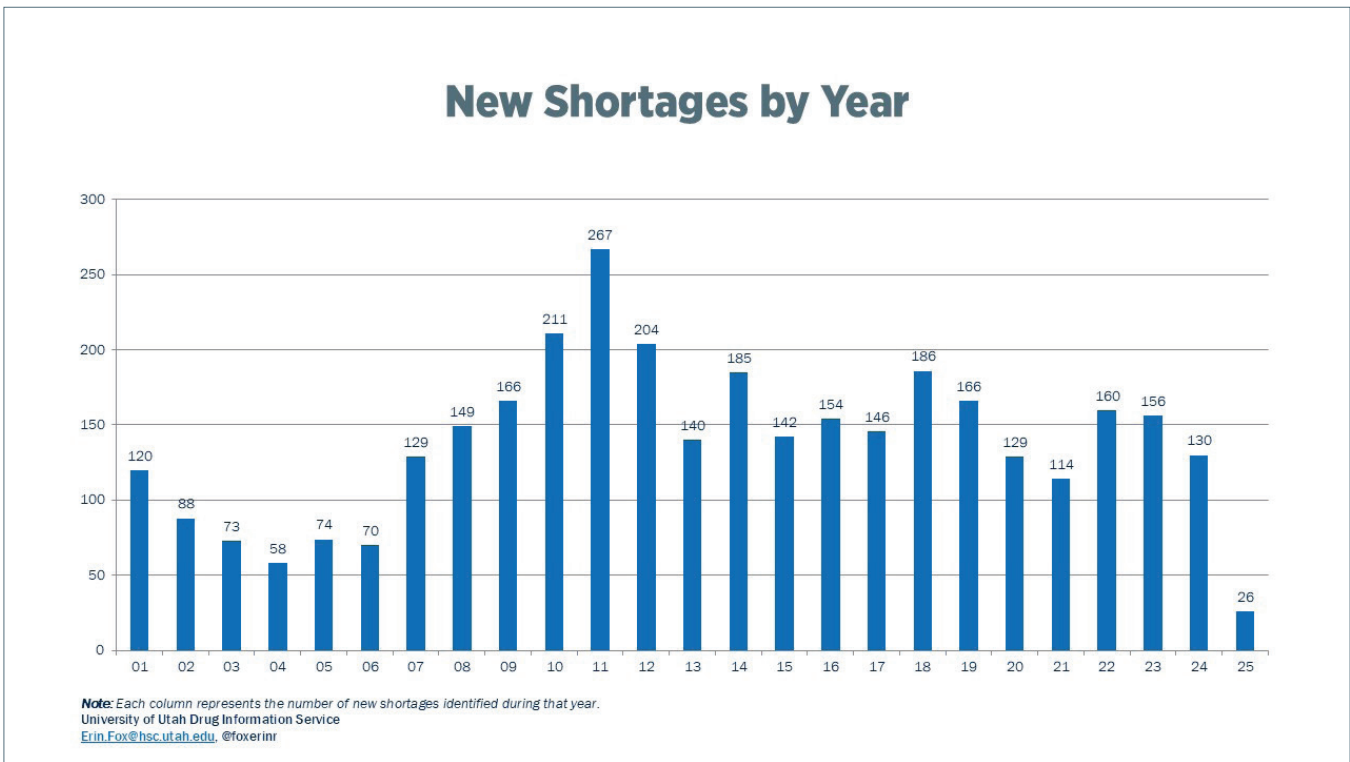


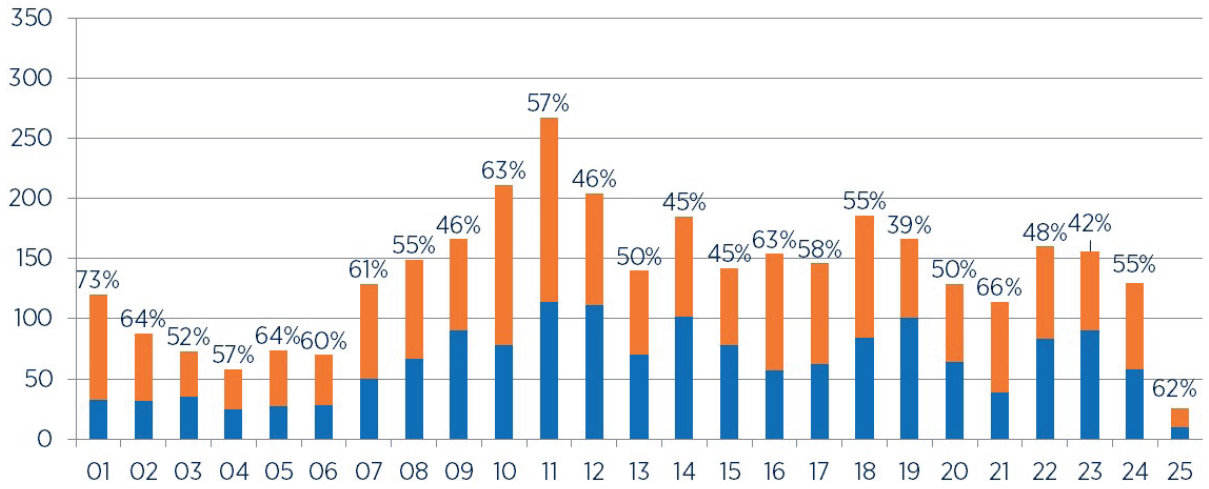


## SUMMARY

- The number of active drug shortages is 270, virtually unchanged for the past 3 quarters, but down from an all-time high of 323 in the first quarter of 2024.
- Shortages of critical and life-saving fluids remain a concern following the manufacturing delays caused by the repercussions of Hurricane Helene.
- More than one-third of all active shortages (41%) began in 2022 or earlier.
- Workload required to manage shortages, including work to change pharmacy automation and electronic health records, adds to the challenges of pharmacy staff shortages.

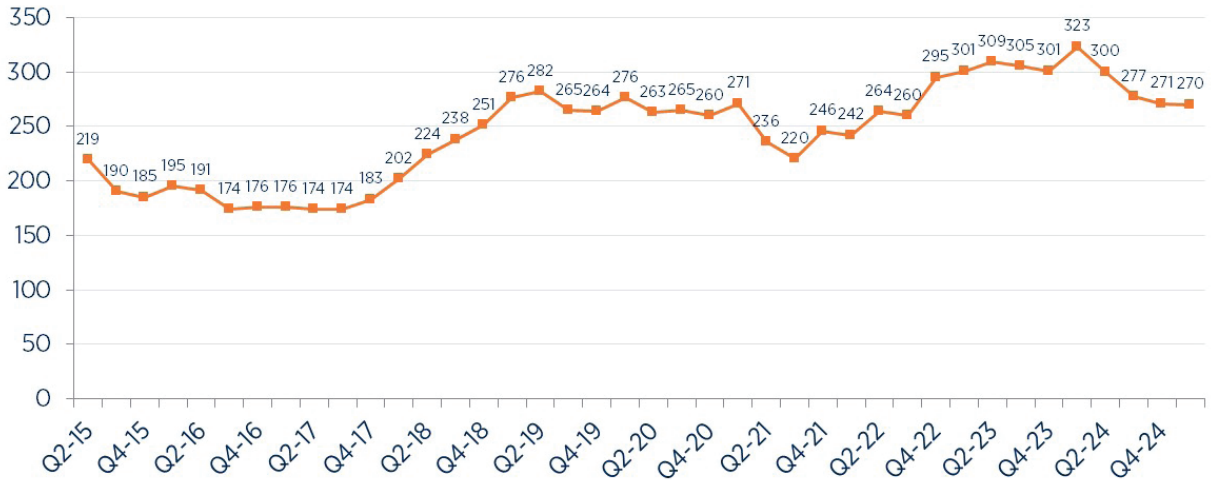


### New Shortages by Year, % Injectable



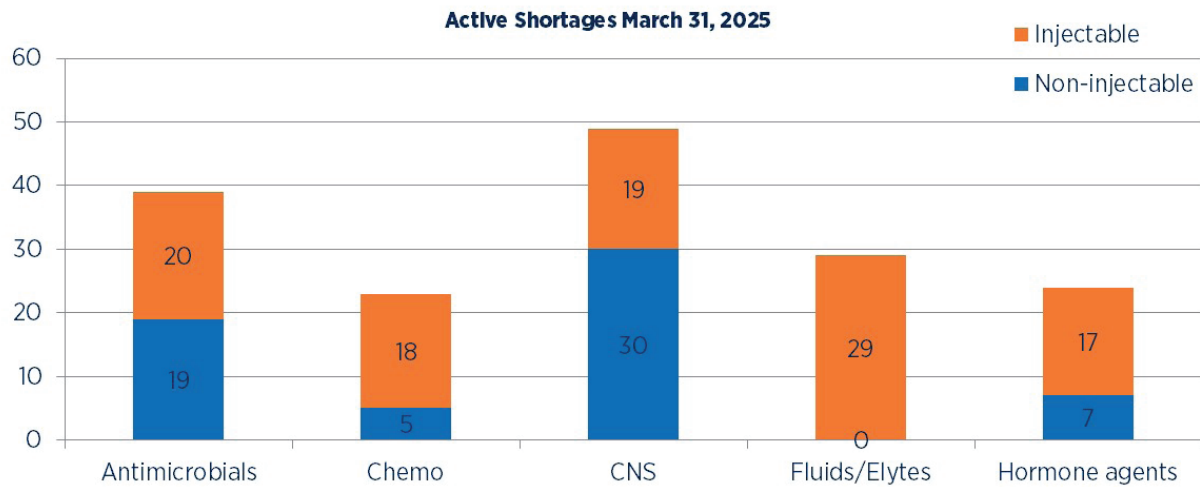
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### Active Shortages by Quarter 10 Year Trend



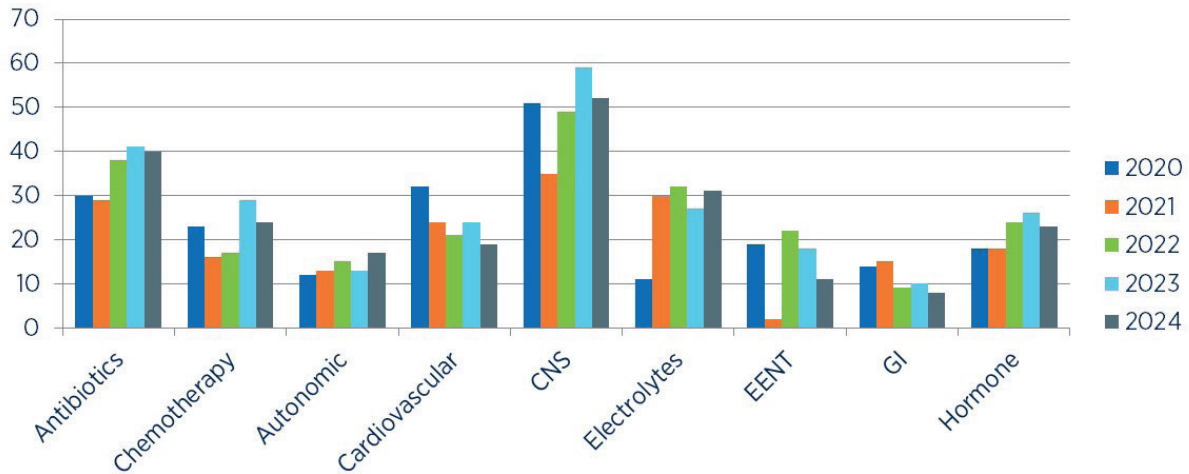
Note: Each point represents the number of active shortages at the end of each quarter.  
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### Active Shortages Top 5 Drug Classes



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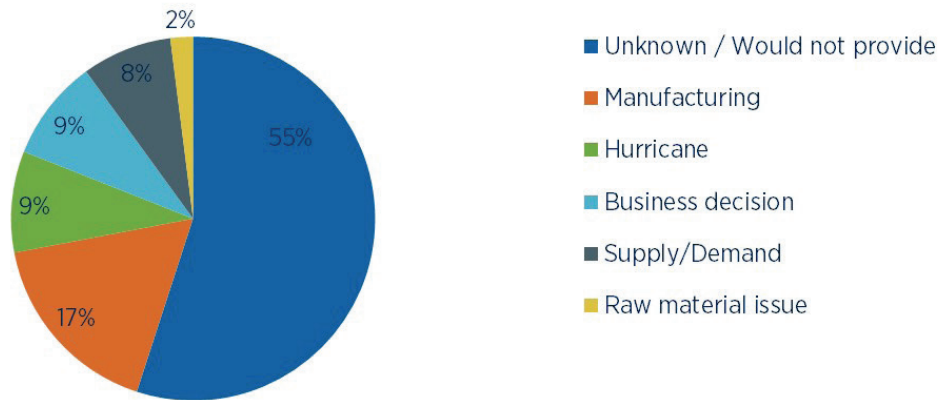
### Common Drug Classes in Short Supply 5 Year Trend



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## SELECTED LINKS OF INTEREST

- [Federal Policies to Address Persistent Generic Drug Shortages](#)
- [ASHP Drug Shortage Survey Report - Fluids](#)
- [ASHP Policy Solutions to Address the Drug Shortage Crisis](#)
- [Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee \(hearing\)](#)
- [Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs \(hearing and report\)](#)
- [Government Accountability Office Report on Drug Shortages](#)
- [Building Resilience Into US Prescription Drug Supply Chains](#)
- [National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to examine the security of America's medical product supply chain](#)
- [Improving the Quality and Resilience of the United States Healthcare Supply Chain](#)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

All data provided by the University of Utah Drug Information Service. ASHP and the University of Utah maintain a drug shortage database that tracks drug availability across the nation. For more information, visit [ashp.org/drug-shortages](https://ashp.org/drug-shortages) or contact:



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