

TRENDS IN SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF MEDICAL CARE

TABLE 2.—Personal consumption spending for medical care
[Millions of dollars]

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Total.....	6,104	6,817	7,749	8,051	8,741	9,440	10,172	11,072	11,925	12,827	14,048	15,051	16,384
Physicians.....	1,720	2,020	2,327	2,338	2,427	2,519	2,657	2,840	3,100	3,189	3,470	3,693	3,901
Dentists.....	772	784	900	920	961	997	1,098	1,234	1,406	1,625	1,625	1,705	1,674
Other professional services.....	338	390	445	455	482	510	544	586	634	653	697	734	769
Privately controlled hospitals, nursing homes, and sanitariums.....	1,163	1,397	1,621	1,772	2,037	2,248	2,486	2,729	2,962	3,220	3,518	3,884	4,319
Medical care and hospitalization insurance.....	444	513	559	557	629	641	749	942	1,056	1,090	1,055	1,064	1,359
Drug preparations and sundries.....	1,271	1,313	1,466	1,555	1,719	1,979	2,058	2,137	2,163	2,473	2,869	3,098	3,261
Ophthalmic products and orthopedic appliances.....	396	400	431	454	486	546	580	604	595	685	814	873	1,101

Source: Commerce Department, U.S. Income and Output.