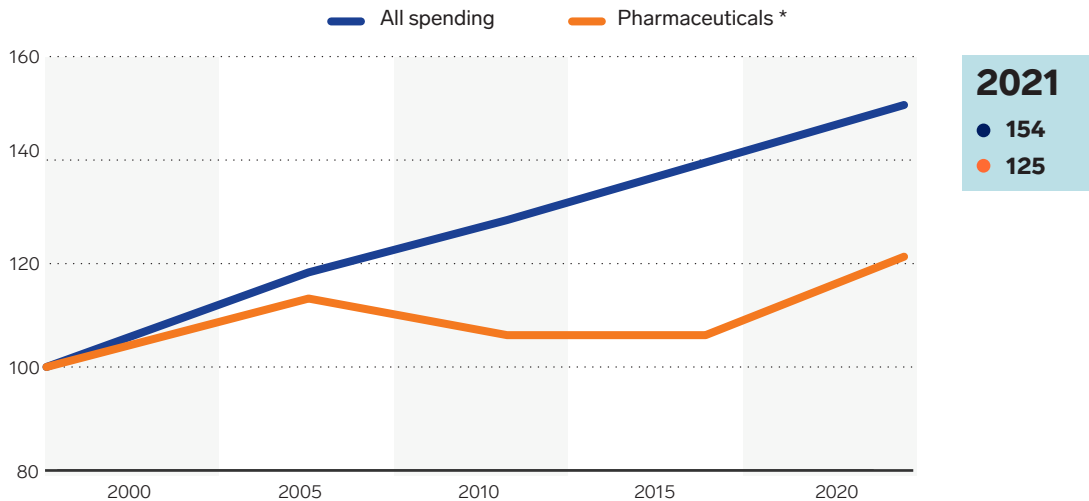


# Medicine prices increase less than average

Price index of all consumer spending plotted against price index for pharmaceuticals (1998=100)



\*This includes medicines, medicinal preparations, serums, vaccines, vitamins and minerals, cod liver oil, oral contraceptives and homeopathic medicines.