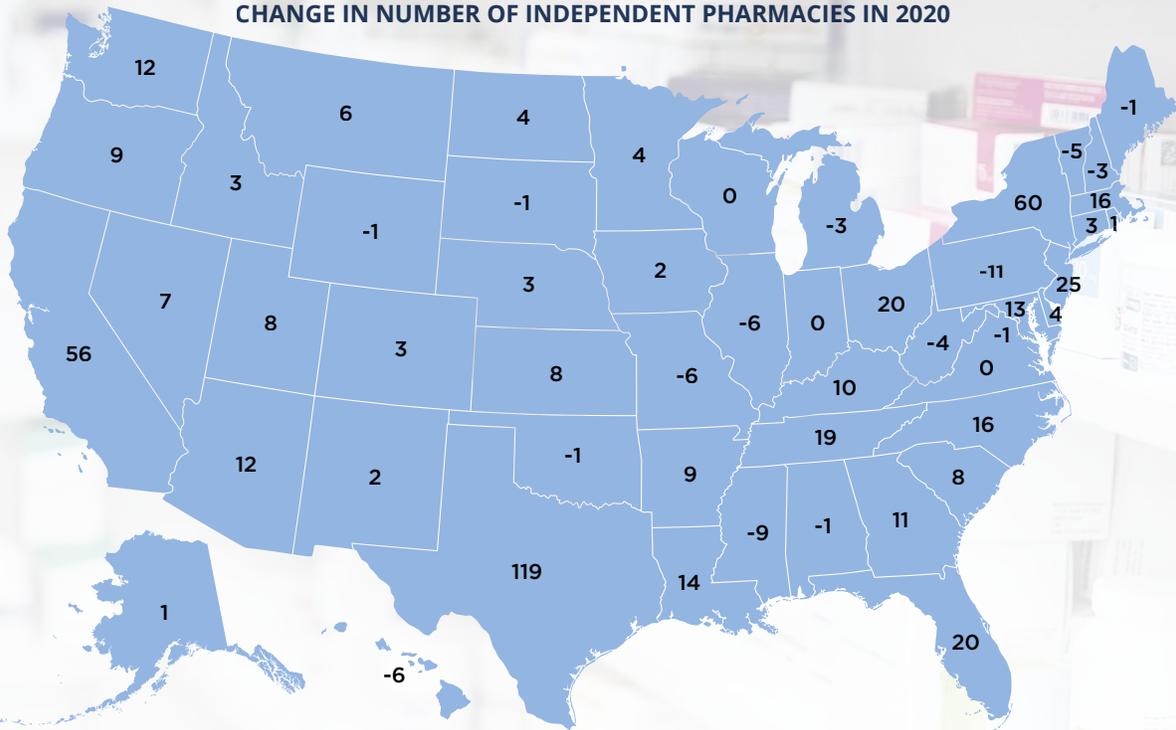


NATIONWIDE, MORE INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES OPENED IN 2020

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the net number of retail independent pharmacies nationwide increased. The recent increases in the number of stores continued overall five- and ten-year trends of an increasing number of independent pharmacies in the United States.

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES IN 2020

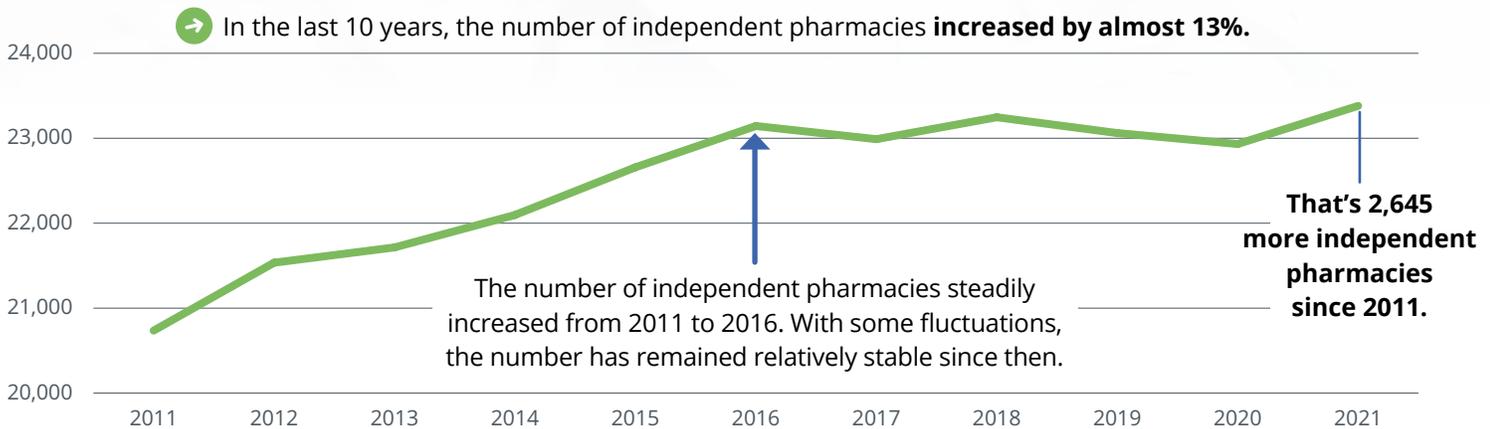


The number of independent pharmacies increased by 449 from January 2020 to January 2021.

33 states had more independent pharmacies in 2020.

The median number of new independent pharmacies per state was 9.

NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES, 2011-2021



Source: Quest Analytics analysis of National Council for Prescription Drug Programs data.