

Table A3  
 Number of New Molecular Entities Approved by the FDA, 1950-1993

**YEAR** **Number of NMEs approved** **7-year moving average**

1950	9	
1951	16	
1952	12	
1953	27	
1954	22	
1955	18	
1956	18	17
1957	24	20
1958	14	19
1959	32	22
1960	21	21
1961	20	21
1962	13	20
1963	14	20
1964	18	19
1965	11	18
1966	13	16
1967	16	15
1968	6	13
1969	10	13
1970	15	13
1971	12	12
1972	8	11
1973	19	12
1974	22	13
1975	13	14
1976	26	16
1977	18	17
1978	19	18
1979	14	19
1980	12	18
1981	27	18
1982	28	21
1983	14	19
1984	22	19
1985	30	21
1986	20	22
1987	21	23
1988	20	22
1989	23	21
1990	23	23
1991	30	24
1992	26	23
1993	25	24

Source: unpublished FDA data provided to the authors