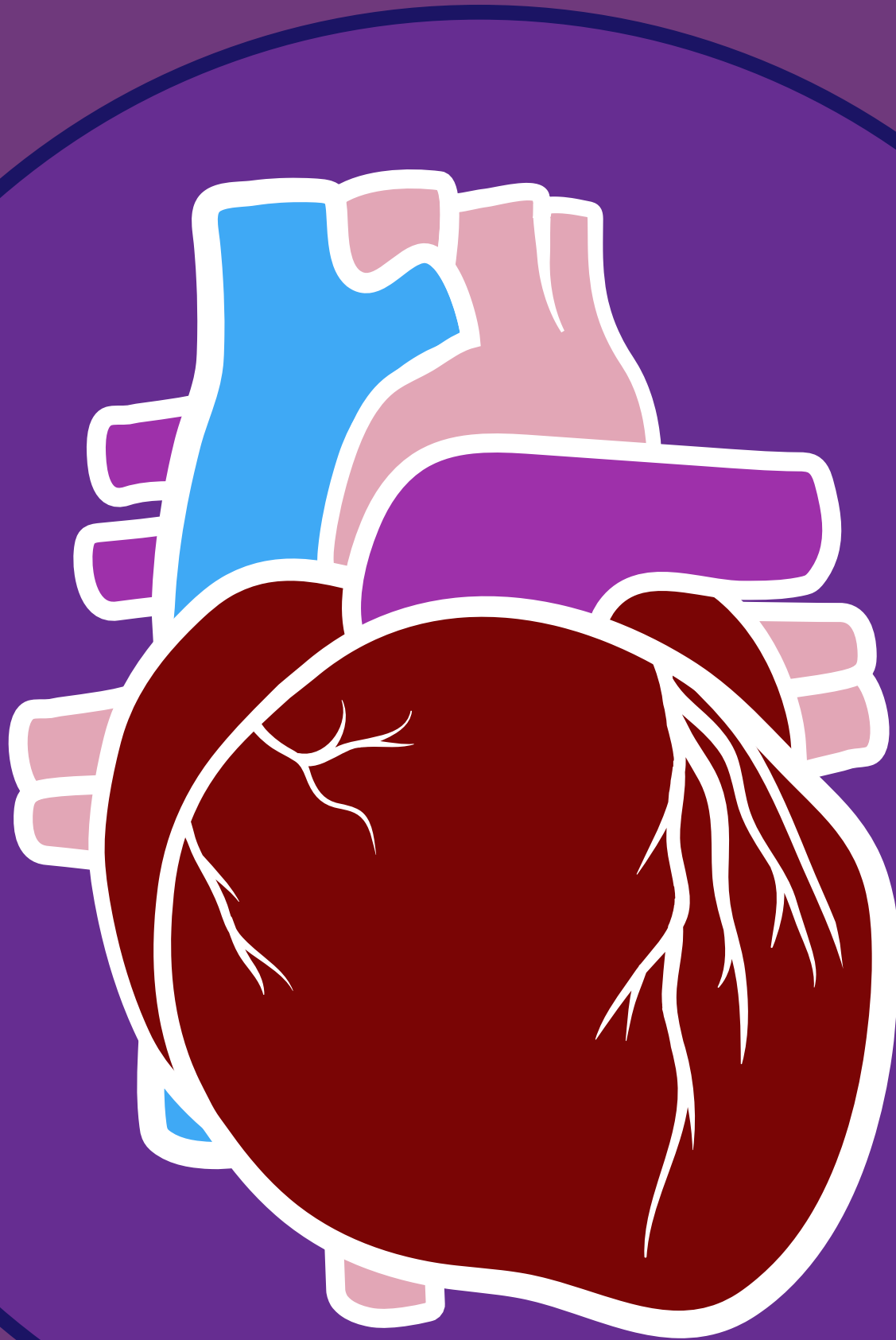
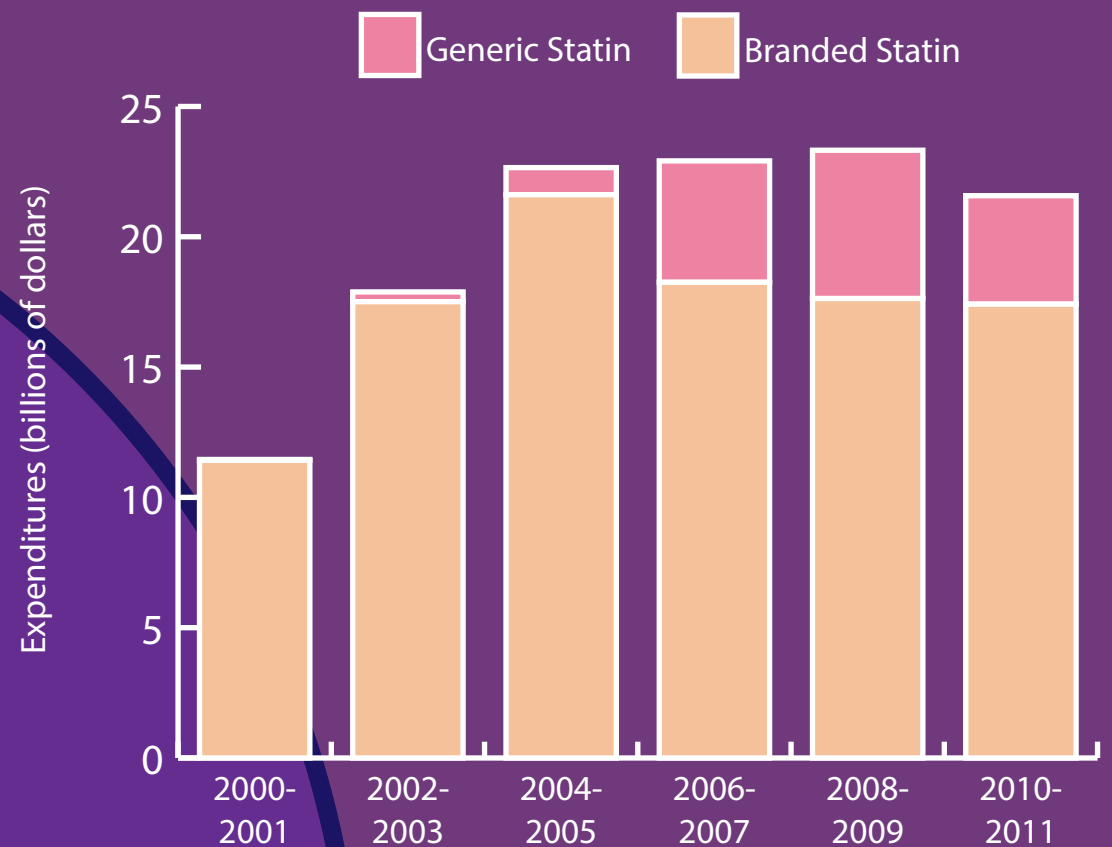


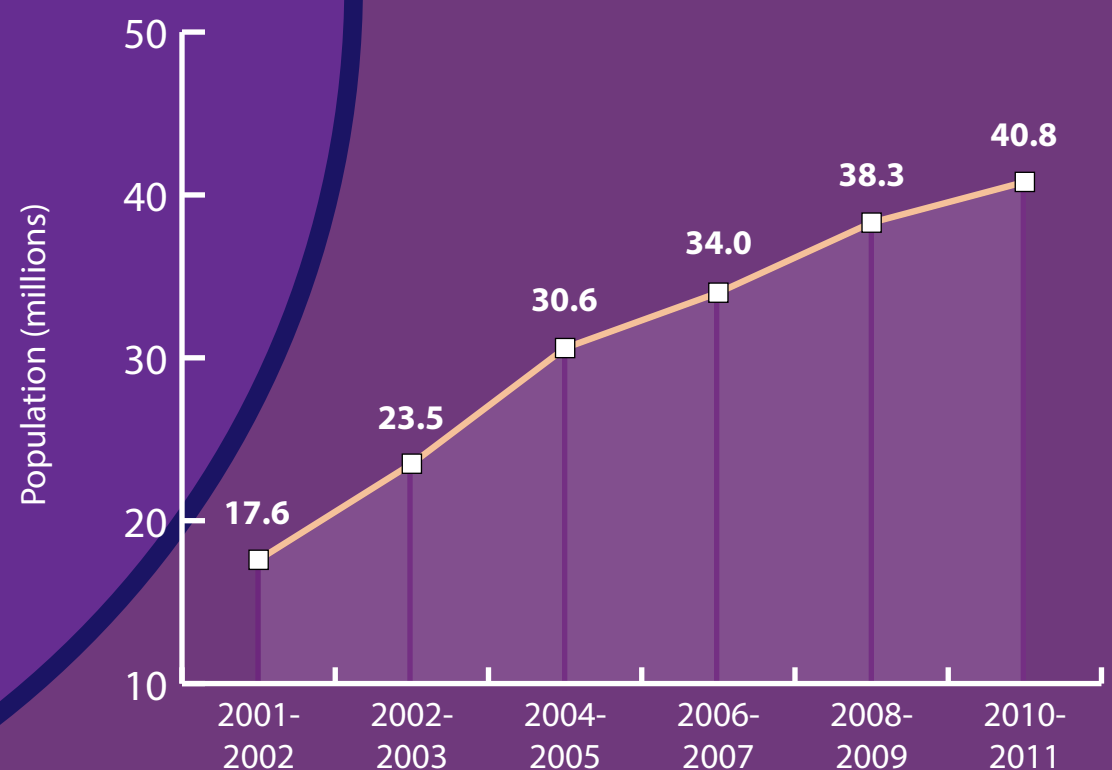
Americans spend more than \$20 billion annually on statins to treat high cholesterol and reduce heart disease risk. In the 10-year period ending in 2011, statin use roughly doubled among all adult age groups. The figures shown here quantify increased statin use and show how spending on generic versions of statins has grown.



### Average Annual Expenditures on Statins Among Adults



### Number of Adults Using Statins



Source: MEPS Statistical Brief #458: Trends in Statin Therapy among Adults (Age ≥ 18), United States, 2000 to 2011 ([http://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data\\_files/publications/st458/stat458.shtml](http://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/st458/stat458.shtml)); MEPS Statistical Brief #459: Changes in Statin Therapy among Adults (Age ≥ 18) by Selected Characteristics, United States, 2000–2001 to 2010–2011 ([http://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data\\_files/publications/st459/stat459.shtml](http://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/data_files/publications/st459/stat459.shtml))