The Cost of FDA Approval

The FDA strictly controls which medications are available in the United States. Even after a drug's been determined safe, it must hurdle a number of obstacles before it ever reaches the public marketplace.

The approval process costs, on average, $800 million

The FDA’s exemption process requires doctors to fill out paperwork that is noted to take more than 100 hours to complete.

10-15 years is the average length of time for a drug to get approval for use by the general public.