

Asthma

Were you ever told you have asthma?

- ◆ Twelve percent of Pennsylvania adults responded in the 2003 survey that a health care professional had told them that they had asthma.
- ◆ A significantly higher percentage of adults with less than a high school diploma said that they had been diagnosed with asthma (20 percent) compared to adults with a high school diploma (11 percent) and adults with a college degree (10 percent).
- ◆ Those adults with household incomes less than \$15,000 had a significantly higher percentage (18 percent) compared to those adults with household incomes greater than \$75,000 (9 percent).
- ◆ No significant differences were seen for sex, age or race/ethnicity.

Do you currently have asthma?

- ◆ Eight percent of Pennsylvania adults indicated in the 2003 survey that they currently have asthma.
- ◆ Women had a significantly higher percentage of currently having asthma (10 percent) compared to men (6 percent).
- ◆ A significantly higher percentage of adults with less than a high school education reported having asthma (16 percent) compared to adults with a high school education or higher (a high school diploma, 8 percent; some college education, 7 percent; college degree, 7 percent).
- ◆ Adults with household incomes less than \$15,000 had a significantly higher percentage (14 percent) compared to those adults with a household income \$75,000+ (6 percent).
- ◆ No significant differences were seen for age or race/ethnicity.

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Figure 9A: Percent Currently Has Asthma, Pennsylvania Adults, 1999-2003

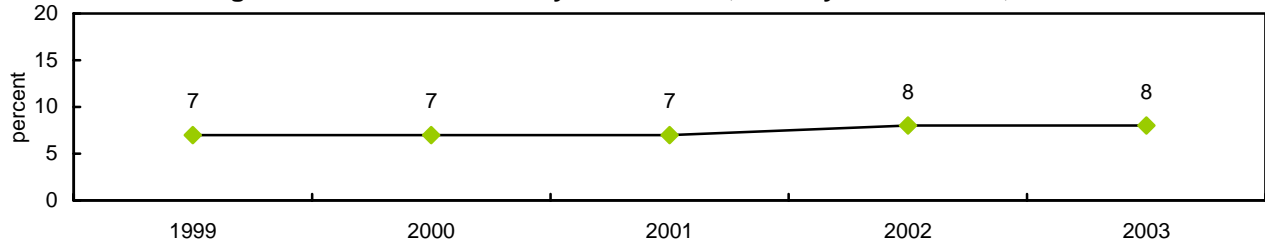


Figure 9B: Percent Currently Has Asthma, Pennsylvania Adults by Age, 2003

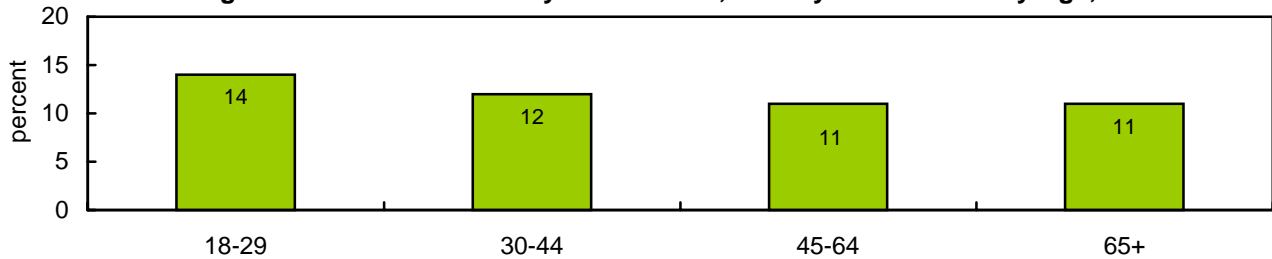


Table 9: Asthma, Pennsylvania Adults, 2003 (with 95% confidence intervals)

	Ever Told Had Asthma*				Currently Has Asthma*			
	Total No.	No.	%	CI	Total No.	No.	%	CI
All Adults	3,665	441	12	11-13	3,652	306	8	7-9
Male	1,455	136	10	8-12	1,452	80	6	5-8
Female	2,210	305	14	12-15	2,200	226	10	9-12
Age:								
18-29	482	69	14	11-18	479	44	9	7-13
30-44	1,038	130	12	10-14	1,032	82	7	6-9
45-64	1,318	151	11	9-13	1,316	111	9	7-11
65+	827	91	11	9-13	825	69	9	7-11
Education:								
<High School	311	58	20	14-25	311	47	16	11-21
High School	1,372	152	11	9-13	1,365	109	8	7-10
Some College	869	109	12	10-15	866	69	7	6-10
College Degree	1,108	121	10	8-12	1,105	81	7	6-9
Income:								
<\$15,000	315	53	18	13-24	312	40	14	9-19
\$15,000 to \$24,999	663	88	13	10-16	661	67	10	7-12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,064	118	11	9-13	1,062	85	8	6-10
\$50,000 to \$74,999	554	64	10	8-13	550	42	7	5-10
\$75,000+	613	60	9	7-12	611	35	6	4-8
Race:								
White, non-Hispanic	3,224	366	11	10-13	3,215	252	8	7-9
Black, non-Hispanic	240	41	16	10-21	238	29	12	7-16
Hispanic	77	10	9	5-18	77	9	9	4-18

*Excludes missing, don't know, and refused.