

Chronic Disease – Asthma

Definition: Ever been told by a doctor, nurse or other health professional that you have asthma.

- Thirteen percent of adult Alaskans in 2004 and 12% in 2005 reported ever being told by doctor they have asthma.
- In 2005, significantly more females than males reported being told they have asthma.
- Of those reporting having ever been told they have asthma, approximately two-thirds reported they currently have asthma.

Healthy People 2010

Objective 24.2a: Reduce lifetime asthma prevalence (adults ever told by a doctor that they have asthma) to 8%.

n = Number of respondents who report ever being told by doctor that they have asthma.

% = This is a weighted (adjusted) percentage of the state population (adult) at risk in this demographic subgroup, based on the survey data.

N = Total number of respondents in this subgroup.

95% CI = 95% Confidence Interval; the range of values within which the true value of a prevalence estimate would be expected to fall within, 95% of the time.

		2004				2005			
		n	weighted %	N	95% CI	n	weighted %	N	95% CI
Gender									
	Male	111	11%	1,231	8.2 - 13.6	100	8%	1,295	6.1 - 10.3
	Female	213	16%	1,421	13.1 - 18.5	221	17%	1,503	14.5 - 20.4
	Total	324	13%	2,652	11.2 - 15.0	321	12%	2,798	10.7 - 14.4
Race									
	Native (any mention)	76	14%	605	10.5 - 19.2	62	10%	595	7.1 - 14.0
	Non-Native	245	13%	2,026	10.8 - 15.0	253	13%	2,181	10.8 - 15.0
Age									
	18–24	35	20%	232	13.5 - 29.5	27	17%	216	10.5 - 25.8
	25–34	66	14%	501	10.1 - 18.8	59	12%	462	8.3 - 16.0
	35–44	56	11%	560	8.0 - 15.9	61	13%	594	9.1 - 17.1
	45–54	77	11%	643	8.0 - 14.7	76	11%	744	7.9 - 14.3
	55–64	54	15%	422	10.2 - 20.3	63	14%	430	10.7 - 19.2
	65 or older	32	9%	272	5.7 - 13.7	34	9%	331	5.2 - 14.0
Education									
	Less than H.S.	32	16%	259	9.7 - 25.6	34	16%	262	9.2 - 25.6
	H.S. Grad or GED	85	11%	841	8.5 - 15.0	82	11%	879	8.0 - 14.0
	Some College or Tech School	113	16%	780	12.8 - 20.6	107	13%	821	10.1 - 17.2
	College Grad	92	10%	762	7.9 - 13.6	98	13%	831	9.8 - 16.0
Income									
	Less than \$15K	39	18%	253	11.0 - 26.9	47	18%	274	11.6 - 27.0
	\$15,000–24,999	42	12%	364	7.9 - 18.0	49	15%	371	10.1 - 21.8
	\$25,000–34,999	48	16%	307	11.1 - 23.4	28	10%	271	6.4 - 15.3
	\$35,000–49,999	41	9%	406	5.9 - 13.5	44	11%	398	7.3 - 15.9
	\$50,000–74,999	56	13%	469	9.1 - 17.5	49	11%	523	7.3 - 14.9
	\$75K+	68	14%	588	9.9 - 18.4	78	13%	669	10.1 - 17.7