

Who Has Asthma?



The number of people with asthma continues to grow. One in 12 people (about 25 million, or 8% of the U.S. population) had asthma in 2009, compared with 1 in 14 (about 20 million, or 7%) in 2001.

World Health Organization. Global surveillance, prevention and control of chronic respiratory diseases: a comprehensive approach, 2007.

For the period 2008–2010, **asthma prevalence was higher among multiple-race, black, and American Indian or Alaska Native persons** than white persons.

(2012) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Trends in Asthma Prevalence, Health Care, and Mortality in the United States, 2001-2010.*

About 1 in 9 (11%) non-Hispanic blacks of all ages and about 1 in 6 (17%) of non-Hispanic black children had asthma in 2009, the highest rate among racial/ethnic groups. **FROM 2001 THROUGH 2009 ASTHMA RATES ROSE THE MOST AMONG BLACK CHILDREN, ALMOST A 50% INCREASE.**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Vital Signs*, May 2011.



Children with recurrent cough, wheezing, chest tightness or shortness of breath may have one or more forms of asthma. CDC reports show **1 in 10 children (10%)** have asthma while only **1 in 12 adults (8%)** have asthma.

(2009) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Vital Signs*, May 2011.

