

Asthma by the Numbers



Asthma costs the US about \$3,300 per person with asthma each year

from medical expenses, missed school or work days, and early deaths.

(2002 to 2007). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Vital Signs*, May 2011.

The annual direct health care cost of asthma is approximately **\$50.1 billion**; indirect costs (e.g. lost productivity) add another **\$5.9 billion**, for a total of

\$56 BILLION DOLLARS.

That's enough to send every child in America to preschool for free.



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CDC reports that more than half (59%) of children and one-third (33%) of adults who had an asthma attack also missed school or work because of asthma. **On average, children miss 4 days of school and adults miss 5 days of work because of asthma.**

(2008) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Vital Signs*, May 2011.

3,345 deaths were attributed to asthma in 2011.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Health Statistics. CDC Wonder On-line Database, compiled from Compressed Mortality File 1999-2011 Series 20 No. 2Q, 2014.