

HOSPITALIZATION AND THE COST OF

ASTHMA

IN PENNSYLVANIA

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE ASTHMA?

1 in 10 adults



1 in 10 children



TOP FACTS ABOUT THE COST OF ASTHMA IN PENNSYLVANIA IN 2013



The total number of asthma hospitalizations



Average charge for inpatient hospitalizations



\$1,949,000,000:
The total cost of asthma *



\$181,000,000: The total cost of missed work days *

The cost of asthma is medical costs only, including nursing home costs but excluding absenteeism costs.

Medicare and Medicaid accounts for approximately 71% of all payments for inpatient hospitalization due to asthma.

INDIRECT COSTS OF ASTHMA

8%

Of children had moderate to severe activity limitation

28%

Of children missed one or more days of school due to asthma

18%

Of adults had moderate to severe activity limitation

24%

Of adults missed one or more days of work due to asthma

For more information on asthma, visit: <http://www.paasthma.org/>.

* : Projected estimates from the chronic disease calculator.

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