

**Table 184. Asthma Incidence Among Children Under 18 Years of Age by Selected Characteristics: 2006**

[In thousands, except percent (73,493 represents 73,493,000). Based on the National Health Interview Survey, a sample survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized population; see Appendix III]

Selected characteristic	Total	Ever told had asthma		Had asthma attack in past 12 months	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Total</b> <sup>1, 2</sup> . . . . .	<b>73,493</b>	<b>9,876</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>6,819</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>SEX</b> <sup>2</sup>					
Male . . . . .	37,569	5,875	15.8	4,122	11.1
Female. . . . .	35,924	4,001	11.2	2,697	7.6
<b>AGE</b>					
0 to 4 years old . . . . .	20,410	1,521	7.5	1,178	5.8
5 to 11 years old . . . . .	27,776	4,455	16.1	3,191	11.5
12 to 17 years old . . . . .	25,307	3,900	15.4	2,451	9.7
<b>RACE</b>					
Race Alone <sup>2, 3</sup> . . . . .	70,976	9,422	13.4	6,493	9.2
White . . . . .	55,881	7,100	12.8	4,816	8.7
Black or African American. . . . .	11,455	1,921	16.9	1,461	12.9
American Indian or Alaska Native. . . . .	691	<sup>4</sup> 52	<sup>4</sup> 7.2	<sup>4</sup> 32	<sup>4</sup> 4.3
Asian . . . . .	2,835	334	11.9	177	6.4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander . . . . .	114	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Two or more races <sup>2, 5</sup> . . . . .	2,518	454	19.9	326	13.9
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE:</b> <sup>2, 6</sup>					
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	14,815	1,901	13.2	1,328	9.2
Mexican or Mexican American. . . . .	10,186	1,052	10.8	673	6.9
Not Hispanic or Latino. . . . .	58,678	7,975	13.7	5,492	9.5
White, single race . . . . .	42,480	5,428	12.8	3,649	8.7
Black or African American, single race . . . . .	10,899	1,800	16.6	1,383	12.8

B Figure too small to meet statistical standards for reliability of a derived figure.<sup>1</sup> Includes other races not shown separately.<sup>2</sup> Estimates are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using age groups 0–4 years, 5–11 years, and 12–17 years.<sup>3</sup> Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group.<sup>4</sup> Figures do not meet standard of reliability or precision.<sup>5</sup> Refers to all persons who indicated more than one race group.<sup>6</sup> Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be of any race or combination of races.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, *Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, Number 234, Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2006*; <[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr\\_10/sr10\\_234.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_234.pdf)>.