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Approximately 80% of asthma hospitalisations are preventable

Almost half (44%) of the hospitalisations for asthma in Australia are for children aged 0–14.

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In 2017-18, 139 males and 250 females died from asthma in Australia.

Mortality rates are higher for:
- People living in remote areas
- People living in areas of lower socio-economic status
- Indigenous Australians

Total Deaths (Persons) State/Territory

NSW: 152, VIC: 89, QLD: 77, SA: 34, WA: 19, NT, ACT & TAS: 14

Combined total of 14 deaths

People with asthma are less likely to report excellent health, and more likely to report fair or poor health, than people without the condition.

28.4% of people with asthma have an Asthma Action Plan.

- 0–14 years: 53.7%
- 15 years and over: 21.3%

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Information and support:

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