11.2% of Australians have asthma

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HOSPITALISATIONS

In 2017–18 approximately 80% of asthma hospitalisations are preventable. Almost half (44%) of the hospitalisations for asthma in Australia are for children aged 0–14.

Australians were hospitalised

Asthma hospitalisations have plateaued over the last decade.

Total Deaths (Persons)

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

389

RIP

Australians died from asthma in 2018

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QUALITY OF LIFE

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

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

Information and support: