

ASTHMA IN AUSTRALIA



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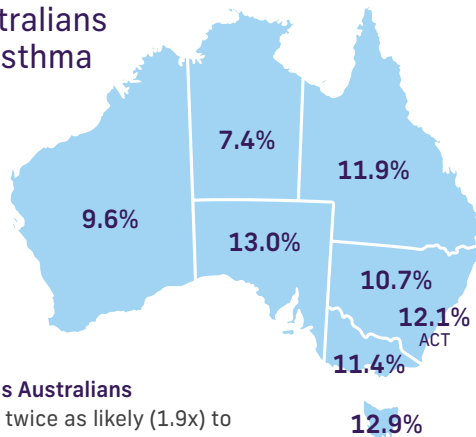
AUSTRALIANS ARE AFFECTED BY ASTHMA

2.7 million people

11.2%

of Australians have asthma

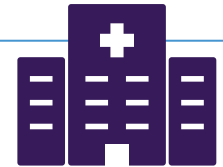
Persons (%)
State/Territory



Indigenous Australians are nearly twice as likely (1.9x) to report having asthma compared with non-Indigenous Australians.²

Age standardised rates¹

HOSPITALISATIONS



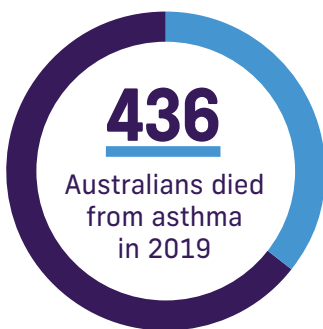
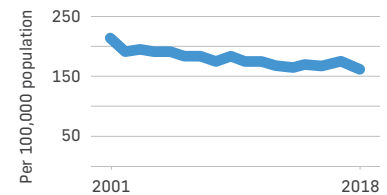
In 2017-18
38,792

Australians were hospitalised³

Approximately **80%** of asthma hospitalisations are preventable

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

Asthma hospitalisations have plateaued over the last decade



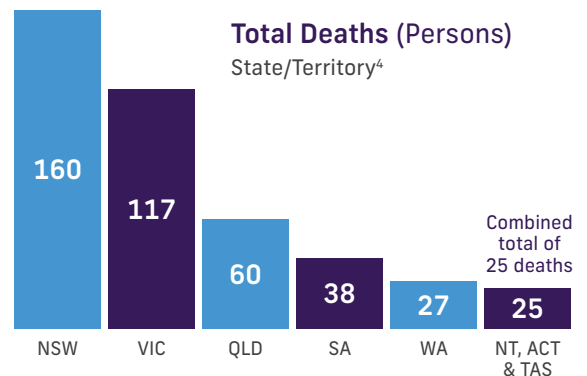
157 males 279 females



ASTHMA MORTALITY

Mortality rates are higher for:

- People living in remote areas
- People living in areas of lower socio-economic status
- Indigenous Australians



QUALITY OF LIFE¹

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



ASTHMA ACTION PLANS⁵

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:

1800 ASTHMA

(1800 278 462)

asthma.org.au

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