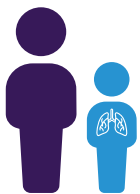


ASTHMA IN CHILDREN



ABOUT
386,000

Australians under the age of 15 (8.2%) have asthma^{1,6}
10.1% of boys (1 in 10 boys)
6.2% of girls (1 in 16 girls)

ASTHMA WAS THE LEADING CAUSE

of disease burden in 2023 for children² (aged 1-14 years)

4th leading cause for adolescents and young adults (aged 15-24 years)²



42%

of Australians aged 0-14 with asthma had to take time off school in 2014/15 due to their asthma⁴

HOSPITALS



13,500

children under 15 years of age were hospitalised for asthma in 2022/23³

43%

of all asthma hospitalisations were in children under 15 in 2022/23³



ONLY **2 IN 3**

children (67%) had an Asthma Action Plan in 2022¹



ONLY **1 IN 2**

children (49%) used asthma medication in the last two weeks in 2022¹



3X

Children under 15 were 3 times more likely to be hospitalised for asthma than people aged 15 and over (225 vs 70 hospitalisations per 100,000 population) in 2021/22⁵

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED)

ABOUT **26,500**

children under 15 visited an ED for asthma in 2021/22⁵



1.6X

Boys under 15 were 1.6 times more likely than girls the same age to go to ED for asthma in 2021/22⁵



For medical advice on how to best treat and manage your asthma, speak to your doctor.
To speak with an Asthma Educator, call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or visit asthma.org.au