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

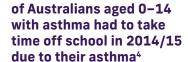
of disease burden in 2024 for children (aged 1-9 years)²

2nd leading cause for older children and adolescents (aged 10-14 years)²





42%







13,604

children under 15 years of age were hospitalised for asthma in 2023/24³ 43%

of all asthma hospitalisations were in **children under 15** in 2023/24³



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





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)

26,500



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



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 or pharmacist. To speak with an Asthma Educator, call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or visit asthma.org.au