

**Table 187. Asthma Incidence Among Children Under 18 Years of Age by Selected Characteristics: 2007**

[In thousands, except percent (73,728 represents 73,728,000). Based on the National Health Interview Survey, a sample survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized population; see Appendix III]

Selected characteristic	Total	Ever told had asthma		Still have asthma	
		Number <sup>1</sup>	Percent <sup>2</sup>	Number <sup>1</sup>	Percent <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>73,728</b>	<b>9,605</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>6,703</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>SEX</b> <sup>4</sup>					
Male	37,686	5,550	14.8	3,660	9.8
Female	36,042	4,055	11.3	3,043	8.5
<b>AGE</b>					
0 to 4 years old	20,579	1,636	8.0	1,395	6.8
5 to 11 years old	27,932	3,702	13.3	2,445	8.8
12 to 17 years old	25,216	4,267	17.0	2,862	11.4
<b>RACE</b>					
Race Alone <sup>4, 5</sup>	71,316	9,091	12.8	6,339	8.9
White	55,646	6,278	11.3	4,263	7.7
Black or African American	11,429	2,253	19.8	1,769	15.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,169	<sup>6</sup> 154	14.5	<sup>6</sup> 90	<sup>6</sup> 8.4
Asian	2,937	362	12.4	217	7.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	134	(B)	<sup>6</sup> 25.1	—	—
Two or more races <sup>4, 7</sup>	2,412	514	22.6	364	15.9
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE:</b> <sup>4, 8</sup>					
Hispanic or Latino	15,350	1,937	12.9	1,422	9.4
Mexican or Mexican American	10,572	1,267	12.4	896	8.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	58,378	7,668	13.1	5,280	9.0
White, single race	41,811	4,591	10.8	3,030	7.1
Black or African American, single race	10,862	2,133	19.8	1,659	15.4

— Represents zero. B Figure too small to meet statistical standards for reliability of a derived figure. <sup>1</sup> Unknowns for the columns are not included in the frequencies, but they are included in the "Total" column. <sup>2</sup> Unknowns for the column variables are not included in the denominators when calculating percentages. <sup>3</sup> Includes other races not shown separately. <sup>4</sup> Estimates are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using age groups 0–4 years, 5–11 years, and 12–17 years. <sup>5</sup> Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group. <sup>6</sup> Figures do not meet standard of reliability or precision. <sup>7</sup> Refers to all persons who indicated more than one race group. <sup>8</sup> Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be of any race or combination of races.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, *Vital and Health Statistics, Series 10, Number 239, Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2007*; <[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr\\_10/sr10\\_239.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_239.pdf)>.