

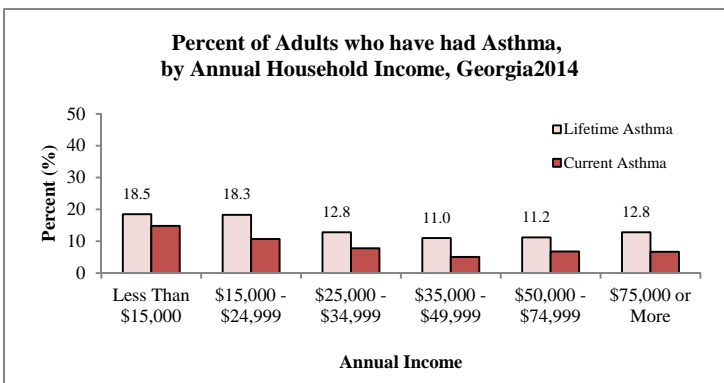
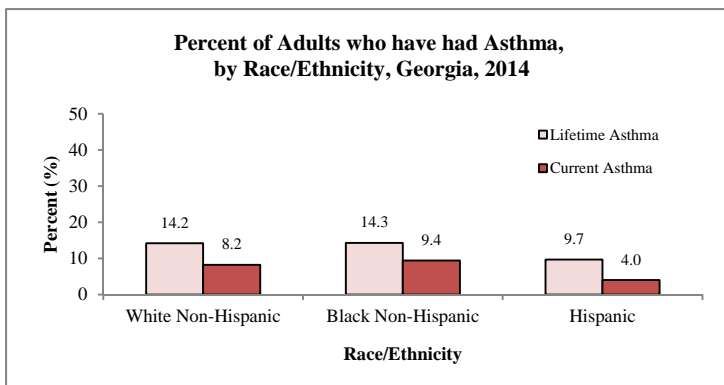
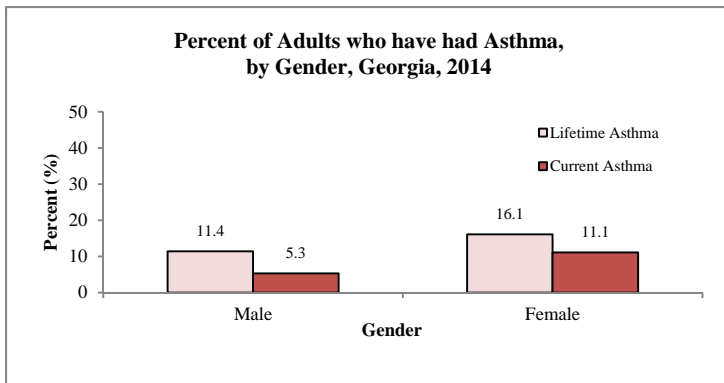
Asthma

Asthma is a lifelong disease that causes wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing.⁶ Most people with asthma can control their symptoms and prevent asthma attacks by avoiding asthma triggers and correctly using prescribed medicines

In 2014, 13.8% of Georgia adults reported ever having asthma and 8.3% currently have asthma.

- Adult females were significantly more likely than males to have ever had asthma (16.1% vs. 11.4%) and to currently have asthma (11.1% vs. 5.3%).
- White non-Hispanics (8.2%) and black non-Hispanics (9.4%) were more likely to currently have asthma when compared to Hispanics (4.0%).
- Adults with a household income of less than \$15,000 were the most likely to ever had asthma (18.5%) and to currently have asthma (14.8%).

Demographic Characteristics	Lifetime Asthma ^a		Current Asthma ^b	
	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
State Totals	13.8	(12.7, 15.1)	8.3	(7.4, 9.3)
Sex				
Male	11.4	(9.7, 13.3)	5.3	(4.2, 6.6)
Female	16.1	(14.5, 17.8)	11.1	(9.8, 12.5)
Race/Ethnicity				
White Non-Hispanic	14.2	(12.7, 15.8)	8.2	(7.1, 9.4)
Black Non-Hispanic	14.3	(12.1, 16.8)	9.4	(7.7, 11.5)
Hispanic	9.7	(5.9, 15.4)	4.0	(2.2, 7.1)
Age				
18-24 yr	20.4	(16.1, 25.5)	9.9	(6.9, 14.0)
25-34 yr	14.1	(11.2, 17.8)	6.6	(4.7, 9.2)
35-44 yr	13.4	(10.7, 16.8)	7.7	(5.6, 10.4)
45-54 yr	11.8	(9.5, 14.5)	7.8	(6.1, 10.1)
55-64 yr	13.0	(10.9, 15.3)	9.5	(7.7, 11.6)
65+ yr	11.7	(10.1, 13.5)	8.8	(7.3, 10.4)
Income				
Less than \$15,000	18.5	(14.8, 22.9)	14.8	(11.5, 18.9)
\$15,000-\$24,999	18.3	(15.2, 21.8)	10.7	(8.6, 13.4)
\$25,000-\$34,999	12.8	(9.5, 16.9)	7.8	(5.4, 11.1)
\$35,000-\$49,999	11.0	(8.2, 14.6)	5.1	(3.4, 7.5)
\$50,000-\$74,999	11.2	(8.5, 14.6)	6.8	(4.8, 9.6)
\$75,000 or More	12.8	(10.5, 15.6)	6.7	(5.1, 8.8)
Education				
Less than High School	15.6	(12.3, 19.7)	10.2	(7.7, 13.3)
High School Graduate	12.8	(10.9, 15.1)	8.3	(6.8, 10.1)
Some College	16.2	(13.8, 18.8)	8.9	(7.1, 11.0)
College Graduate	11.2	(9.6, 12.9)	6.4	(5.2, 7.8)
Health Insurance Coverage				
Has Health Insurance	13.9	(12.4, 15.5)	8.2	(7.1, 9.5)
No Health Insurance	15.1	(12.3, 18.5)	8.0	(6.0, 10.5)
Employment				
Employed	12.0	(10.5, 13.7)	5.6	(4.6, 6.7)
Unemployed	19.7	(16.9, 22.8)	14.6	(12.3, 17.4)
Retired	11.6	(9.9, 13.6)	8.6	(7.1, 10.3)



^a The proportion of adults who reported that they were ever told by a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional that they had asthma.
^b The proportion of adults who reported that they still had asthma.

