

### **General Information**

- In 2006, Georgia had an estimated total population of more than 9.3 million. It was estimated that there were more than 489,000 adults in Georgia living with asthma in 2005.
- Several cities appear on the list of “Most Challenging Places to Live with Asthma” in the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America 2007 Asthma Capitals rankings: Atlanta (#1) and Augusta (#41)
- There were more than 11,000 hospitalizations in Georgia in 2004, with asthma as the primary diagnosis; hospital charges totaled more than \$107 million

### **Standout Findings from the Asthma G.A.P. Survey\***

- Georgia residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report that they have asthma (2% vs. 8%)
- Georgia residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report the following possible effects or impacts of having asthma:
  - Feelings of concern or worry about the next “attack” (61% vs. 70%)
  - Need to avoid potential triggers (55% vs. 66%)
  - Feelings of isolation/loneliness (28% vs. 36%)
- Georgia residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report that exposure to allergens such as animal hair or dander (80 vs. 86%), exposure to dust mites (79% vs. 85%), exposure to mold (77% vs. 84%), exposure to cold weather (53% vs. 62%) or exposure to pollution (80% vs. 86%) can trigger an asthma attack

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\*Ipsos conducted the telephone survey on behalf of AAFA and AstraZeneca between January 22, 2007, and March 4, 2007, among 4,042 U.S. adults 18 years of age and older. This included a nationally representative sample of 2,029 Americans with or without asthma (849 men and 1,180 women), and an additional 1,287 randomly selected adults to achieve representative samples of 200 or more adults in each of the 12 “key” states (Georgia, n=201).