

General Information

- In 2006, Illinois had an estimated total population of more than 12.8 million. It was estimated that there were more than 666,000 adults in Illinois living with asthma in 2005.
- Chicago is #13 on the list of “Most Challenging Places to Live with Asthma” in the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America 2007 Asthma Capitals rankings
- In 2005, Cook County had more than 272,000 adults living with asthma, which put it at one of the highest levels in the state

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

- Illinois residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to describe a person who is in control of their asthma as someone who “never visits the hospital or emergency room because of their asthma” (43% vs. 53%), “rarely uses a rescue inhaler” (55% vs. 65%) and “takes controller/maintenance medications everyday” (63% vs. 72%)
- Illinois residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report that they feel that they know about asthma at least a little (76% vs. 82%) and that they are aware of asthma (89% vs. 94%)
- Illinois residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report that in the last 5 years the number of adults with asthma has increased (63% vs. 70%)
- Illinois residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report exposure to tobacco smoke as a factor that can trigger an asthma attack (81% vs. 89%)

*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 (Illinois, n=201).