

General Information

- In 2006, Ohio had an estimated total population of more than 11.4 million. It was estimated that there were more than 696,000 adults in Ohio 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: Toledo (#54), Columbus (#58), Youngstown (#62), Cleveland (#66), Cincinnati (#69), Dayton (#70) and Canton (#79)
- In 2005, Cuyahoga County had more than 79,000 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*

- Residents of Ohio are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report that they have been diagnosed with asthma by a healthcare professional (6% vs. 12%)
- Ohio residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report that they know a great deal or a fair amount about asthma (30% vs. 41%), know at least a little about asthma (76% vs. 82%) and that they are aware of asthma (90% vs. 94%)
- Ohio residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to indicate being exposed to pollutants (72% vs. 82%) and living in the inner city (62% vs. 69%) as factors that increase an individual’s chances of developing asthma
- Ohio residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to agree with “takes controller/maintenance medications every day” (63% vs. 72%) to describe a person who is in control of their asthma

*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 (Ohio, n=200).