

General Information

- In 2006, Pennsylvania had an estimated total population of more than 12.4 million. It was estimated that there were more than 778,000 adults in Pennsylvania 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: Philadelphia (#2), Harrisburg (#5), Scranton (#9), Allentown (#16), Lancaster (#21) and Pittsburgh (#23)
- In 2003, approximately 21,000 Pennsylvanians were hospitalized due to asthma, costing a total of approximately \$368 million for inpatient services (not including physician charges)

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

- Pennsylvania residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report that they have been diagnosed with asthma by a health care professional (6% vs. 12%)
- Pennsylvania residents are **less likely** than the nation as a whole to report negative reactions from family and friends as possible effects or impacts of having asthma (24% vs. 32%)
- Pennsylvania residents are **more likely** than the nation as a whole to identify exposure to pollution (91% vs. 86%) as a factor that can trigger asthma attacks

*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 (Pennsylvania, n=200).