

Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases

Chronic lower respiratory diseases, primarily chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis, became the 3rd leading cause of death in 2008.

Trends in Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases and Select Risk Factors

| Key Indicator | Baseline 2005 | Status 2012* | Progress |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Age-adjusted death rate (per 100,000) from chronic lower respiratory diseases | 43.9 | 41.5 | ▲ |
| Select Risk Factors | | | |
| Number of hospitalizations for asthma | 489,000 | 439,000 (2010) | ▲ |
| Percent of adults who are current smokers (cigarettes/cigars/pipes) | 28.0% | 25.2% | ▲ |

■ Trend in wrong direction ▲ Insufficient Progress ● Progress

* Unless otherwise noted.

Despite slightly declining death rates, the number of deaths from these conditions is on the rise, as our nation's older population grows. It will remain a concern in the years to come.

6% of all deaths attributed to chronic respiratory disease

140,000 deaths caused by chronic respiratory disease each year

\$32.1 BILLION annual cost associated with chronic respiratory disease annually

COPD by 2020: expected cost of medical care for adults with COPD will be more than **\$90 BILLION**