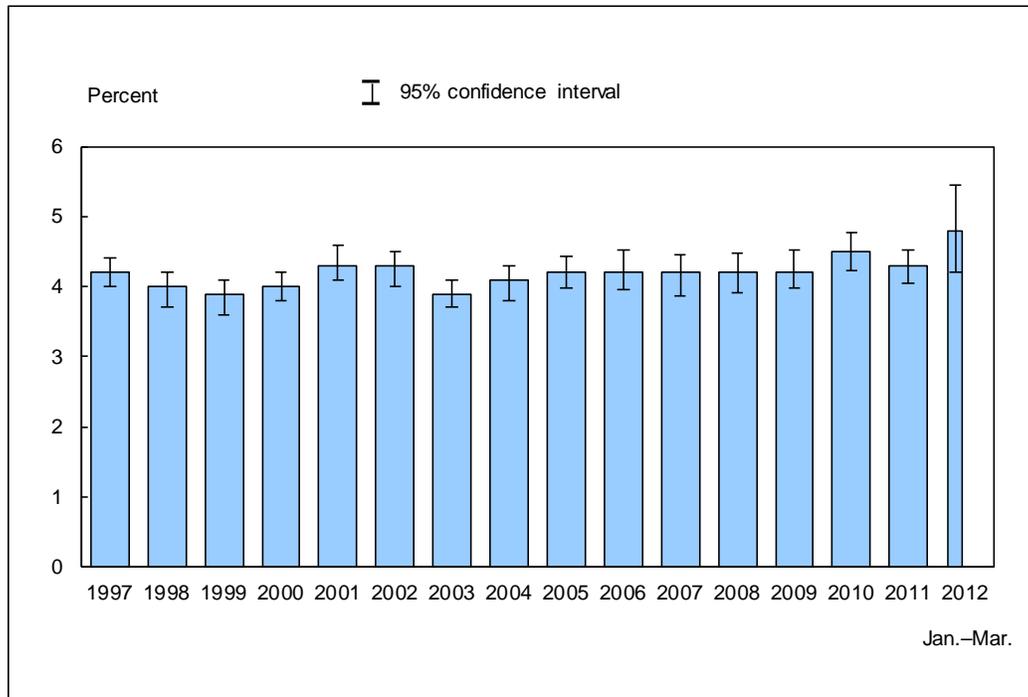


**Figure 15.1. Percentage of persons of all ages who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months: United States, 1997–March 2012**

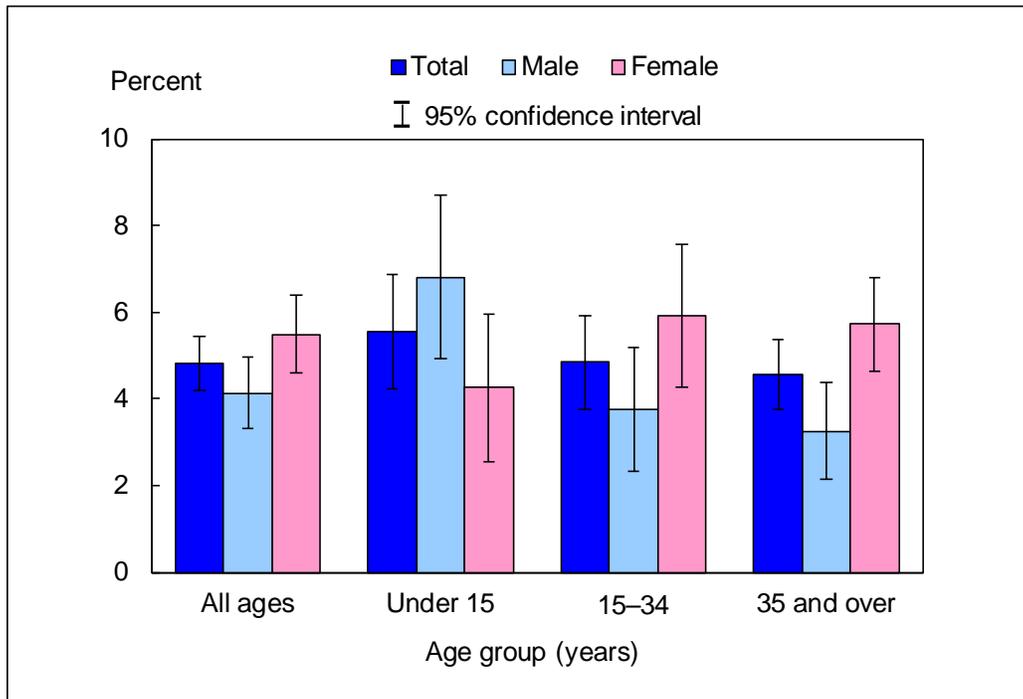


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 1997–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

- In early 2012, the percentage of persons of all ages who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months was 4.8% (95% confidence interval = 4.21%–5.46%), which was higher than, but not significantly different from, the 2011 estimate of 4.3%.
- The percentage of persons of all ages who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months was lowest in 1999 and 2003 (3.9%) and highest in early 2012 (4.8%).

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Information on an episode of asthma or asthma attack during the past 12 months is self-reported by adults aged 18 and over. For children under age 18, the information is collected from an adult family member, usually a parent, who is knowledgeable about the child's health. • The analyses excluded people with unknown asthma episode status (about 0.1% of respondents each year). • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 15.2. Percentage of persons of all ages who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2012**

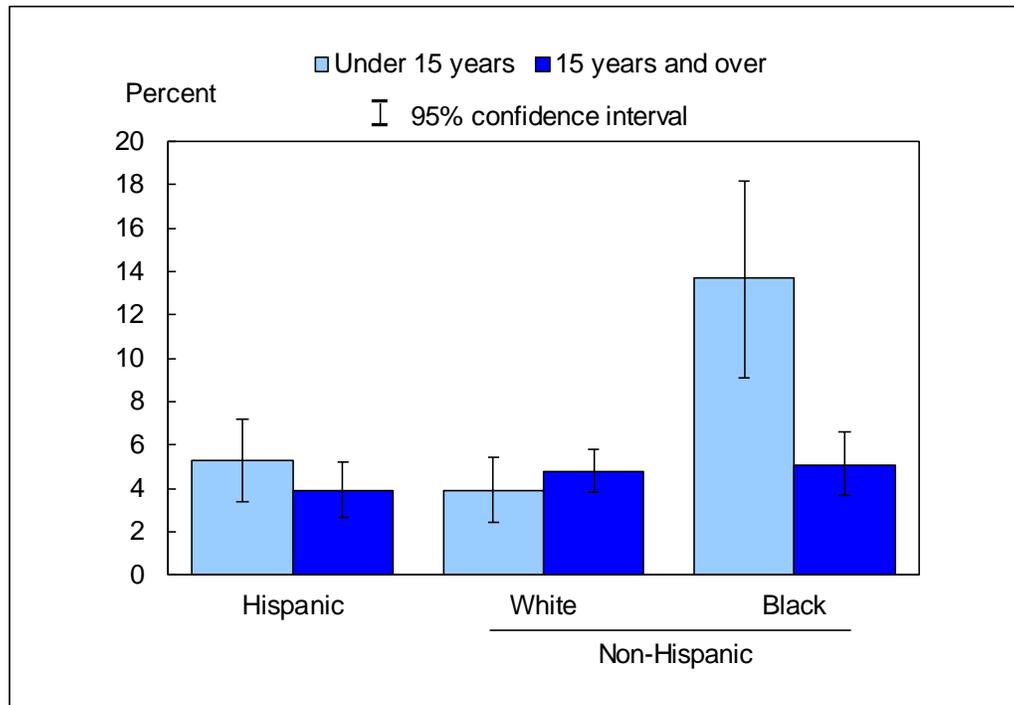


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

- Among males, the percentage who had an asthma episode in the past 12 months was higher among children under age 15 (6.8%) than among persons aged 15–34 (3.8%) and 35 and over (3.3%).
- For children under age 15, the percentage who had an asthma episode in the past 12 months was higher among boys (6.8%) than girls (4.3%). For the age group 35 and over, the percentage was higher among women (5.7%) than among men (3.3%).

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Information on an episode of asthma or asthma attack during the past 12 months is self-reported by adults aged 18 and over. For children under age 18, the information is collected from an adult family member, usually a parent, who is knowledgeable about the child's health. • The analyses excluded 0.1% of persons with unknown asthma episode status. • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 15.3. Sex-adjusted percentage of persons of all ages who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months, by age group and race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2012**

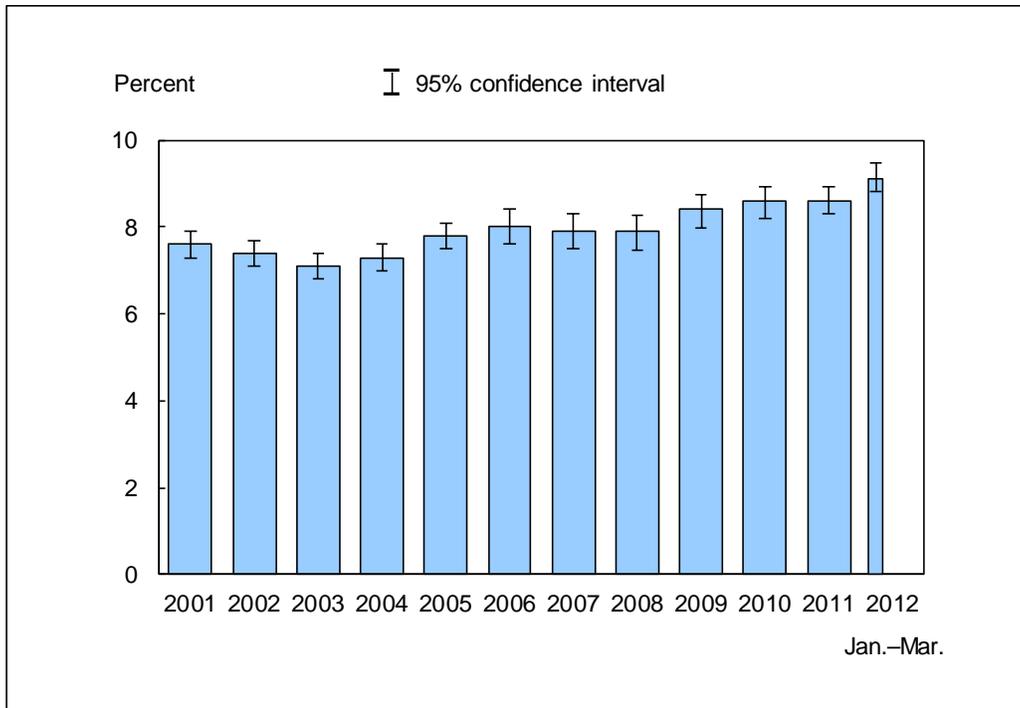


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

- For children under age 15, the sex-adjusted percentages who had an asthma episode in the past 12 months were 5.3% for Hispanic children, 3.9% for non-Hispanic white children, and 13.7% for non-Hispanic black children.
- For persons aged 15 and over, the sex-adjusted percentages who had an asthma episode in the past 12 months were 3.9% for Hispanic persons, 4.8% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 5.1% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- Adjusting for sex, non-Hispanic black children under age 15 had the highest percentage of having an asthma episode in the past 12 months compared with the other race/ethnicity and age groups.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Information on an episode of asthma or asthma attack during the past 12 months is self-reported by adults aged 18 years and over. For children under age 18, the information is collected from an adult family member, usually a parent, who is knowledgeable about the child's health. • The analyses excluded 0.1% of persons with unknown asthma episode status. • Additional estimates of asthma episodes in the past 12 months among persons with current asthma are provided in the Data table for Figure 15.3. • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 15.4. Prevalence of current asthma among persons of all ages: United States, 2001–March 2012**

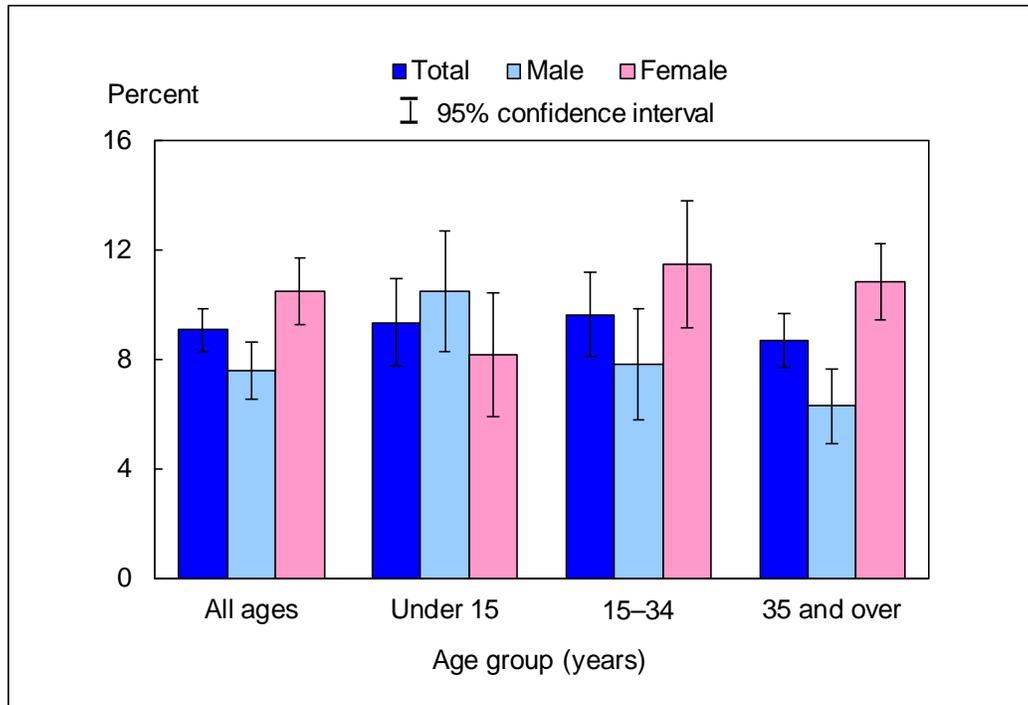


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2001–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

- In early 2012, 9.1% (95% confidence interval = 8.28%–9.85%) of persons of all ages currently had asthma, which was higher than the 2011 estimate of 8.6%.
- The percentage of current asthma among persons of all ages generally increased from 7.1% in 2003 to 9.1% in early 2012.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Beginning in 2001, respondents were asked about current asthma in addition to the question regarding asthma episodes. Information on current asthma is self-reported by adults aged 18 and over. For children under age 18, the information is collected from an adult family member, usually a parent, who is knowledgeable about the child's health. • The analyses excluded people with unknown current asthma status (about 0.2% of respondents each year). • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 15.5. Prevalence of current asthma among persons of all ages, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2012**

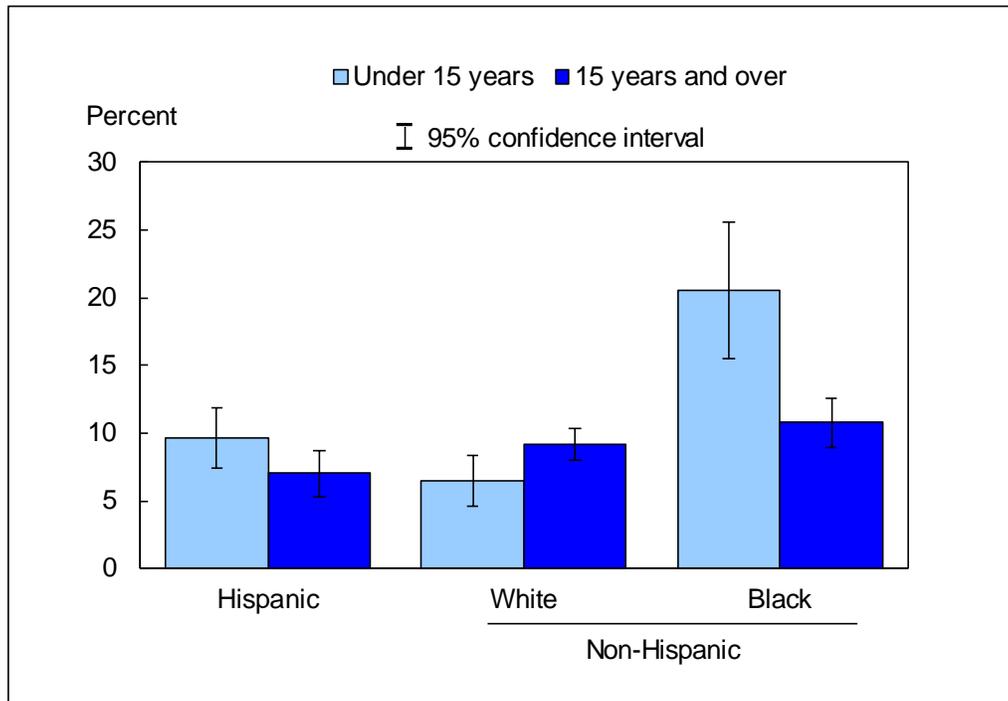


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

- For both sexes combined, there was no significant difference between the three age groups in the prevalence of current asthma.
- For persons aged 15–34 and 35 and over, the prevalence of current asthma was higher among females than among males.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Information on current asthma is self-reported by adults aged 18 and over. For children under age 18, the information is collected from an adult family member, usually a parent, who is knowledgeable about the child's health. • The analyses excluded 0.1% of persons with unknown current asthma status. • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 15.6. Sex-adjusted prevalence of current asthma among persons of all ages, by age group and race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2012**



DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

- For children under age 15, the sex-adjusted prevalence of current asthma was higher among non-Hispanic black children (20.5%) than among Hispanic children (9.6%) and non-Hispanic white children (6.5%).
- For persons aged 15 and over, the sex-adjusted prevalence of current asthma was lower among Hispanic persons (7.0%) than among non-Hispanic white persons (9.2%) and non-Hispanic black persons (10.8%).

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Information on current asthma is self-reported by adults aged 18 and over. For children under age 18, the information is collected from an adult family member, usually a parent, who is knowledgeable about the child's health. • The analyses excluded 0.1% of persons with unknown current asthma status. • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

## Data tables for Figures 15.1–15.6:

### Data table for Figure 15.1. Percentage of persons of all ages who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months: United States, 1997–March 2012

Year	Crude <sup>1</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)	Age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)
1997	4.2 (4.0-4.4)	4.2 (3.9-4.4)
1998	4.0 (3.7-4.2)	3.9 (3.7-4.2)
1999	3.9 (3.6-4.1)	3.9 (3.6-4.1)
2000	4.0 (3.8-4.2)	4.0 (3.8-4.2)
2001	4.3 (4.1-4.6)	4.3 (4.1-4.5)
2002	4.3 (4.0-4.5)	4.3 (4.0-4.5)
2003	3.9 (3.7-4.1)	3.9 (3.7-4.1)
2004	4.1 (3.8-4.3)	4.1 (3.8-4.3)
2005	4.2 (3.99-4.43)	4.2 (4.00-4.44)
2006	4.2 (3.96-4.52)	4.3 (3.98-4.54)
2007	4.2 (3.87-4.46)	4.2 (3.88-4.47)
2008	4.2 (3.91-4.48)	4.2 (3.93-4.50)
2009	4.2 (3.97-4.52)	4.3 (3.99-4.54)
2010	4.5 (4.24-4.77)	4.5 (4.25-4.78)
2011	4.3 (4.06-4.52)	4.3 (4.08-4.54)
January–March 2012	4.8 (4.21-5.46)	4.9 (4.22-5.48)

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using three age groups: 0–14, 15–34, and 35 and over.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–2002 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 1997–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

**Data table for Figure 15.2. Percentage of persons of all ages who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2012**

Age (years) and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Under 15, total	5.6	4.25-6.87
Under 15, male	6.8	4.92-8.70
Under 15, female	4.3	2.56-5.96
15-34, total	4.8	3.77-5.91
15-34, male	3.8	2.34-5.20
15-34, female	5.9	4.27-7.55
35 and over, total	4.6	3.76-5.36
35 and over, male	3.3	2.14-4.39
35 and over, female	5.7	4.65-6.81
All ages (crude <sup>1</sup> ), total	4.8	4.21-5.46
All ages (crude <sup>1</sup> ), male	4.1	3.31-4.97
All ages (crude <sup>1</sup> ), female	5.5	4.60-6.40
All ages (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), total	4.9	4.22-5.48
All ages (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), male	4.2	3.34-4.99
All ages (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), female	5.5	4.56-6.36

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using three age groups: 0–14, 15–34, and 35 and over.

NOTE: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.



**Data table for Figure 15.3. Sex-adjusted percentage of persons who experienced an asthma episode in the past 12 months, among all persons and among persons with current asthma, by age group and race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2012**

<b>Age (years) and race/ethnicity</b>	<b>Percent<sup>1</sup> among all persons (95% confidence interval)</b>	<b>Percent<sup>1</sup> among persons with current asthma (95% confidence interval)</b>
Under 15, Hispanic or Latino	5.3 (3.36-7.22)	46.8 (33.32-60.20)
Under 15, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, white	3.9 (2.42-5.42)	60.1 (45.72-74.44)
Under 15, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, black	13.7 (9.12-18.20)	66.5 (54.63-78.45)
15 and over, Hispanic or Latino	3.9 (2.62-5.21)	61.5 (51.39-71.58)
15 and over, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, white	4.8 (3.83-5.80)	52.0 (44.85-59.11)
15 and over, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, black	5.1 (3.68-6.61)	46.7 (35.96-57.51)

<sup>1</sup>Estimates for all persons are presented in the figure. Estimates are sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population.

NOTE: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

**Data table for Figure 15.4. Prevalence of current asthma among persons of all ages:  
 United States, 2001–March 2012**

Year	Crude <sup>1</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)	Age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)
2001	7.6 (7.3-7.9)	7.6 (7.3-7.9)
2002	7.4 (7.1-7.7)	7.4 (7.1-7.7)
2003	7.1 (6.8-7.4)	7.1 (6.8-7.4)
2004	7.3 (7.0-7.6)	7.3 (7.1-7.7)
2005	7.8 (7.50-8.10)	7.8 (7.51-8.11)
2006	8.0 (7.61-8.41)	8.0 (7.62-8.43)
2007	7.9 (7.50-8.31)	7.9 (7.51-8.33)
2008	7.9 (7.48-8.27)	7.9 (7.51-8.30)
2009	8.4 (7.97-8.76)	8.4 (7.99-8.78)
2010	8.6 (8.19-8.94)	8.6 (8.20-8.95)
2011	8.6 (8.31-8.93)	8.6 (8.32-8.95)
January–March 2012	9.1 (8.28-9.85)	9.1 (8.30-9.86)

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using three age groups: 0–14, 15–34, and 35 and over.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Beginning in 2001, respondents were asked about current asthma in addition to the question regarding asthma episodes. Beginning with 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–2002 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2001–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

**Data table for Figure 15.5. Prevalence of current asthma among persons of all ages, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2012**

Age (years) and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Under 15, total	9.3	7.74-10.93
Under 15, male	10.5	8.29-12.69
Under 15, female	8.1	5.89-10.40
15-34, total	9.6	8.09-11.18
15-34, male	7.8	5.77-9.83
15-34, female	11.5	9.15-13.81
35 and over, total	8.7	7.68-9.67
35 and over, male	6.3	4.92-7.65
35 and over, female	10.8	9.42-12.24
All ages (crude <sup>1</sup> ), total	9.1	8.28-9.85
All ages (crude <sup>1</sup> ), male	7.6	6.53-8.63
All ages (crude <sup>1</sup> ), female	10.5	9.29-11.69
All ages (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), total	9.1	8.30-9.86
All ages (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), male	7.6	6.55-8.65
All ages (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), female	10.4	9.23-11.63

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using three age groups: 0–14, 15–34, and 35 and over.

NOTE: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.

**Data table for Figure 15.6. Sex-adjusted prevalence of current asthma among persons of all ages, by age group and race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2012**

Age (years) and race/ethnicity	Percent <sup>1</sup>	95% confidence interval
Under 15, Hispanic or Latino	9.6	7.37-11.83
Under 15, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, white	6.5	4.58-8.40
Under 15, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, black	20.5	15.46-25.60
15 and over, Hispanic or Latino	7.0	5.35-8.69
15 and over, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, white	9.2	8.03-10.41
15 and over, not Hispanic or Latino, single race, black	10.8	8.99-12.54

<sup>1</sup>Estimates are sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population.

NOTE: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–March 2012, combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components.