

Childhood Asthma in Missouri

Asthma often runs in families that have a history of asthma and allergies. It is the most common chronic disease of childhood and number one reason why children miss school.

Did You Know

\$18.2 million

in hospital charges were for children with asthma.³

5,564 emergency

department visits were for asthma among children

11% of children under the age of 18 were diagnosed with asthma during their lifetime.¹



39% of asthma hospitalizations were for children.³

43% of children with asthma had an "asthma attack" in the past year.²

39% of children with asthma had to limit their activities due to asthma.²



97,798 Missouri children currently have asthma¹

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