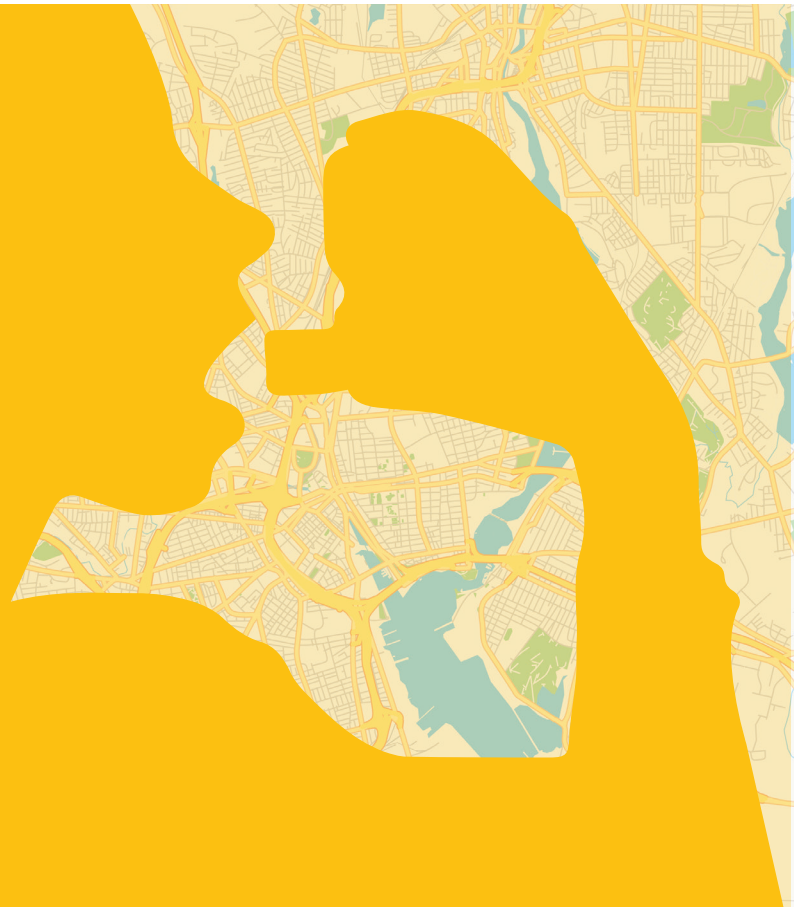




Rhode Island  
Public Health  
ASSOCIATION

**Asthma is a chronic disease affecting our communities.**

Rhode Island asthma rates are higher than national averages.



**1 in 10** (124,000 people)  
Rhode Islanders has asthma.

### **HIGH RISK COMMUNITIES**

Children from Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket are hospitalized for asthma 28% more often than children in the rest of the state.

### **SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS**

Low-income adults who live in Rhode Island are 40% more likely than other adults to have asthma.

### **AGE FACTORS**

Children younger than five years old who live in Providence are hospitalized for asthma more often than children in all other Rhode Island cities and towns.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**

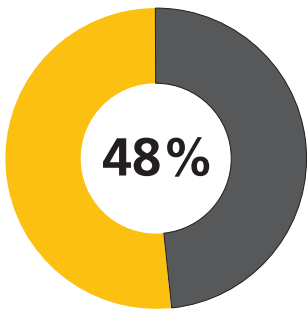
Air quality, indoors and outdoors, can worsen or alleviate asthma symptoms depending on the presence of pollutants and allergens in the air.

Asthma that is not well-controlled can result in emergency room visits, hospitalizations, loss of school and work days, and a lower quality of life.

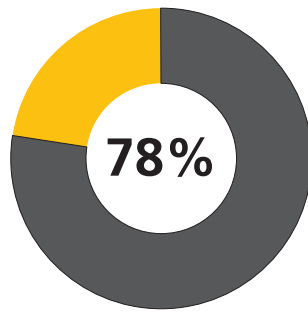


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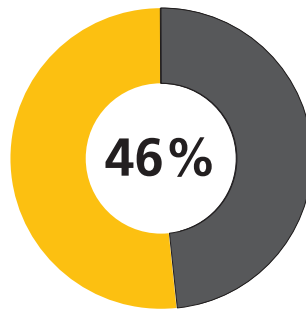
Of children in Rhode Island ever diagnosed with asthma



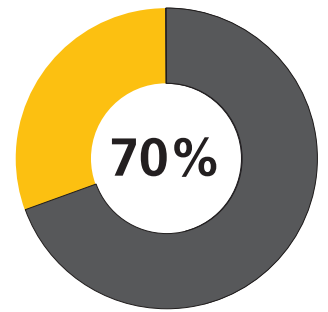
Do not have a management plan



Have never taken an asthma management course



Don't use inhaled short-acting beta agonists for quick relief of symptoms



Don't use inhaled corticosteroids for long-term control of asthma

**FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA AND LIVE IN PROVIDENCE, PAWTUCKET, CENTRAL FALLS, OR WOONSOCKET MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE ASTHMA SERVICES.**



Easy referral system



Case management



Culturally sensitive support

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