

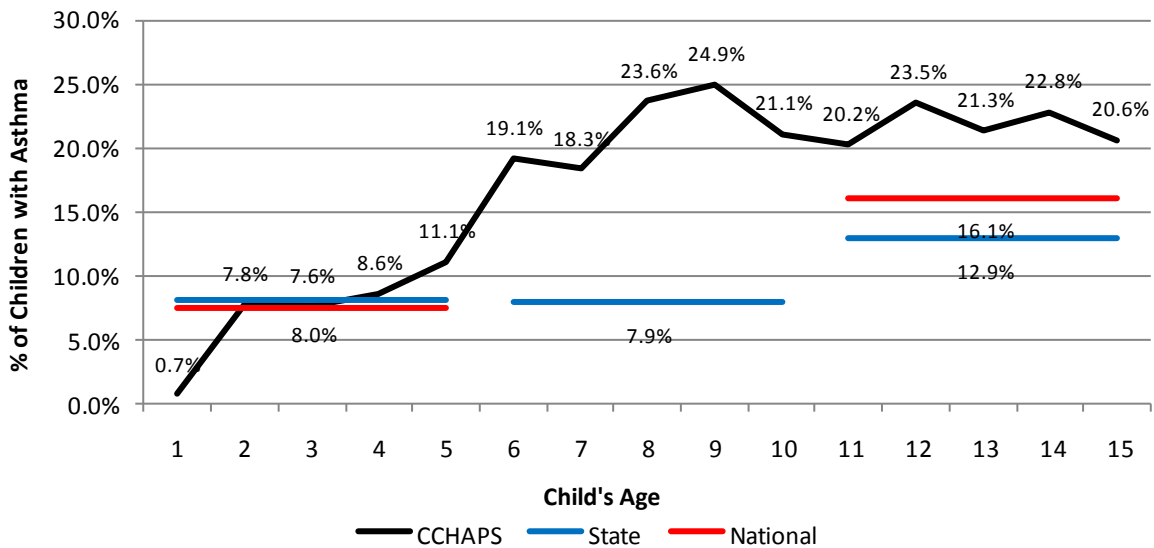
At what age do children "get" asthma?

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People of all ages can have asthma. To find out at what age children are most at risk for asthma CCHAPS asked parents "has a doctor or health professional ever told you that this child has asthma?" By the age of the child . . .



CONCLUSIONS:

Children are diagnosed with asthma at an increasing rate, as they get older until peaking at 25% of the population around age 9, then the incidence of asthma becomes level at about 20% of children in each age group.

For children ages 8 – 9, one in every 4 has asthma and one in every 5 children ages 10 – 14.

Children in our community ages 6 – 9 are 3 times more likely to have asthma than the average for that age group in the State of Texas.

In our 6-County area, older children ages 11 – 14, far exceed both the State and National rates of asthma.

Source: CCHAPS 2008 at www.cchaps.org accessed October 2009.
 CCHAPS is a random household survey reporting responses from 7,439 families with a child aged 0 – 14
 State data: Texas DSHS Texas Asthma Control Program (2006)
 National data: [National Health Interview Survey \(2006\)](#)