

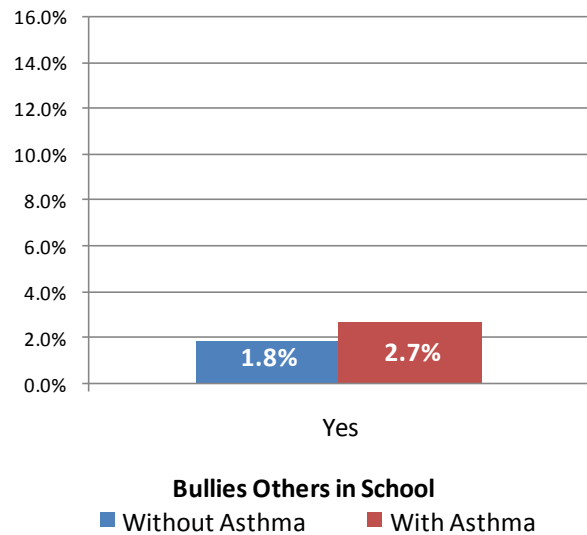
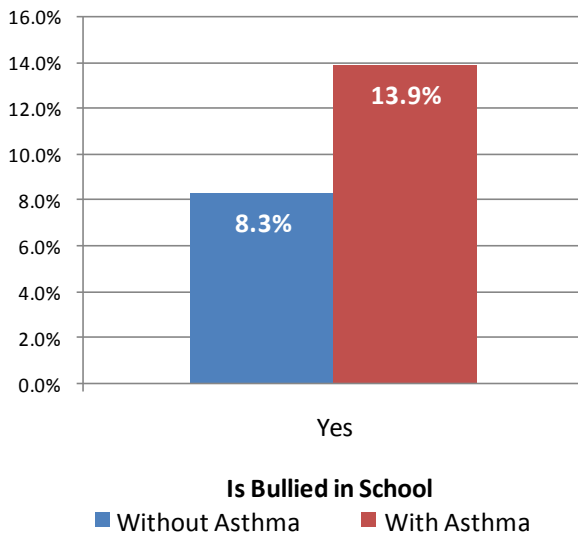
Is asthma related to bullying at school?

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Bullying receives a lot of attention but is not always well understood. CCHAPS asked parents, "Has your child ever been bullied or teased a lot at school?" And, "Has your child bullied others in school?" Overall, parents report that 9.3% of school-aged children were bullied and 1.9% bullied others; but comparing these problems between those with and without asthma shows:



CONCLUSIONS:

Children with asthma are one and a half times more likely to be bullied in school. While a much lower rate, they are also one and one-half times more likely to bully others in school.

Clearly, asthma has emotional and behavior issues beyond the physical problems related to asthma. This also suggests that if asthma were better controlled, children's bullying behaviors might improve.

These results show that we need a better understanding of the relationship between asthma and its relationship to bullying behavior.

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