



# Spokane Counts 2015

A summary of 59 selected public health indicators

## Asthma (Youth)

Health Status



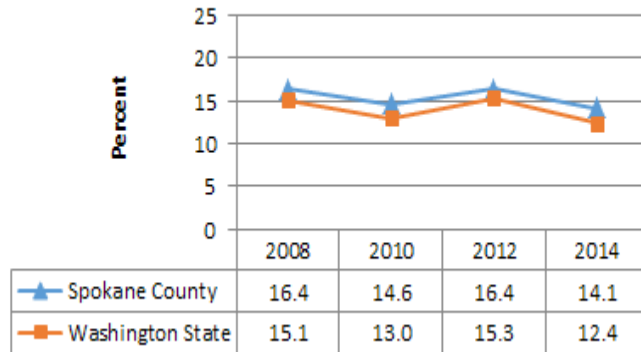
Indicator: Asthma (Youth)

**Definition:** Percent of youth in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 who currently have asthma.

**Why this is important:** Asthma is the leading chronic illness among youth and the leading cause of school absenteeism. With proper diagnosis, care, and management, asthma can be controlled.

**Where we are:** In 2014 in Spokane County, 14% of adolescents reported they currently have asthma. From 2008 to 2014, there was a significant decrease in the proportion of adolescents with asthma. The proportion of Spokane County youth was higher than that of Washington state in 2014.

Youth With Asthma Over Time



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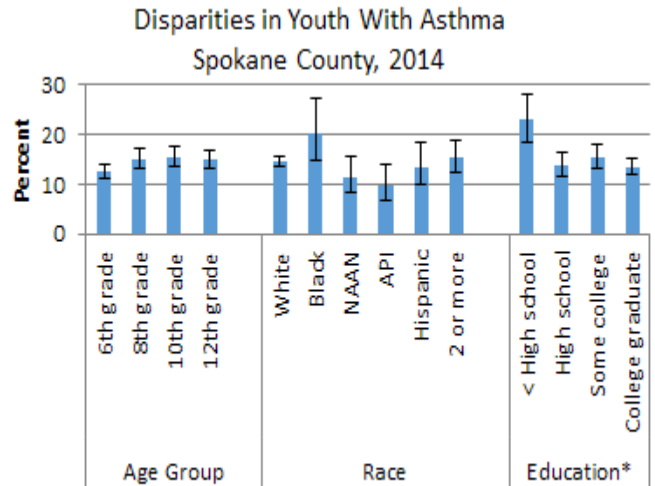
### Health Disparities:

Among youth in Spokane County in 2014:

- Youth with asthma increased as age increased.
- Asian/Pacific Islanders were more likely to have asthma when compared to whites.

- Youth with asthma decreased as maternal education level increased.

There was no difference in asthma between males and females.



\*Education reflects the mother's highest education level  
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	Data Source	HYS, 2014 (grade 6,8,10,12)
Geography	Spokane County	14.1% (13.2-15.0)
	Washington state	12.4% (12.0-12.9)
	United States	Not Availableable
	Trend	08-14 Decrease
Age	Youth	
	6th grade	12.4% (11.0-14.0)
	8th grade	15.0% (13.3-17.0)
	10th grade	15.5% (13.6-17.6)
	12th grade	14.9% (13.0-16.9)
Sex	Male	14.1% (12.9-15.4)
	Female	14.1% (12.9-15.4)
Race	White	14.5% (13.4-15.7)
	Black	20.2% (14.6-27.3)
	NAAN	11.4% (8.1-15.7)
	API	9.7% (6.7-13.9)
	Hispanic	13.4% (9.7-18.3)
	2 or more	15.2% (12.1-18.8)

Education* < High school	22.8% (18.3-28.0)
High school	13.8% (11.6-16.3)
Some college	15.3% (13.1-17.9)
College graduate	13.4% (11.8-15.3)

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**Data Source:** Health Youth Survey. Washington State Department of Health. Calculations and presentation of data by Spokane Regional Health District, Data Center.

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Demographics

Indicator Overview

Executive Summary

Performance Measures