

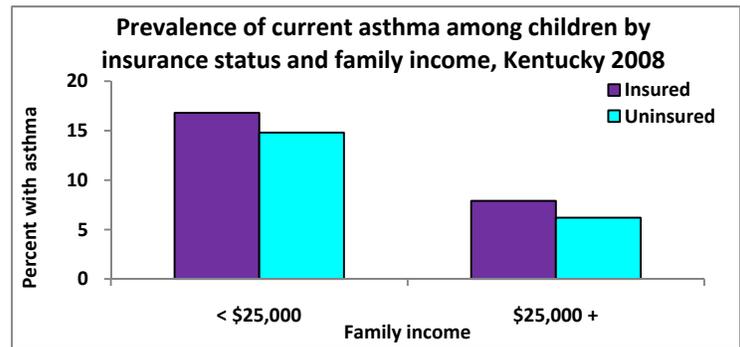
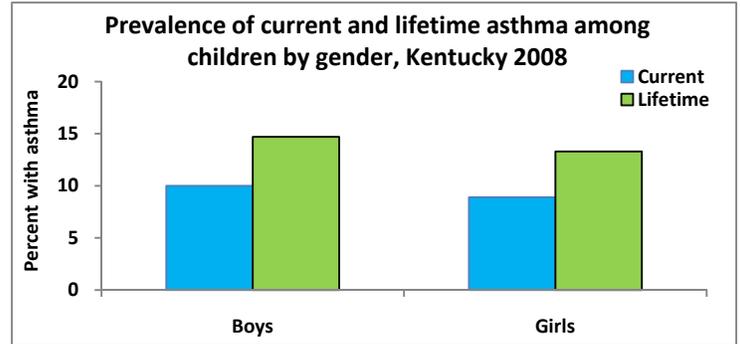
# 2010 Kentucky Asthma Program Fact Sheet - Asthma Among Children

(Children Defined as Ages 0 to 17 Years Old)

## PREVALENCE

- In 2008, it was reported that boys had a higher prevalence for both current and lifetime asthma than girls. An estimated 50,000 boys in Kentucky had asthma in 2008, with an estimated 74,000 boys statewide having had asthma at some point in their lives. For girls in Kentucky, it is estimated that 42,000 had asthma in 2008, with 63,000 having had asthma at some point in their lives.
- In 2008, parents of children whose family income was less than \$25,000 reported their children had a higher prevalence of current asthma than those children whose family income was \$25,000 or more. In both income categories, it was reported that insured children had a higher prevalence of current asthma than uninsured children.

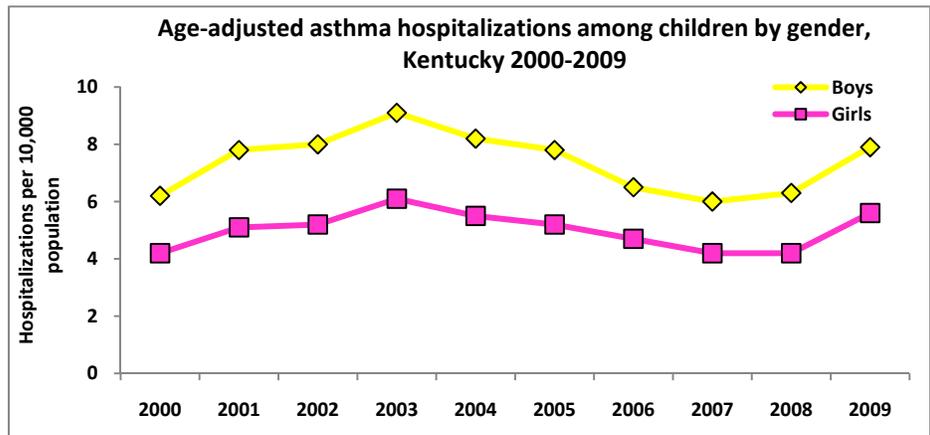
Prevalence data provided by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)



## HOSPITALIZATIONS

- Asthma hospitalizations for boys and girls in Kentucky followed roughly the same patterns between 2000 and 2008. Across this nine year period, boys averaged 1,453 hospitalizations per year, while girls averaged 927 hospitalizations per year.

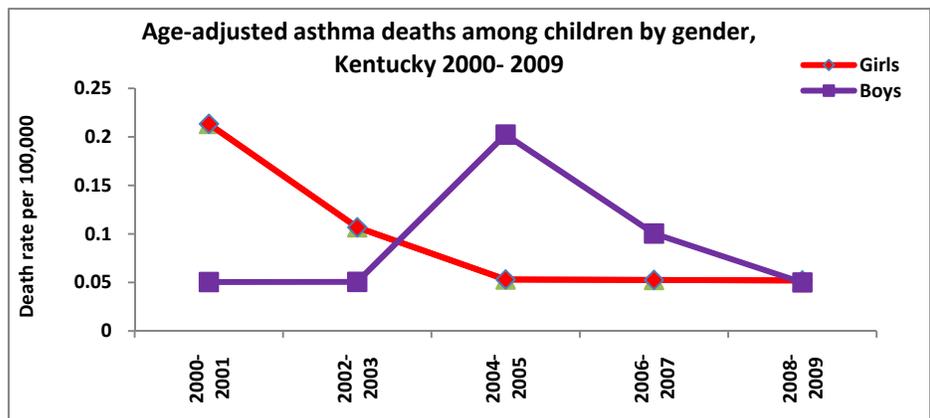
Hospitalization data provided by the Office of Health Policy



## MORTALITY

- Childhood death from asthma is rare. From 2000-2009, on average, one boy and one girl died from asthma each year in Kentucky.

Mortality data provided by the Office of Vital Statistics



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