

Emergency Department Visit Rate due to Asthma	
SHIP website description	This indicator shows the rate of emergency department visits due to asthma per 10,000 population. Asthma is a chronic health condition which causes very serious breathing problems. When properly controlled through close outpatient medical supervision, individuals and families can manage their asthma without costly emergency intervention. In Maryland, there are nearly 50,000 emergency department visit related to asthma each year.
Source	Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), Research Level Statewide Outpatient Data Files
Numerator	Number of emergency department visits due to asthma (Number of emergency department visits for which the primary diagnosis was coded as 493.xx)
Denominator	NCHS Vintage Bridged-Race Postcensal Population Estimates (same as DHMH Vital Statistics Administration pop estimates)
Threshold	Numerator <50 OR Denominator <1000.
Censorship (if below threshold)	Rate not reported if below threshold.
Calculation and metric	(Numerator/Denominator) *10,000; Single-year calculation age-adjusted to 2000 U.S. standard population
Race/ethnicity categories (on SHIP chart)	All races (aggregated) Black Hispanic White Asian/ Pacific Islander

Other	<p>The methodology used to identify race in the HSCRC data files changed in 2013. Therefore, data reports in 2013 and beyond may not be comparable to data reports released in earlier years.</p> <p>Data are of Maryland residents seeking care at a Maryland hospital. Data may be underreported, especially in counties contiguous to DC.</p> <p>Due to data collection issues, race categories for 2015 do not match the previous years of data.</p> <p>HSCRC data prior to 3Q (3rd quarter, October) 2015 is not coded for ICD 10. It is only coded for ICD 9. HSCRC data after 3Q 2015 is only coded in ICD 10 not ICD 9. Therefore, data before and after this time period (October 2015) is incomparable. OPHI has decided that due to this SHIP will display 2015 as a "cut" in the data. 2015 data will not be displayed. Rather measures for 2014 and 2016 will be treated and displayed separately. If SHIP users require 2015 data for reporting or planning purposes, they will be directed to communicate directly with the SHIP data analyst for technical assistance.</p> <p>The methodology used to select emergency department visits in the HSCRC data files changed in 2016. Therefore, data reports in 2016 and beyond are not be comparable to data reports released in earlier years.</p>
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