

## Asthma Indicators for All of Ontario

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018*
1. PFT used for diagnosis (% of incident asthma)†	46.84	47.86	45.83	45.14	44.91	44.88	44.96	43.35	44.01	45.51	46.88	48.80	50.02	50.30	51.61	50.88	50.85	51.59	52.85	54.79	55.84	56.58	58.24
2. PFT used for monitoring (% of prevalent asthma)†	14.30	12.88	12.44	11.29	10.30	9.76	8.95	8.26	7.70	7.56	7.51	7.44	7.14	7.22	7.26	7.07	6.83	6.40	6.31	6.47	6.58	6.64	6.65
3. ≥1 ICS prescription (% of prevalent asthma)‡	57.63	55.97	54.66	53.56	53.09	52.47	51.22	49.34	49.46	49.19	48.34	48.32	47.96	47.80	47.93	49.48	49.13	49.25	48.40	48.69	47.57	44.99	42.48
4. ≥1 β2-agonist prescription (% of prevalent asthma)‡	60.60	58.47	56.71	55.29	54.27	52.09	49.40	46.62	45.21	43.99	42.07	41.33	39.17	38.06	37.89	38.13	36.84	36.33	33.29	24.69	24.45	22.86	22.87
5. ≥1 asthma ED visit (% of prevalent asthma)	5.12	4.36	3.80	3.51	3.41	2.98	2.83	2.34	2.24	2.14	2.07	1.89	1.65	1.54	1.43	1.30	1.19	1.18	1.04	1.11	1.00	0.95	0.97
6. ≥1 asthma physician office visit (% of prevalent asthma)	37.33	33.65	30.82	29.26	27.02	25.97	23.31	21.60	20.76	20.00	19.27	18.51	17.06	16.17	16.06	14.91	14.02	13.53	13.00	13.02	12.52	12.19	12.11
7. β2-agonist use (% of prevalent asthma)‡																							
0	39.40	41.53	43.29	44.71	45.73	47.91	50.60	53.38	54.79	56.01	57.93	58.67	60.83	61.94	62.11	61.87	63.16	63.67	66.71	75.31	75.55	77.14	77.13
1-2	18.43	19.02	18.75	18.90	19.12	18.95	18.28	17.60	17.78	18.39	17.74	17.92	17.77	17.56	17.61	17.89	17.47	17.82	16.50	12.22	12.14	11.24	11.32
≥3	42.17	39.44	37.95	36.39	35.15	33.14	31.12	29.02	27.43	25.60	24.33	23.40	21.40	20.50	20.28	20.25	19.37	18.51	16.80	12.47	12.31	11.62	11.56

\*Reporting period is from April 1996 to March 2019. Data for 2017 and 2018 may be incomplete due to the 2-year algorithm to identify asthma, and numbers are subject to change.

PFT = pulmonary function test; ICS = inhaled corticosteroid; ED = emergency department; ODB = Ontario Drug Benefit; OHIP = Ontario Health Insurance Plan; LHIN = Local Health Integration Network; HSU = health services use

†PFT data refers to individuals aged 7-99 years in the asthma prevalent population.

‡Drug use data refers to individuals aged 66-99 years with complete year ODB coverage in the asthma prevalent population.

### Technical notes:

<sup>a</sup>OHIP data was up to December 2019 when the tables were created.

<sup>b</sup>For asthma incidence from July 2017 to March 2019, PFT data for 2.5-year post asthma incidence are not complete as latest data were available up to December 2019 when the tables were created.

<sup>c</sup>Individuals with missing LHIN, rurality, or without OHIP coverage were excluded.

<sup>d</sup>Asthma incidence of the year were excluded from this table, except for indicator 1.

<sup>e</sup>Index date is defined as the first service date of asthma HSU, or any HSU if there was no asthma HSU, or April 1 if there was no HSU during the year.

### Asthma indicators - detailed description:

1. Percent of asthma incidence aged 7 years and above with a PFT in one year prior to or 2.5 years after incidence date<sup>a,c</sup>
2. Percent of asthma prevalence aged 7 years and above with a PFT in one year prior to the index date<sup>a,c,e</sup>
3. Percent of asthma prevalence 66 years and above with at least one prescription of ICS in one year prior to the index date<sup>c,e</sup>
4. Percent of asthma prevalence aged 66 years and above with at least one prescription of β2-agonist in one year prior to the index date<sup>c,e</sup>
5. Percent of asthma prevalence with at least one ED visit in one year prior to the index date<sup>c,e</sup>
6. Percent of asthma prevalence with at least one physician office visit in one year prior to the index date<sup>c,e</sup>
7. Distribution of the three categories of β2-agonist use for asthma prevalence aged 66 years and above<sup>c,d</sup>

Source: This table uses statistics reported by the Ontario Asthma Surveillance Information System (OASIS) and data provided by ICES, Ontario.