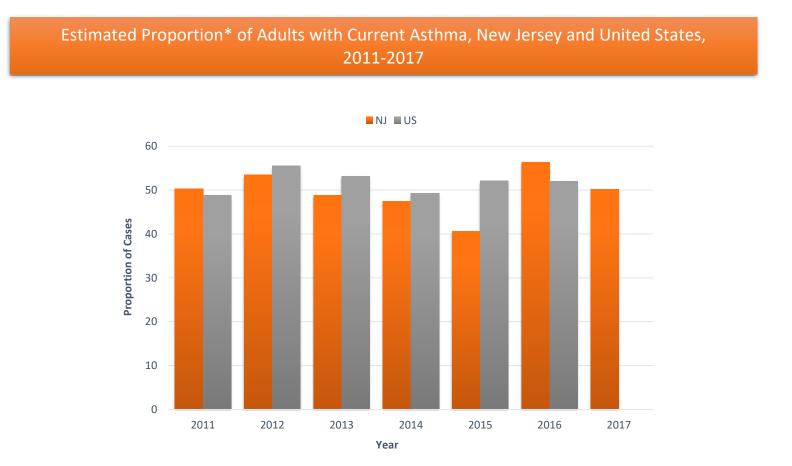
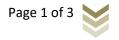


# OHI #21: Asthma Among Adults Caused or Made Worse by Work







## Number and Proportion of Adults with Current Asthma, New Jersey and United States, 2011-2017

	Weighted Frequency		Proportion*	
Year	NJ	US	NJ	US
2011	307,641	7,201,961	50.3	48.8
2012	334,136	9,857,770	53.5	55.6
2013	315,185	7,884,871	48.8	53.2
2014	283,761	6,703,447	47.4	49.3
2015	206,216	6,460,686	40.6	52.1
2016	287,687	8,054,104	56.4	52.0
2017	293,333	N/A	50.2	N/A

\*Weighted estimate of the number of ever-employed adults with current asthma who reported that their asthma was caused or made worse by exposure at work. This is based on land-line and cellphone sampling.

#### N/A: not available

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), Asthma Call-Back Survey (ACBS) [https://www.cdc.gov/BRFSS/acbs/index.htm]



### **Technical Notes:**

- The ACBS is a telephone health survey of the non-institutionalized U.S. population. Individuals must have a telephone to participate. It is also only conducted in select languages which can vary by state; therefore, it does not include individuals who speak all languages.
- Includes ever-employed adults (18 years or older) with current asthma.
- The ACBS began new weighting methods in 2011 and the wording and order of questions changed in 2012. Thus, any trend analysis would need to be restricted to 2012 forward.
- Not all 50 states participate in the ACBS. In 2017, data for 32 states and Puerto Rico were available.

#### Limitations:

- This indicator does not distinguish between new-onset asthma and work-aggravated asthma.
- The US estimate represents a combined estimate and may not be representative of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.