

**TABLE 1. Asthma Indicators by Sex among adults with current asthma in Massachusetts: BRFSS 2002.**

Indicator	Total			Male			Female			P*
	n	%	se	n	%	se	n	%	se	
<b>Age at Diagnosis (onset)</b>	<b>595</b>			<b>163</b>			<b>432</b>			<b>0.12 **</b>
Child (<18)	242	45.8	2.6	79	51.7	4.9	163	42.6	3.1	
Adult (>=18)	353	54.2	2.6	84	48.3	4.9	269	57.4	3.1	
<b>Medication Status (30 days)</b>	<b>612</b>			<b>167</b>			<b>445</b>			<b>0.12 **</b>
No Medication	179	32.4	2.6	58	38.2	4.9	121	29.2	3.0	
Any Medication	433	67.6	2.6	109	61.8	4.9	324	70.8	3.0	<b>0.14 ***</b>
Less than once a week	65	12.7	1.9	17	8.1	2.3	48	15.3	2.7	
>=1 time a week, but not daily	102	14.8	1.8	28	17.8	3.8	74	13.2	1.8	
Once every day	124	18.2	1.9	30	16.7	3.4	94	19.1	2.2	
Two or more times every day	142	21.9	2.2	34	19.2	3.7	108	23.2	2.7	
<b>Attack</b>	<b>614</b>			<b>166</b>			<b>448</b>			<b>0.38 **</b>
Did not have attack	262	45.1	2.7	79	48.4	4.8	183	43.3	3.3	
Had attack	352	54.9	2.7	87	51.6	4.8	265	56.7	3.3	
<b>Emergency Department Visits</b>	<b>620</b>			<b>168</b>			<b>452</b>			<b>0.39 **</b>
No visit	516	84.9	1.9	143	87.1	3.1	373	83.7	2.5	
Any visit	104	15.1	1.9	25	12.9	3.1	79	16.3	2.5	<b>0.55 ***</b>
One visit	46	5.5	1.1	10	4.1	1.6	36	6.3	1.5	
Two or more visits	58	9.6	1.6	15	8.8	2.7	43	10.0	2.1	
<b>Urgent Doctor Visits</b>	<b>615</b>			<b>168</b>			<b>447</b>			<b>0.02 **</b>
No visit	444	77.2	2.1	133	83.6	3.3	311	73.6	2.6	
Any visit	171	22.8	2.1	35	16.4	3.3	136	26.4	2.6	<b>0.02 ***</b>
One visit	72	11.2	1.6	20	10.0	2.6	52	11.9	2.0	
Two or more visits	99	11.6	1.5	15	6.4	2.1	84	14.5	2.0	
<b>Routine Doctor Visits</b>	<b>616</b>			<b>168</b>			<b>448</b>			<b>0.03 **</b>
No visits	248	45.2	2.7	77	53.5	4.8	171	40.5	3.3	
Any visit	368	54.8	2.7	91	46.5	4.8	277	59.5	3.3	<b>0.14 ***</b>
One visit	200	30.0	2.3	49	24.2	3.9	151	33.3	2.9	
Two visits	70	10.6	1.5	18	8.9	2.6	52	11.6	1.9	
Three or more visits	98	14.2	2.0	24	13.4	3.1	74	14.6	2.6	
<b>Activity Limitation</b>	<b>537</b>			<b>148</b>			<b>389</b>			<b>0.13 **</b>
No days	372	72.8	2.6	110	77.8	4.2	262	69.8	3.3	
Any days	165	27.2	2.6	38	22.2	4.2	127	30.2	3.3	<b>0.32 ***</b>
1-10 days	113	17.7	2.1	25	14.5	3.4	88	19.6	2.8	
> 10 days	52	9.5	1.8	13	7.7	2.9	39	10.6	2.3	
<b>Days with Symptoms</b>	<b>603</b>			<b>166</b>			<b>437</b>			<b>0.11 **</b>
No days	194	33.3	2.5	63	39.0	4.7	131	30.2	2.9	
Any days	409	66.7	2.5	103	61.0	4.7	306	69.8	2.9	<b>0.24 ***</b>
< once a week	132	23.0	2.3	39	22.0	3.8	93	23.6	2.9	
once, or more, a week	158	25.4	2.3	40	25.5	4.3	118	25.4	2.7	
every day	119	18.3	2.1	24	13.6	3.3	95	20.8	2.8	
<b>Days with Sleep Disturbance</b>	<b>608</b>			<b>166</b>			<b>442</b>			<b>0.49 **</b>
No days	415	69.9	2.6	115	72.3	4.3	300	68.6	3.2	
Any days	193	30.1	2.6	51	27.7	4.3	142	31.4	3.2	<b>0.44 ***</b>
1-2 days	75	11.3	1.8	18	9.5	2.9	57	12.3	2.4	
3-10 days	81	14.2	2.0	21	11.9	3.1	60	15.5	2.5	
> 10 days	37	4.6	0.9	12	6.3	2.2	25	3.6	0.8	

\* P: Wald chi-square test for the general association between each Indicator and Sex.

\*\* chi-square for 2 category Indicator.

\*\*\* chi-square for 3 to 5 category Indicator.