



Asthma Inequities in California Children

What are health inequities?

Health inequities are differences in health conditions and death rates across groups of people that are widespread, avoidable, unfair, and unjust

Compared to adults, children (0-17 years old) are more likely to have severe asthma

2x higher  emergency department visits | **3x** higher  hospital stays

Compared to White children:

- Black children** are more likely to have asthma and suffer from severe asthma

2x  more likely to have asthma | **6x** higher  emergency department visits | **5x** higher  hospital stays

- Hispanic or Latino children** are more likely to have asthma and suffer from severe asthma

2x  more likely to have asthma | **2x** higher  emergency department visits | **1.4x** higher  hospital stays

What causes health inequities in asthma?



Racism, classism, and discrimination in policies that disadvantage certain groups of people



Pollution in the environment that makes asthma symptoms worse

And poor access to:



healthy and affordable housing



quality food choices



healthy schools and quality education



quality health care



Data Sources: California Health Interview Survey, California Office of State Health Planning and Development