Asthma is a disease that affects your lungs. It is one of the most common long-term diseases and affects people of all ages. Asthma causes wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and nighttime or early morning coughing.

Approximately 650,000 people in Indiana currently have asthma.

73 people died from asthma in 2011. That’s 1 person every 5 days. Of those who died from asthma, 49.3% were 65 years and older at time of death.

During the past 12 months, Indiana adults with asthma were unable to work or carry out their usual activities for a total of 4,152,381 days.

Each missed work day costs the average Indiana family $128.

9.1% of adults in Indiana currently have asthma.

9.5% of children in Indiana currently have asthma.

30.6% (about 1 in 3) adults with asthma are unable to buy asthma medications due to the cost.

61.8% of adults

60.1% of children

Sources: 