

Cost of a Breath in Virginia



24.9 MILLION
people have Asthma in the U.S.

1 OUT OF 10
people suffer from Asthma

<https://aafa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/aafa-2023-asthma-capitals-report.pdf>

ASTHMA - a chronic, long-term lung disease that inflames and narrows the airways

- # of missed school days in 2018 - **more than 7.9 million**
- # of missed work days in 2018 - **10.9 million**
- # of Emergency Dep. visits in 2016 - **1.7 million**
- # of hospitalizations in 2016 - **188,965**
- # of deaths in 2016 - **3,518**

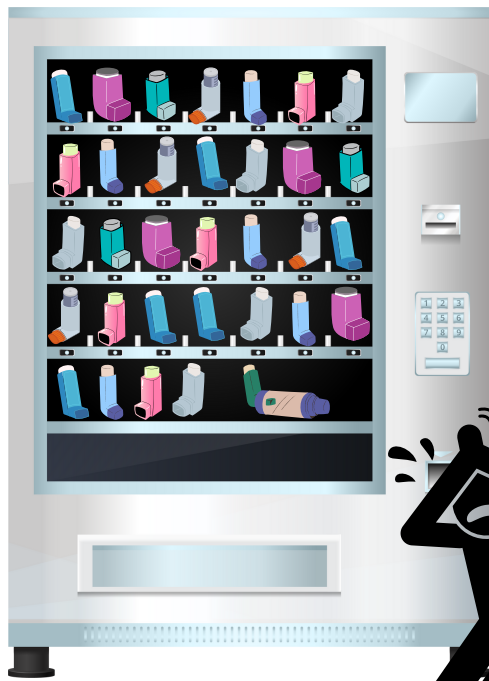


<https://aafa.org/advocacy/key-issues/access-to-health-care/cost-of-asthma-on-society/#:~:text=Researchers%20think%20the%20yearly%20cost%20of%20asthma%20in%20the%20U.S.%20is%20around%20%24.5%20billion.&text=The%20direct%20cost%20of%20asthma%20is%20around%20%24.5%20billion.&text=Indirect%20costs%20of%20asthma%20are%20around%20%24.5%20billion.>

Severity of Asthma in VA

10% of all Virginians suffer from asthma
Richmond, VA suffers the most

Rescue Inhalers



Many people CANNOT afford asthma medication.

Rescue Inhalers

COST UP TO \$250
NEED 1 for home + 1 for work



https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/most_recent_data_states.htm

Rising Cost of Asthma

Yearly Cost in the U.S. = \$56 Billion

Number of People Uninsured in America

**26 Million People
7.9% of the population**

<https://www.lung.org/research/trends-in-lung-disease/asthma-trends-brief/trends-and-burden>

Average Cost of Asthma Treatment

Rescue Inhaler

\$25

+

Steroid Inhaler (ICS)

\$183

=

\$208!

OR

Rescue Inhaler

\$25

+

Combination Inhaler

\$237

=

\$262!

Most patients are on multiple medications for Asthma Management

Some people may need to be on asthma treatment for the rest of their life

Most inhalers last for one month

<https://www.goodrx.com>

<https://www.goodrx.com/conditions/asthma/heres-why-asthma-inhalers-are-so-expensive>

Learn more about Asthma Treatment



Link



Patients enrolled in the NOVA ScriptsCentral program and seen at NSC partner clinics only pay \$5



LINK TO CLINIC PARTNERS

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