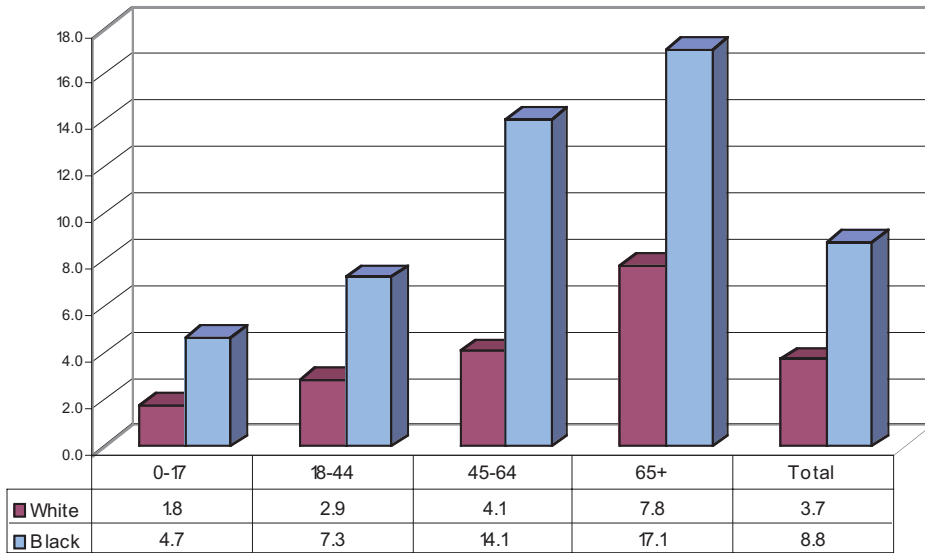


Asthma

HOSPITALIZATIONS FROM ASTHMA

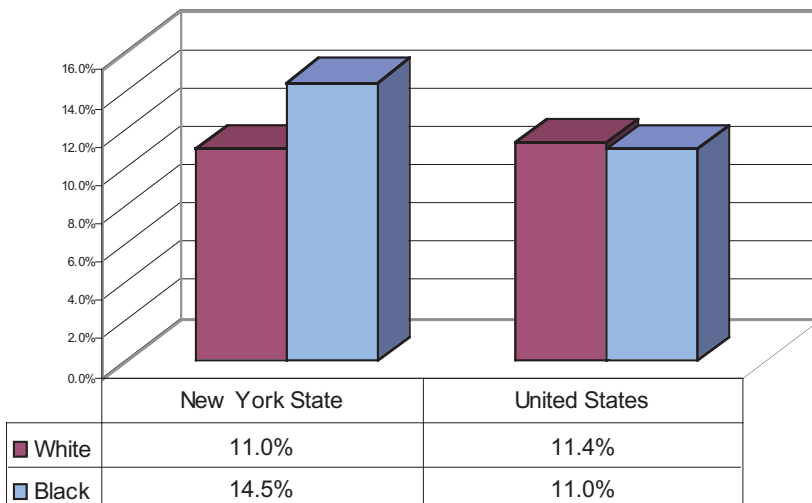


For Westchester County residents, the hospitalization rate for asthma among Blacks was 8.8 per 1,000 population as compared to 3.7 per 1,000 population among Whites, a difference of 2.3 times. This disparity is greatest in the 45-64 age group; however, the rate for Blacks is at least two times that for Whites across all age groups.

SOURCE: SPARCS 2002, NYS Department of Health

NOTE: Includes hospitalization with asthma listed as the principal and/or any secondary diagnosis. Rate based on 2000 Census population.

DIAGNOSED ASTHMA



In New York State, 14.5% of Blacks, as compared with 11.0% of Whites, responded that they had been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor, nurse or health professional.

In the United States, the percentage of Whites who indicated this diagnosis was greater than among Blacks.

SOURCE: 2003 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey