

**Table 20. Rate of hospitalization for asthma among San Diego County Residents, 1997 & 1998**

By Region, Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Age Group

Variable	1997		1998	
	Hospitalizations	Adjusted Rate	Hospitalizations	Adjusted Rate
<b>San Diego County</b>	2,617	94.0	2,424	85.5
<b>Region</b>				
N. Coastal	207	43.8	244	52.4
N. Central	355	69.1	377	70.6
Central	799	171.8	679	143.4
South	436	114.5	405	105.4
East	462	100	401	85.3
N. Inland	345	73.3	303	63.1
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	1,067	73.1	1,015	69.7
Female	1,550	114.5	1,409	101.3
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White	1,219	73.1	1,233	72.8
Black	508	287.6	365	218.5
Hispanic	611	89.3	590	84.4
Asian/Other	266	116.8	219	92.6
<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>Hospitalizations</b>	<b>Age-Specific Rate</b>	<b>Hospitalizations</b>	<b>Age-Specific Rate</b>
Under 1	90	210.2	97	226.5
1-4	507	265.4	451	236.1
5-14	481	122.2	381	96.8
15-24	212	54.1	129	32.9
25-34	259	58.9	273	62.1
35-44	322	71.5	316	70.2
45-54	210	67.5	236	75.8
55-64	182	93.0	188	96.1
65-74	188	113.0	180	108.2
75-84	124	114.5	126	116.3
85+	42	111.1	47	124.4

All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 Standard U.S. Population.

Note: Asthma was included if the primary discharge diagnosis was asthma.

Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPD) Discharge Data, 1997-1998; SANDAG, January 1, 1997-1998 population estimates used for calculating rates.