**Asthma in Wisconsin**

**Asthma is common**

- More than **half a million Wisconsinites**
  - 1 in 10 adults
  - 1 in 13 children

**Asthma is deadly**

- Emergency Department visit & hospitalization rates
  - 6X African-Americans
  - 2X Native Americans & Hispanics
  - 3X children younger than age 5

**Asthma is expensive**

- 18,642 emergency department visits
- 4,992 hospitalizations
- Exceeding $100 million annually

**Asthma is disruptive**

- Among those with asthma
  - 1 in 2 adults have asthma caused or made worse by their job
  - 1 in 4 adults unable to carry out their work
  - 1 in 2 children miss school

**Asthma is controllable**

- Among those with asthma
  - 30% adults
  - 42% children
  - 31% adults
  - 47% children
  - 41% ages 18-49
  - 70% ages 50+

Sources:
1. Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2013 adults and children.
2. Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Inpatient Hospitalization Discharge and Emergency Department Visit Data Files, 2013.