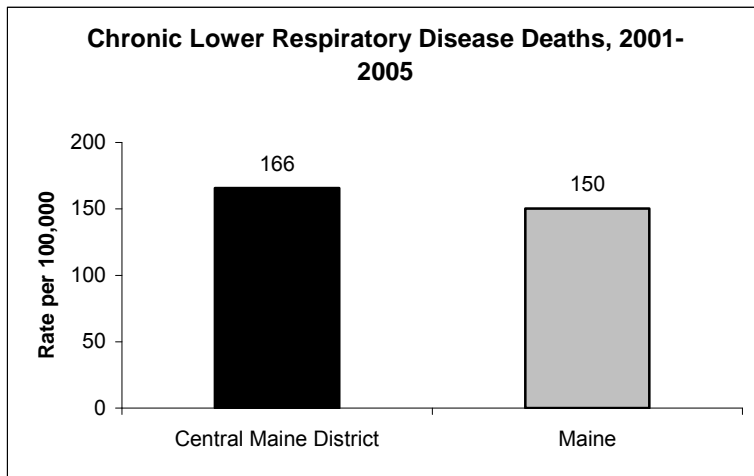


## **Respiratory Health**

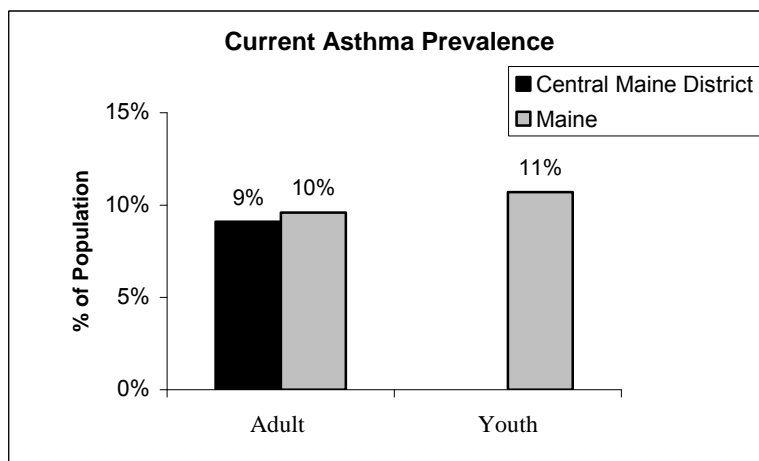
Chronic respiratory diseases include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma, and affects approximately one in eight people in Maine. COPD is largely a result of tobacco smoke and primarily affects older adults. Asthma affects people of all ages and is increasing in Maine at a dramatic rate.

Data on chronic lower respiratory disease [includes COPD] and on asthma are collected through Maine vital records, hospital data, and state surveys.

Information on asthma can be found at Maine Asthma Control and Prevention Program at: [www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/mat/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/bohdcfh/mat/index.html) and its links to its many state and local partners.



Source: 2001-2005 Maine Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics



Source: 2006 BRFSS, 2003 NCHS  
 \*District level data on youth not available from NCHS