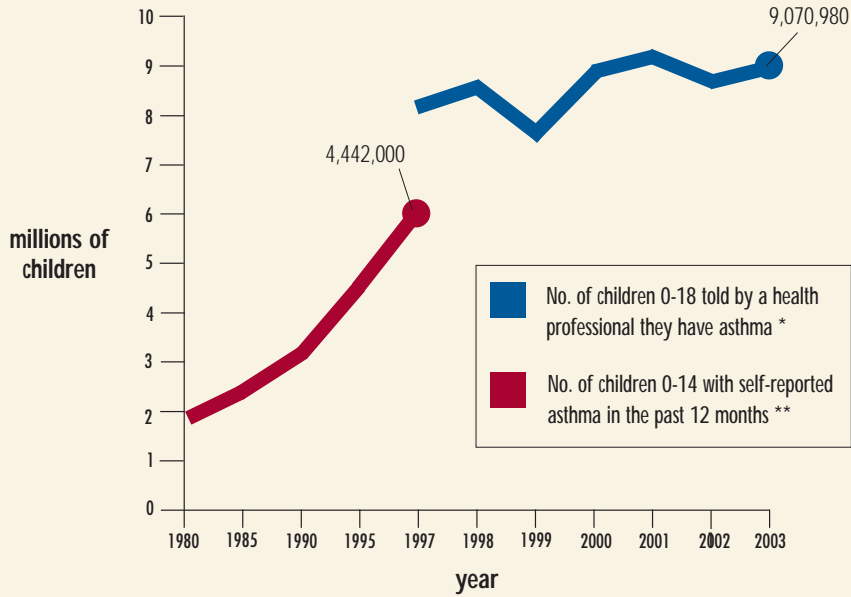




U.S. ASTHMA RATES

The number of children with asthma has risen at alarming levels since 1980. However, due to changes in data gathering, it is difficult to compare the same populations over a long period of time. This chart shows results from two studies on childhood asthma rates.



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