

Table C-2a. Age-adjusted percentages (with standard errors) of hay fever, respiratory allergies, food allergies, and skin allergies in the past 12 months for children under age 18 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2017

Selected characteristic	Hay fever ¹	Respiratory allergies ¹	Food allergies ¹	Skin allergies ¹
Total	7.6 (0.35)	10.8 (0.43)	6.5 (0.33)	13.5 (0.44)
Sex				
Male	8.0 (0.51)	12.7 (0.62)	7.0 (0.47)	12.9 (0.60)
Female	7.3 (0.48)	8.9 (0.54)	5.9 (0.43)	14.1 (0.65)
Age				
0-4 years	3.4 (0.47)	6.8 (0.62)	6.6 (0.64)	15.1 (0.84)
5-11 years	7.9 (0.54)	11.7 (0.70)	6.8 (0.51)	13.9 (0.74)
12-17 years	10.8 (0.73)	13.1 (0.73)	6.0 (0.52)	11.8 (0.71)
Race				
One race ²	7.6 (0.36)	10.6 (0.43)	6.3 (0.33)	13.3 (0.45)
White	8.2 (0.42)	11.2 (0.50)	6.3 (0.36)	12.5 (0.49)
Black or African American	5.3 (0.77)	10.5 (1.16)	6.6 (0.93)	17.5 (1.27)
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*
Asian	6.2 (1.33)	4.2 (0.95)	5.9 (1.14)	12.8 (1.89)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	9.4 (1.69)	15.2 (2.13)	9.1 (1.62)	18.1 (2.09)
Black or African American and white	*	11.3 (2.68)	*	17.9 (2.99)
American Indian or Alaska Native and white	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race				
Hispanic or Latino	4.8 (0.55)	7.8 (0.71)	4.4 (0.53)	10.7 (0.81)
Mexican or Mexican American	4.8 (0.70)	7.6 (0.90)	4.0 (0.59)	9.4 (0.96)
Not Hispanic or Latino	8.6 (0.42)	11.9 (0.51)	7.2 (0.40)	14.4 (0.52)
White, single race	9.5 (0.52)	12.6 (0.61)	7.2 (0.43)	13.7 (0.60)
Black or African American only, single race	5.7 (0.83)	10.9 (1.26)	7.2 (1.02)	17.7 (1.35)
Family structure ⁵				
Mother and father	7.8 (0.45)	10.6 (0.51)	6.7 (0.38)	13.1 (0.54)
Mother, no father	7.0 (0.68)	12.2 (0.93)	6.2 (0.67)	15.5 (0.98)
Father, no mother	8.9 (1.71)	9.8 (1.62)	5.1 (1.33)	9.3 (1.58)
Neither mother nor father	7.5 (1.57)	9.7 (2.05)	5.3 (1.59)	10.4 (2.18)
Parent's education ⁶				
Less than high school diploma	4.6 (0.88)	7.5 (1.11)	2.8 (0.72)	11.0 (1.39)
High school diploma or GED ⁷	4.7 (0.67)	8.1 (0.81)	4.2 (0.60)	9.6 (0.93)
More than high school	8.8 (0.44)	12.1 (0.56)	7.7 (0.43)	15.0 (0.55)
Family income ⁸				
Less than \$35,000	6.2 (0.65)	10.3 (0.92)	5.5 (0.64)	13.7 (0.94)
\$35,000 or more	8.5 (0.45)	11.3 (0.52)	7.1 (0.42)	14.0 (0.57)
\$35,000-\$49,999	6.3 (0.93)	10.6 (1.27)	5.6 (0.87)	13.7 (1.36)
\$50,000-\$74,999	7.2 (0.86)	10.0 (0.97)	6.8 (0.89)	13.3 (1.15)
\$75,000-\$99,999	8.5 (1.06)	11.5 (1.20)	6.4 (0.87)	13.8 (1.26)
\$100,000 or more	9.8 (0.71)	12.2 (0.80)	8.0 (0.64)	14.6 (0.89)
Poverty status ⁹				
Poor	5.9 (0.80)	9.3 (1.15)	5.3 (0.78)	12.6 (1.12)
Near poor	6.2 (0.67)	9.6 (0.82)	5.9 (0.69)	13.0 (0.97)
Not poor	8.7 (0.46)	11.9 (0.55)	7.3 (0.44)	14.3 (0.61)

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Health insurance coverage ¹⁰				
Private	9.2 (0.50)	12.0 (0.57)	7.2 (0.46)	13.9 (0.60)
Medicaid or other public	5.7 (0.49)	9.6 (0.68)	5.2 (0.49)	12.9 (0.72)
Other	6.5 (1.74)	10.8 (2.71)	9.8 (2.01)	15.0 (2.44)
Uninsured	3.4 (1.01)	6.6 (1.29)	6.2 (1.47)	12.2 (1.99)
Place of residence ¹¹				
Large MSA	7.6 (0.47)	10.3 (0.57)	6.6 (0.44)	13.1 (0.61)
Small MSA	8.1 (0.66)	11.4 (0.85)	6.7 (0.62)	14.6 (0.80)
Not in MSA	6.4 (0.73)	11.9 (1.00)	5.1 (0.70)	12.2 (1.06)
Region				
Northeast	7.4 (0.96)	10.4 (1.03)	7.2 (0.93)	12.2 (1.04)
Midwest	7.8 (0.69)	11.0 (0.79)	5.8 (0.64)	12.1 (0.88)
South	6.7 (0.48)	12.4 (0.75)	6.6 (0.53)	13.8 (0.67)
West	9.2 (0.83)	8.6 (0.88)	6.3 (0.64)	15.3 (1.08)
Current health status				
Excellent or very good	7.6 (0.38)	10.2 (0.45)	6.1 (0.34)	13.0 (0.48)
Good	7.6 (0.99)	13.4 (1.24)	7.0 (0.97)	16.0 (1.33)
Fair or poor	13.6 (3.23)	26.1 (4.51)	22.7 (4.70)	19.3 (3.83)

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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2017.

Table C-2b. Frequencies (in thousands) of hay fever, respiratory allergies, food allergies, and skin allergies in the past 12 months for children under age 18 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2017

Selected characteristics	All children under age 18 years	Hay fever ¹	Respiratory allergies ¹	Food allergies ¹	Skin allergies ¹
Total	73,529	5,627	7,966	4,756	9,899
Sex					
Male	37,520	3,001	4,763	2,626	4,832
Female	36,009	2,626	3,203	2,129	5,068
Age					
0-4 years	19,694	659	1,335	1,293	2,968
5-11 years	28,875	2,278	3,359	1,962	3,999
12-17 years	24,960	2,690	3,272	1,501	2,932
Race					
One race ²	69,897	5,295	7,433	4,426	9,246
White	53,672	4,430	6,007	3,403	6,709
Black or African American	10,796	577	1,130	711	1,892
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,063	*	*	*	*
Asian	4,189	267	177	248	530
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	177	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	3,632	332	532	329	653
Black or African American and white	1,754	*	183	92	303
American Indian or Alaska Native and white	558	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race					
Hispanic or Latino	18,490	878	1,433	803	1,975
Mexican or Mexican American	12,090	579	903	486	1,134
Not Hispanic or Latino	55,039	4,750	6,532	3,953	7,924
White, single race	37,781	3,639	4,784	2,699	5,174
Black or African American only, single race	9,761	556	1,059	700	1,721
Family structure ⁵					
Mother and father	51,402	3,947	5,365	3,439	6,773
Mother, no father	16,919	1,218	2,089	1,054	2,621
Father, no mother	2,739	266	272	134	256
Neither mother nor father	2,469	195	239	129	250
Parent's education ⁶					
Less than high school diploma	7,595	353	574	210	825
High school diploma or GED ⁷	12,062	557	967	504	1,150
More than high school	51,207	4,522	6,186	3,913	7,674
Family income ⁸					
Less than \$35,000	17,396	1,062	1,767	952	2,378
\$35,000 or more	48,533	4,132	5,480	3,423	6,774
\$35,000-\$49,999	7,517	464	787	413	1,028
\$50,000-\$74,999	10,736	763	1,051	730	1,432
\$75,000-\$99,999	7,892	668	902	502	1,091
\$100,000 or more	22,388	2,237	2,740	1,777	3,223
Poverty status ⁹					
Poor	12,571	736	1,155	661	1,600
Near poor	16,070	988	1,530	936	2,091
Not poor	41,704	3,692	4,967	3,016	5,927

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Selected characteristics	All children under age 18 years	Hay fever ¹	Respiratory allergies ¹	Food allergies ¹	Skin allergies ¹
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰					
Private	40,543	3,817	4,908	2,911	5,598
Medicaid or other public	26,690	1,493	2,534	1,383	3,483
Other	2,323	151	247	227	343
Uninsured	3,655	147	256	214	448
Place of residence ¹¹					
Large MSA	42,560	3,241	4,391	2,814	5,584
Small MSA	22,141	1,801	2,514	1,487	3,239
Not in MSA	8,829	586	1,061	455	1,077
Region					
Northeast	12,777	969	1,360	927	1,542
Midwest	15,980	1,239	1,741	927	1,927
South	27,370	1,810	3,374	1,799	3,780
West	17,403	1,609	1,491	1,102	2,651
Current health status					
Excellent or very good	62,574	4,725	6,342	3,804	8,109
Good	9,694	740	1,321	707	1,543
Fair or poor	1,257	158	303	245	243

* Corresponding crude percentage for the frequency is considered unreliable, as specified in National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions (available from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_175.pdf), so the frequency is not shown.

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Total	7.7 (0.35)	10.9 (0.43)	6.5 (0.33)	13.5 (0.44)
Sex				
Male	8.0 (0.51)	12.7 (0.63)	7.0 (0.47)	12.9 (0.60)
Female	7.3 (0.49)	8.9 (0.55)	5.9 (0.43)	14.1 (0.65)
Age				
0-4 years	3.4 (0.47)	6.8 (0.62)	6.6 (0.64)	15.1 (0.84)
5-11 years	7.9 (0.54)	11.7 (0.70)	6.8 (0.51)	13.9 (0.74)
12-17 years	10.8 (0.73)	13.1 (0.73)	6.0 (0.52)	11.8 (0.71)
Race				
One race ²	7.6 (0.36)	10.7 (0.43)	6.3 (0.33)	13.2 (0.45)
White	8.3 (0.42)	11.2 (0.50)	6.3 (0.36)	12.5 (0.49)
Black or African American	5.3 (0.77)	10.5 (1.17)	6.6 (0.95)	17.5 (1.29)
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*
Asian	6.4 (1.38)	4.2 (0.92)	5.9 (1.12)	12.7 (1.83)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	9.1 (1.62)	14.7 (2.10)	9.1 (1.63)	18.0 (2.06)
Black or African American and white	*	10.5 (2.46)	5.2 (1.60)	17.4 (2.89)
American Indian or Alaska Native and white	*	*	*	*
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race				
Hispanic or Latino	4.8 (0.55)	7.8 (0.72)	4.3 (0.53)	10.7 (0.82)
Mexican or Mexican American	4.8 (0.70)	7.5 (0.90)	4.0 (0.60)	9.4 (0.97)
Not Hispanic or Latino	8.6 (0.42)	11.9 (0.51)	7.2 (0.40)	14.4 (0.52)
White, single race	9.7 (0.53)	12.7 (0.62)	7.1 (0.44)	13.7 (0.60)
Black or African American only, single race	5.7 (0.84)	10.9 (1.27)	7.2 (1.03)	17.6 (1.37)
Family structure ⁵				
Mother and father	7.7 (0.44)	10.5 (0.51)	6.7 (0.38)	13.2 (0.54)
Mother, no father	7.2 (0.70)	12.4 (0.94)	6.2 (0.68)	15.5 (0.98)
Father, no mother	9.7 (1.73)	10.0 (1.61)	4.9 (1.27)	9.3 (1.61)
Neither mother nor father	7.9 (1.70)	9.7 (1.98)	5.2 (1.55)	10.1 (2.15)
Parent's education ⁶				
Less than high school diploma	4.6 (0.88)	7.6 (1.11)	2.8 (0.72)	10.9 (1.38)
High school diploma or GED ⁷	4.6 (0.66)	8.0 (0.81)	4.2 (0.60)	9.6 (0.93)
More than high school	8.8 (0.44)	12.1 (0.57)	7.6 (0.43)	15.0 (0.56)
Family income ⁸				
Less than \$35,000	6.1 (0.64)	10.2 (0.91)	5.5 (0.65)	13.7 (0.94)
\$35,000 or more	8.5 (0.45)	11.3 (0.52)	7.1 (0.42)	14.0 (0.57)
\$35,000-\$49,999	6.2 (0.92)	10.5 (1.26)	5.5 (0.86)	13.7 (1.36)
\$50,000-\$74,999	7.1 (0.86)	9.8 (0.96)	6.8 (0.89)	13.3 (1.15)
\$75,000-\$99,999	8.5 (1.08)	11.5 (1.20)	6.4 (0.87)	13.8 (1.27)
\$100,000 or more	10.0 (0.73)	12.3 (0.80)	7.9 (0.63)	14.4 (0.89)
Poverty status ⁹				
Poor	5.9 (0.80)	9.2 (1.15)	5.3 (0.80)	12.7 (1.13)
Near poor	6.1 (0.67)	9.5 (0.82)	5.8 (0.69)	13.0 (0.97)
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Region				
Northeast	7.6 (0.99)	10.7 (1.07)	7.3 (0.91)	12.1 (1.03)
Midwest	7.8 (0.69)	10.9 (0.80)	5.8 (0.63)	12.1 (0.88)
South	6.6 (0.48)	12.3 (0.74)	6.6 (0.53)	13.8 (0.67)
West	9.3 (0.85)	8.6 (0.89)	6.3 (0.64)	15.2 (1.08)
Current health status				
Excellent or very good	7.6 (0.39)	10.1 (0.45)	6.1 (0.34)	13.0 (0.48)
Good	7.7 (0.98)	13.7 (1.23)	7.3 (1.01)	15.9 (1.32)
Fair or poor	12.6 (2.86)	24.4 (4.09)	19.7 (4.04)	19.4 (3.74)

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¹⁰Based on a hierarchy of mutually exclusive categories. Children with more than one type of health insurance were assigned to the first appropriate category in the hierarchy. "Uninsured" includes children who had no coverage as well as those who had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care.

¹¹MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population size of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population size of less than 1 million. "Not in MSA" consists of persons not living in a metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: Based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. This table is based on responses about the sample child, not all children in the family. Data came from the Sample Child File and were weighted using the Sample Child weight. Unknowns for the columns were not included in the denominators when calculating percentages. Percentages may not add to totals due to rounding. "Total" includes children of other races not shown separately and children with unknown family structure, parent's education, family income, poverty status, health insurance, or current health status. For more information on the data source, methods, and definitions used for this table, refer to Technical Notes for Summary Health Statistics Tables: National Health Interview Survey (available from <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>).

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