

Table 2 Prevalence of asthma and asthma symptoms in schoolchildren in Ahvaz and other cities in the Islamic Republic of Iran by age group using the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood (ISAAC) protocol. Sources: [9-12,15,19]

Age group/ city	Ever wheeze %	Current wheeze ^a %	Ever asthma ^b %	Sleep-disturbing wheeze ^c %	Speech-limiting wheeze %
6-7 years					
Ahvaz	11.1	7.3	6.8	10.2	8.0
Tehran	15.6	8.6	2.2	18.4	1.5
Rasht	22.0	n/a	7.1	6.0	12.6
Qazvin	10.0	10.2	2.0	35.7	n/a
13-14 years					
Ahvaz	17.7	10.0	9.8	9.6	10.7
Tehran	17.3	10.9	2.6	5.2	3.0
Rasht	24.0	n/a	4.7	4.3	9.7
Qazvin	26.0	17.6	2.2	36.9	n/a
Urmia	23.7	14.5	2.1	n/a	n/a
Gorgan	30.5	20.1	7.0	4.2	11.8
Bushehr	19.8	10.8	6.7	10.6	31.8
Birjand	18.0	10.1	n/a	8.9	4.0

^aWheezing or whistling in the chest at any time in the past 12 months; ^bEver been diagnosed with asthma; ^cincludes children awakening more than once/night per week. n/a = data not available.