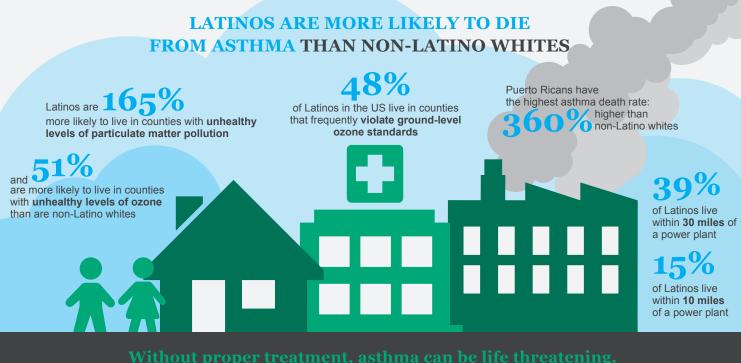
ASTHMA & OUTDOOR AIR POLLUTION IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY

Asthma is a serious respiratory condition that causes wheezing, chest tightening, and difficulty breathing, and it's on the rise among Latinos across the country. People with asthma are abnormally sensitive to pollutants released from cars, buses, heavy machinery, factories, and power plants – including particulate matter (soot), ground-level ozone (smog), carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, and lead.



Contact with a trigger like an air pollutant can cause the muscles around the airways to tighten, narrowing the breathing tubes and resulting in an asthma episode or attack.



Compared to non-Latino whites, Latinos with asthma are less likely to be prescribed appropriate asthma medications and less likely to have access to asthma specialists.



Those who have an asthma emergency that sends them to the ER or hospital are **less likely to** receive follow-up care or an asthma action plan.

	۵.
E	_
E	_
	_

Latinos are less likely to have health insurance than any other racial or ethnic group; nearly one in every three of Latinos lacks health insurance.

Support EPA to clean up our air and limit the climate change pollution that increases the number of asthma attacks: edf.org/LULACcleanair

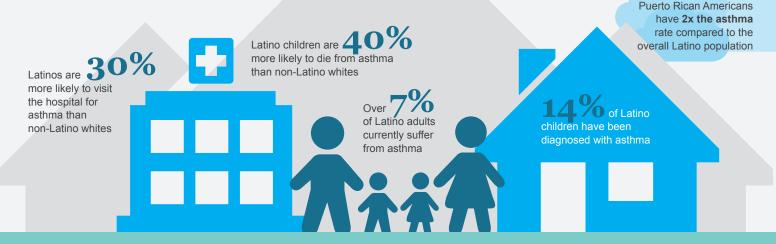




ASTHMA & INDOOR AIR POLLUTION IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY

Asthma is a serious respiratory condition that causes wheezing, chest tightening, and difficulty breathing, and it's on the rise among Latinos across the country. **Many chemicals found at home and in the workplace – where we spend over 80% of our time – have been linked to the development of asthma** and more severe symptoms or attacks.

OVER 3.6 MILLION LATINOS LIVING IN THE US CURRENTLY HAVE ASTHMA



Numerous chemicals found in indoor environments have been classified as known or suspected "asthmagens," environmental agents that cause or exacerbate asthma. These chemicals can be found in building materials and commonly-used household and personal care products. Exposure can occur during product manufacture, installation, and everyday use.



Support reform to strengthen federal chemicals regulatory policies: edf.org/LULACtoxics



