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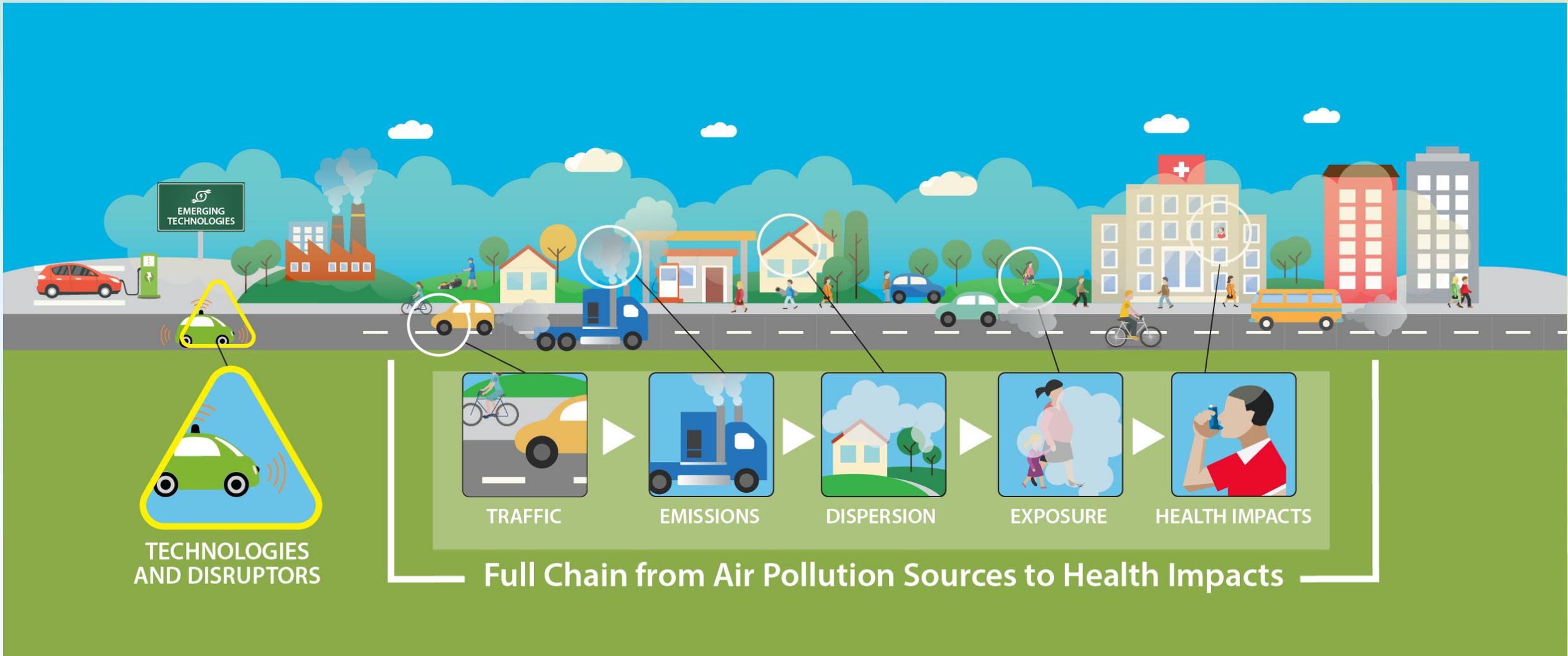
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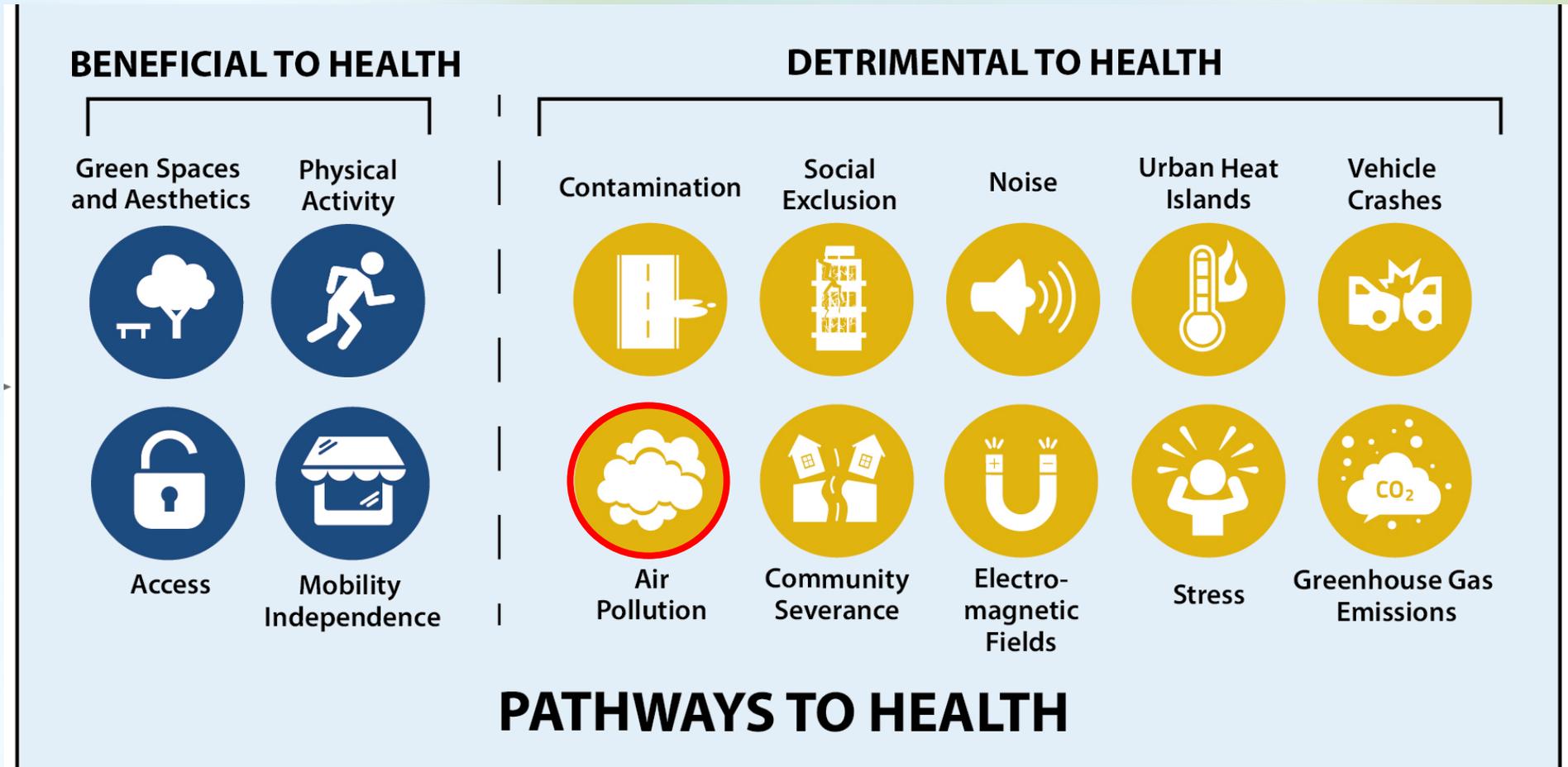
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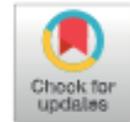


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Traffic related air pollution and the burden of childhood asthma in the contiguous United States in 2000 and 2010



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ABSTRACT

Background: Asthma is one of the leading chronic airway diseases among children in the United States (US). Emerging evidence indicates that Traffic Related Air Pollution (TRAP), as opposed to ambient air pollution, leads to the onset of childhood asthma. We estimated the number of incident asthma cases among children attributable

Asthma as a Major Health Concern

Asthma is the *reversible* or partially reversible *obstruction of airflow*

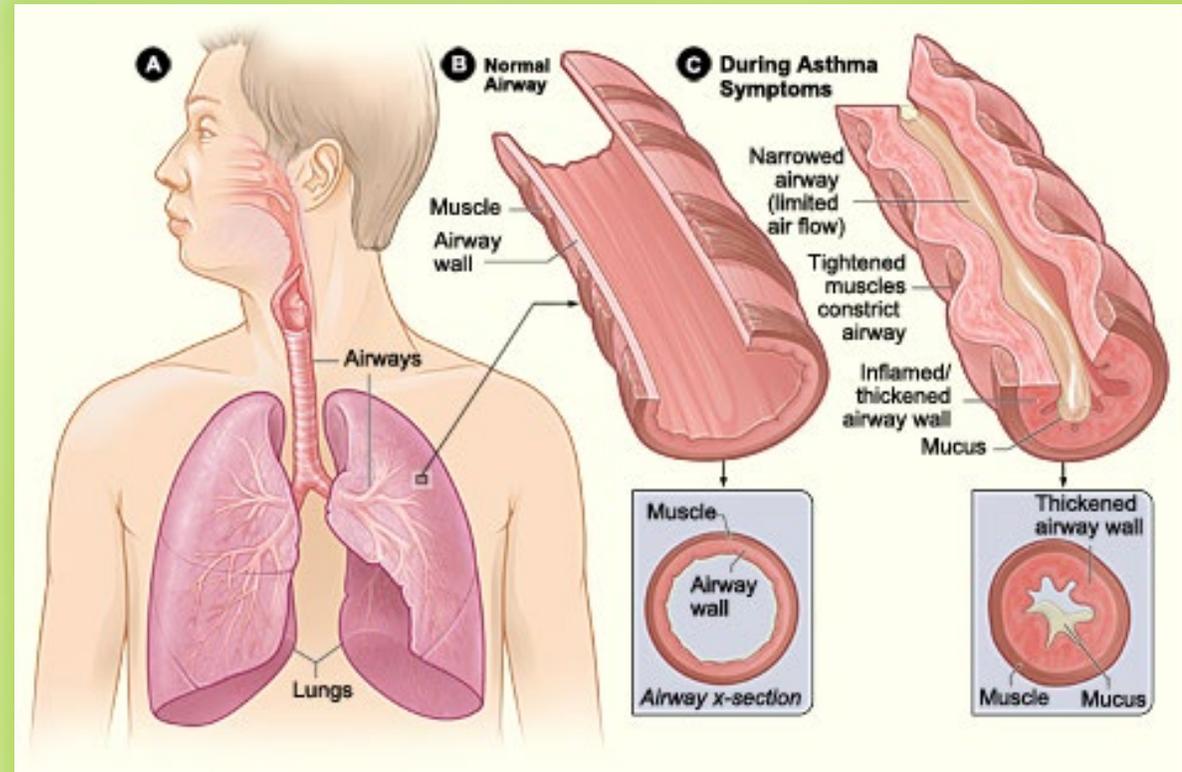
Globally

330+ million people with asthma

United States

20 million adults and 6 million children

Economic burden of asthma in the U.S. was **\$81.9 billion in 2013**



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Traffic Related Air Pollution (TRAP)

Estimated using **surrogates**

- Buffer zone (distance to road and traffic)
- Chemical surrogates (NO₂, PM, BC, etc.)

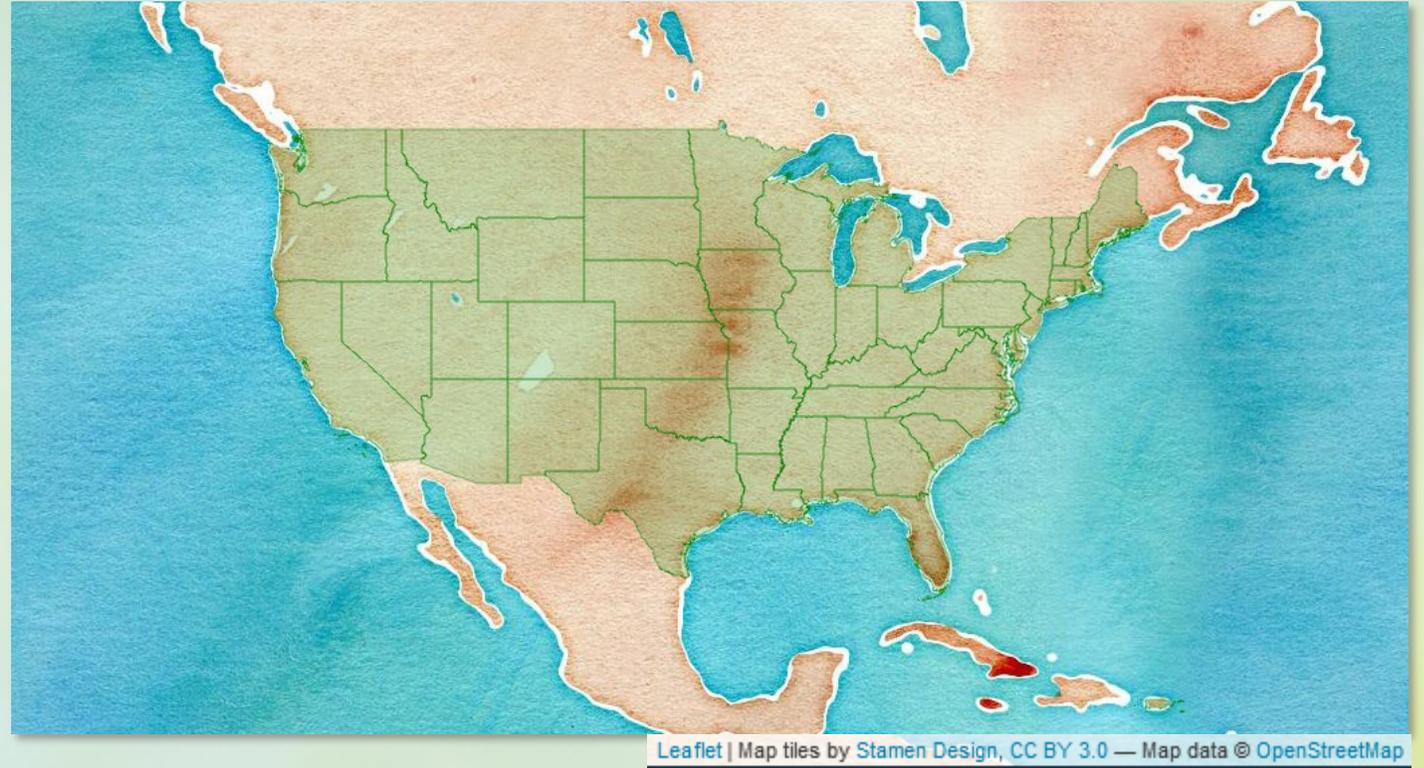
NO₂ is a good predictor of traffic



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Scope of the Study

- 48 states and D.C.
- 2000 & 2010
- Census Block level
- NO_2 , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and PM_{10}
- Children under 18



Methods - Overview

Estimated the Burden of Disease using the following *data*

1. Concentration Response Functions (*Literature*)
2. Concentration Estimation (Regression *Models*)
3. Asthma Incidence Rate (*Literature*)
4. Population Exposed (*Census Data*)

Using standard burden of disease assessment methods

- Attributable number of asthma incident cases
- Percentage of asthma incident cases
- Among Children (<18 years)

1. Concentration Response Functions



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Review article

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1. Concentration Response Functions (continued)

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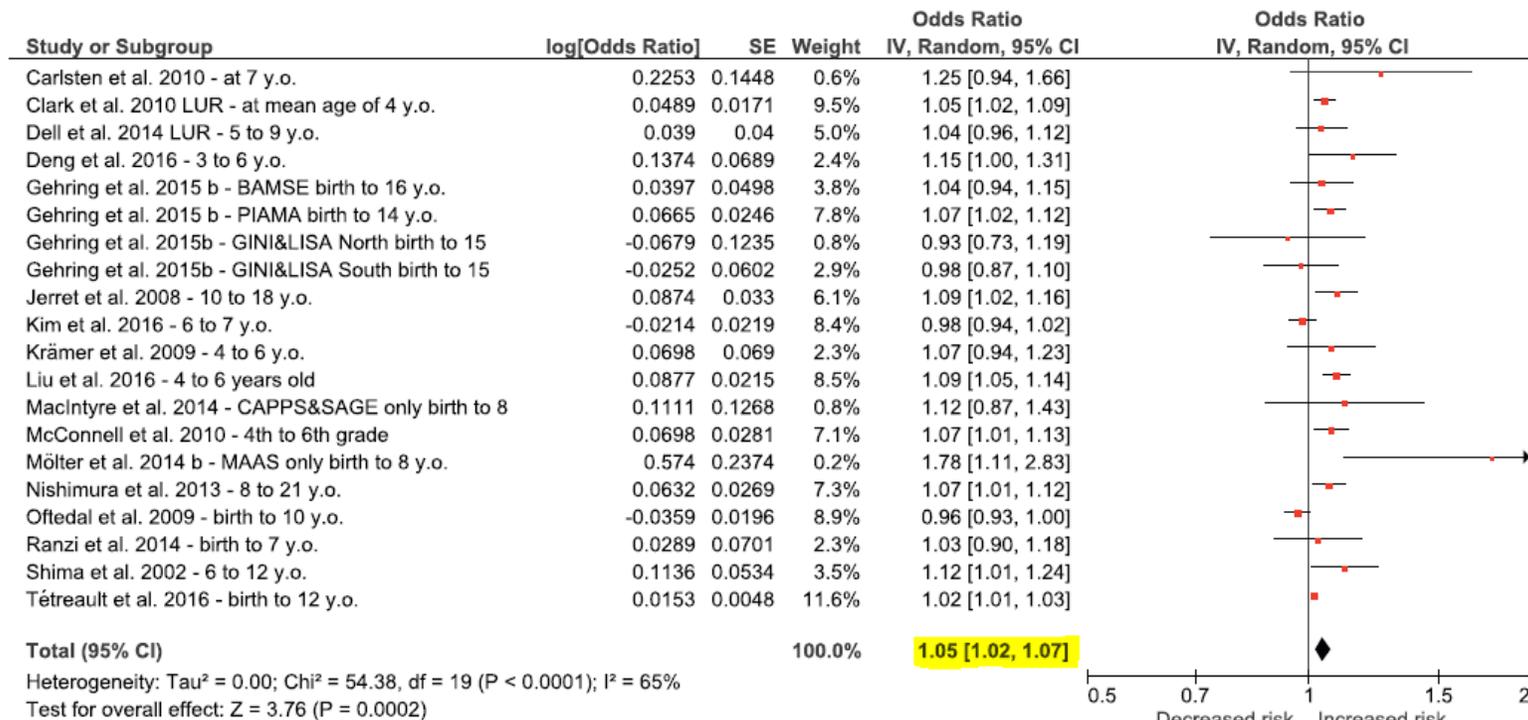


Fig. 4. NO₂ random-effects meta-analyses. Individual and summary random-effects estimates for associations between NO₂ per 4 µg/m³ and asthma at any age. Abbreviations: BAMSE, Barn (children), Allergy, Milieu, Stockholm, an Epidemiology project; CAPPS, The Canadian Asthma Primary Prevention Study; GINI, German Infant study on the influence of Nutrition Intervention on allergy development; LISA, Life style Immune System Allergy; MAAS, The Manchester Asthma and Allergy Study; PIAMA, The Prevention and Incidence of Asthma and Mite Allergy; SAGE, The Study of Asthma, Genes and the Environment.

2. Concentration Estimation

National Spatiotemporal Exposure Surface for NO₂: Monthly Scaling of a Satellite-Derived Land-Use Regression, 2000–2010

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- Annual average concentrations (ug/m³)
 - **EPA** air quality monitor readings
 - Satellite data
 - GIS (impervious surfaces, elevation, major roads, residential roads, and distance to coast)
 - Centroid of each census blocks
 - Highly predictive of spatial variability ($R^2 = 0.82$)

3. Asthma Incidence Rate

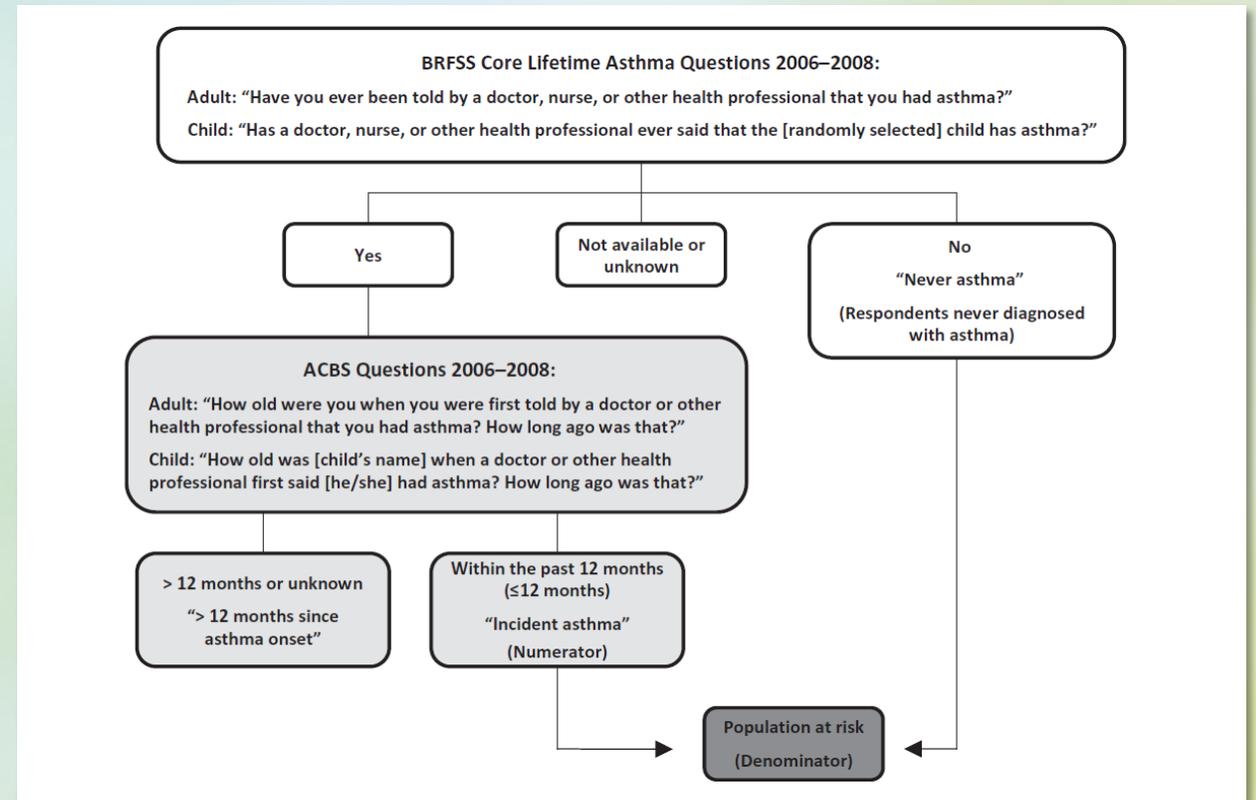
EPIDEMIOLOGY

Asthma Incidence among Children and Adults: Findings from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Asthma Call-back Survey—United States, 2006–2008

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- Asthma Call Back Survey
- Period 2006-2008
- 12.5 per 1,000 at-risk children
- Not all states included



4. Population Exposed

Census data

National Historical Geographic Information System (NHGIS)

- Population count (including children)
- Urban/Rural areas
- Median household income



4. Population Exposed (continued)

- 5+ million populated census blocks
- 70+ million children
- (80%) live in Urban areas

Census Data			
	2000	2010	Change (%)
Geographic characteristics			
Total number of census blocks	8,164,718	11,007,989	35%
Total census blocks included	5,280,214 (65%)	6,182,882 (56%)	17%
Total census blocks within urban areas	2,970,347 (36%)	3,590,278 (33%)	21%
Demographic characteristics			
Total population	279,583,437	306,675,006	10%
Total population of children (birth - 18)	71,807,328 (26%)	73,690,271 (24%)	3%
Mean (range) number of children in census blocks	14 (0-4,713)	12 (0-2,214)	-12%
Population of children by living location			
Urban	56,504,832 (79%)	59,927,088 (81%)	6%
Rural	15,302,496 (21%)	13,763,183 (19%)	-10%

Results



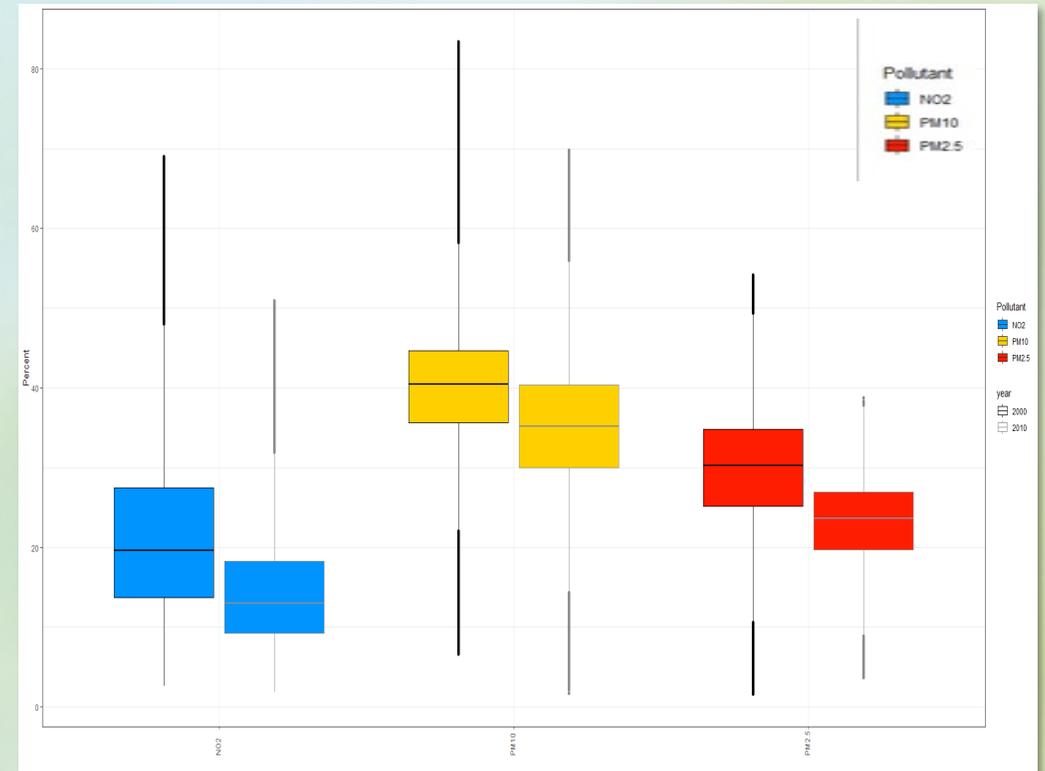
Childhood Asthma Incident Cases due to TRAP

Attributable number of cases and percentage of all cases						
	AC		% of all asthma cases		Change (%)	
	2000	2010	2000	2010	AC	% of all cases
NO₂	<u>209,100</u>	<u>142,000</u>	<u>27%</u>	<u>18%</u>	<u>-32%</u>	<u>-33%</u>
PM _{2.5}	247,100	190,200	31%	24%	-23%	-24%
PM ₁₀	331,200	286,500	42%	36%	-13%	-14%

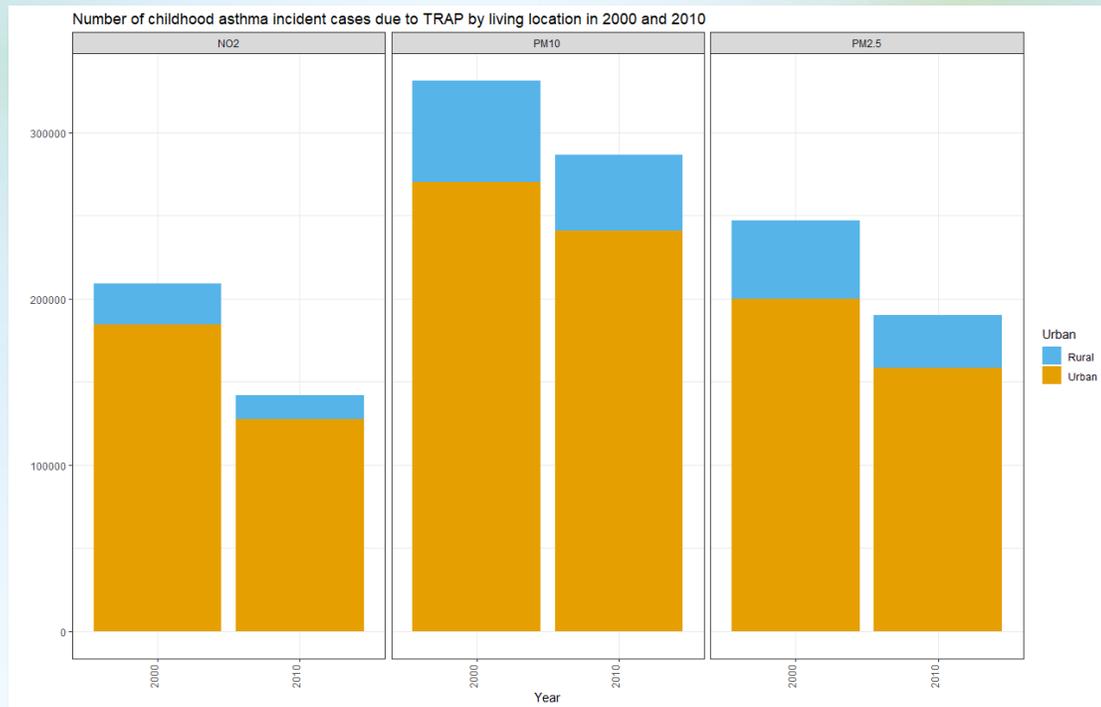
Number and Percentage of cases (NO₂)

- **209,100** → **142,000** (Attributable Cases)
- **27%** → **18%** (of all asthma cases)

Percentage of childhood asthma incident cases due to pollutant by year



Urban vs Rural



Percentage of all asthma cases (**NO₂**)

- **30%** vs **15%** (Urban vs Rural - 2000)
- **20%** vs **10%** (Urban vs Rural - 2010)

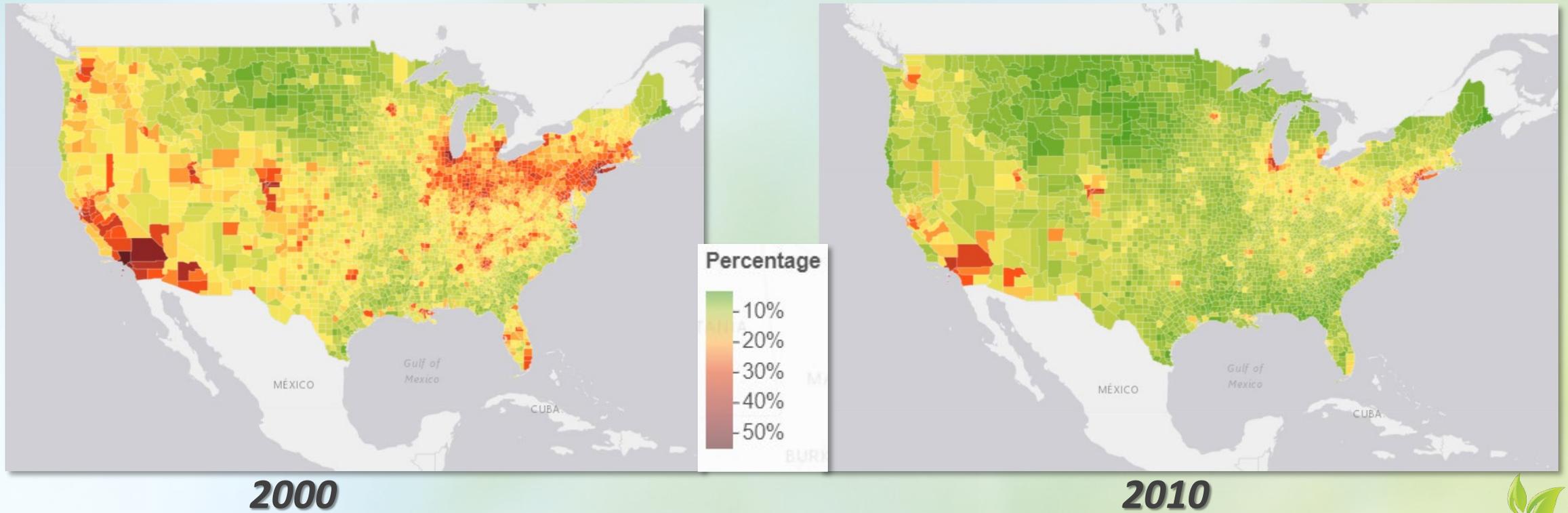
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NO₂					
Urban	184,500	127,500	30%	20%	-31%
Rural	24,600	14,500	15%	10%	-41%
PM_{2.5}					
Urban	200,100	158,200	32%	24%	-21%
Rural	47,000	32,000	28%	22%	-32%
PM₁₀					
Urban	270,100	240,800	44%	37%	-11%
Rural	61,100	45,700	36%	31%	-25%

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<https://carteehdata.org/library/webapp/trap-asthma-usa>



Discussion – Key Findings

- Up to **142,000** of childhood asthma cases attributable to **TRAP** in 2010
- **18%** of all asthma cases attributable to NO₂
- Urban areas > Rural areas
- 2010 < 2000 burden, due ↓ air pollution levels
- Future analyses is focusing on:
 - Exploring impact of median household income
 - Using state-specific rather than national asthma incidence rates
 - Comparing year 2020 with 2010 and 2000

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