Connecticut has lower than average COPD prevalence, death and hospitalization rates but the readmission rate is slightly above average. The overall smoking rate equals the U.S. rate. It has a slightly higher than average influenza vaccination rate and a lower than average pneumonia vaccination rate for people with COPD.

**By the Numbers – COPD in Connecticut**

- 4.6% of adults have been diagnosed with COPD (prevalence)
- 144,100 adults have been diagnosed with COPD (incidence)
- 28.8 people out of every 100,000 die per year
- $453 million is the annual cost for treatment

**Higher Proportions of Women than Men have COPD**

- 5.0% women, 4.1% men

**Vaccinations**

- 51.1% have had the flu shot
- 57.4% have had the pneumonia shot

**Hospitalizations**

- 4,083 Medicare hospitalizations
- $3,310 per Medicare beneficiary with COPD
- 23.8% 30-day COPD readmission rate

**COPD and Chronic Diseases**

Asthma, cardiovascular disease, depression and diabetes all have high prevalence rates in the COPD population, making earlier diagnosis, education and optimal treatment even more important.

- Asthma: United States 20.5%, Connecticut 20.1%
- Cardiovascular Disease: United States 41.9%, Connecticut 40.9%
- Depression: United States 17.8%, Connecticut 16.3%
- Diabetes: United States 44.0%, Connecticut 43.0%

**Individuals in Connecticut with incomes less than $15,000 are 3.6x more likely to have COPD than those with incomes greater than $50,000**

Change starts with empowering individuals, families and the healthcare community to prevent the disease, diagnose it early and treat it appropriately. Find out more and get involved at [www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org).

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