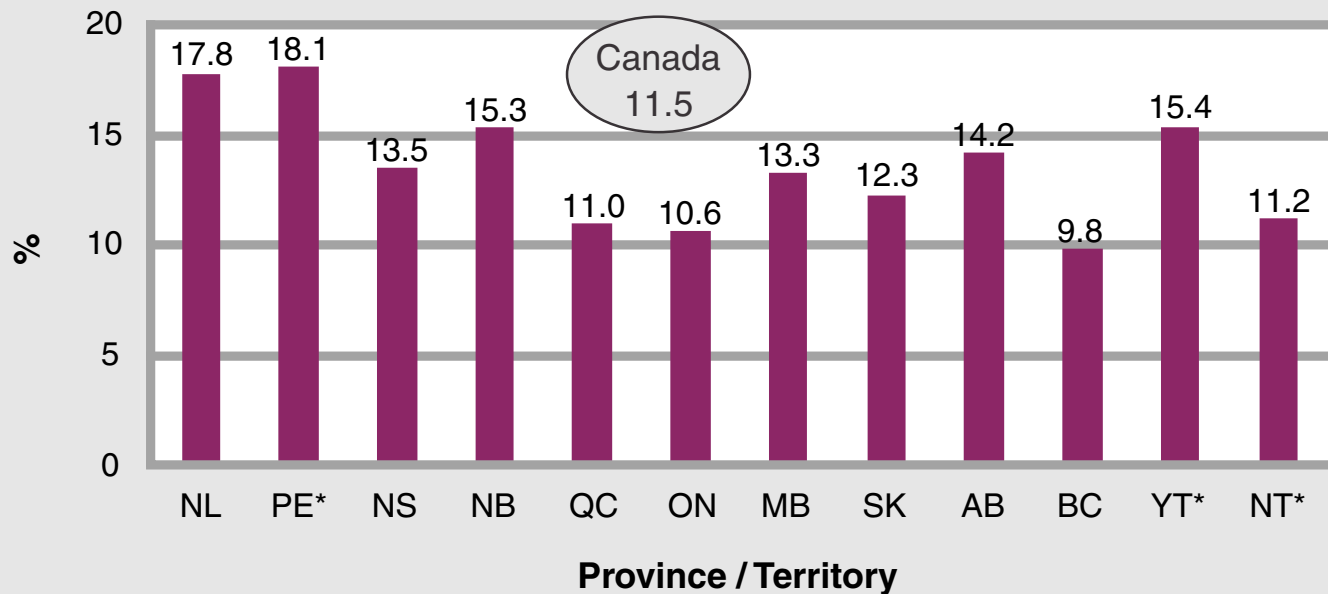




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Fig. 3.7.16 Children 12 to 19 years who have been diagnosed by a health professional as having asthma, for Canada, the provinces and territories, 2009/10



* Use these values with caution.

Adapted from the Statistics Canada CANSIM database, <http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca>, table no. 105-0502. Accessed on July 10, 2012.

Asthma, a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways, is one of the more prevalent chronic conditions in Canada.¹ According to the 2009/10 Canadian Community Health Survey, 11.5% of youth 12 to 19 years of age were diagnosed with asthma by a health professional.

¹ Gershon, A., et al., (2007). ICES Report: The burden of asthma: can it be eased? Accessed on May 28, 2012, at <http://www.longwoods.com/content/18644>.

Implications

After cardiovascular disease (34%) and cancer (29%), chronic respiratory disease is responsible for the greatest proportion of chronic disease deaths in adults (4.3%) in Canada.¹

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