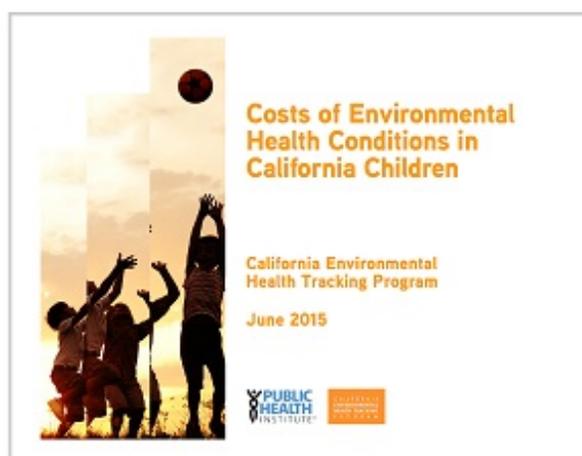


How much do environmental hazards cost California in terms of children's health?

The **California Environmental Health Tracking Program** (CEHTP) announces the release of a **report** entitled *Costs of Environmental Health Conditions in California Children*, which describes the economic costs due to the environment for four childhood health conditions: asthma, childhood cancers, lead exposures, and neurobehavioral disorders.

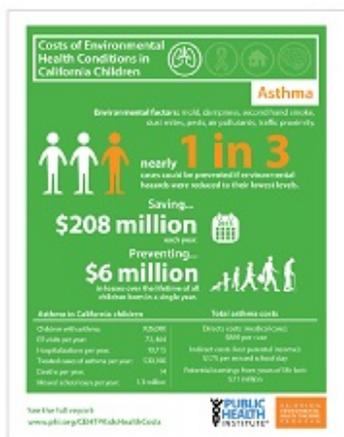


Participating in a multi-state effort coordinated by the **National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program**, we found that preventable environmental hazards are responsible for a significant health and economic burden on children and families in California. In examining the environmentally-related costs of four childhood health conditions, we found that:

- Preventable environmental hazards cost California **\$254 million every year and \$10 -13 billion over the lifetime** of all children born every year
- Lead exposures had the greatest overall financial impact of the four health conditions, resulting in lost earnings of **\$8 -11 billion over the lifetime** of children born each year
- Asthma had the greatest financial impact on an annual basis, costing families and the state over **\$208 million every year**

- For California specifically, the environment contributes to **30%** of the childhood asthma burden and **15%** of the childhood cancer burden

View the full report and other materials at www.phi.org/CEHTPKidsHealthCosts.



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