

Table 1 Prevalence of current (late-onset and persistent), non-current and lifetime ('ever had') physician-diagnosed wheeze with or without asthma in 7 surveys over 40 years in Patras, Greece

	1978	1991	1998	2003	2008	2013	2018
Number Surveyed	3003	2417	3076	2725	2688	2554	2648
Male:Female	0.96:1	0.95:1	0.96:1	0.96:1	0.94:1	0.93:1	0.96:1
Current W/A							
N (%) ^{a,b}	45 (1.5)	112 (4.6)	184 (6.0)	189 (6.9)	185 (6.9)	134 (5.2)	114 (4.3)
Male:Female	1.14:1	1.15:1	1.16:1	1.22:1	1.23:1	1.31:1	1.33:1
Recent-onset W/A							
N (%) ^{a,c}	NA	51 (2.1)	53 (1.7)	30 (1.1)	44 (1.6)	31 (1.2)	43 (1.6)
Male:Female		0.96:1	1.12:1	0.88:1	1.10:1	1.33:1	1.12:1
Persistent W/A							
N (%) ^{a,b}	NA	61 (2.5)	131 (4.3)	159 (5.8)	141 (5.2)	103 (4.0)	71 (2.7)
Male:Female		1.35:1	1.18:1	1.30:1	1.27:1	1.24:1	1.45:1
Non-current W/A							
N (%) ^{a,b}	NA	82 (3.4)	112 (3.6)	149 (5.5)	154 (5.7)	111 (4.4)	60 (2.3)
Male:Female		1.1:1	1.43:1	1.76:1	1.80:1	1.36:1	1.07:1
Lifetime W/A							
N (%) ^{a,b}	NA	194 (8.0)	296 (9.6)	338 (12.4)	339 (12.6)	245 (9.6)	174 (6.6)
Male:Female		1.13:1	1.26:1	1.43:1	1.46:1	1.33:1	1.23:1

NA: not applicable; data on non-current asthma/wheeze were not obtained in the 1978 survey

^a P-for-trend >0.05 between 1991 and 2018; ^b P-for-trend <0.001 between 2008 and 2018; ^c P-for-trend >0.05

between 2008 and 2018

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