**Asthma - Hospitalizations 0-4 years (Three-Year Average)**

Number and rate/10,000 children ages birth-4 years (2012-2014)

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