Asthma is a common public health issue throughout the entire state of Mississippi. The following charts show adult lifetime and current asthma by race in each public health district. Blacks have a higher percent of both lifetime and current asthma than their white counterparts in districts I, II, III, V, and XI. Districts IV, VI, VII, and VIII show differences in terms of race and they are noted below each chart.

**District I, MS, 2016**
- **Race**
  - White: 10.7%
  - Black: 19.1%
- **Total**: 14.1%

**District II, MS, 2016**
- **Race**
  - White: 14.7%
  - Black: 18.7%
- **Total**: 15.4%

**District III, MS, 2016**
- **Race**
  - White: 10.7%
  - Black: 9.1%
- **Total**: 9.5%
*Whites have a higher percent of lifetime and current asthma than their black counterparts.*

*White and blacks are affected with lifetime asthma at approximately the same percent (12%), while whites have a higher percent of current asthma than their black counterparts.*

*Whites have a higher percent of both lifetime and current asthma than their black counterparts.*

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