

Common Health Defects of Students

Do You Know . . . that more than half of the students¹ who were examined had defective vision?

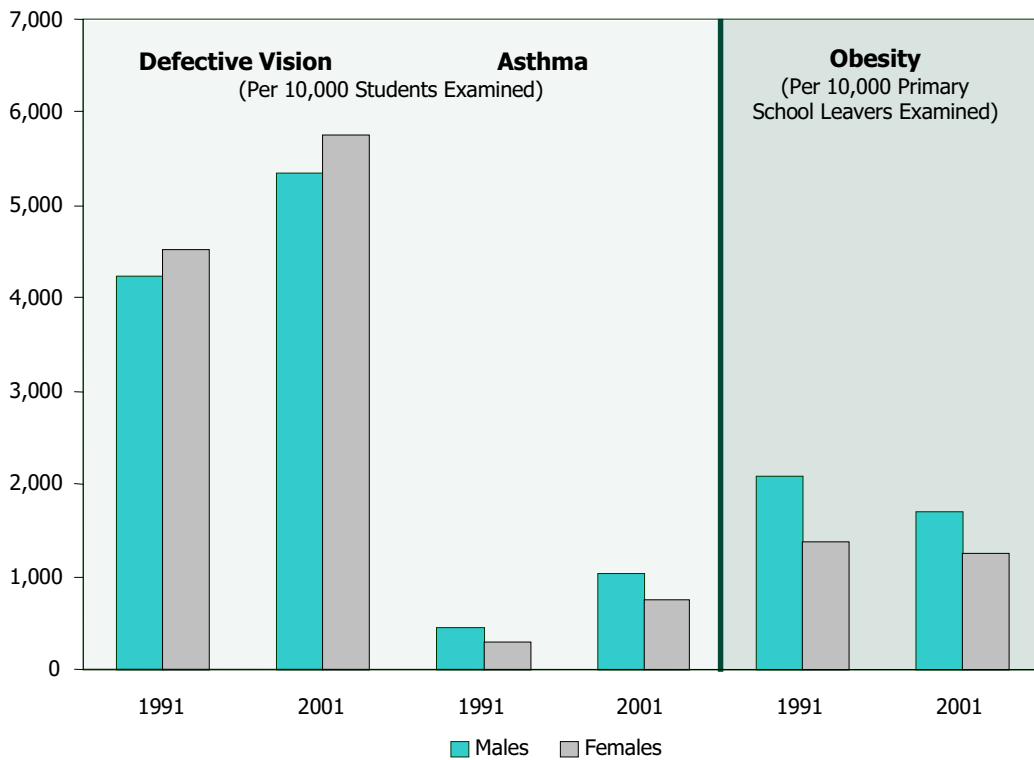
Females experience a higher incidence of defective vision than males. In 2001, 5,744 per 10,000 female students and 5,351 per 10,000 male students had defective vision, based on data from health examination of students.

In comparison, male students are more likely to be asthmatic and obese than female students. For every 10,000 students examined in 2001, 1,026

male students and 757 female students had asthma. Among primary 6 students who were examined, 1,705 per 10,000 male students were obese in 2001 as compared with 1,251 per 10,000 female students.

The incidence of defective vision and asthma increased for both male and female students between 1991 and 2001. However, the incidence of obesity declined in the last ten years.

CHART 1 INCIDENCE OF HEALTH DEFECTS AMONG STUDENTS



1 Primary school entrants, primary school leavers and secondary school leavers.