

### The least advantaged Albertan youth had high rates of hospitalization

- 2,281 least advantaged and 7,517 most advantaged Albertan youth 12 to 17 years old were identified, and compared to 201,840 remaining youth of the same age. Advantage was defined in terms of educational achievement, mental health, and socio-economic status.
- Hospitalizations during 2008/09 were rare among the most advantaged youth (1.0% of youth) and remaining Albertan youth (2.2%).
- However, among the least advantaged youth, 11.4% were hospitalized at least once during the year.
- For more information, see our report *Least and Most Advantaged Albertan Youth*.

