

## **Peanut allergies increase**

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Researchers at Duke University Medical Center found that children born after 2000 had their first negative reaction to peanuts at a median age of 14 months - almost a year younger than the previous median age of 2, the Associated Press reports. This means potentially life-threatening peanut allergies are hitting children at a younger age than a decade ago. The allergy affects 1.8 million people nationwide, and numbers are rising. The number of peanut-allergic children under age five has doubled since 1997. Researchers have yet to figure out why. Many pediatricians recommend keeping peanut products away from kids until they reach age 3.