

Oregon's Vaccination Rates

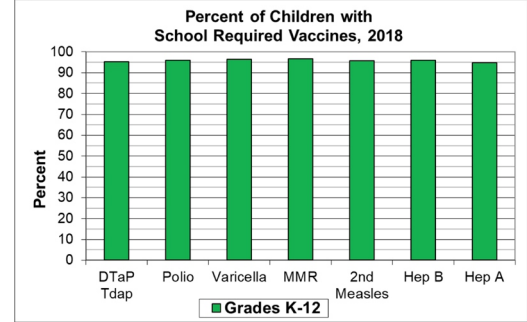
All facts provided by the Oregon Health Authority or the Centers for Disease Control

FACT:

Oregon has high vaccination rates for all school required vaccines

Source: Oregon Health Authority

Figure 1. Percent of children in kindergarten through 12th grade complete for each school-required vaccine in Oregon, March 2018.



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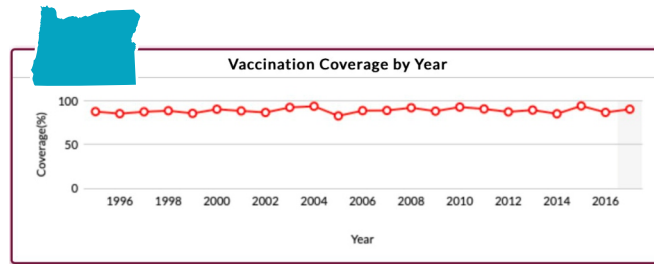
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This chart was provided to governor Kate Brown by The Oregon Health Authority in April 2018, showing high vaccination rates for all school required vaccines.

FACT:

Oregon's vaccination rate for the MMR vaccine has been high and steady since at least 1995

This graph shows MMR vaccination rates in Oregon since 1995 (chart provided by the CDC). There has never been a decline in MMR vaccination rates in Oregon. According to OHA, the measles vaccination rate is currently 95.6% for K-12 students.



Source: Centers for Disease Control, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination coverage among children 19-35 months by state, HHS region, and the United States, National Immunization Survey-Child (NIS-Child), 1995 through 2017.

FACT:

Only 2.6% of Oregon's K-12 students are unvaccinated

This table was provided by The Oregon Health Authority and shows an unvaccinated rate of 2.6% for K-12 students.

	Grade: K	Grade: K	Grade: K-12	Grade: K-12
	% with nonmedical exemption to one or more vaccines	% with nonmedical exemption to all vaccines	% with nonmedical exemption to one or more vaccines	% with nonmedical exemption to all vaccines
2018	7.5%	4.1%	5.2%	2.6%
2017	6.5%	3.6%	4.7%	2.3%
2016	6.2%	3.3%	4.1%	2.0%

Source: Oregon Health Authority Immunization Program

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FACT:

The data counting vaccine exemptions constantly confuses the issue, and OHA knows why exemptions are up since 2000

Nearly 31,500 students claimed non-medical exemptions in Oregon in 2017, or 5.2%. But only 2.6% of children are unvaccinated. How could that be? There are 23 vaccinations required to attend school in Oregon. If your child gets 22 of 23 vaccines, they are counted as "exempt" for the 1 missing vaccine. How can vaccination rates remain high while exemptions rise? The OHA knows the answer, because they explained it in one of their reports:

"When other vaccines have been added as school immunization requirements, non-medical exemption rates have increased for all vaccines."

Since 2000, nine additional vaccines have been added to the schedule by OHA. Exemptions are a product of administrative burden and complexity, and parents "catch-up" with time. This is why you can have a kindergarten exemption rate of 7.5%, but an unvaccinated rate of only 2.6% (see OHA table above).

Source: Oregon Health Authority