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Vaccine abbreviations

13vPCV	13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
DTPa	diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (children aged under 10 years formulation)
dTpa	diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (individuals aged 10 years and over formulation)
23vPPV	23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
Flu	influenza
Hep A	hepatitis A
Hep B	hepatitis B
Hib	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b
HPV	human papillomavirus
MenACWY	meningococcal ACWY
MenC	meningococcal C
MMR	measles-mumps-rubella
MMRV	measles-mumps-rubella-varicella

Abstract

We analysed Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) data as at 3 April 2022 for children, adolescents and adults for the calendar year 2021, with data on trends from previous years also presented.

Children

'Fully vaccinated' coverage in Australian children in 2021 was 0.6–0.8 of a percentage point lower than in 2020 at the 12-month (94.2%) and 60-month (94.0%) age assessment milestones, but stable at the 24-month milestone (92.1%). Because of the lag time involved in assessment at milestone ages, 'fully vaccinated' coverage figures for 2020 and 2021 predominantly reflect vaccinations due in 2019 and 2020, respectively, and hence show a small impact on childhood coverage in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. 'Fully vaccinated' coverage in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (hereafter respectfully referred to as Indigenous) children was 0.7–1.5 percentage points lower in 2021 than 2020 at the 12-month (91.6%), 24-month (90.1%) and 60-month (96.3%) milestones, but 2.3 percentage points higher than in children overall at 60 months. Influenza vaccination coverage in children aged 6 months to <5 years was approximately 20 percentage points lower in 2021 than 2020, for both children overall (26.5%) and Indigenous children (22.5%).

'On time' vaccination (within 30 days of the recommended age) was up to 2 percentage points lower in 2021 than 2020 for vaccines due at 4 and 6 months of age, suggesting possible pandemic impacts, but was similar or higher for vaccines due at 12 months of age. While on-time vaccination in Indigenous children has improved progressively since 2012, it remained 6–13 percentage points lower than in children overall in 2021.

'Fully vaccinated' coverage at the earlier milestones (3 months after due date of last scheduled vaccine) of 9, 15, 21 and 51 months was 1.5–2.8 percentage points lower for children living in the least advantaged residential area quintile than those living in the most advantaged, a similar disparity as in 2020. Coverage at the earlier milestones was 2.3–10.0 percentage points lower for Indigenous children living in remote areas than those living in major cities and regional areas, with disparity at 21 months of age 2.1–2.2 percentage points higher in 2021 than in 2020, and 1.2–2.1 percentage points higher at 51 months.

Adolescents

In 2021, 80.3% of girls and 77.2% of boys (and 73.3% and 66.2% of Indigenous girls and boys) had completed the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination schedule by 15 years of age, 0.2–0.4 of a percentage point lower than in 2020 (1.7–1.8 percentage points for Indigenous), reflecting vaccinations due in school programs before the pandemic with possible pandemic impact on catch-up vaccination. However, the proportion of adolescents completing the two-dose HPV vaccination schedule within a calendar year was 15.3 percentage points lower in 2021 than 2020 and 26.9 lower than in 2019, likely due to pandemic-related disruption to school-based programs. Additionally, 87.3% of adolescents (83.8% for Indigenous) had received the recommended booster dose of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (dTpa) vaccine by 15 years, and 76.1% (66.7% for Indigenous) the recommended meningococcal ACWY vaccine dose by 17 years of age.

Adults

Zoster vaccine coverage in 2021 remained relatively low, at just over 30%, in adults aged 70 years but increased to 47% in those aged 71–79 years, reflecting ongoing catch-up vaccination. Coverage of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (13vPCV) was low in 2021, reaching 17.2% in adults aged 70 years and 20.1% in those aged 71–79 years. Influenza vaccine coverage in adults in 2021 was progressively higher with increasing age, reaching 62.1% in the 65–74 year age group (64.6% in Indigenous) and 68.5% in the ≥75 year age group (67.7% in Indigenous). Influenza vaccine coverage for other NIP-eligible Indigenous adult age groups was only 22.0% for those aged 20–49 years and 43.5% for those aged 50–64 years. By the end of 2021, 91.6% of people in Australia aged ≥16 years had received a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (71.8% for Indigenous), and over 99% of those aged ≥70 years.

Conclusions

Vaccination coverage in children and adolescents remained relatively high in 2021, although with some evidence of COVID-19 pandemic impacts, particularly on receipt of two doses of HPV vaccine within the same calendar year. It will be important to ensure catch-up vaccination in children and adolescents occurs. A strengthened focus on adult vaccination is needed as coverage remained suboptimal in 2021. The impact of mandatory reporting of all NIP vaccinations from mid-2021 on completeness of AIR data has not yet been formally evaluated.

Introduction

This is the 15th annual Australian immunisation coverage report, with reports now covering the years 2007–2021.¹⁻¹⁴ This 2021 report is the second in the series to report ‘whole-of-life’ coverage data, that is, vaccinations for children, adolescents and adults, from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), following AIR’s expansion in 2016. This report complements high-level data on vaccination coverage published by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care¹⁵ by providing a comprehensive analysis of trends and interpretation of their relationship to factors including policy and program changes. The report includes detailed analyses of coverage data for the calendar year 2021, with a particular focus on changes from 2020. It also shows trend data from 2012 onwards. We also aimed to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health response measures (see timeline of ‘lockdowns’ in Australia from March 2020 to November 2021, available elsewhere)¹⁶ on vaccination coverage.

This report uses the longstanding international practice of reporting at key childhood and adolescent milestone ages to measure coverage against national targets and to track trends over time. National vaccination coverage and timeliness for 2021 was measured using AIR data as at 3 April 2022. Childhood cohort vaccination status was assessed for ‘fully vaccinated’ (as defined by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care) and individual vaccines at the standard milestones – 12 months of age (for vaccines due at 6 months), 24 months of age (for vaccines due at 6, 12 and 18 months) and 60 months of age (for vaccines due at 48 months), including by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (hereafter respectfully referred to as Indigenous) status and at small area level (Primary Health Network [PHN] and Australian Bureau of Statistics Statistical Area 3 [SA3]). Coverage for vaccines included in the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for Indigenous children only was also assessed using appropriate milestones/cohorts and for relevant jurisdictions, with meningococcal B vaccine (added to the NIP for Indigenous children in July 2020) included for the first time in this series of reports. Timeliness of childhood vaccination was assessed by calculating ‘on-time’ vaccination (within 30 days of recommended age) for selected vaccine doses, by Indigenous status, and ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage at earlier age milestones of 9, 15, 21 and 51 months by Indigenous status, and socioeconomic status and remoteness of area of residence. Coverage for vaccines included in the NIP for adolescents and adults was also assessed using appropriate milestones and cohorts. We assessed HPV, dTpa and meningococcal ACWY vaccine coverage for adolescents by jurisdiction, Indigenous status, age and gender. We assessed zoster vaccine coverage (including for the new inactivated recombinant vaccine Shingrix, which became available on private prescription in June 2021) for adults by jurisdiction and Indigenous status, with expanded assessment by age group compared to previous reports, and 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (13vPCV) coverage for adults by Indigenous status and age (added to the NIP in July 2020 and included for the first time in this series of reports). Influenza vaccination coverage for 2021 compared to 2020 was assessed across all ages by Indigenous status. A more detailed description of the methods used in this report is provided in the **Appendix**.

The NIP schedule in 2021 is summarised in **Table A1** in the Appendix. Important recent changes to vaccination policy, the incentive payment system and ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage algorithms are shown in **Box 1** in the Appendix.

Results

Children

Coverage at 12, 24 and 60 months of age

‘Fully vaccinated’

‘Fully vaccinated’ coverage for all children (incorporating all vaccines/antigens included in the relevant assessment algorithm – refer to detailed methods section in the Appendix) decreased between 2020 and 2021 at two age milestones: 12 months (from 94.8% to 94.2%) and 60 months (from 94.8% to 94.0%). ‘Fully vaccinated’ coverage at 24 months remained at 92.1% in 2021 ([Table 1](#)). Trends in ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage by quarter from 2012 to 2021 are shown in [Figure A1](#) in the Appendix. ‘Fully vaccinated’ coverage at the three age milestones decreased by 0.5–0.8 of a percentage point between the March 2021 and December 2021 quarterly data points. ‘Fully vaccinated’ coverage for 2021 at the three age milestones is also provided by primary health network (PHN) in [Table A4](#) in the Appendix. For the 12-month age milestone, ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage ranged from a low of 89.2% in the North Coast PHN in New South Wales (NSW) to a high of 96.4% in the Western NSW PHN. For the 24-month age milestone, ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage ranged from a low of 87.4% in the North Coast PHN in NSW to a high of 94.7% in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) PHN. For the 60-month age milestone, ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage ranged from a low of 90.9% in the Gold Coast (Queensland) and North Coast (NSW) PHNs to a high of 96.8% in the Western Victoria PHN. NB: coverage estimates in this report may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere that are calculated using rolling annualised quarterly coverage data.

Results - Children

Table 1. Vaccination coverage (%) in children by age assessment milestone, vaccine/antigen and Indigenous status, Australia, 2020 versus 2021

Vaccine/antigen	Milestone age	Indigenous (%)		All children (%)	
		2020	2021	2020	2021
'Fully vaccinated' ^{*a}	12 months [†]	93.1	91.6	94.8	94.2
	24 months [‡]	91.2	90.1	92.1	92.1
	60 months [§]	97.0	96.3	94.8	94.0
Diphtheria-tetanus- acellular pertussis	12 months [†] (Dose 3)	93.3	91.8	95.3	94.7
	24 months [‡] (Dose 4)	92.5	91.3	93.5	93.2
	60 months [§] (Dose 4 or 5)	98.5	96.5	96.7	94.2
Polio	12 months [†] (Dose 3)	93.3	91.8	95.3	94.7
	24 months [‡] (Dose 3)	97.3	96.9	96.6	96.5
	60 months [§] (Dose 4)	97.0	96.4	94.9	94.3
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	12 months [†] (Dose 3)	93.2	91.8	95.2	94.6
	24 months [‡] (Dose 4)	94.6	93.3	94.3	93.9
	60 months [§] (Dose 4)	98.8	98.6	96.7	96.4
Hepatitis B	12 months [†] (Dose 3)	93.2	91.8	95.1	94.6
	24 months [‡] (Dose 3)	97.3	96.9	96.4	96.3
	60 months [§] (Dose 3)	98.8	98.7	96.6	96.6
Measles-mumps-rubella	12 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	24 months [‡] (Dose 1)	96.9	96.3	95.8	95.5
	24 months [‡] (Dose 2)	93.9	92.4	94.0	93.6
	60 months [§] (Dose 2)	98.8	98.6	96.8	96.6
Varicella	12 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	24 months [‡] (Dose 1)	93.6	92.2	94.0	93.6
	60 months [§] (Dose 1)	98.8	98.6	96.8	96.6
Meningococcal C-containing vaccine	12 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	24 months [‡] (Dose 1)	96.9	96.6	95.7	95.4
	60 months [§] (Dose 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine	12 months [†] (Dose 2 or 3)	96.7	96.1	96.5	95.9
	24 months [‡] (Dose 3)	96.8	96.3	95.6	95.4
	60 months [§] (Dose 3)	97.4	97.8	95.2	95.4
Rotavirus vaccine	12 months [†] (Dose 2)	87.6	86.4	92.5	91.7
	24 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	60 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Refer to Appendix for details of 'fully vaccinated' assessment algorithms. Coverage estimates in this table are calculated using 12-month-wide cohorts and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised cohorts.

† Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 (2020 estimate, i.e. vaccines due from mid-2019 to mid-2020) and 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020 (2021 estimate, i.e. vaccines due from mid-2020 to mid-2021).

‡ Cohort born 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018 (2020 estimate, i.e. vaccines due from mid-2018 [6-month doses] to mid-2020 [18 month doses]) and 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 (2021 estimate, i.e. vaccines due from mid-2019 [6-month doses] to mid-2021 [18 month doses]).

§ Cohort born 1 January 2015 – 31 December 2015 (2020 estimate, i.e. vaccines due in 2019) and 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016 (2021 estimate, i.e. vaccines due in 2020).

N/A Not applicable (vaccine either not given prior to this milestone, or contraindicated after previous milestone)

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 for 2020 coverage and 3 April 2022 for 2021 coverage.

Results - Children

Coverage by individual vaccines/antigens

Coverage for all individual vaccines/antigens at 12 months of age decreased between 2020 and 2021, by 0.5–0.8 of a percentage point (**Table 1**). For vaccines/antigens included in the ‘fully vaccinated’ algorithm, coverage was 94.6%–94.7% in 2021 for the third dose of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTPa), hepatitis B, polio, and Hib antigens (usually given together in a hexavalent combination vaccine at 6 months of age), and 95.9% for 13vPCV. Coverage for the second dose of rotavirus vaccine, which is not included in the ‘fully vaccinated’ algorithm due to upper age limits, decreased by 0.8 of a percentage point, from 92.5% to 91.7%. Trends in individual vaccine/antigen coverage at 12 months of age by quarter from 2012 to 2021 are shown in **Figure A2** in the Appendix. Coverage for individual vaccines/antigens at 12 months of age decreased by 0.9–1.6 percentage points between the March 2020 and December 2021 quarterly data points.

Coverage for almost all individual vaccines/antigens included in the ‘fully vaccinated’ algorithm at 24 months of age decreased between 2020 and 2021: by 0.1 of a percentage point for those due at 6 months of age (third dose of polio and hepatitis B), reaching 96.5 and 96.3%, respectively; 0.0–0.3 percentage points for those due at 12 months (Men C-containing and the first dose of measles-mumps-rubella [MMR]), reaching 95.4% and 95.5%, respectively; and by 0.3–0.4 percentage points for those due at 18 months (fourth dose of DTPa, reaching 93.2%, and the second dose of MMR [MMR2] and varicella, usually given together as measles-mumps-rubella-varicella [MMRV] vaccine, reaching 93.6%), while the third dose of 13vPCV decreased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 95.4% (**Table 1**). Coverage in 2021 at 24 months was 95.0% for meningococcal ACWY vaccine and 90.8% for MMRV vaccine, 0.4 and 2.8 percentage points lower, respectively, than for the relevant vaccines/antigens included in the ‘fully vaccinated’ algorithm (meningococcal C-containing vaccine and MMR2/varicella, data not shown). Trends in individual vaccine/antigen coverage at 24 months of age by quarter from 2012 to 2021 are shown in **Figure A3** in the Appendix. Coverage for all individual vaccines/antigens included in the ‘fully vaccinated’ algorithm at 24 months of age decreased by 0.3–0.6 of a percentage point between the March 2021 and December 2021 quarterly data points.

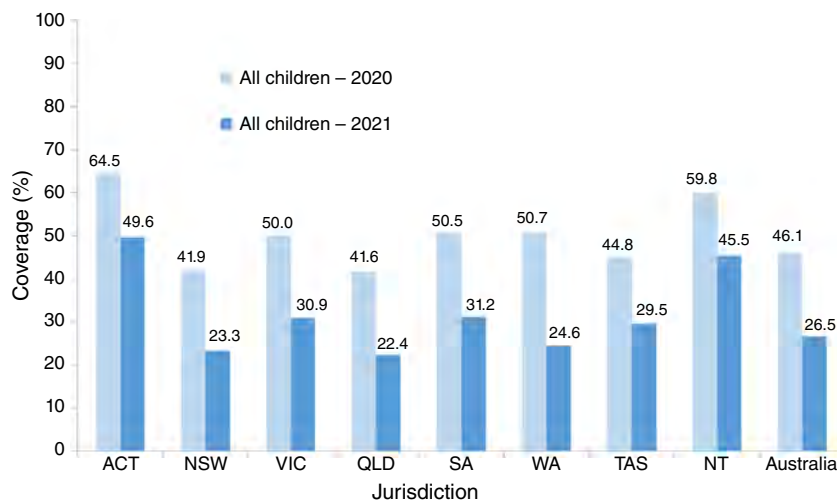
Coverage for antigens included in the ‘fully vaccinated’ algorithm at 60 months of age decreased between 2020 and 2021, from 96.7% to 94.2% for the fourth (or fifth) dose of DTPa and from 94.9% to 94.3% for the fourth dose of polio (**Table 1**). Trends in individual vaccine/antigen coverage at 60 months of age by quarter from 2012 to 2021 are shown in **Figure A4** in the Appendix. Coverage for the individual vaccines/antigens included in the ‘fully vaccinated’ algorithm at 60 months of age decreased by 0.6 of a percentage point between the March 2021 and December 2021 quarterly data points.

Influenza vaccine coverage

Influenza vaccine coverage in children aged 6 months to <5 years decreased from 46.1% in 2020 to 26.5% in 2021 (**Figure 1**), and in children aged 5 to <10 years from 29.9% to 15.6% (**Figure 2**). Coverage for children aged 6 months to <5 years decreased in all jurisdictions, with the largest decrease seen in Western Australia (from 50.7% in 2020 to 24.6% in 2021). There was substantial variation in recorded coverage for children aged 6 months to <5 years by jurisdiction in 2021, ranging from 22.4% in Queensland to 49.6% in the ACT (**Figure 1**).

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Figure 1: Recorded coverage of seasonal influenza vaccine* in children aged 6 months to <5 years, by jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 versus 2021

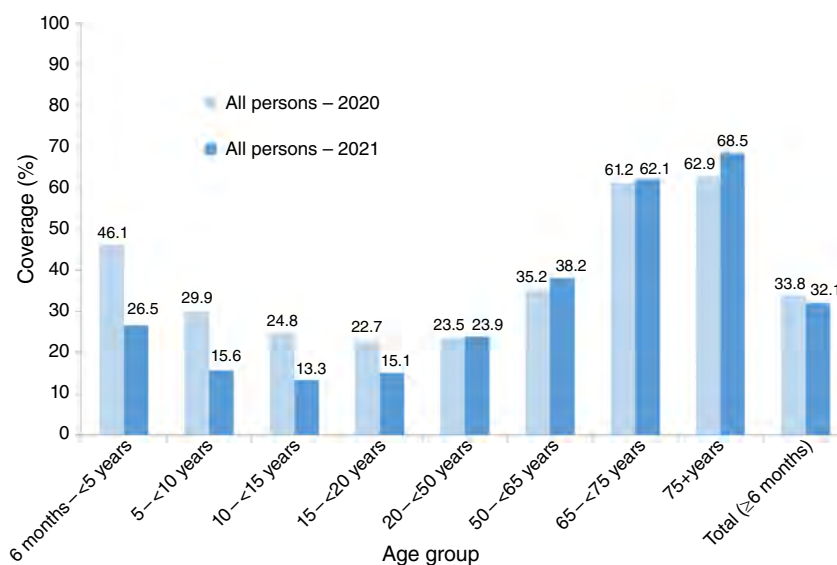


* At least one dose of any influenza vaccine. (Note: 2020 estimates have been revised following a change in methodology and therefore differ to what was presented in the 2020 report – see detailed methods in Appendix for further detail.)

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

Figure 2: Recorded coverage of seasonal influenza vaccine* by age group, Australia, 2020 versus 2021



* At least one dose of any influenza vaccine. (Note: 2020 estimates have been revised following a change in methodology and therefore differ to what was presented in the 2020 report – see detailed methods in Appendix for further detail.)

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

Results - Children

Coverage by Indigenous status

'Fully vaccinated' at 12, 24 and 60 months of age

Between 2020 and 2021, 'fully vaccinated' coverage for Indigenous children decreased at all three age milestones: 12 months (from 93.1% to 91.6%), 24 months (from 91.2% to 90.1%) and 60 months (from 97.0% to 96.3%) (Table 1).

The disparity in 'fully vaccinated' coverage between Indigenous and all children increased at 12 months of age from 1.7 percentage points in 2020 to 2.6 percentage points in 2021, and at 24 months from 0.9 of a percentage point in 2020 to 2.0 percentage points in 2021 (Table 1). However, 'fully vaccinated' coverage at 60 months of age in 2021 remained higher in Indigenous children than in all children, by 2.3 percentage points.

Trends in 'fully vaccinated' coverage by Indigenous status by quarter from 2012 to 2021 are shown in Figure A5, A6 and A7 in the Appendix. These show a generally increasing trend in 'fully vaccinated' coverage over time, but with a decrease of 0.1–1.9 percentage points between the March 2021 and December 2021 quarterly data points.

Coverage by individual vaccines/antigens at 12, 24 and 60 months of age

Coverage at 12 months of age in Indigenous children decreased for all individual vaccines/antigens between 2020 and 2021, by 0.6–1.5 of a percentage point (Table 1).

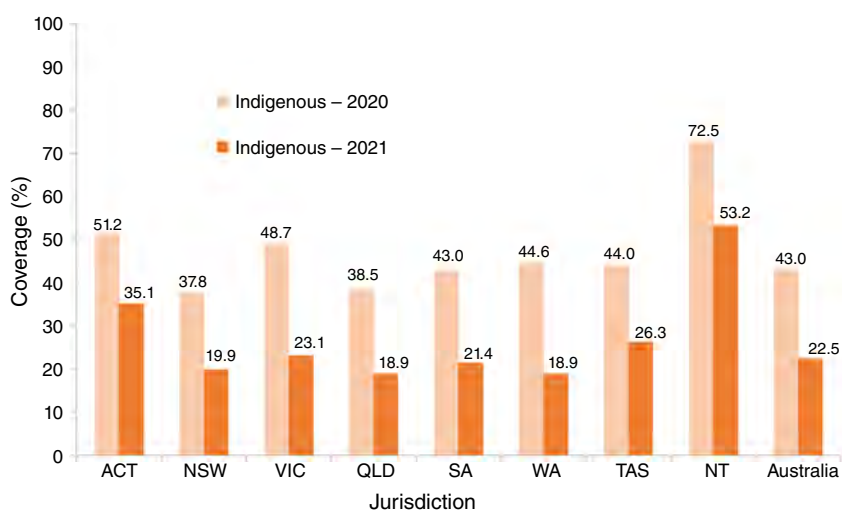
Coverage at 24 months of age in Indigenous children decreased for all individual vaccines/antigens between 2020 and 2021, by 0.3–1.5 percentage points. Coverage in Indigenous children in 2021 was higher than in all children for the third dose of polio and hepatitis B, the first dose of MMR, meningococcal C-containing and the third dose of 13vPCV, but lower for the fourth dose of DTPa and Hib, the second dose of MMR and varicella (Table 1).

Coverage at 60 months of age in Indigenous children in 2021 remained very high (over 96%) for all vaccines/antigens, and higher than in all children (Table 1). However, coverage decreased marginally for individual vaccines/antigens from 2020 to 2021, except for 13vPCV which increased by 0.4 of a percentage point to 97.8%.

Influenza vaccine coverage

Influenza vaccine coverage in Indigenous children decreased from 43.0% in 2020 to 22.5% in 2021 in those aged 6 months to <5 years (Figure 3) and from 33.8% to 15.5% in those aged 5 to <10 years (Figure 4). Coverage in Indigenous children aged 6 months to <5 years decreased in all jurisdictions, with the largest decreases seen in Western Australia (from 44.6% in 2020 to 18.9% in 2021) and in New South Wales (from 37.8% to 19.9%). There was substantial variation in coverage for children aged 6 months to <5 years by jurisdiction in 2021, ranging from 18.9% in Queensland and Western Australia to 53.2% in the Northern Territory (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Coverage of seasonal influenza vaccine* in Indigenous children aged 6 months to <5 years, by jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 versus 2021



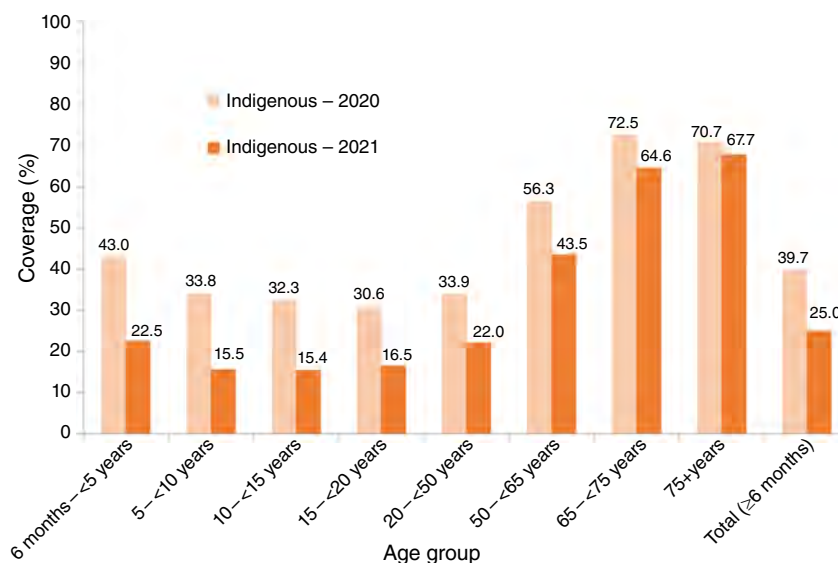
* At least one dose of any influenza vaccine. (Note: 2020 estimates have been revised following a change in methodology and therefore differ to what was presented in the 2020 report – see detailed methods in Appendix for further detail.)

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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Figure 4: Coverage of seasonal influenza vaccine* by age group for Indigenous people, Australia, 2020 versus 2021



* At least one dose of any influenza vaccine. (Note: 2020 estimates have been revised following a change in methodology and therefore differ to what was presented in the 2020 report – see detailed methods in Appendix for further detail.)

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

Hepatitis A vaccine for Indigenous children

In July 2020, the scheduled ages for hepatitis A vaccination for Indigenous children in the four jurisdictions where it is funded under the NIP (the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia) changed from 12 months to 18 months for dose 1 and from 18 months to 4 years for dose 2. Coverage for the first dose of hepatitis A vaccine by 30 months of age, for the four jurisdictions combined, was 82% in 2021, with coverage for the second dose under the new schedule not yet able to be assessed. Longer term trends in hepatitis A vaccine coverage (Figure A8 in the Appendix) show the highest coverage levels are consistently achieved in the Northern Territory (95.0% for dose 1 in the June 2021 quarter).

Pneumococcal vaccine for Indigenous children

Coverage for the additional fourth dose of 13vPCV by 30 months of age, for the combined four jurisdictions where it is funded for Indigenous children (the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia), increased from 73.5% in 2020 to 81.7% in 2021. Longer term trends in 13vPCV fourth dose coverage (Figure A9 in the Appendix) show the highest coverage levels are consistently achieved in the Northern Territory (91.9% in the September 2021 quarter).

Meningococcal B vaccine coverage for Indigenous children

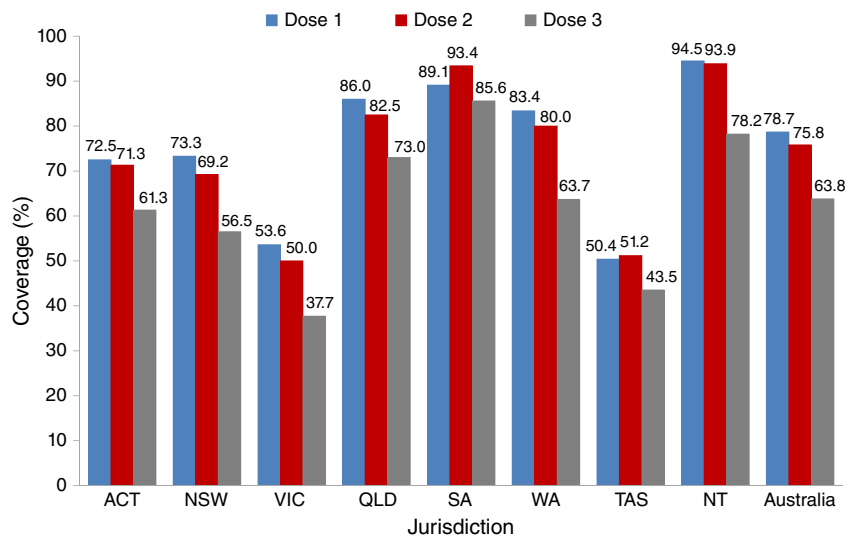
Meningococcal B vaccine coverage for the first cohort of Indigenous children eligible to have received 3 doses of meningococcal B vaccine by 31 December 2021 at the 2, 4 and 12-month schedule points under the NIP implemented from 1 July 2020 are shown in Figure 5. Nationally, 78.7% of Indigenous children had received their first dose of meningococcal B vaccine, 75.8% had received their second dose and 63.8% their third. Coverage varied by jurisdiction, highest in South Australia and the Northern Territory, and lowest in Victoria and Tasmania (Figure 5).

Timeliness of vaccination

The proportion of infants with on-time receipt (within 30 days of the recommended age) of the second dose of DTPa-containing vaccine in 2021 was lower than in 2020 for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, 0.6 and 1.8 percentage points lower, respectively. The proportion of infants with on-time receipt of the second dose of DTPa in 2021 was 11.2 percentage points lower in Indigenous than non-Indigenous infants in 2021 (Figure 6). The differential narrowed with increasing age, reaching 1.4 percentage points at 9 months of age.

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Figure 5: Coverage of meningococcal B vaccine for Indigenous children,* by dose number and jurisdiction, Australia, 2021

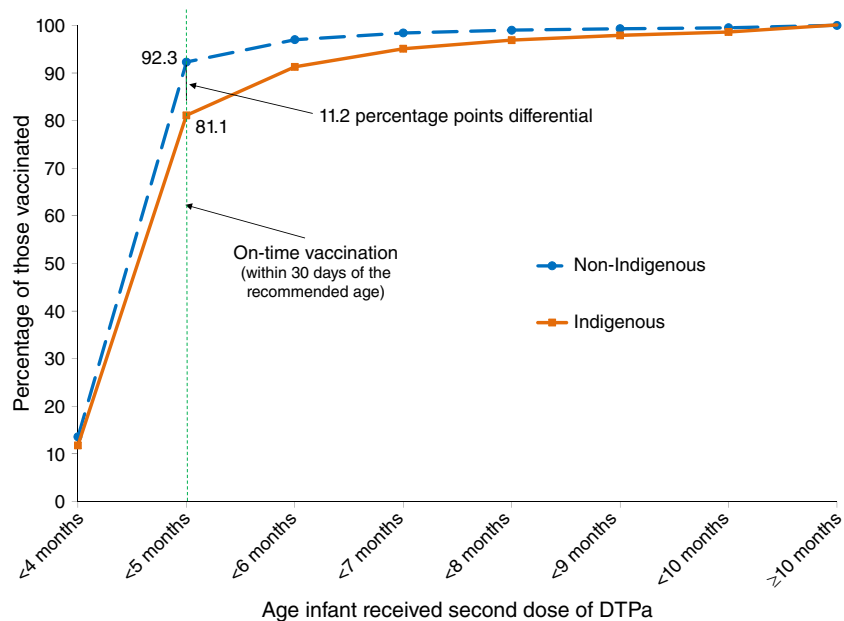


* Coverage assessed for cohort of Indigenous children born 1 May 2020 – 31 October 2020. The first eligible cohort to have received 3 doses of meningococcal B vaccine by 31 December 2021 at the 2, 4 and 12-month schedule points under the NIP implemented from 1 July 2020. Only two doses of meningococcal B vaccine are required if the first dose is administered after 12 months of age.

Note: Coverage may be underestimated, particularly for dose 1, due to under-reporting to the AIR (e.g. of doses given prior to child being registered on Medicare).

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure 6: Cumulative percentage of infants vaccinated with the second dose of DTPa-containing vaccine* by age in months and Indigenous status, Australia, 2021



* Shown as cumulative percentage vaccinated (number of infants who received vaccine dose at particular age / total number of infants who received the vaccine dose, expressed as a percentage).

DTPa = diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (child formulation)

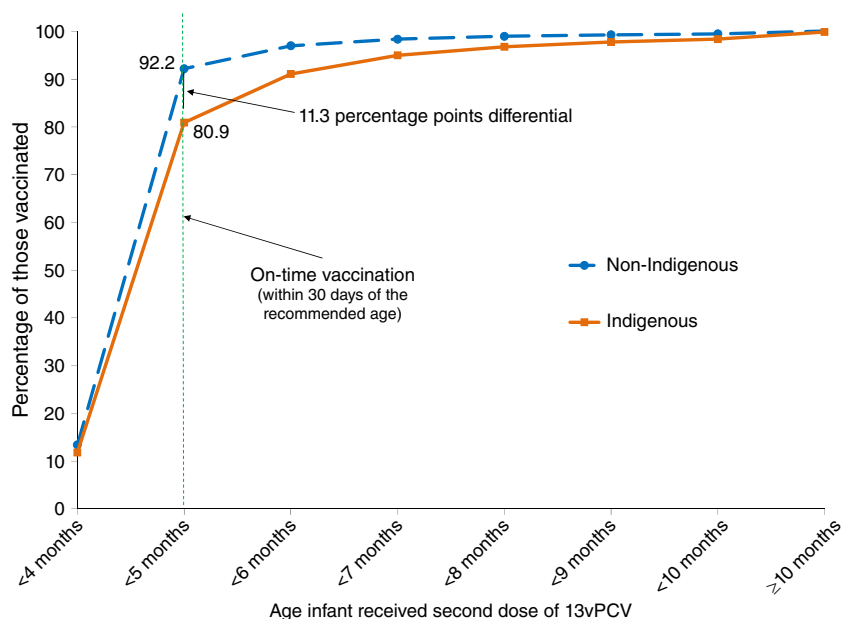
Cohort born 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

The proportion of infants with on-time receipt of the second dose of 13vPCV in 2021 was lower than in 2020 for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, 0.4 and 2.0 percentage points lower, respectively. The on-time vaccination differential for the second dose of 13vPCV between Indigenous and non-Indigenous infants in 2021 was 11.3 percentage points, narrowing to 1.5 percentage points at 9 months of age (Figure 7).

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Figure 7: Cumulative percentage of infants vaccinated with the second dose of 13vPCV* by age in months and Indigenous status, Australia, 2021



*Shown as cumulative percentage vaccinated (number of infants who received vaccine dose at particular age / total number of infants who received the vaccine dose, expressed as a percentage).

13vPCV = 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
Cohort born 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

The proportion of Indigenous infants with on-time receipt of the second dose of rotavirus vaccine in 2021 was 1.3 percentage points lower than in 2020. The on-time vaccination differential for the second dose of rotavirus vaccine between Indigenous and non-Indigenous infants in 2021 was lower than that for DTPa-containing vaccine and 13vPCV at 5.6 percentage points, narrowing with increasing age to 0.2 of a percentage point at 6 months of age (Figure 8).

The proportion of children with on-time receipt of the first dose of MMR vaccine in 2021 was 0.6 of a percentage point lower than in 2020 for Indigenous but 0.6 of a percentage point higher for non-Indigenous children. The on-time vaccination differential for the first dose of MMR vaccine between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children in 2021 was 13.0 percentage points, narrowing to 2.0 percentage points at 17 months of age (Figure 9).

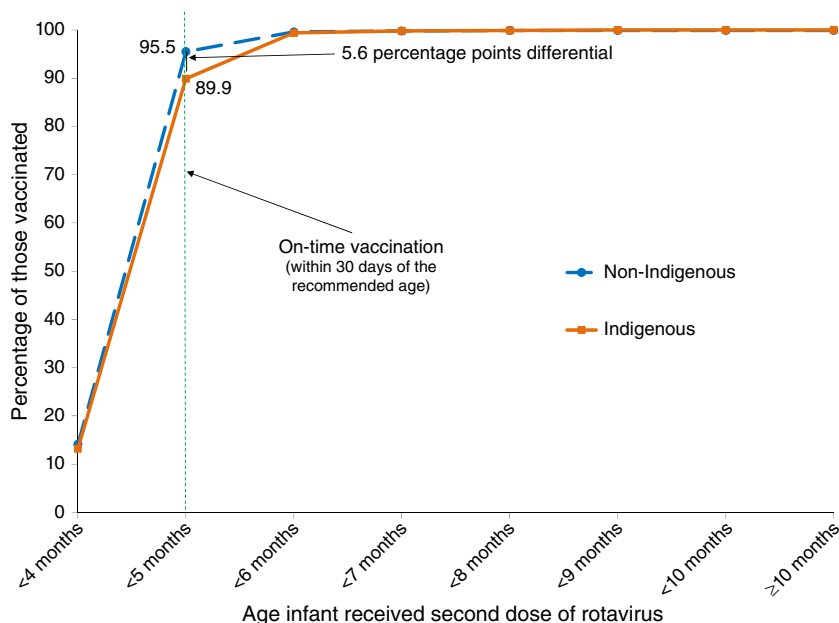
The proportion of children with on-time receipt of the first dose of MenACWY vaccine was higher in 2021 than 2020 for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, 1.0 and 0.5 percentage points higher, respectively. The on-time vaccination differential for the first dose of MenACWY vaccine between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children in 2021 was 7.7 percentage points, narrowing to 0.8 of a percentage point at 17 months of age (Figure 10).

Trends in on-time vaccination for the second dose of DTPa-containing vaccine from 2012 to 2021 by Indigenous status are shown in Figure 11. The proportion of Indigenous infants vaccinated on time increased from 73.4% in 2012 to 82.2% in 2021, with the disparity in on-time vaccination between Indigenous and non-Indigenous infants in Australia decreasing from 16.9 percentage points to 10.3 percentage points over this period.

Trends in on-time vaccination for the first dose of MMR-containing vaccine from 2012 to 2021 by Indigenous status are shown in Figure 12. The proportion of Indigenous children vaccinated on time increased from 60.4% in 2012 to 67% in 2021, with the disparity in on-time vaccination between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children in Australia remaining stable at around 11–13 percentage points over this period.

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Figure 8: Cumulative percentage of infants vaccinated with the second dose of rotavirus vaccine* by age in months and Indigenous status, Australia, 2021

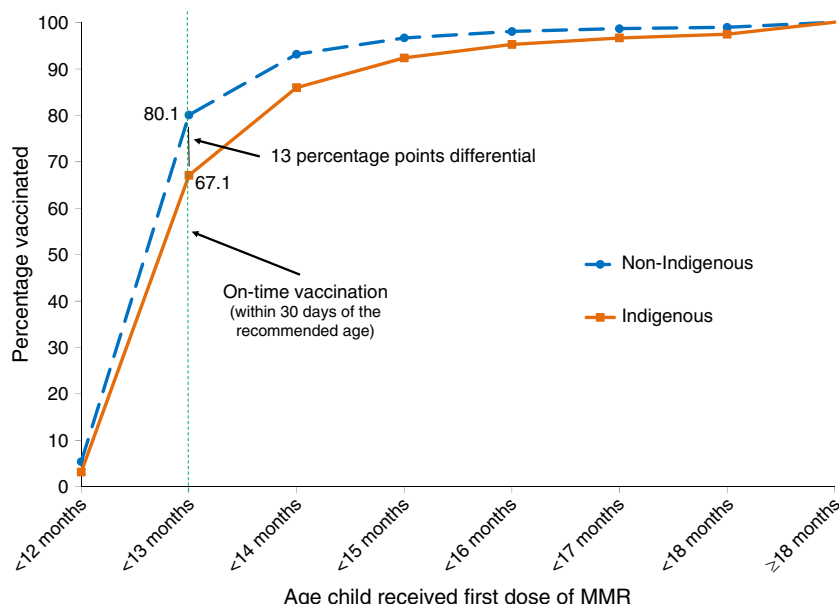


* Shown as cumulative percentage vaccinated (number of children who received vaccine dose at particular age / total number of infants who received the vaccine dose, expressed as a percentage).

Cohort born 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure 9: Cumulative percentage of children vaccinated with the first dose of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine* by age in months and Indigenous status, Australia, 2021



* Shown as cumulative percentage vaccinated (number of infants who received vaccine dose at particular age / total number of children who received the vaccine dose, expressed as a percentage).

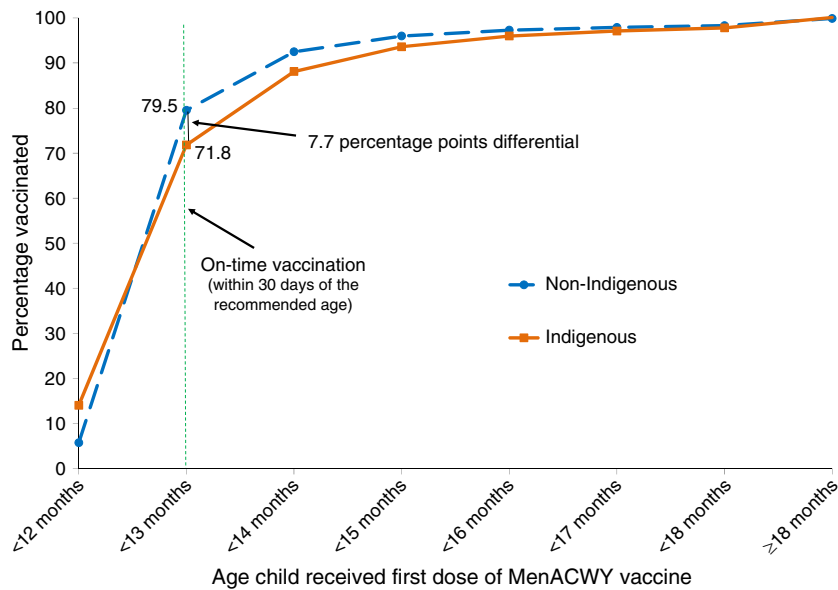
MMR = measles-mumps-rubella vaccine

Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 (i.e. due for their first dose of MMR in 2020).

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Figure 10: Cumulative percentage of children vaccinated with the first dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine* by age in months and Indigenous status, Australia, 2021



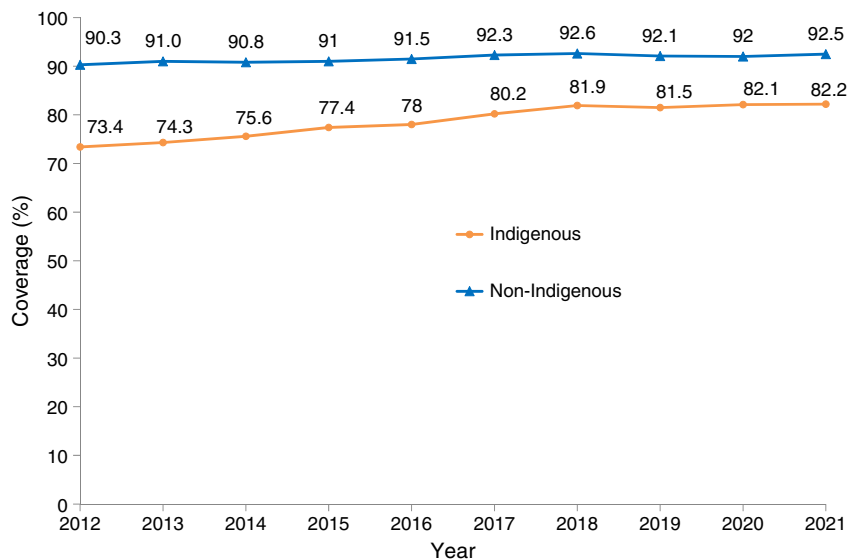
* Shown as cumulative percentage vaccinated (number of infants who received vaccine dose at particular age / total number of children who received the vaccine dose, expressed as a percentage).

MenACWY = meningococcal ACWY vaccine

Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 (i.e. due for meningococcal ACWY vaccine in 2020).

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure 11: Trends in 'on-time'* vaccination for the second dose of DTPa, by Indigenous status, Australia, 2012–2021†

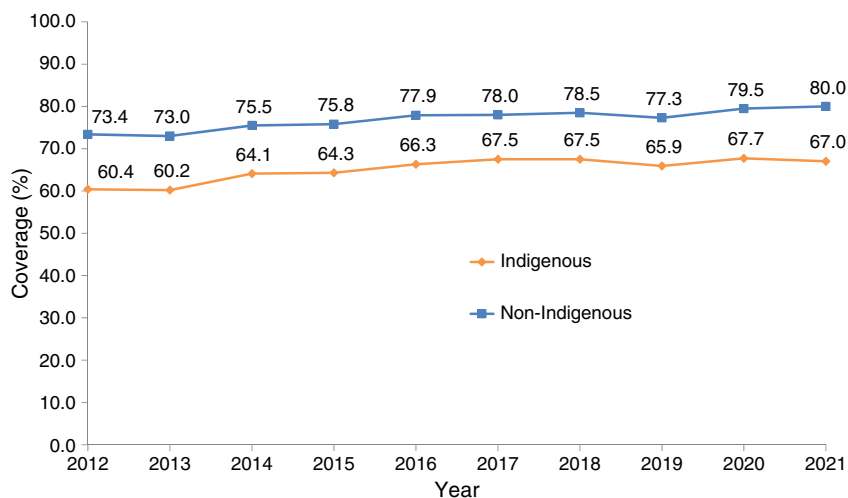


* Within 30 days of the recommended age (i.e. by 5 months of age as second dose of DTPa vaccine due at 4 months of age).

† All data points are calculated for a 12-month-wide birth cohort using AIR data.

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Figure 12: Trends in 'on-time'* vaccination for the first dose of MMR, by Indigenous status, Australia, 2012–2021†



* Within 30 days of the recommended age (i.e. by 13 months of age as first dose of MMR vaccine due at 12 months of age).

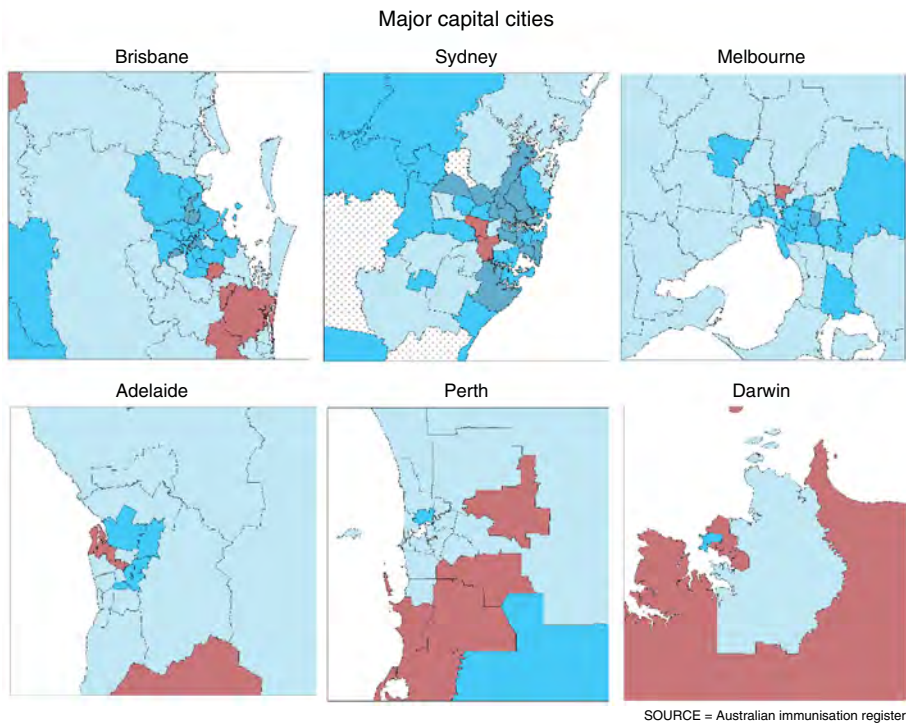
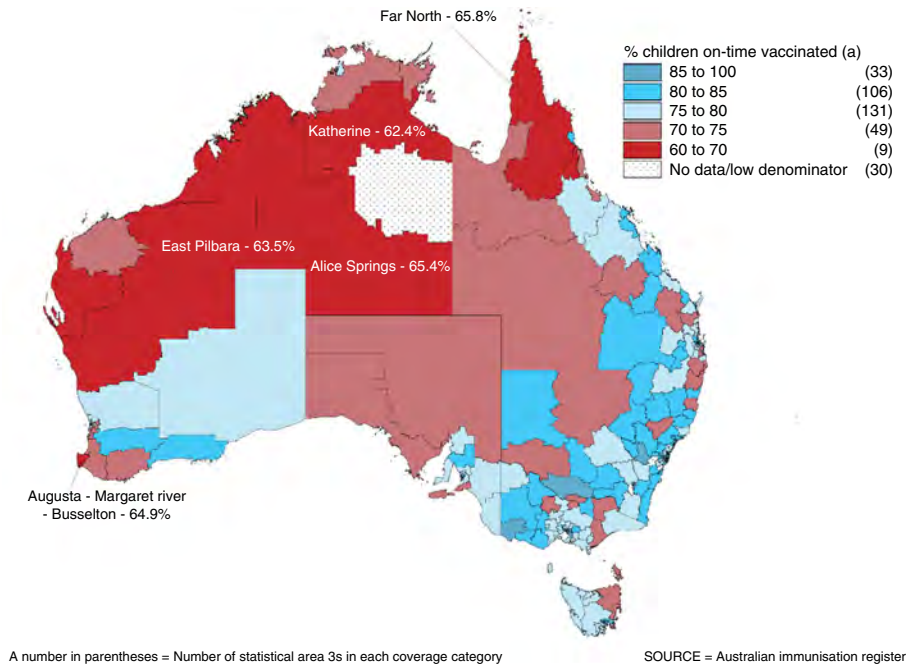
† All data points are calculated for a 12-month-wide birth cohort using AIR data.

On-time vaccination coverage for the first dose of MMR-containing vaccine assessed at 13 months of age by Statistical Area 3 (presented for the first time in this series of reports) is shown in **Figure 13**. On-time MMR vaccination coverage in 2021 varied across Australia, with coverage in many rural and remote areas of Western, Central and Far North Australia substantially below that in Southeast Australia, with 62.4% on-time vaccination in Katherine, 63.5% in East Pilbara and 65.4% in Alice Springs.

Tables 2 and **3** present 'fully vaccinated' coverage assessed 3 months after the last vaccine dose due, that is, earlier than the standard assessment milestones, to capture aspects of timeliness, along with the standard 12-month, 24-month and 60-month age milestones. For all four of the earlier assessment milestones (9-month, 15-month, 21-month and 51-month), 'fully vaccinated' coverage in 2021 was lower in Indigenous children residing in remote areas than in those residing in major cities and regional areas, with the greatest coverage differential at 21 months of age (**Table 2**). In contrast, while 'fully vaccinated' coverage for non-Indigenous children in remote areas was 2.4–2.7 percentage points lower at both 21 and 51 months of age than for children in major cities and regional areas, it was similar at 9 months of age and slightly higher at 12 months of age. 'Fully vaccinated' coverage in 2021 was substantially higher at the standard milestones than the earlier milestones, most marked for vaccines due at 48 months when assessed at 60 months versus 51 months, for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, and across all remoteness categories (**Table 2**).

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Figure 13: On-time* vaccination coverage of 1 dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)-containing vaccine assessed at 13 months of age† by Statistical Area 3, Australia



* Receipt of a scheduled vaccine dose within 30 days of the recommended age (i.e. by 13 months of age as first dose of MMR vaccine due at 12 months of age).
 † Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 i.e. due for first dose of MMR in 2020.

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Table 2: 'Fully vaccinated' coverage assessed at earlier (9, 15, 21, 51) and standard (12, 24, 60 months of age - shaded) milestones*, by Indigenous status and remoteness of area of residence†, Australia, 2021

Indigenous status	Remoteness category†	9 mo (%)‡	12 mo (%)‡	15 mo (%)§	21 mo (%)§	24 mo (%)§	51 mo (%)	60 mo (%)
Indigenous	Major Cities	85.7	92.0	87.9	83.4	90.1	87.0	96.2
	Inner and Outer Regional	84.9	92.2	89.0	83.9	91.3	86.9	96.5
	Remote and Very Remote	75.7	88.7	85.6	74.0	85.7	82.2	96.1
	All	83.9	91.6	88.0	82.3	90.1	86.2	96.4
Non-Indigenous	Major Cities	91.7	94.4	90.9	88.8	92.1	88.6	94.0
	Inner and Outer Regional	91.4	94.1	91.4	89.1	92.7	88.9	94.6
	Remote and Very Remote	91.4	94.5	90.1	86.4	91.3	86.2	92.9
	All	91.6	94.3	90.8	88.8	92.2	88.6	94.1
All children	Major Cities	91.5	94.3	90.8	88.6	92.1	88.5	94.1
	Inner and Outer Regional	90.6	93.9	91.1	88.5	92.5	88.7	94.8
	Remote and Very Remote	84.7	92.0	88.3	81.3	89.0	84.5	94.2
	All	91.1	94.2	90.8	88.4	92.1	87.6	94.3

* Coverage algorithm used for 9/21/51 month milestones same as for 12/24/60, respectively; algorithm used for 15 months same as that for 24 months but excludes doses due at 18 months; for further detail of algorithms, refer to Table A2 in the Appendix.

† Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA++).

‡ Cohort born 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020 (i.e. vaccines due from mid-2020 to mid-2021).

§ Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 (i.e. vaccines due from mid-2019 [6-month doses] to mid-2021 [18 month doses]).

|| Cohort born 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016 (i.e. vaccines due in 2020).

mo = months

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Table 3: 'Fully vaccinated' coverage assessed at earlier (9, 15, 21, 51) and standard (12, 24, 60 months - shaded) age milestones*, by socio-economic status of area of residence†, Australia, 2021

SEIFA† quintile	9 mo (%) [*]	12 mo (%) [*]	15 mo (%) [§]	21 mo (%) [§]	24 mo (%) [§]	51 mo (%)	60 mo (%)
First (least advantaged)	89.5	93.3	89.3	86.5	90.8	87.0	93.7
Second	90.2	93.6	90.5	87.9	91.8	88.2	94.3
Third	91.5	94.4	90.9	88.7	92.2	88.5	94.1
Fourth	92.0	94.8	91.7	89.5	92.8	89.1	94.5
Fifth (most advantaged)	92.3	94.8	91.8	89.6	93.0	89.4	94.8
All	91.1	94.2	90.8	88.4	92.1	88.5	94.3

* Coverage algorithm used for 9/21/51 month milestones same as for 12/24/60, respectively; algorithm used for 15 months same as 24 months but excludes doses due at 18 months

† SEIFA Index of Economic Resources

‡ Cohort born 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020 (i.e. vaccines due from mid-2020 to mid-2021).

§ Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 (i.e. vaccines due from mid-2019 [6-month doses] to mid-2021 [18 month doses]).

|| Cohort born 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016 (i.e. vaccines due in 2020).

mo = months

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

When stratified by socioeconomic status of area of residence, children residing in areas included in the most advantaged (fifth) quintile in 2021 had 2.4–3.1 percentage points higher 'fully vaccinated' coverage than children in the least advantaged (first) quintile at the earlier assessment milestones (9, 15, 21 and 51 months; [Table 3](#)). The disparity between vaccination coverage in the most and least advantaged quintiles at the standard milestones ranged from 1.1 percentage points at 60 months of age to 2.2 percentage points at 24 months of age.

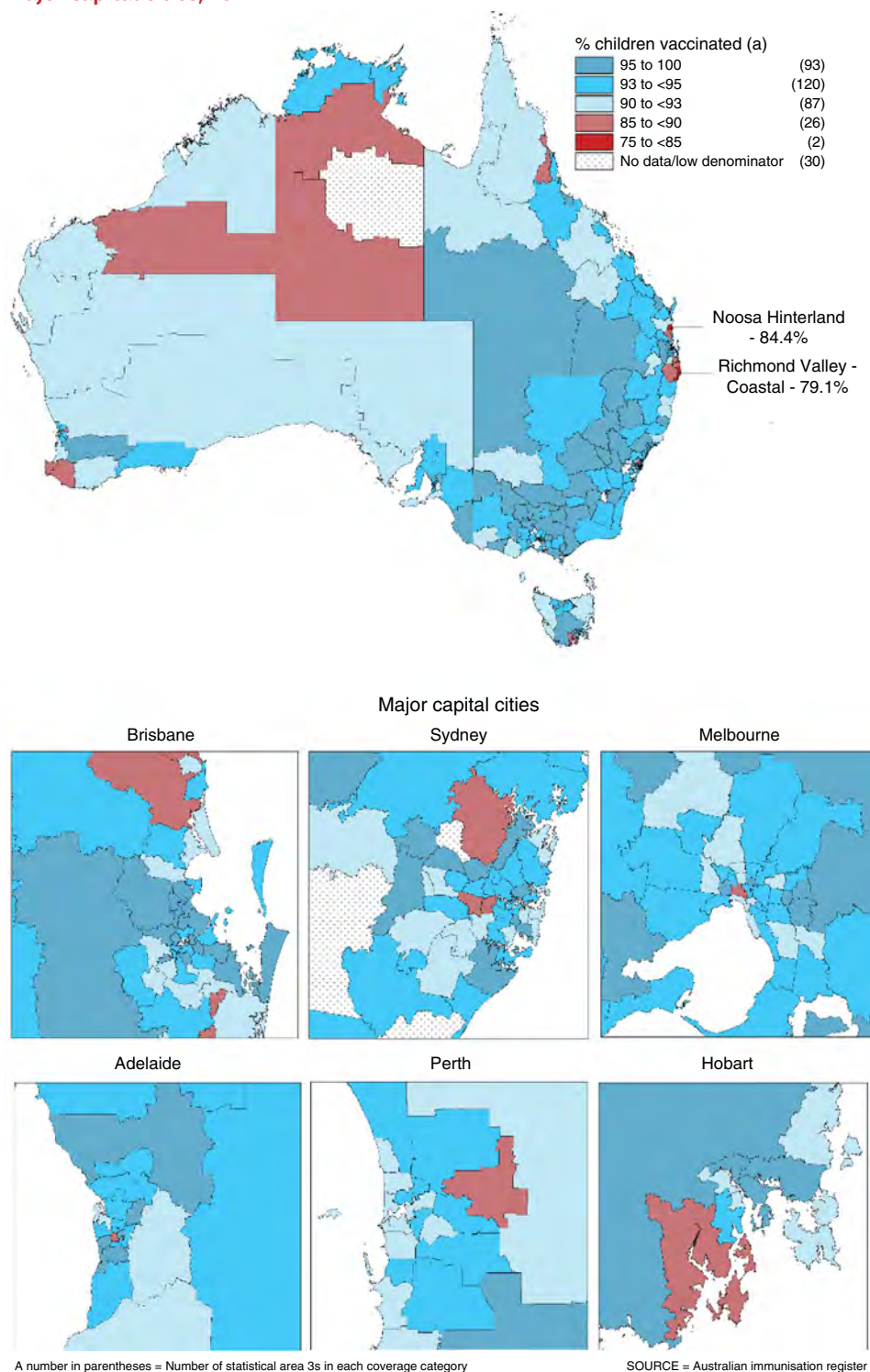
'Fully vaccinated' coverage assessed at the earlier and standard age milestones in 2021, by PHN, are shown in [Table A4](#) in the Appendix.

Small area coverage analysis

Childhood vaccination coverage in Australia in 2021 varied within jurisdictions and major capital cities, with coverage in some areas substantially below the national average, especially the north coast region of New South Wales and the Gold Coast region of Queensland ([Figures 14-16](#)). Coverage of 95% or higher at 24 months of age was achieved for 28.4% of SA3 areas for the second dose of MMR-containing vaccine (93/328) ([Figure 14](#)), 23.8% for the fourth dose of DTPa-containing vaccine (78/328) ([Figure 15](#)) and 66.5% for meningococcal ACWY vaccine (218/328) ([Figure 16](#)).

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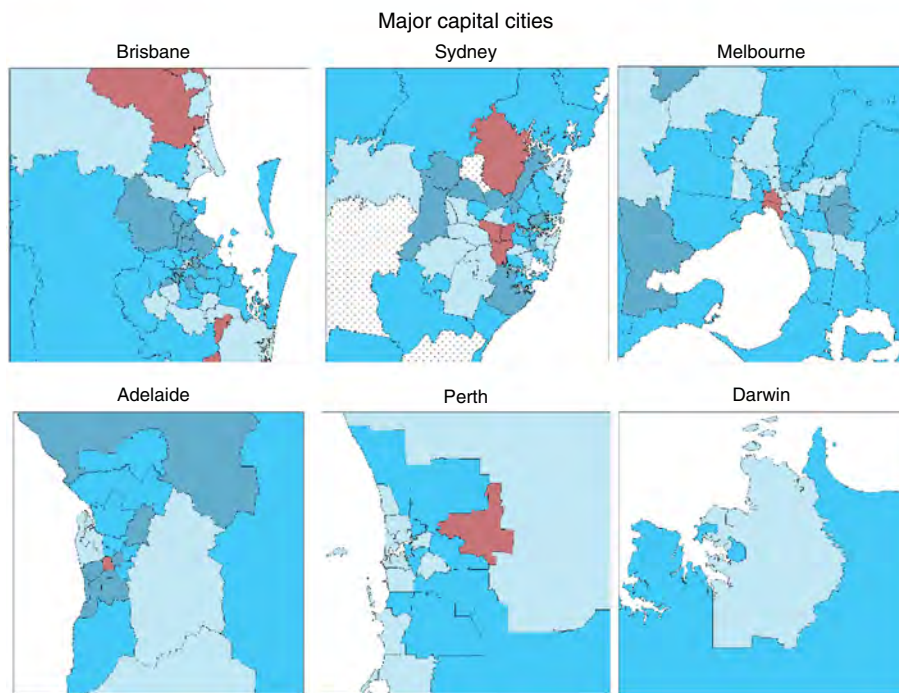
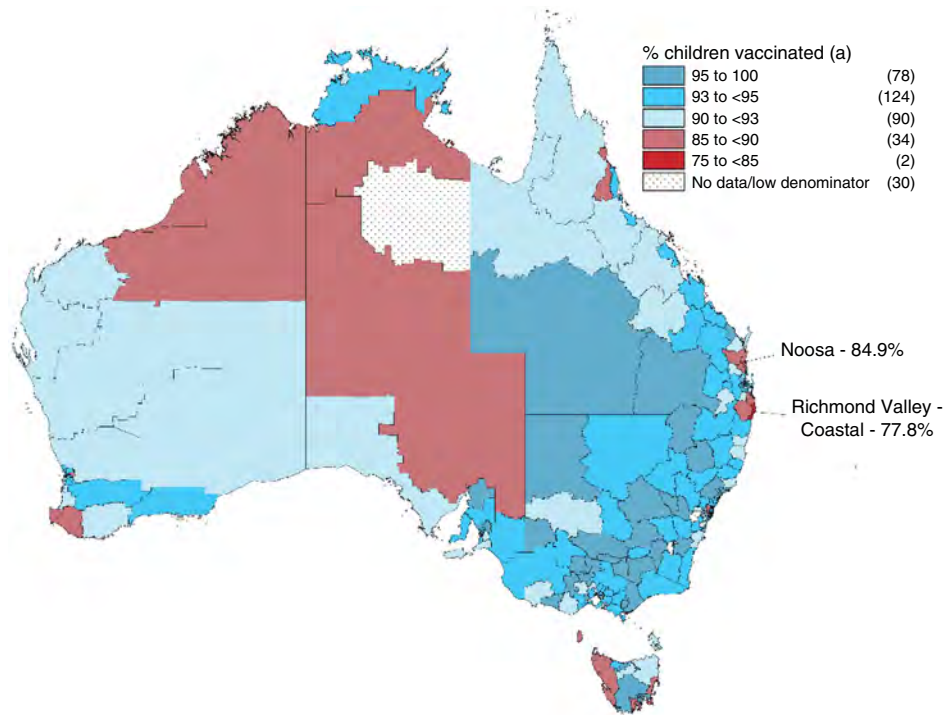
Figure 14: Coverage of the second dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)-containing vaccine at 24 months of age* by Statistical Area 3, Australia and major capital cities, 2021



* Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 i.e. due for their second dose of MMR from mid-2020 to mid-2021.

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Figure 15: Coverage of the fourth dose of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTPa)-containing vaccine at 24 months of age* by Statistical Area 3, Australia and major capital cities, 2021



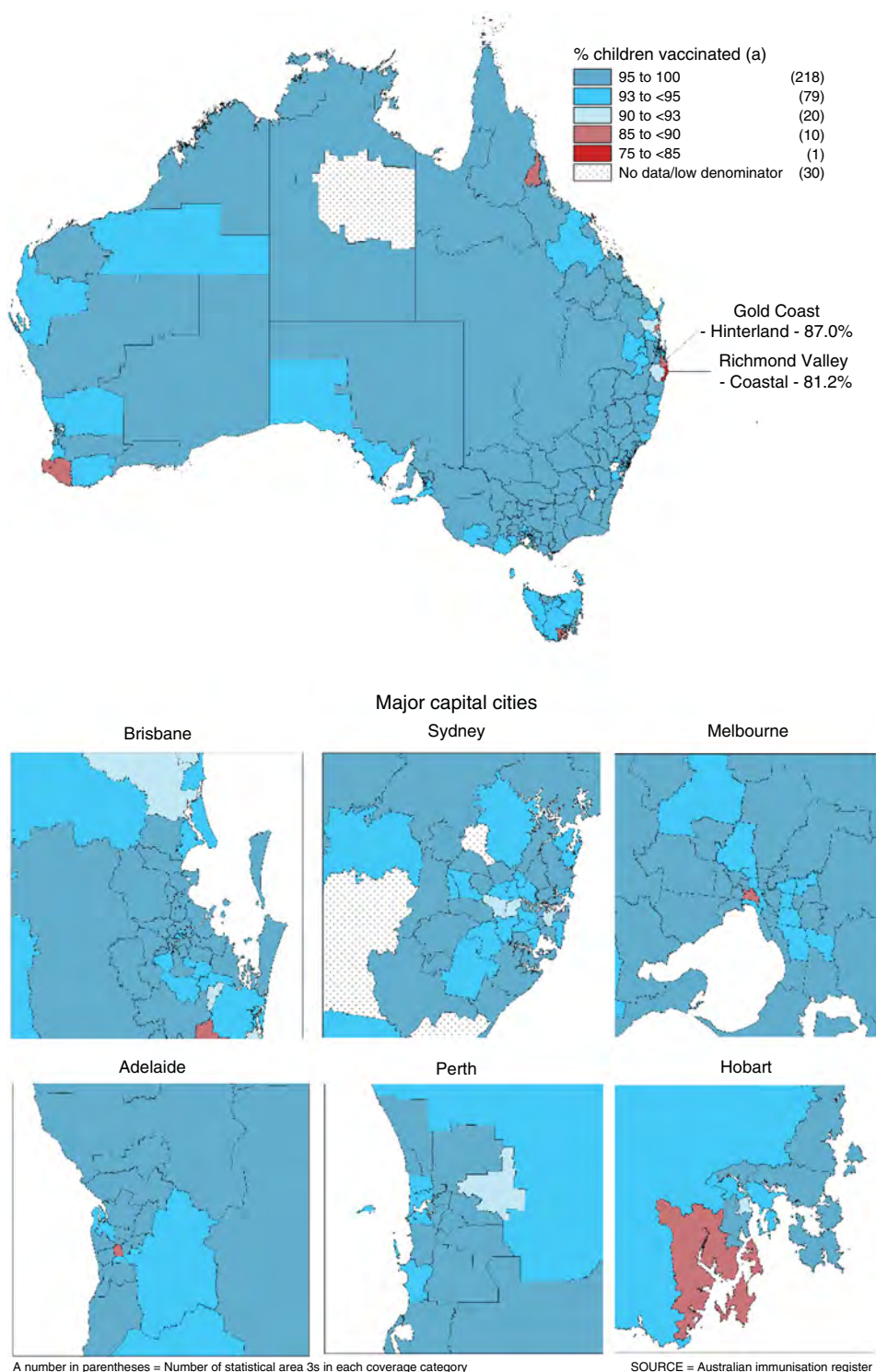
A number in parentheses = Number of statistical area 3s in each coverage category

SOURCE = Australian immunisation register

* Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 i.e. due for their fourth dose of DTPa from mid-2020 to mid-2021.

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Figure 16: Coverage of one dose of meningococcal C-containing vaccine at 24 months of age* by Statistical Area 3, Australia and major capital cities, 2021



* Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 i.e. due for their meningococcal C-containing vaccine in 2020.

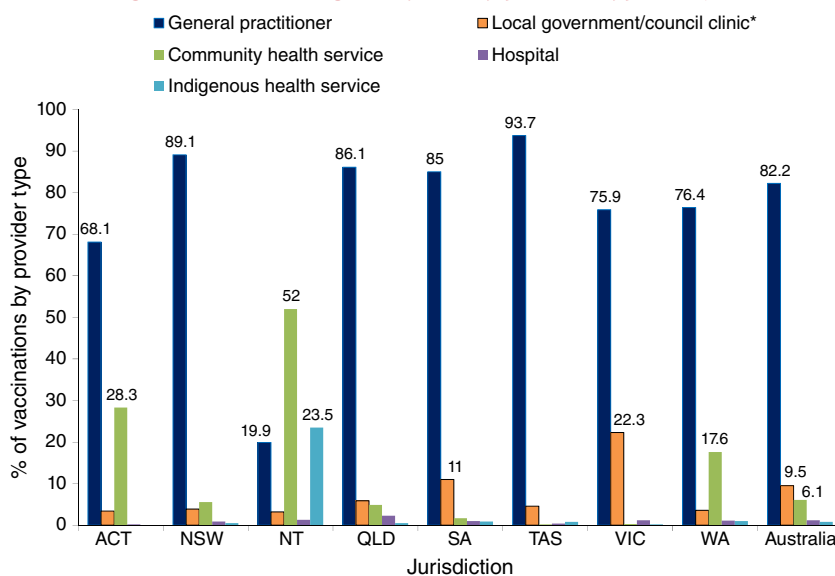
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Provider type and reporting to the AIR

In 2021, the large majority (82.2%) of vaccinations given to children aged <7 years in Australia were administered in general practice settings, with the Northern Territory the only jurisdiction with a minority of vaccinations (19.9%) in young children given in general practice (Figure 17). Overall, 9.5% of vaccinations were delivered in local council clinic settings (with the proportion highest in Victoria at 22.3%), 6.1% in community health services (highest in the Northern Territory [52.0%], Australian Capital Territory [28.3%] and Western Australia [17.6%]) and 0.8% in Indigenous health services (highest in the Northern Territory at 23.5%) and 1.2% in hospitals. A greater proportion of children aged <7 years were vaccinated in general practice compared to people of all ages (Figure A10 in the Appendix), and a lesser proportion in local council settings, with children in this age group not eligible for pharmacist vaccination, but distribution was more similar for non-COVID-19 vaccinations (Figure A11 in the Appendix), noting children aged <7 years were not eligible for COVID-19 vaccination in 2021.

In 2021, 86.2% of vaccinations given to children aged <7 years were reported to AIR using practice management software (jurisdictional range 29.7%–92.2%; Figure 18), 10.7 percentage points higher than in 2017. Less common methods of reporting included the AIR website (10.6%; jurisdictional range 1.6–31.7%) and internet data interchange (IDI) upload, where immunisation providers/organisations send vaccination encounter details in bulk to the AIR (3.0%, jurisdictional range 0.1%–68.7%). The proportion of vaccinations in children aged <7 years reported to the AIR using practice management software was higher in 2021 than in people of all ages (77.5%, jurisdictional range 56.0%–89.7%, data not shown).

Figure 17: Proportion of vaccinations given to children aged <7 years by provider type and jurisdiction, Australia, 2021



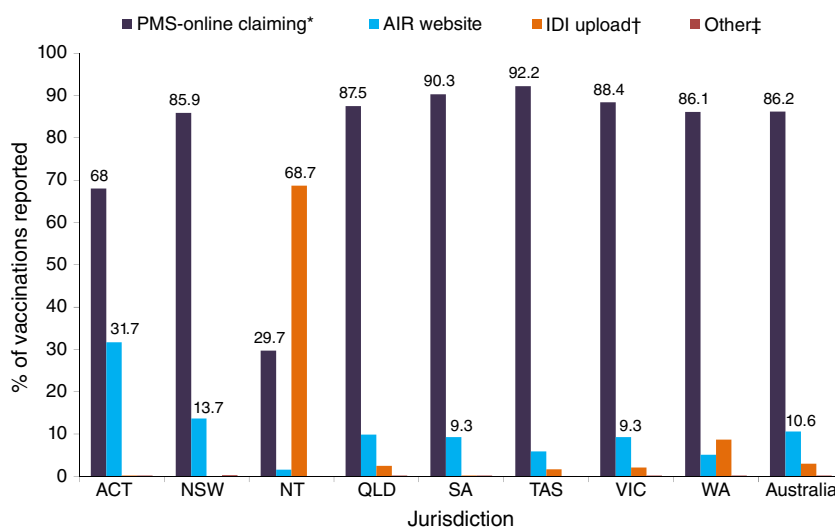
* includes Public Health Units and State Health

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Figure 18: Proportion of vaccinations given to children aged <7 years by type of reporting mechanism and jurisdiction, Australia, 2021



* Practice management software

† IDI = internet data interchange (approved immunisation providers/organisations can send vaccination encounter details in bulk to the AIR using the IDI upload facility).

‡ Manual and history forms

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Human papillomavirus vaccine coverage

HPV vaccination coverage in girls, for receipt of first dose and course completion by 15 years of age, is shown in [Table 4](#), by Indigenous status and jurisdiction, for 2020 and 2021. In 2021, 80.3% of Australian girls had completed a full course of HPV vaccine by 15 years of age, down from 80.5% in 2020. Course completion in 2021 varied from 76.4% in Queensland to 84.9% in the Australian Capital Territory ([Table 4](#)).

HPV vaccine course completion in Indigenous girls was 73.3% in 2021, lower than in 2020 (75.0%) and 10 percentage points lower than in all girls. Course completion in Indigenous girls in 2021 ranged from 49.6% in South Australia to 81.0% in New South Wales ([Table 4](#)).

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Table 4: HPV vaccination (dose 1 and course completion*) coverage (%) for girls by 15 years of age†, by Indigenous status and jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 and 2021

	All girls		Indigenous girls	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
ACT				
Dose 1	89.8	90.3	86.4	89.7
Course completion	83.6	84.9	75.8	72.1
NSW				
Dose 1	87.7	87.7	92.1	90.8
Course completion	83.4	83.5	83.5	81.0
VIC				
Dose 1	88.2	87.5	88.2	87.1
Course completion	82.0	81.2	77.0	75.2
QLD				
Dose 1	83.6	83.0	85.6	83.7
Course completion	76.7	76.4	71.5	69.9
SA				
Dose 1	86.8	86.1	82.2	74.7
Course completion	78.2	76.7	58.8	49.6
WA				
Dose 1	84.9	84.2	82.4	81.0
Course completion	78.7	79.1	65.4	67.8
TAS				
Dose 1	88.3	88.0	91.5	88.8
Course completion	78.3	78.4	80.3	76.8
NT				
Dose 1	87.7	86.4	89.1	87.2
Course completion	76.9	75.5	76.2	72.9
AUS				
Dose 1	86.6	86.2	87.8	86.1
Course completion	80.5	80.3	75.0	73.3

* Course completion defined as receipt of 2 doses if dose 2 given ≥ 5 months after dose 1 or receipt of 3 doses if dose 2 given < 5 months after dose 1.

† HPV vaccinations received after 11th birthday and before 15th birthday in cohort born 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2005 for 2020 coverage estimates (i.e. vaccines due from early 2017 to late 2018) and cohort born 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2006 for 2021 coverage estimates (i.e. vaccines due from early 2018 to late 2019).

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia.

HPV = human papillomavirus

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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In 2021, 77.2% of Australian boys had completed a full course of HPV vaccine by 15 years of age, down from 77.6% in 2020. Course completion varied from 65.7% in the Northern Territory to 81.2% in the Australian Capital Territory (Table 5).

HPV vaccine course completion in Indigenous boys was 66.2% in 2021, lower than in 2020 (68.0%) and 11 percentage points lower than in all boys nationally (77.2%). Course completion in Indigenous boys ranged from 50.3% in South Australia to 75.0% in New South Wales (Table 5).

Table 5: HPV vaccination (dose 1 and course completion*) coverage (%) for boys by 15 years of age†, by Indigenous status and jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 and 2021

	All boys		Indigenous boys	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
ACT				
Dose 1	87.6	89.3	79.6	82.7
Course completion	80.4	81.2	55.6	62.2
NSW				
Dose 1	85.8	85.3	88.1	86.6
Course completion	80.6	80.1	77.3	75.0
VIC				
Dose 1	86.2	85.9	85.6	79.6
Course completion	78.4	78.4	73.1	63.3
QLD				
Dose 1	82.0	81.5	80.9	76.8
Course completion	73.8	73.3	64.8	63.9
SA				
Dose 1	85.5	84.3	69.3	72.0
Course completion	75.3	72.7	47.5	50.3
WA				
Dose 1	84.3	84.1	78.7	77.6
Course completion	77.6	78.4	60.4	62.7
TAS				
Dose 1	85.6	83.5	86.4	82.1
Course completion	73.3	72.1	69.1	68.1
NT				
Dose 1	83.9	80.8	82.5	79.5
Course completion	70.0	65.7	63.7	57.1
AUS				
Dose 1	84.9	84.4	83.0	80.6
Course completion	77.6	77.2	68.0	66.2

* Course completion defined as receipt of 2 doses if dose 2 given ≥5 months after dose 1 or receipt of 3 doses if dose 2 given <5 months after dose 1.

† HPV vaccinations received after 11th birthday and before 15th birthday in cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2005 for 2020 coverage estimates and cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2006 for 2021 coverage estimates

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria;

WA = Western Australia

HPV = human papillomavirus

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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HPV vaccination coverage of first dose and course completion by 15 years of age are shown in **Table 6** by gender, Indigenous status and socioeconomic status of area of residence in 2020 and 2021. Girls residing in areas in the most advantaged (fifth) quintile in 2021 had 5.1 percentage points higher course completion rate overall than girls residing in the least advantaged (first) quintile (82.3% versus 77.2%), and 8.0 percentage points higher for Indigenous girls (77.3% versus 69.3%) (**Table 6**). Boys residing in areas in the most advantaged quintile in 2021 had 8.3 percentage points higher course completion rate overall than boys residing in the least advantaged quintile (80.4% versus 72.1%) and 13.2 percentage points higher for Indigenous boys (74.1% versus 60.9%) (**Table 6**). The disparity between course completion rate in the most and least advantaged quintiles was greater in 2021 than 2020 across all categories, by 0.9–2.9 percentage points (**Table 6**).

Table 6: HPV vaccination (dose 1 and course completion*) coverage (%) for adolescents by 15 years of age,[†] by gender, Indigenous status and socioeconomic status,[‡] Australia, 2020 and 2021

SEIFA [‡] quintile	All girls		Indigenous girls	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
First (least advantaged)				
Dose 1	86.1	84.8	86.9	83.8
Course completion	78.2	77.2	72.1	69.3
Second				
Dose 1	86.7	86.3	89.8	88.4
Course completion	80.1	80.0	77.7	76.8
Third				
Dose 1	86.2	86.0	86.9	87.5
Course completion	80.3	80.2	74.5	74.7
Fourth				
Dose 1	86.7	86.4	88.3	87.5
Course completion	81.1	80.7	77.9	75.4
Fifth (most advantaged)				
Dose 1	87.3	87.1	89.8	86.3
Course completion	82.4	82.3	78.9	77.3
	All boys		Indigenous boys	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
First (least advantaged)				
Dose 1	83.1	81.8	80.1	78.1
Course completion	73.7	72.1	64.3	60.9
Second				
Dose 1	84.6	83.8	84.3	80.2
Course completion	77.0	76.2	70.7	67.1
Third				
Dose 1	84.8	84.3	83.6	81.4
Course completion	77.8	77.4	68.0	67.9
Fourth				
Dose 1	85.4	85.1	85.3	83.4
Course completion	78.7	78.5	70.5	72.4
Fifth (most advantaged)				
Dose 1	86.0	86.1	86.5	85.5
Course completion	80.2	80.4	74.6	74.1

* Course completion defined as receipt of 2 doses if dose 2 given ≥5 months after dose 1 or receipt of 3 doses if dose 2 given <5 months after dose 1.

† HPV vaccinations received after 11th birthday and before 15th birthday in cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2005 for 2020 coverage estimates and cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2006 for 2021 coverage estimates

‡ SEIFA Index of Economic Resources

HPV = human papillomavirus

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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HPV vaccination coverage of first dose and course completion by 15 years of age are shown in [Table 7](#) by gender, Indigenous status and remoteness category of area of residence in 2020 and 2021. In 2021 HPV course completion was lowest in adolescents residing in remote areas, with the disparity compared to those residing in major cities greater in boys than in girls (8.5 and 10.9 percentage points lower for all boys and Indigenous boys, respectively, compared to 4.8 and 4.7 percentage points lower for all girls and Indigenous girls, respectively) ([Table 7](#)). The disparity between course completion in remote areas and major cities was lower in 2021 than 2020 for girls, by 1.0–2.0 percentage points, but higher in boys, by 0.8–1.6 percentage points.

Table 7: HPV vaccination (dose 1 and course completion*) coverage (%) for adolescents by 15 years of age,[†] by gender, Indigenous status, and remoteness[‡] of area of residence, Australia, 2020 and 2021

Remoteness [‡] category	All girls		Indigenous girls	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Major Cities				
Dose 1	86.3	85.9	88.3	86.9
Course completion	80.7	80.4	76.2	74.6
Inner & Outer Regional				
Dose 1	87.5	87.0	88.1	86.4
Course completion	80.8	80.3	76.2	73.9
Remote & Very Remote				
Dose 1	86.1	85.4	86.0	84.4
Course completion	74.9	75.6	69.5	69.9
Remoteness [‡] category	All boys		Indigenous boys	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Major Cities				
Dose 1	84.7	84.3	84.2	82.4
Course completion	77.9	77.7	70.6	69.7
Inner & Outer Regional				
Dose 1	85.6	84.9	83.1	79.9
Course completion	77.6	76.7	68.4	66.1
Remote & Very Remote				
Dose 1	82.9	82.2	80.0	78.2
Course completion	70.2	69.2	61.3	58.8

* Course completion defined as receipt of 2 doses if dose 2 given ≥5 months after dose 1 or receipt of 3 doses if dose 2 given <5 months after dose 1.

[†] HPV vaccinations received after 11th birthday and before 15th birthday in cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2005 for 2020 coverage estimates and cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2006 for 2021 coverage estimates.

[‡] Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA++)

HPV = human papillomavirus

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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Table 8 shows the number of girls aged 11–<15 years who received a first dose of HPV vaccine in 2020 or 2021 and the proportion who went on to receive a second dose in the same calendar year, by jurisdiction and Indigenous status. This proportion was 15.5 percentage points lower in 2021 than in 2020 (59.2% versus 74.7%), ranging from 82.7 percentage points lower in the Australian Capital Territory to 4.2 percentage points higher in Victoria. For Indigenous girls the proportion was 14.0 percentage points lower in 2021 than in 2020 (47.3% versus 61.3%), and ranged from 60.9 percentage points lower in the Australian Capital Territory to 0.5 of a percentage point higher in Queensland (**Table 8**).

Table 8: Number of girls aged 11–<15 years who received a first dose of HPV vaccine, proportion of those who received a second dose in the same calendar year, and number who received dTpa vaccine, by Indigenous status and jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 and 2021

	All girls aged 11–<15 years					
	2020			2021		
	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)
ACT	2499	86.4	2382	2423	3.7	326
NSW	41100	71.6	41421	43404	32.0	42446
VIC	33859	71.3	33719	34250	75.5	34761
QLD	29143	79.0	29527	29439	77.7	30063
SA	9001	83.1	9211	9231	80.0	9490
WA	15238	78.3	15491	14281	59.2	14671
TAS	2618	65.0	2616	2838	67.9	2787
NT	1411	60.8	1426	1206	59.1	1211
AUS	134869	74.7	135793	137072	59.2	135755
	Indigenous girls aged 11–<15 years					
	2020			2021		
	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)
ACT	48	66.7	43	52	5.8	15
NSW	2346	67.2	2344	2548	34.5	2519
VIC	543	57.1	543	425	56.2	426
QLD	2224	62.4	2247	2164	62.9	2201
SA	276	63.0	284	275	58.9	282
WA	971	59.7	958	773	43.5	795
TAS	265	63.4	260	256	60.9	248
NT	524	35.3	518	445	32.8	442
AUS	7197	61.3	7197	6938	47.3	6928

* Percentage of those who received first dose of HPV vaccine in 2020 or 2021 who then went on to receive the second dose in the same calendar year.
 ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria;
 WA = Western Australia
 HPV = human papillomavirus
 dTpa = diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (acellular) – adolescent/adult formulation

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 counts) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 counts).

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Table 9 shows the number of boys aged 11–<15 years who received a first dose of HPV vaccine in 2020 or 2021 and the proportion who went on to receive a second dose in the same calendar year, by jurisdiction and Indigenous status. This proportion was 15.1 percentage points lower in 2021 than in 2020 (57.5% versus 72.6%), ranging from 79.8 percentage points lower in the Australian Capital Territory to 3.3 percentage points higher in Victoria. The proportion for Indigenous boys was 12.1 percentage points lower in 2021 than in 2020 (46.2% versus 58.3%) and ranged from 52.1 percentage points lower in the Australian Capital Territory to 4.4 percentage points higher in Victoria (**Table 9**).

Table 9: Number of boys aged 11–<15 years who received a first dose of HPV vaccine, proportion of those who received a second dose in the same calendar year, and number who received dTpa vaccine, by Indigenous status and jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 and 2021

All boys aged 11–<15 years						
	2020			2021		
	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)
ACT	2508	84.1	2378	2519	4.3	356
NSW	41870	69.1	42173	43464	30.5	43108
VIC	35029	69.5	34834	35440	72.8	36102
QLD	29838	75.7	30081	30346	75.5	30985
SA	8932	81.2	9120	9493	78.4	9718
WA	15846	77.6	16097	14960	57.4	15404
TAS	2545	67.5	2532	2852	64.9	2821
NT	1370	60.1	1356	1275	53.2	1315
AUS	137938	72.6	138571	140349	57.5	139809
Indigenous boys aged 11–<15 years						
	2020			2021		
	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)	HPV Dose 1 (n)	% received HPV Dose 2*	dTpa (n)
ACT	58	63.8	53	60	11.7	17
NSW	2186	64.8	2161	2341	32.6	2362
VIC	523	53.7	525	420	58.1	425
QLD	2198	60.1	2203	2111	60.3	2152
SA	298	58.4	290	286	55.9	286
WA	952	53.2	931	770	47.9	784
TAS	236	63.1	229	282	55.7	273
NT	531	35.2	512	439	28.7	474
AUS	6982	58.3	6904	6709	46.2	6773

* Percentage who received first dose of HPV vaccine in 2020 or 2021 and went on to receive the second dose in the same calendar year.

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

HPV = human papillomavirus

dTpa = diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (acellular) – adolescent/adult formulation

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 counts) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 counts).

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Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (dTpa) booster vaccine coverage

Figure 19 shows coverage, by 15 years of age, of the adolescent booster dose of dTpa vaccine in 2020 and 2021, by jurisdiction. Nationally, dTpa vaccine coverage was 0.5 of a percentage point higher in 2021 than 2020 (87.3% versus 86.8%). Coverage in 2021 ranged from 82.9% in the Northern Territory to 89.4% in the Australian Capital Territory.

In 2021, 78.0% of adolescents had received the adolescent booster dose of dTpa vaccine and also completed the HPV vaccination schedule by 15 years of age; only 3.3% had received a dTpa adolescent booster dose but no dose(s) of HPV vaccine (data not shown).

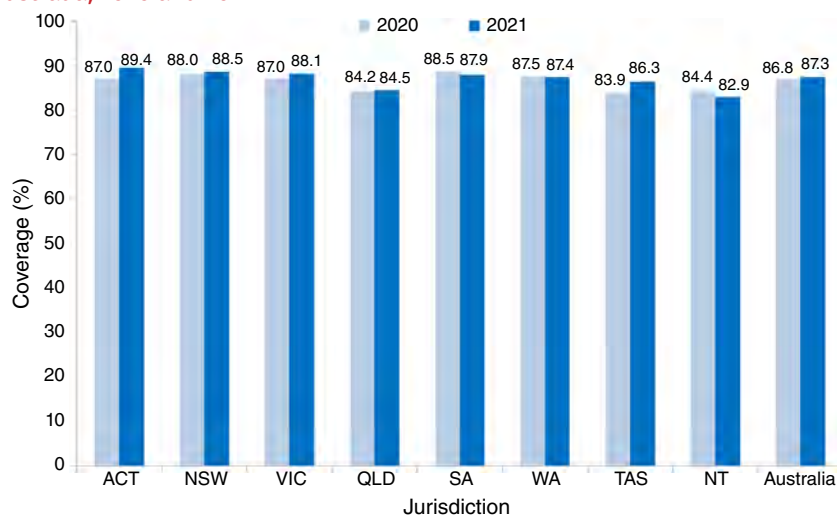
Figure 20 shows coverage, by 15 years of age, of the booster dose of dTpa vaccine in 2020 and 2021 in Indigenous adolescents, by jurisdiction. Nationally, dTpa coverage for Indigenous adolescents was 0.4 of a percentage point lower in 2021 than 2020 (83.8% versus 84.2%), and 3.5 percentage points lower than coverage in all adolescents. Coverage in 2021 ranged from 75.1% in South Australia to 89.3% in New South Wales.

In 2021, 68.8% of Indigenous adolescents had received the adolescent booster dose of dTpa vaccine and also completed the HPV vaccination schedule by 15 years of age; only 2.6% had received a dTpa adolescent booster dose but no dose/s of HPV vaccine (data not shown).

In 2021, the number of dTpa vaccinations recorded nationally in girls aged 11–<15 years was similar to the number recorded in 2020; however, in the Australian Capital Territory, the number of administered doses in 2021 was 86.3% lower than in 2020 (326 versus 2382 doses) (**Table 8**).

The number of dTpa vaccinations recorded in boys aged 11–<15 years was 0.9% higher nationally in 2021 than in 2020; however, in the Australian Capital Territory, the number of administered doses in 2021 was 85.0% lower than in 2020 (356 doses versus 2378 doses) (**Table 9**).

Figure 19: Coverage (%) of the adolescent booster dose of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (dTpa) vaccine by 15 years of age,* by state/territory, Australia, 2020 and 2021



* dTpa vaccinations received after 11th birthday and before 15th birthday in cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2005 for 2020 coverage estimates and cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2006 for 2021 coverage estimates

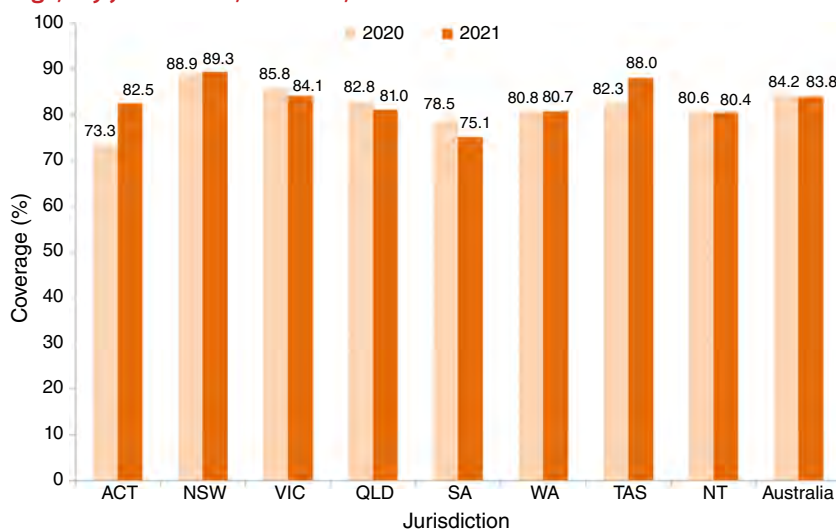
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dTpa = diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (acellular) – adolescent/adult formulation

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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Figure 20: Coverage (%) of the adolescent booster dose of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (dTpa) vaccine in Indigenous adolescents by 15 years of age,* by jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 and 2021



* dTpa vaccinations received after 11th birthday and before 15th birthday in cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2005 for 2020 coverage estimates and cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2006 for 2021 coverage estimates
 ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia
 dTpa = diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (acellular) – adolescent/adult formulation
 Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine coverage

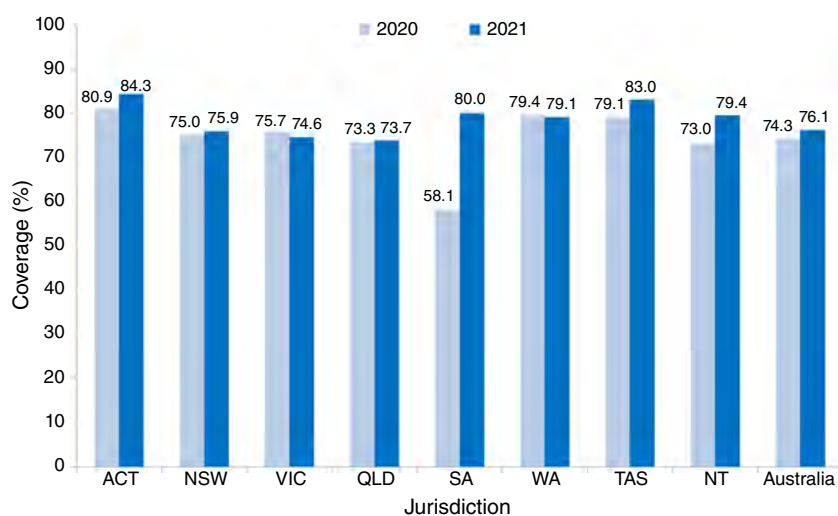
Figure 21 shows meningococcal ACWY vaccine coverage in adolescents by 17 years of age in 2020 and 2021, by jurisdiction. Nationally, coverage was 1.8 percentage points higher in 2021 than 2020 (76.1% versus 74.3%). Coverage in 2021 ranged from 73.7% in Queensland to 83.0% in Tasmania.

Figure 22 shows meningococcal ACWY vaccine coverage in Indigenous adolescents by 17 years of age in 2020 and 2021, by jurisdiction. Nationally, coverage for Indigenous adolescents was 1.4 percentage points lower in 2021 than 2020 (66.7% versus 68.1%), and 9.4 percentage points lower than coverage in all adolescents. Coverage in Indigenous adolescents in 2021 ranged from 58.9% in Victoria to 85.6% in Tasmania.

Figure 23 shows the number of adolescents who received a meningococcal ACWY vaccination in 2020 and 2021, by age group. Overall, the number of doses administered was 5.0% lower in 2021 than 2020, and lower in all age groups except 14–<15 years and 15–<16 years (13.3% and 5.0% higher, respectively) (**Figure 23**).

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Figure 21: Coverage (%) of meningococcal ACWY vaccine in adolescents by 17 years of age,* by jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 and 2021

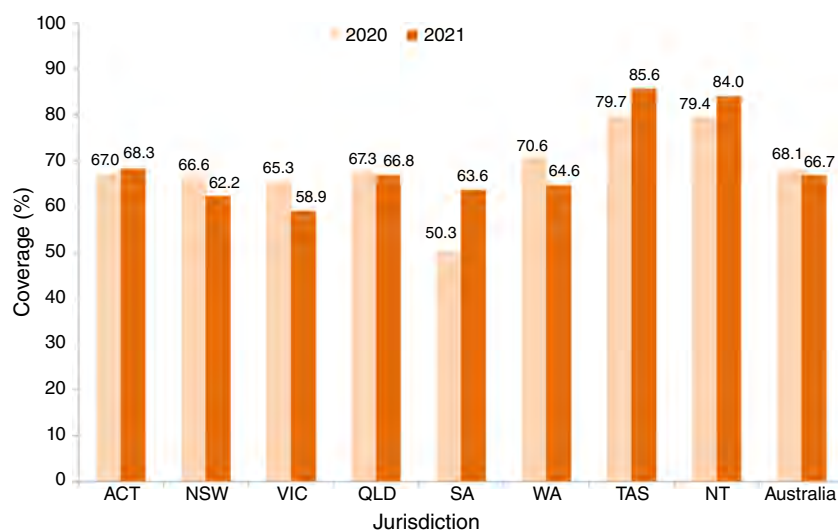


* Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations received after 13th birthday and before 17th birthday in cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2003 for 2020 coverage estimates and cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2004 for 2021 coverage estimates.

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

Figure 22: Coverage (%) of meningococcal ACWY vaccine in Indigenous adolescents by 17 years of age,* by jurisdiction, Australia, 2020 and 2021



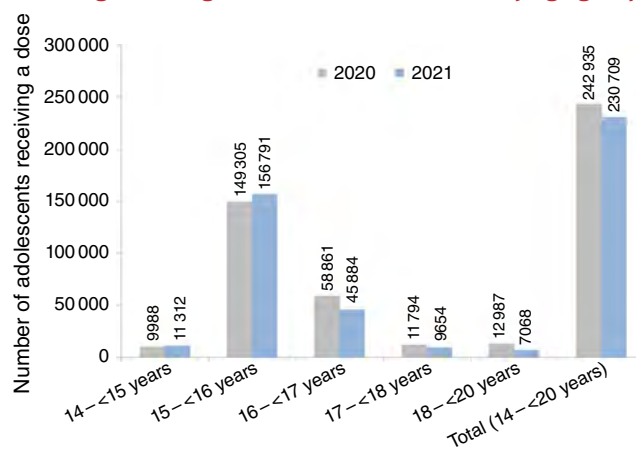
* Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations received after 13th birthday and before 17th birthday in cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2003 for 2020 coverage estimates and cohort born 1 January – 31 December 2004 for 2021 coverage estimates.

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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Figure 23: Number of adolescents* receiving a meningococcal ACWY vaccination by age group, Australia, 2020 and 2021



* Aged 14-20 years as at date of vaccination.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 counts) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 counts).

Influenza vaccine coverage

Influenza vaccine coverage in adolescents aged 10-15 years and 15-20 years decreased by 11.5 and 7.6 percentage points between 2020 and 2021, to 13.3% and 15.1%, respectively (Figure 2), with decreases seen in all jurisdictions (refer to Appendix). In 2021, coverage for adolescents aged 10-15 years ranged from 11.8% in New South Wales to 17.6% in South Australia, and for adolescents aged 15-20 years from 13.2% in New South Wales to 20.0% in South Australia (Table A3 in the Appendix).

Influenza vaccine coverage in Indigenous adolescents aged 10-15 years and 15-20 years decreased by 16.8 and 14.1 percentage points between 2020 and 2021, to 15.4% and 16.5%, respectively (Figure 4), with decreases seen in all jurisdictions (Table A3 in the Appendix). Coverage for Indigenous adolescents aged 10-15 years in 2021 ranged from 12.8% in Western Australia to 25.1% in the Northern Territory and for adolescents aged 15-20 years from 14.0% in Western Australia to 24.5% in the Northern Territory (Table A3 in the Appendix).

COVID-19 vaccine coverage

By the end of 2021, 79.5% of Australian adolescents aged 12-15 years had received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 73.4% had received a second dose (Figure A12 in the Appendix). Coverage of the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents aged 12-15 years ranged from 68.1% in Western Australia to above 99% in the Australian Capital Territory (Table A5 in the Appendix).

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Zoster vaccine coverage

Zoster vaccine coverage for Australian adults aged 70–<71 years decreased from 30.9% in 2020 to 30.6% in 2021, with coverage in 2021 ranging from 14.5% in the Northern Territory to 40.9% in Queensland (Figure 24). Coverage in Indigenous adults aged 70–<71 years decreased from 28.7% in 2020 to 26.5% in 2021 (Figure 25), with coverage in 2021 ranging from 13.0% in the Northern Territory to 41.7% in the Australian Capital Territory.

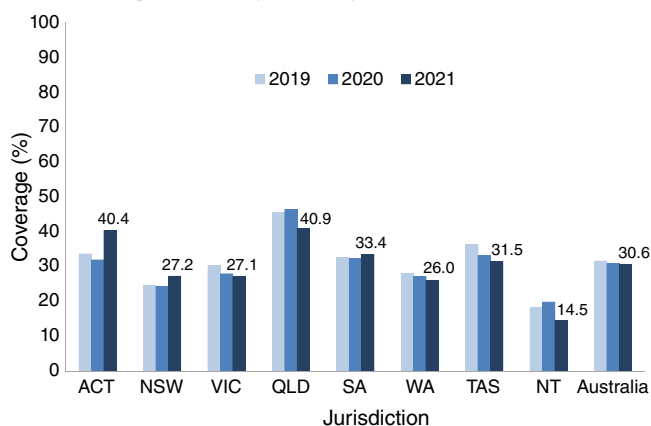
Zoster vaccine coverage for Australian adults aged 71–79 years increased from 43.7% in 2020 to 46.7% in 2021, with coverage in 2021 ranging from 31.3% in the Northern Territory to 55.3% in Queensland (Figure 26). Coverage in Indigenous adults aged 71–79 years increased from 44.9% in 2020 to 47.3% in 2021, higher than for adults overall in both years (Figure 27), with coverage in 2021 ranging from 35.7% in Western Australia to 60.6% in Tasmania.

Zoster vaccine coverage for adults by whether vaccinated at <71 years or ≥71 years, by single year of age birth cohort, is shown in Figure 28. Coverage is greater than 40% for all cohorts aged 72–79 years, highest in those aged 74 years at 49.7%, with the older cohorts predominantly vaccinated at ≥71 years, that is, as part of the catch-up vaccination program initiated in late 2016.

Of 6,460,914 adults in Australia who were in the age cohort who turned 50–<70 years of age during 2021, 68,276 (1.1%) had received a dose of zoster vaccine during 2021 (up to 31 December 2021) (data not shown).

Of the 197,968 doses of zoster vaccine recorded on the AIR as administered in 2021, only 12,890 doses (6.5%) were recorded as Shingrix vaccine (data not shown).

Figure 24: Zoster vaccine coverage for adults aged 70–<71 years,* by jurisdiction, Australia, 2019,† 2020† and 2021



ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia; AUST = Australia

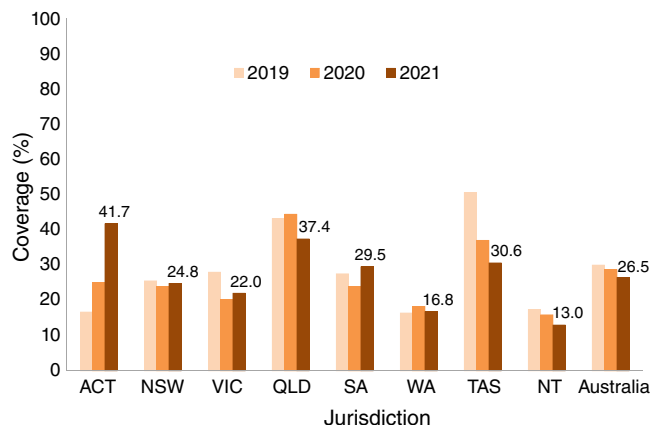
* Cohorts: 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1948 for 2019 coverage; 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1949 for 2020 coverage; 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1950 for 2021 coverage. Coverage = receipt of 1 dose of Zostavax or 2 doses of Shingrix before turning 71 years of age and includes doses given at less than 70 years of age.

† 2019 and 2020 estimates have been revised due to an issue with the recording of Indigenous status on the AIR and are therefore different to what was presented in the 2020 report.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Figure 25: Zoster vaccine coverage for Indigenous adults aged 70–<71 years,* by jurisdiction, Australia, 2019,† 2020† and 2021



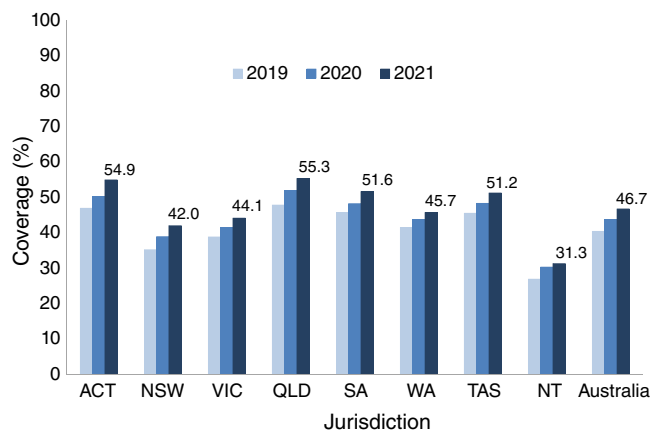
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* Cohorts: 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1948 for 2019 coverage; 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1949 for 2020 coverage; 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1950 for 2021 coverage. Coverage = receipt of 1 dose of Zostavax or 2 doses of Shingrix before turning 71 years of age and includes doses given at less than 70 years of age.

† 2019 and 2020 estimates have been revised due to an issue with the recording of Indigenous status on the AIR and are therefore different to what was presented in the 2020 report.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure 26: Zoster vaccine coverage for adults aged 71–79 years,* by jurisdiction, Australia, 2019, 2020 and 2021



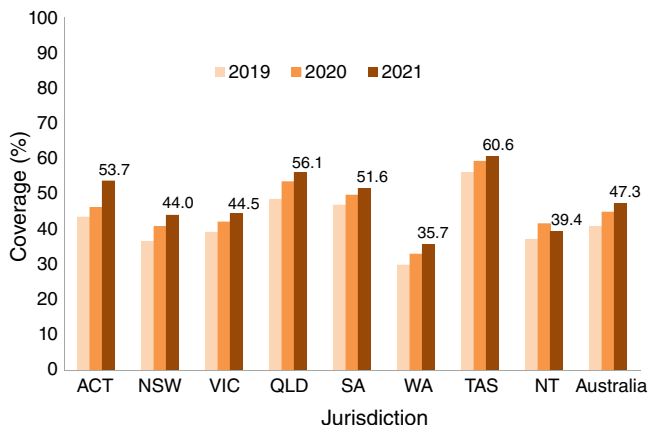
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* Cohorts: 1 Jan 1940 – 31 Dec 1947 for 2019 coverage; 1 Jan 1941 – 31 Dec 1948 for 2020 coverage; 1 Jan 1942 – 31 Dec 1949 for 2021 coverage. Coverage = receipt of 1 dose of Zostavax or 2 doses of Shingrix before turning 80 years of age and includes doses given at less than 71 years of age.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Figure 27: Zoster vaccine coverage for Indigenous adults aged 71–79 years,* by jurisdiction, Australia, 2019, 2020 and 2021

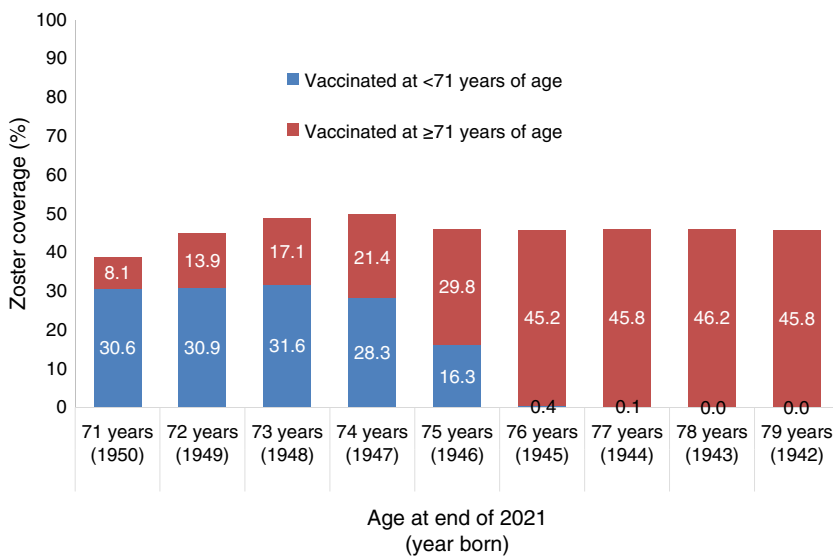


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*Cohorts: 1 Jan 1940 – 31 Dec 1947 for 2019 coverage; 1 Jan 1941 – 31 Dec 1948 for 2020 coverage; 1 Jan 1942 – 31 Dec 1949 for 2021 coverage. Coverage = receipt of 1 dose of Zostavax or 2 doses of Shingrix before turning 80 years of age and includes doses given at less than 71 years of age.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure 28: Zoster vaccine coverage* by whether vaccinated at <71 years or ≥71 years of age, by single year of age birth cohort, Australia, 2021



* Coverage = receipt of 1 dose of Zostavax or 2 doses of Shingrix before turning 80 years of age and includes doses given at less than 70 years of age.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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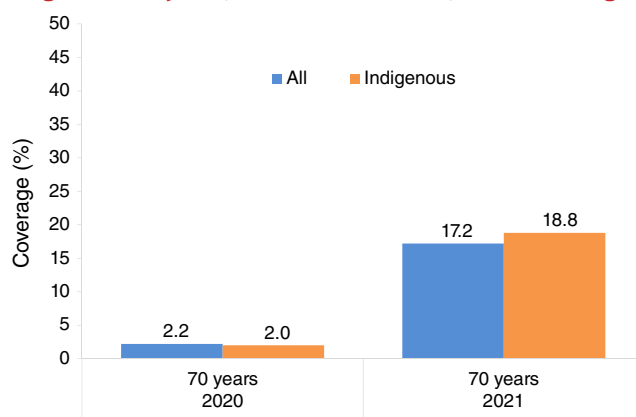
13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (13vPCV) coverage

Recorded 13vPCV coverage in adults aged 70–<71 years increased by 15 percentage points overall between 2020 and 2021, reaching 17.2%, and by 16.8 percentage points in Indigenous adults, reaching 18.8% (Figure 29).

Recorded 13vPCV coverage in adults aged 71–79 years increased by 12 percentage points overall between 2020 and 2021, reaching 20.1%, and by 10.9 percentage points in Indigenous adults, reaching 20.7% (Figure 30).

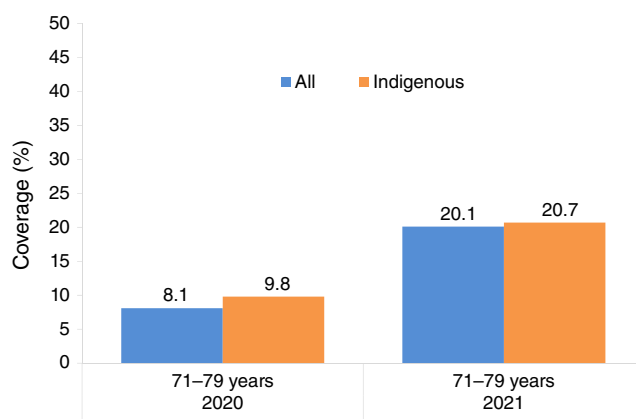
Of 6,460,914 adults in Australia who were in the age cohort who turned 50–<70 years of age during 2021, 63,481 (1.0%) were recorded as having received a dose of 13vPCV during 2021 (up to 31 December 2021) (data not shown). Of 105,847 Indigenous adults in Australia who were in the age cohort who turned 50–<70 years of age during 2021, 11,470 (10.8%) were recorded as having received a dose of 13vPCV during 2021 (up to 31 December 2021) (data not shown).

Figure 29: 13vPCV coverage in adults aged 70–<71 years, cohort born in 1950, vaccinations given up to December 2021



Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure 30: 13vPCV coverage in adults aged 71–79 years, cohort born between 1942 and 1949, vaccinations given up to December 2021



Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Influenza vaccine coverage

Influenza vaccine coverage in adults aged 20–<50 years and 65–<75 years increased by 0.4 and 0.9 of a percentage point between 2020 and 2021, reaching 23.9% and 62.1%, respectively, while coverage in adults aged 50–<65 years and ≥75 years increased more substantially, by 3.0 and 5.6 percentage points, reaching 38.2% and 68.5%, respectively (Figure 2). Coverage by jurisdiction is shown in Table A3 in the Appendix.

Influenza vaccine coverage in all Indigenous adult age groups decreased between 2020 and 2021, with the largest decrease in those aged 50–<65 years (12.8 percentage points to 43.5%) and the smallest decrease in Indigenous adults aged ≥75 years (3.0 percentage points to 67.7%) (Figure 4). Coverage by jurisdiction is shown in Table A3 in the Appendix.

Figure 31 shows weekly cumulative influenza vaccine uptake in the AIR in 2021, by age group. Uptake was highest for all age groups between the first week of April and the last week of May, with the steepest trajectory recorded in adults aged 65–<75 years and ≥75 years. Uptake was slowest in children aged 5–<10 years and adolescents aged 10–<15 years and 15–<20 years. Uptake commenced later in 2021 than in 2020, where it was highest for all age groups between the last week of March and the first week of May (data not shown).

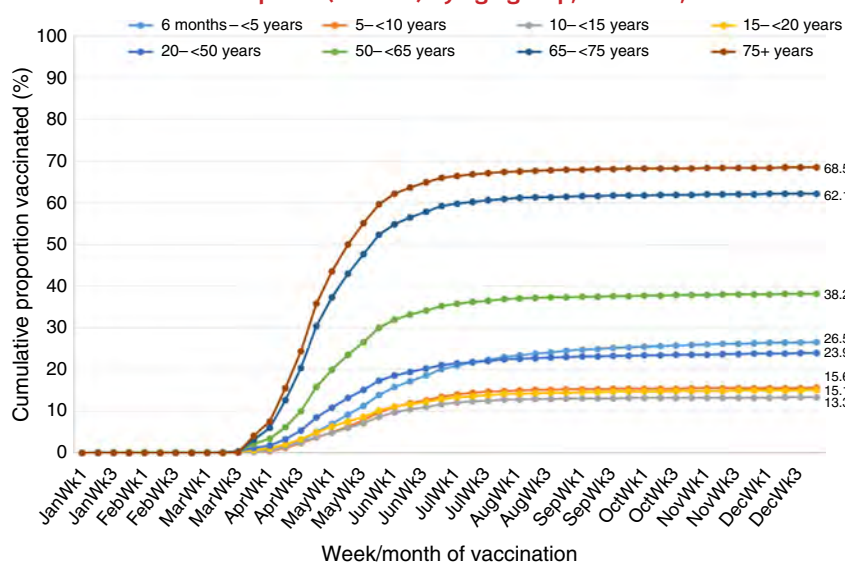
COVID-19 vaccine coverage

By the end of 2021, 94.5% of Australians aged ≥16 years had received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 91.6% had received a second dose (Figure A13 in the Appendix). Coverage in people aged ≥16 years for the first dose ranged from 89.3% in the Northern Territory to above 99% in the Australian Capital Territory, and for the second dose, from 84.6% in the Northern Territory to above 99% in the Australian Capital Territory (Table A6 in the Appendix).

Adult coverage of both first and second dose increased with increasing age (Figure A12 in the Appendix), ranging from 91.4% first dose and 87.8% second dose coverage in those aged 16–49 years to above 99% for both doses in those aged ≥70 years. Coverage by jurisdiction and age group is shown in Table A5 in the Appendix.

COVID-19 vaccine coverage was lower in Indigenous people aged ≥16 years for both first and second dose, at 79.2% and 71.8%, respectively (Figure A13 in the Appendix), ranging from 67.5% and 52.7% in Western Australia to 90.8% and 88.0% in the Australian Capital Territory (Table A6 in the Appendix).

Figure 31: Weekly cumulative influenza vaccine uptake (≥1 dose) by age group, Australia, 2021



Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Vaccination coverage in children

'Fully vaccinated' coverage in Australian children in this 2021 report was 0.6–0.8 of a percentage point lower than in our 2020 report at the 12-month (94.2%) and 60-month (94.0%) age assessment milestones, but stable at the 24-month milestone (92.1%).¹⁴ Due to the lag time involved in 'fully vaccinated' coverage assessment, 'fully vaccinated' coverage figures in the 2020 and 2021 reports predominantly reflect vaccinations due in 2019 and 2020, respectively, and hence show a small impact on overall childhood coverage in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, lower than that seen in many other countries.^{17–19} However, pandemic impacts on coverage were greater in some areas, particularly remote areas with a high proportion of Indigenous people such as the East Pilbara SA3 area in Western Australia and Katherine and Alice Springs SA3 areas in the Northern Territory, with coverage for the second dose of MMR vaccine and fourth dose of DTPa vaccine decreasing from above 90% in the 2020 report¹⁴ to below 90% in this report. True coverage in children was likely somewhat higher than presented here, given previously documented under-reporting to AIR.^{20, 21}

'Fully vaccinated' coverage in 2021 was around 2 percentage points lower at the 24 month milestone than at 12 and 60 months of age, likely due to the greater number of antigens required in order to be classified as 'fully vaccinated' at 24 months.⁹ In contrast, only one vaccine (DTPa-polio, scheduled at 48 months) is included in 'fully vaccinated' assessment at 60 months. Expansion of the 60-month assessment algorithm, to include a more comprehensive range of the vaccines/antigens that should have been received by that age, would be useful to better monitor uptake under the NIP.

Coverage was lower in 2021 than in 2020 for almost all individual vaccines/antigens included in the 'fully vaccinated' assessment algorithms. The largest decrease was for DTPa-containing vaccine at 60 months of age (a 2.5 percentage point decrease), but all other decreases were less than a percentage point. In the context of Australia's 95% coverage targets, which are particularly critical to measles control, coverage at 24 months of age in 2021 was 95.5% for the first dose of measles-containing vaccine, and while coverage was lower for the second dose of MMR vaccine at 24 months (93.6%), it was 96.6% at 60 months of age.

Influenza vaccine coverage in 2021 in children aged 6 months to 4 years, at 26.5%, was 19.6 percentage points lower than in 2020 (46.1%), in the context of historically low levels of circulating influenza due to COVID-19 pandemic-related public health measures.²²

Vaccination coverage in adolescents

In 2021, 80.3% of girls in Australia had completed a full course of HPV vaccine by age 15 years, down slightly from 80.5% in 2020, and 77.2% of boys, down from 77.6%. Completion of HPV vaccination in 2021 was lower in adolescents residing in socioeconomically disadvantaged and remote areas, around 5 percentage points lower for girls and 8 for boys. While HPV vaccine coverage by 15 years of age for both 2020 and 2021 predominantly represents vaccinations due in school-based programs prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the slight decreases could be due to pandemic-related effects on catch-up vaccination. Pandemic-related impacts can be seen more clearly in the decrease in proportion of adolescents aged 11–14 years who received a first dose of HPV vaccine and then went on to receive their second dose in the same calendar year. This proportion was around 15 percentage points lower in 2021 than in 2020, and 27 percentage points lower than in 2019.¹⁴ This likely reflects impact of public health measures, particularly school closures, in context of the minimum 6-month interval recommended between doses.²³ Re-deployment of school-based immunisation providers into COVID-19 vaccination clinics in 2021 may have also impacted completion rates. However, with modelling of both sex HPV vaccination programs suggesting that sustained population vaccination coverage of over 80% will be sufficient for elimination of targeted HPV types, Australia still looks well placed to achieve this.²⁴

Coverage of the adolescent booster dose of dTpa vaccine by 15 years in 2021 was 87.3%, half a percentage point higher than in 2020, and coverage of meningococcal ACWY vaccine by 17 years of age was 76.1%, almost 2 percentage

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points higher. While these figures predominantly represent vaccinations due in school-based programs prior to the pandemic, the number of meningococcal ACWY vaccinations recorded as given in 2021 was 5 percentage points lower than in 2020, and 9 percentage points lower than in 2019,¹⁴ indicating likely pandemic impacts on uptake. A particularly marked drop in dTpa and second dose HPV vaccinations was seen in ACT in 2021, as due to a territory-wide lockdown from August to September, with adolescent COVID-19 vaccination prioritised upon school reopening, a decision was made to defer these vaccinations for Year 8 students to 2022.²⁵

Vaccination coverage in adults

Zoster vaccine coverage in 2021 remained relatively low, at just over 30%, in adults aged 70 years, the primary NIP target group, but increased to 47% in those aged 71–79 years, reflecting substantial levels of ongoing catch-up vaccination. Greater focus on promoting timely vaccination at 70 years is required, particularly if the NIP-funded catch-up zoster vaccination program for adults aged 71–79 years is not extended further (currently scheduled to finish on 31 October 2023).²⁶ True zoster vaccine coverage is likely higher, as under-reporting to the AIR has previously been documented.^{27, 28} Mandatory reporting of all NIP vaccines was introduced in July 2021.²⁹

Coverage of 13vPCV, introduced on the NIP in July 2020 for all adults aged ≥70 years, was low in 2021, reaching 17.2% in adults aged 70 years and 20.1% in those aged 71–79 years. Influenza vaccination coverage in adults in 2021 was progressively higher with increasing age, reaching 62.1% in the 65–69 year and 68.5% in the ≥75 year age group. Coverage was also higher in 2021 than 2020 across all adult age groups, which could be due in part to increased completeness of reporting, as mandatory reporting for influenza vaccine was introduced in March 2021.^{29, 30} By the end of 2021, 91.6% of Australians aged ≥16 years had received a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 99% of those aged ≥70 years.

Vaccination coverage in Indigenous people

Children

'Fully vaccinated' coverage for Indigenous children decreased between 2020 and 2021 at all three age milestones: 12 months (from 93.1% to 91.6%), 24 months (from 91.2% to 90.1%) and 60 months (from 97.0% to 96.3%). The 2021 coverage figures predominantly reflect vaccinations due in 2020, showing a small (but slightly higher than in children overall) impact on Indigenous childhood coverage in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

'Fully vaccinated' coverage in Indigenous children in 2021 was 2.6 percentage points lower than in all children at 12 months of age (compared to 1.7 percentage points in 2020), and 2.0 percentage points lower at 24 months (compared to 0.9 of a percentage point in 2020). 'Fully vaccinated' coverage at 60 months of age remained higher in Indigenous than in all children, by 2.3 percentage points in 2021. The lower coverage at the 12- and 24-month milestones in 2021, compared to overall, highlights longstanding timeliness issues among Indigenous children,^{1, 9} with some exacerbation due to the pandemic apparent, particularly in remote areas. This is particularly an issue in relation to vaccines/antigens due 6 months before the assessment milestone, whereas coverage of individual vaccines/antigens due at 6 or 12 months of age with no further doses required at 18 months (MenACWY, polio and hepatitis B vaccines) was 96.6% or greater overall at 24 months in 2021. Similarly, although coverage in 2021 for the second dose of MMR and varicella (usually given as MMRV vaccine at 18 months) in Indigenous children was 92.4% at 24 months, it was over 6 percentage points higher (98.6%) at 60 months. Likely related to these issues, in remote areas with a high proportion of Indigenous people less pandemic-related impact was observed on coverage at 24 months for MenC-containing vaccine (due at 12 months) than for the fourth dose of DTPa and second dose of MMR vaccines (both due at 18 months).

As seen in children overall, influenza vaccination coverage in Indigenous children in 2021 was considerably lower than in 2020: 22.5% in 2021 versus 43.0% in 2020 for those aged 6 months to 4 years; and 15.5% versus 33.8% for those aged 5–9 years. Coverage in Indigenous children aged 6 months to 4 years in 2021 was highest in the Northern Territory at 53.2%.

Coverage for hepatitis A vaccine and the fourth dose of 13vPCV, which are funded under the NIP for Indigenous children in four jurisdictions only (South Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia), remained suboptimal in 2021, at 82.0% for the first dose of hepatitis A (second dose coverage unable to be assessed due to schedule change) and 81.7% for 13vPCV dose 4, although coverage in the Northern Territory continued to be substantially higher.

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HPV vaccination coverage (both first dose and course completion) for Indigenous girls and boys by 15 years of age was 1.7–2.4 percentage points lower in 2021 than 2020. Coverage was lower, than in adolescents overall, particularly for course completion, 7 percentage points lower for girls and 11 for boys. Further efforts to address these disparities are required, given the much higher rates of cervical cancer in Indigenous women,³¹ while noting that there is increasing evidence that a single dose of HPV vaccine is highly effective in preventing infection and subsequent disease.³²⁻³⁴

Adults

Zoster vaccination coverage in 2021 in Indigenous adults aged 70 years was 26.5%, 2.2 percentage points lower than in 2020 and 3.5 points lower than in 2019, suggesting greater COVID-19 pandemic impacts on uptake in Indigenous than other adults. However coverage in 2021 in Indigenous adults aged 71–79 years increased to 47.3%, 0.6 of a percentage point higher than adults overall, again reflecting substantial ongoing catch-up vaccination.

Coverage of 13vPCV in Indigenous adults was also low in 2021, reaching 18.8% in those aged 70 years and 20.7% in those aged 71–79 years. Only 10.8% of Indigenous adults aged 50–69 years were recorded as having received 13vPCV, despite it being funded under the NIP for all Indigenous adults in this age group since July 2020. While influenza vaccine coverage was relatively high in older Indigenous adults, at 64.6% for those aged 65–74 years and 67.7% for ≥75 years, coverage in younger Indigenous adults was considerably lower, ranging from 22.0% for those aged 20–49 years to 43.5% for those aged 50–64 years. Further efforts to increase uptake are required given that annual influenza vaccination is funded on the NIP for all Indigenous adults, due to their increased risk of severe disease. Coverage of the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Indigenous people aged ≥16 years, at 71.8%, was 20 percentage points lower than overall coverage.

A focus on timeliness

We examined a broad range of timeliness indicators in this report. The traditional measure of ‘on time’ vaccination (within 30 days of the age recommended on the NIP schedule) was up to 2 percentage points lower in infants in 2021 than 2020 for the second dose of DTPa vaccine, 13vPCV and rotavirus vaccine, suggesting possible pandemic impacts (2021 figures predominantly reflect vaccinations due during the pandemic while 2020 figures predominantly reflect vaccinations due before the pandemic restrictions). However there appeared to be little impact on on-time vaccination for the first dose of MMR and meningococcal ACWY vaccines, both due at 12 months of age, with timely coverage in 2021 (for vaccinations due in 2020) up to 1 percentage point higher than in 2020 (for vaccinations due in 2019). While on-time vaccination in Indigenous children has improved progressively since 2012, on-time coverage in 2021 remained substantially lower than in non-Indigenous children, ranging from 6 to 13 percentage points lower for the vaccines/antigens assessed.

We also examined ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage at four earlier milestones, 3 months after the due date of the last scheduled vaccine, by remoteness and socioeconomic status of area of residence. ‘Fully vaccinated’ coverage at the earlier milestones was consistently lower in children living in remote areas than those living in major cities and regional areas, likely due to greater logistic issues in providing and accessing vaccination in remote areas. The disparity was substantially higher in Indigenous children, most marked at the 9-month milestone where coverage in remote areas in 2021 was 10 percentage points lower than in major cities and 8 percentage points lower than in the 2020 report (for which figures predominantly reflect vaccinations due prior to the COVID-19 pandemic),¹² suggesting differential impacts of the pandemic. ‘Fully vaccinated’ coverage at the earlier assessment time points in 2021 was 2 to 3 percentage points lower for children living in areas in the most socioeconomically disadvantaged quintile than in the least disadvantaged quintile, generally similar to findings in our 2020 report.¹⁴

Conclusions

We found that, despite the major disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine coverage in children in Australia remained relatively high overall in 2021. Due to assessment lag times, the small overall decrease observed predominantly reflects impacts on coverage in the first year of the pandemic (2020). However, impacts on coverage were greater in some areas and populations and overall influenza vaccine coverage almost halved in children aged 6 months to 4 years, although in the context of historically low levels of circulating influenza. While coverage in Indigenous children was also relatively high overall, timeliness of vaccination remains a persistent issue, with impacts of the pandemic on timeliness particularly seen in remote areas. Adolescent coverage was also relatively high in 2021, although with continuing lower rates of course completion in Indigenous adolescents and evidence of pandemic impact, particularly on receipt of 2 doses of HPV vaccine within the same calendar year. It will be important to ensure that catch-up vaccination in children and adolescents occurs, and to monitor coverage to establish that all pandemic-related dips in coverage and equity gaps are reversed.

A strengthened focus on adult vaccination is needed as coverage remained suboptimal in 2021. Zoster vaccine coverage was approximately 30% in the primary target group aged 70 years, although with ongoing catch-up vaccination reached 47% in those aged 71–79 years, while coverage of 13vPCV in 2021, the first full year it was available on the NIP, was around 20% for adults aged 70–79 years. Of NIP-eligible groups around two thirds of adults aged ≥ 65 years were recorded as having received influenza vaccine in 2021, but only one-fifth of Indigenous adults aged 20–49 years and two-fifths of those aged 50–64 years. These figures may underestimate true coverage, as underreporting of adult vaccinations to the AIR has previously been documented,^{30, 35} with the impact of mandatory reporting of all NIP vaccinations from mid-2021 on completeness of reporting not yet formally evaluated.

Appendix

Table A1: Australian National Immunisation Program Schedule in 2021

Age	Vaccine							
Children								
Birth	Hep B							
2 months	Hep B	DTPa	Hib	Polio		13vPCV	Rotavirus	MenB*
4 months	Hep B	DTPa	Hib	Polio		13vPCV	Rotavirus	MenB*
6 months	Hep B	DTPa	Hib	Polio		13vPCV†		MenB*
12 months					MMR			Men ACWY
18 months		DTPa	Hib			MMRV		Hep A‡
24 months								
48 months		DTPa		Polio				Hep A‡
6 months-9 years								23vPPV§
								Flu#
Adolescents								
9-14 years								23vPPV†
12-15 years		dTpa						HPV
14-19 years								Men ACWY
10-19 years								Flu#
Adults								
20-49 years								Flu#
≥50 years								Flu#
≥65 years								Flu#
Pregnant women (any age)		dTpa**						Flu††
70 years						HZ**		13vPCV§§

Hep B: hepatitis B; DTPa: diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis (acellular) – paediatric formulation; Hib: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b; IPV: inactivated polio vaccine; 13vPCV: 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine; Flu: influenza; MMR: measles–mumps–rubella; Men ACWY: meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccine; MenB: meningococcal B vaccine; MMRV: measles–mumps–rubella–varicella; dTpa: diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis (acellular) – adolescent/adult formulation; HPV: human papilloma virus; 23vPPV: Pneumovax 23 vaccine; HZ: herpes zoster.

- * Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children only (since July 2020) receive a dose of Meningococcal B vaccine at 2, 4 and 12 months of age, with an additional dose at 6 months of age for those with specific medical risk conditions.
- † Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia, and children with specified underlying medical conditions that predispose them to invasive pneumococcal disease.
- ‡ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children – doses at 18 months and 4 years of age in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia.
- § Medically at-risk children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living in the Northern Territory (NT), South Australia (SA), Queensland (QLD) and Western Australia (WA).
- # Annual vaccination – all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged over 6 months, non-Indigenous adults aged ≥65 years.
- ¶ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged ≥50 years and all adults aged ≥65 years. 13vPCV vaccine replaced 23vPPV vaccine in mid-2020.
- ** During the third trimester of pregnancy.
- †† At any stage of pregnancy.
- ‡‡ A single dose of HZ vaccine is funded for adults aged 70 years (with catch up for 71–79 year olds to 2021) who have not previously received a dose of HZ vaccine.
- §§ A 13vPCV vaccine for non-Indigenous elderly adults from mid-2020.

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Box 1: Significant changes in immunisation policy, immunisation incentives and coverage calculation algorithms, Australia, 2017 to 2021

June 2021 - First inactivated recombinant zoster vaccine (Shingrix) available on private prescription.

May 2021 - First recombinant quadrivalent influenza vaccine registered for use in people aged ≥18 years.

July 2020 - Funded schedule expanded for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living in the NT, SA, QLD and WA from 13vPCV at 2, 4, 6 and 12 months (3+1) to include an additional dose of 23vPPV at 4 years of age and a 2nd dose 5–10 years later.

A single dose of 13vPCV is recommended and funded for Indigenous adults at 50 years of age, followed by a dose of 23vPPV 12 months later and a 2nd dose of 23vPPV 5–10 years after that.

A single dose of 13vPCV is recommended and funded for non-Indigenous adults at 70 years of age, replacing the previously funded dose of 23vPPV at 65 years of age.

Meningococcal B vaccine funded for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (aged <12 months) and individuals of any age with specified high risk medical conditions. Catch-up available for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged <2 years (up to 23 months) for 3 years - until 30 June 2023.

Scheduled ages for funded hepatitis A vaccination (2 doses) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the NT, Qld, SA, WA changed to 18 months and 4 years.

March 2020 - All children aged 6 months to <5 years funded for influenza vaccine under the NIP.

First enhanced quadrivalent influenza vaccine (adjuvanted) funded nationally for adults aged ≥65 years.

April 2019 - Meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccine funded under NIP for adolescents aged 14–16 years delivered through school-based vaccination programs and for adolescents aged 15–19 years delivered through primary care providers as part of an ongoing catch-up program.

March 2019 - Annual seasonal influenza vaccination funded by NT for all children aged 6 months to <5 years.

February 2019 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and adolescents aged 5–14 years funded for influenza vaccine under the NIP (all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged ≥6 months now eligible for a funded annual influenza vaccine).

July 2018 - Schedule for routine childhood vaccination with 13vPCV changed from 2, 4 and 6 months of age to 2, 4 and 12 months of age. Vaccination coverage assessment algorithm for 'fully vaccinated' at the 12-month milestone amended to require either 2 or 3 doses of 13vPCV. Vaccination coverage assessment algorithm for 'fully vaccinated' at the 24-month milestone amended to require 3 doses of 13vPCV.

Meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccine funded for all children at 12 months of age, replacing combined Hib and MenC-containing, with the Hib dose moved to 18 months and given as monovalent Hib vaccine.

May 2018 - ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC: annual seasonal influenza vaccination program funded for all children aged 6 months to <5 years (in place in WA since 2008).

April 2018 - Enhanced trivalent influenza vaccines (high-dose and adjuvanted) funded nationally for all adults aged ≥65 years.

February 2018 - A 2-dose schedule of 9vHPV vaccine recommended and funded under the NIP for female and male adolescents aged 12–14 years, delivered through a school-based program (changed from a 3-dose schedule of 4vHPV vaccine in place since 2007 for females and 2013 for males).

July 2017 - QLD, SA, VIC and WA changed from 3-dose RotaTeq rotavirus vaccine schedule to 2-dose Rotarix schedule.

Coverage for the second dose of MMR-containing vaccine no longer assessed at 60 months of age.

All individuals aged 10–19 years and refugees and humanitarian entrants aged ≥20 years are eligible to receive free catch-up vaccinations through an expansion to the NIP.

Source: NCIRS History of Vaccination³⁶

Appendix

Detailed methods

The Australian Immunisation Register

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) was established on 1 January 1996 by incorporating demographic data from Medicare on all enrolled children aged <7 years.³⁷ On 30 September 2016, the ACIR expanded to become the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to collect data on vaccinations given from birth to death.³⁸ All people registered with Medicare are automatically added to the AIR and assigned a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) that then travels with that person for life, across all relevant Medicare card numbers (e.g. where multiple due to family circumstances or maturity). Participation in the AIR is 'opt-out' and so constitutes a nearly complete population register for Australian residents.³⁷ Individuals who are not Medicare-registered, but for whom a vaccination encounter is reported to the AIR, are assigned a Supplementary Identification Number (SIN),³⁹ with subsequent assignment of a PIN where the individual is identified to be Medicare-registered. Data are transferred to the AIR when a recognised immunisation provider supplies details of an eligible vaccination. This occurs predominantly via medical practice management software or through direct data entry on the AIR website, or less commonly by submitting paper encounter or history forms.

Data source

The AIR contains limited information for each individual (PIN/SIN, date of birth, gender, Indigenous status, postcode) and vaccinations received (brand/type, dose number, date, immunisation provider). Individuals with a SIN (i.e. not Medicare-registered) are excluded from all coverage analyses in this report, along with those with an 'end date' (applied to an AIR record when Medicare is notified that the person has died or left Australia permanently). Before analysis, NCIRS removes duplicate AIR records, that is, where the PIN is identical, with the most up-to-date record based on Medicare registration date, and duplicate vaccination records, that is, where the PIN, vaccine type, vaccine dose and encounter date are identical. To allow for data entry errors, NCIRS uses statistical programs that look for vaccine dose numbers greater than the nominal last dose, for example, for second MMR dose coverage, programs look for dose 2, 3 or 4 of MMR.

Indigenous status

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status on the AIR is recorded as 'Indigenous', 'non-Indigenous' or 'unknown'. For this report individuals whose Indigenous status was not specified (0.7% of individuals on AIR) were classified as non-Indigenous for the purposes of analysis. While Indigenous status is available in AIR, other parameters such as country of birth, ethnicity and medical conditions (including pregnancy) are not.

Provider type and reporting mechanism to AIR

The proportion of vaccinations in 2021 in the AIR was calculated by provider type, reporting mechanism and by jurisdiction, for children aged <7 years and people of all ages. Analysis of provider type for all ages assessed all vaccines and non-COVID-19 vaccines separately.

Coverage – children

This report uses AIR data as at 3 April 2022. The cohort method has been used for calculating coverage at the population level (national and state/territory) since the ACIR's inception.⁴⁰ Vaccine/antigen doses included in the algorithms to assess whether a child is 'fully vaccinated' are set by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care (the Department). The standard methodology used by Services Australia/the Department and NCIRS assesses coverage at 6–12 months after vaccines are due, to allow time for delayed vaccination. Cohort vaccination status is assessed at 12 months of age (for vaccines due at 6 months), 24 months of age (for vaccines due at 6, 12 and 18 months), and 60 months of age (for vaccines due at 48 months). A minimum 3-month lag period is allowed for late notification of vaccinations to the AIR, but only vaccines given on or before a child's first, second or fifth birthday, respectively, are included in coverage calculations.⁴⁰ If a child's records indicate receipt of the last dose of a vaccine that required more than 1 dose to complete the series, it is assumed that earlier vaccines in the sequence were given. This assumption has been shown to be valid in the past.^{41, 42}

For most analyses in this report 12-month-wide cohorts were used: children born between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020 for the 12-month milestone; between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019 for the 24-month milestone; and between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016 for the 60-month milestone. However, to assess 'fully vaccinated' trends over time we used 3-month-wide birth cohorts: children aged 12 to <15 months for the 12-month assessment age, children aged 24 to <27 months for the 24-month assessment age and children aged 60 to <63 months for the 60-month assessment age.

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The proportion of children ‘fully vaccinated’ was calculated using the number of Medicare-registered children completely vaccinated with the vaccines of interest by the designated age as the numerator and the total number of Medicare-registered children in the relevant age cohort as the denominator. Definitions of ‘fully vaccinated’ coverage are provided in **Table A2** in the Appendix – the definitions for the 12-, 24- and 60-month milestones have been developed by the Department for the purpose of standardised reporting. However, vaccination coverage estimates in this report may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere that are calculated using rolling annualised quarterly coverage data.

Vaccination coverage was also calculated for individual NIP vaccines/antigens, including those given in early childhood but not routinely reported on and not part of ‘fully vaccinated’ calculations at 12, 24 and 60 months of age. This additional coverage assessment included the second dose of rotavirus vaccine by 12 months of age, first dose of hepatitis A vaccine in Indigenous children by 30 months of age, and fourth dose of 13vPCV in Indigenous children by 30 months of age. Coverage was also calculated for the first time for dose 1 – 3 of meningococcal B vaccine in Indigenous children for the first Indigenous cohort eligible for meningococcal B vaccination under the NIP, following implementation on 1 July 2020 of a 3-dose schedule at 2, 4 and 12 months of age. The proportion of children vaccinated with the relevant vaccine/antigen and dose was calculated using the number of Medicare-registered children vaccinated with the relevant vaccine/dose by the designated age as the numerator and the total number of Medicare-registered children in the relevant age cohort as the denominator.

Influenza vaccine coverage for children aged 6 months to <5 years and 5 to <10 years was calculated by dividing the number of Medicare-registered children in the relevant age group with at least one dose of influenza vaccine recorded on the AIR in the calendar year of interest (i.e. 2020 or 2021) by the total number of Medicare-registered children in the relevant age group (based on birth cohorts where age assessed at 30 June in the year of interest), by Indigenous status and jurisdiction. This differs from previous reports where denominators were the number of Medicare-registered children in the relevant age group based on calculated age at start of the calendar year of interest.

Table A2: Vaccinations required to be deemed ‘fully vaccinated’ by each assessment milestone

Milestone	Vaccinations
9 months/12 months (Cohort born 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020)	3rd dose DTPa (given at 6 months) 3rd dose polio (given at 6 months) 3rd dose HepB (given at 6 months) 3rd dose Hib (given at 6 months) 2nd or 3rd dose 13vPCV (given at 4 or 6 months)
15 months (Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019)	3rd dose DTPa (given at 6 months) 3rd dose polio (given at 6 months) 3rd dose HepB (given at 6 months) 3rd dose 13vPCV (given at 6 or 12 months) 1st dose meningococcal C-containing vaccine (given at 12 months) 1st dose MMR (given at 12 months)
21 months/24 months (Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019)	4th dose DTPa (given at 18 months) 3rd dose polio (given at 6 months) 3rd dose HepB (given at 6 months) 4th dose Hib (given at 18 months) 1st dose meningococcal C-containing vaccine (given at 12 months) 1st dose varicella (given at 18 months) 2nd dose MMR (given at 18 months) 3rd dose 13vPCV (given at 6 or 12 months)
51 months/60 months (Cohort born 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016)	4th or 5th dose DTPa (given at 48 months) 4th dose polio (given at 48 months)
DTPa = diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (acellular) paediatric formulation Hep B = hepatitis B Hib = <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b 13vPCV = 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine MMR = measles-mumps-rubella	

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Timeliness of vaccination

On-time vaccination was defined as receipt of a scheduled vaccine dose within 30 days of the recommended age. For example, a child who received the first dose of DTPa vaccine (due by 60 days of age under the NIP but recommended from as early as 6 weeks of age) when they were more than 90 days of age was classified as late for that dose. On-time vaccination was measured in 12-month birth cohorts, with children included in the analysis assessed at up to 3 years after doses were due, to allow time for very late vaccinations to be assessed. Therefore, cohorts assessed for timeliness are not the same as those assessed for coverage milestones. The interval between doses was not evaluated. Timeliness of different vaccines and doses was compared by plotting the cumulative percentage receiving each vaccine dose by age in months.

'Fully vaccinated' coverage was also assessed at 3 months after last vaccine dose due, that is, earlier than the standard assessment milestones to capture aspects of timeliness, by remoteness and socioeconomic status of area of residence. The definitions of 'fully vaccinated' coverage used are provided in [Table A2](#) in the Appendix.

Remoteness status

The area of residence of children was defined as 'Major cities', 'Inner regional', 'Outer regional', 'Remote' and 'Very remote' using the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA++).⁴³ ARIA++ is a continuous varying index with values ranging from 0 (high accessibility) to 15 (high remoteness), and is based on road distance measurements from over 12,000 populated localities to the nearest Service Centres in five categories based on population size. For analysis in this report, we combined the two 'Regional' categories ('Inner Regional' and 'Outer Regional') into one category and the two 'Remote' categories ('Remote' and 'Very Remote') into one category. ARIA Accessibility/Remoteness categories were assigned to each child using their current recorded postcode on the AIR.

Socio-economic status

Vaccination coverage and timeliness were assessed by socio-economic status using the ABS Socio Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Economic Resources.⁴⁴ The SEIFA index category was assigned for each individual using their recorded postcode of residence on the AIR. For this analysis, we compared vaccination coverage for children living in postcodes classified as being in the top quintile of all postcodes with regard to economic resources with vaccination coverage for children living in postcodes classified as being in the bottom quintile of postcodes with regard to economic resources.

Small area analysis

SA3

Analysis of coverage was undertaken at small area level using the ABS-defined Statistical Area 3 (SA3),⁴⁵ chosen because each is small enough to show differences within jurisdictions but not too small to render maps unreadable. For both privacy and precision reasons, SA3s with denominators of less than 26 children were not included in any small area analysis. Maps were created using version 15 of the MapInfo mapping software⁴⁶ and the ABS Census Boundary Information. As postcode is the only geographical indicator available from the AIR, the ABS Postal Area to SA3 Concordance 2016 was used to match AIR postcodes to SA3s.⁴⁷

PHN

Analysis of coverage was also undertaken at PHN level. PHNs are organisations that work to improve coordination of healthcare in their area. There are 31 PHNs in Australia.

Coverage – adolescents

The World Health Organization recommends assessing HPV vaccine coverage at 15 years of age for the purpose of comparison internationally and over time. As HPV vaccination in Australia is delivered routinely in early high school, usually around the age of 12–13 years, all adolescents should have had the opportunity to complete the vaccination course by age 15 years. Similar to childhood vaccination coverage, HPV vaccine coverage by 15 years of age was calculated using the cohort method. In the cohorts of Medicare-registered adolescents who turned 15 years of age during 2021 or 2020 (i.e. cohorts born in 2006 or 2005, respectively), the proportion who had received dose 1, dose 2 and/or dose 3 of HPV vaccine before their fifteenth birthday was calculated. The outcome of interest in this cohort is completion of a clinically valid course (either 2 or 3 doses). As all adolescents in the 2006 and 2005 birth cohorts were under 15 years of age at first dose, course completion was defined as receipt of two doses if dose 2 was given following a minimum interval of 5 months after dose 1 or receipt of three doses if dose 2 was given less than 5 months after dose 1. The proportion of eligible adolescents in the population completing the vaccination course (course completion) is therefore a different measure to population coverage with either dose 2 or dose 3. HPV

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vaccine coverage and course completion analysis was undertaken by year, gender, Indigenous status, jurisdiction, socio-economic status and remoteness category of area of residence.

Adolescent dTpa vaccination coverage by 15 years of age was also calculated using the cohort method. Using the same 2006 and 2005 birth cohorts as above, the proportion of adolescents who had received a booster dose of dTpa vaccine before their fifteenth birthday was calculated. Analysis was undertaken by Indigenous status, year and jurisdiction.

Completion of adolescent vaccination by 15 years of age was assessed by calculating the proportion of Medicare-registered adolescents in the cohort aged 15 years in 2021 who had received two dose of the HPV vaccine as well as a dose of dTpa vaccine by 15 years of age. The proportion of this cohort who had only received a dose of dTpa vaccine, without a dose of HPV vaccine (and vice versa) was also calculated. Analysis was undertaken by Indigenous status.

Adolescent meningococcal ACWY vaccination coverage by 17 years of age was also calculated using the cohort method. In the cohorts of Medicare-registered adolescents who turned 17 years of age during 2021 or 2020 (i.e. cohorts born in 2004 or 2003, respectively), the proportion who had received a booster dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine before their seventeenth birthday was calculated. Analysis was undertaken by Indigenous status, year and jurisdiction.

In addition to adolescent coverage of HPV, dTpa and meningococcal ACWY vaccines, the number of these vaccinations given during 2021 to adolescents aged 11 to <15 years (for HPV and dTpa) and 14 to <19 years (for meningococcal ACWY) was determined by gender (HPV and dTpa only), Indigenous status, age group (meningococcal ACWY only), jurisdiction (HPV and dTpa only) and provider type (meningococcal ACWY only). The number of these vaccinations given during 2021 was then compared to the number of vaccinations given in 2020. Additionally, for adolescents aged <15 years who received a first dose of HPV in 2020 or 2021, the proportion who also received their second dose in the same calendar year was calculated and compared.

Influenza vaccination coverage for adolescents aged 10 to <15 years and 15 to <20 years was calculated by dividing the number of adolescents in the relevant age group with at least one dose of influenza vaccine recorded on AIR in the calendar year of interest (i.e. 2020 or 2021) by the total number of adolescents registered on the AIR in the 10 to <15 years and 15 to <20 years age groups (based on birth cohorts where age assessed at 30 June in the year of interest), by Indigenous status and jurisdiction. This differs from previous reports where denominators were the number of Medicare-registered adolescents in the relevant age group based on calculated age at start of the calendar year of interest.

COVID-19 vaccination coverage estimates for adolescents aged 12–15 years were obtained from available data⁴⁸ published by the Department. These estimates used the number of first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine recorded on the AIR for adolescents aged 12–15 years as at 4 January 2022 as numerator and the Australian Bureau of Statistics Estimated Resident Population for the 12–15 year age group as at 30 June 2020 as denominator.

Coverage – adults

Adult zoster vaccination coverage was calculated using the 'cohort method'. In the cohorts of Medicare-registered adults who turned 71 years of age during 2021, 2020 or 2019 (i.e. cohorts born in 1950, 1949 or 1948, respectively), the proportion who had received either one dose of Zostavax vaccine or two doses of Shingrix vaccine before their 71st birthday was calculated. Similarly, zoster vaccination coverage was also calculated for the cohorts of adults eligible for catch-up vaccination (i.e. those turning 72–80 years of age in 2021, 2020 or 2019). Analysis for each year was undertaken by Indigenous status, single year of age, and jurisdiction.

Adult 13vPCV vaccination coverage was also calculated using the 'cohort method' for Medicare-registered adults who turned 71 years of age during 2021 or 2020 (i.e. cohorts born in 1950 or 1949, respectively). The proportion of these cohorts who had received a dose of 13vPCV before their 71st birthday was calculated. 13vPCV coverage was also calculated for the cohorts of adults turning 72–80 years of age in 2021 or 2020. Analysis for each year was undertaken by Indigenous status at the national level only.

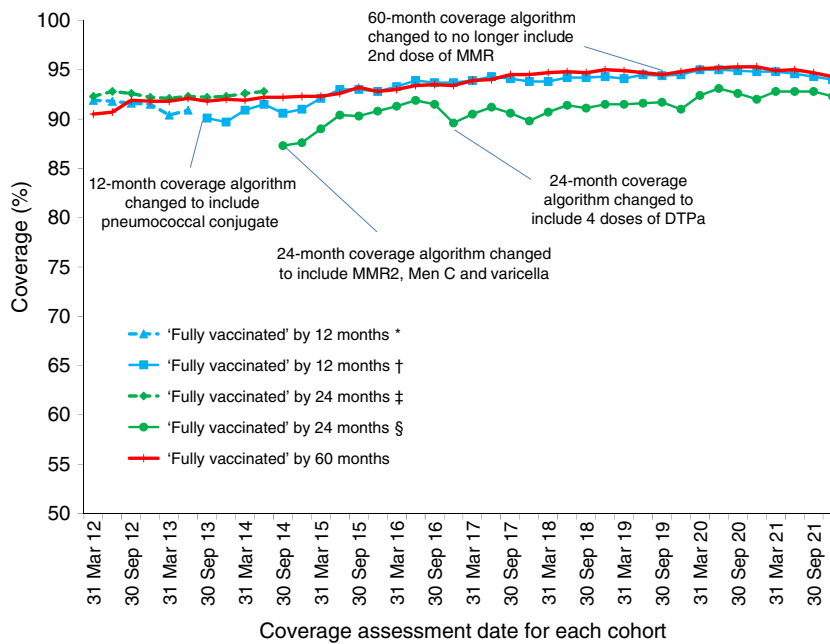
Influenza vaccine coverage for adults aged 20 to <50 years, 50 to <65 years, 65 to <75 years and ≥75 years were calculated by dividing the number of Medicare-registered adults in the relevant age group with at least one dose of influenza vaccine recorded on the AIR in the calendar year of interest (i.e. 2020 or 2021) by the total number of Medicare-registered adults in the AIR in the relevant age group (based on birth cohorts with age assessed at 30 June in the year of interest), by Indigenous status and jurisdiction. This differs from previous reports where denominators were the number of Medicare-registered children in the relevant age group based on calculated age at start of the calendar year of interest.

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COVID-19 vaccine coverage estimates for all Australians aged ≥ 16 years, ≥ 50 years and ≥ 70 years were obtained from available data⁴⁸ published by the Department. Using these publicly available data, coverage for all Australians aged 16–49 and 50–69 years were also calculated. First and second dose coverage was calculated using the number of first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine recorded on the AIR for people in each age group as at 4 January 2022 as numerator and the Australian Bureau of Statistics Estimated Resident Population for the relevant age group as at 30 June 2020 as denominator.

COVID-19 vaccine coverage estimates for Indigenous people aged ≥ 16 years were also obtained from available data.⁴⁸ These estimates used the number of first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine recorded on the AIR for Indigenous people aged ≥ 16 years as at 4 January 2022 as numerator and the total number of Indigenous people ≥ 16 years in the AIR as at 4 January 2022 as denominator.

Figure A1: Trends in 'fully vaccinated' coverage by quarter, Australia, 2012 to 2021



By 3-month birth cohorts born between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2020. Coverage assessment date was 12, 24 or 60 months after the last birth date of each cohort. Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated by quarter and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised data.

* Coverage algorithm before 1 July 2013.

† Coverage algorithm from 1 July 2013.

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§ Coverage algorithm from 1 July 2014.

MMR2 – second dose of MMR vaccine

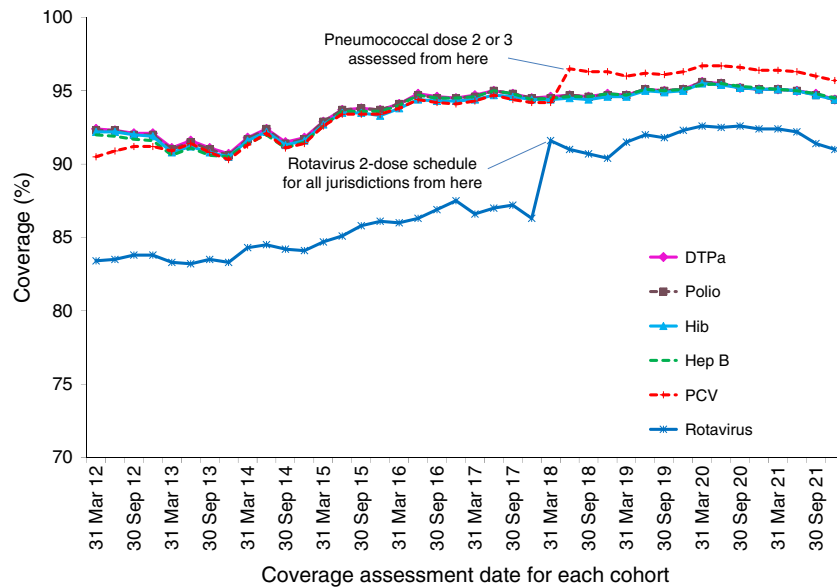
MenC – meningococcal C-containing

DTPa – diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Figure A2: Trends in vaccination coverage at 12 months of age, by vaccine/antigen* and quarter, Australia, 2012 to 2021



By 3-month birth cohorts born between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2020. Coverage assessment date was 12 months after the last birth date of each cohort. Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated by quarter and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised data.

* Third dose of DTPa vaccine, polio vaccine and 13vPCV, second or third dose of Hib and rotavirus vaccines, and third dose of hepatitis B vaccine.

DTPa = diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis

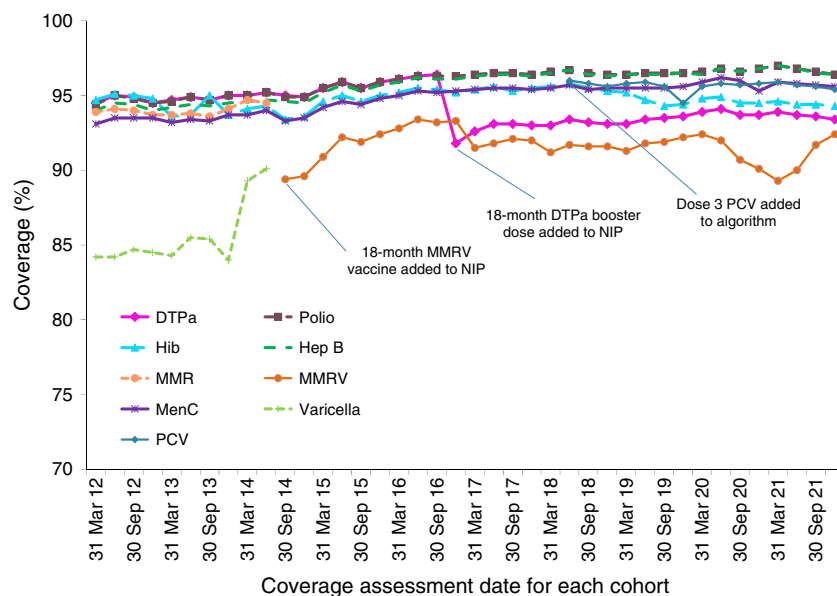
Hib = *Haemophilus influenzae* type b

Hep B = hepatitis B

13vPCV = pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure A3: Trends in vaccination coverage at 24 months of age by vaccine/antigen* and quarter, Australia, 2012 to 2021



By 3-month birth cohorts born between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2019. Coverage assessment date was 24 months after the last birth date of each cohort. Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated by quarter and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised data.

* Fourth dose of DTPa, third dose of polio, third or fourth dose of Hib, third dose of hepatitis B, second dose of MMR, dose 2 of MMRV, first dose of MenC one dose of varicella, and a third or fourth dose of 13vPCV.

DTPa = diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis

Hib = *Haemophilus influenzae* type b

Hep B = hepatitis B

MMR = measles-mumps-rubella

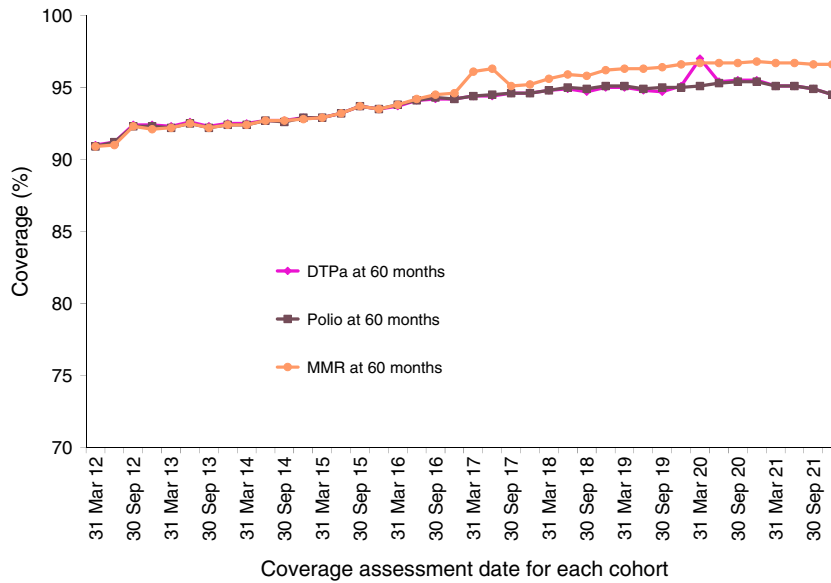
MenC = meningococcal C-containing

MMRV = measles-mumps-rubella-varicella

13vPCV = pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure A4: Trends in vaccination coverage at 60 months of age by vaccine/antigen* and quarter, Australia, 2012 to 2021



By 3-month birth cohorts born between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2016. Coverage assessment date was 60 months after the last birth date of each cohort. Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated by quarter and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised data.

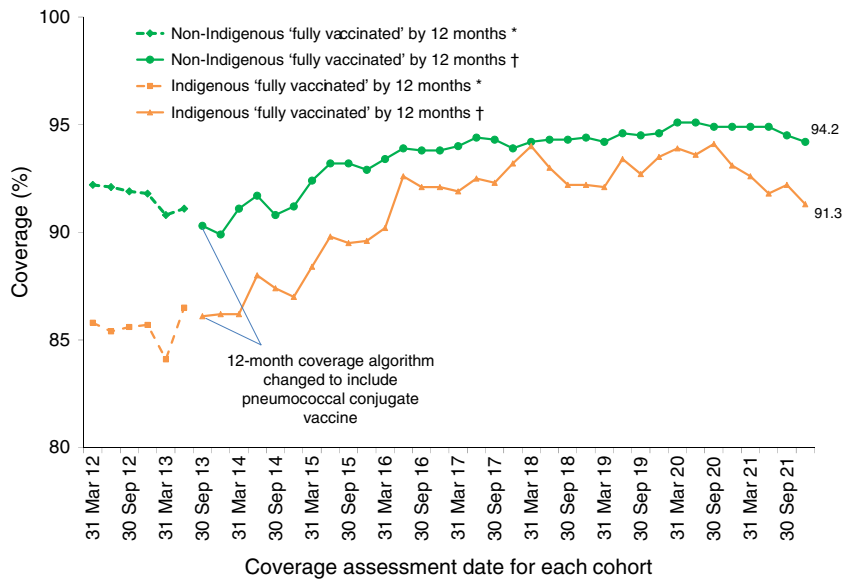
* Fourth or fifth dose of DTPa and fourth dose of polio, second dose of MMR (up until June 2017).

DTPa = diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis

MMR = measles-mumps-rubella

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure A5: Trends in 'fully vaccinated' coverage at 12 months of age by Indigenous status and quarter, Australia, 2012 to 2021



Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated using 3-month wide birth cohorts by quarter and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised data.

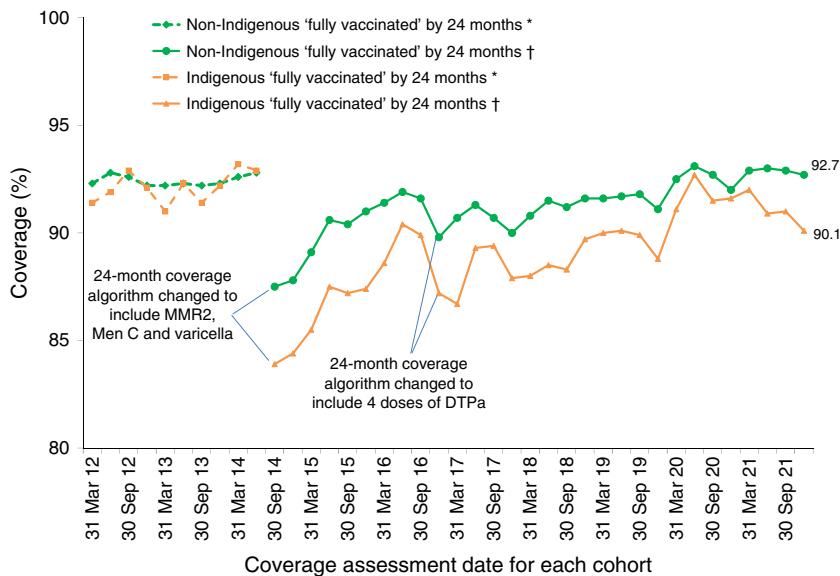
* Coverage algorithm before 1 July 2013.

† Coverage algorithm from 1 July 2013.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Figure A6: Trends in 'fully vaccinated' coverage at 24 months of age by Indigenous status and quarter, Australia, 2012 to 2021



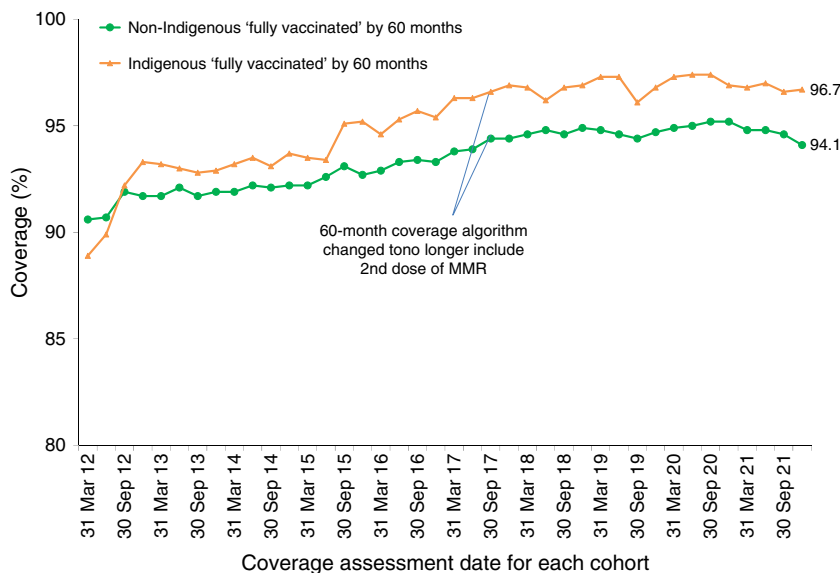
Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated using 3-month wide birth cohorts by quarter and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised data.

* Coverage algorithm before 1 July 2014.

† Coverage algorithm from 1 July 2014.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure A7: Trends in 'fully vaccinated' coverage at 60 months of age by Indigenous status and quarter, Australia, 2012 to 2021

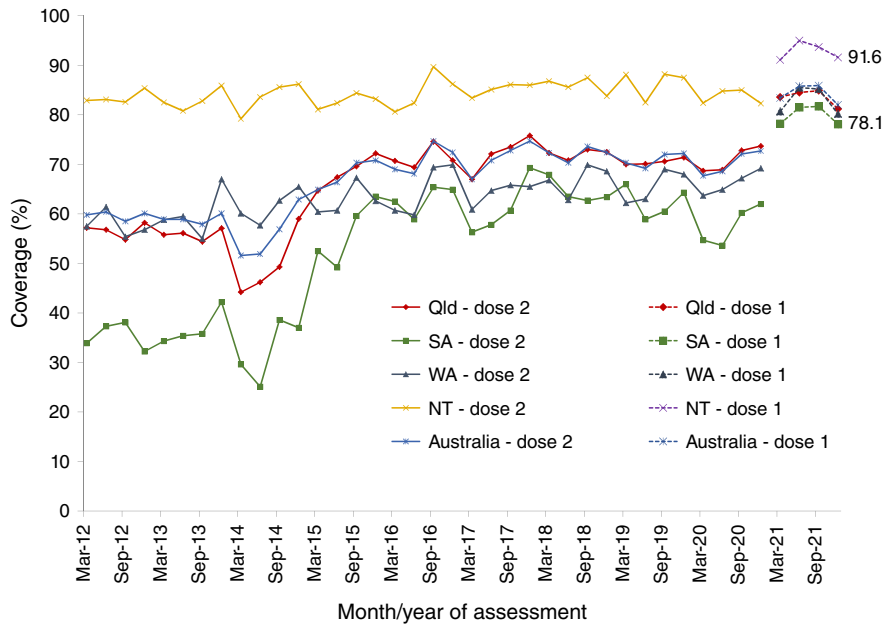


Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated using 3-month wide birth cohorts by quarter and may differ slightly from estimates published elsewhere using rolling annualised data.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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Figure A8: Trends in coverage for hepatitis A vaccine* by 30 months of age for Indigenous children by jurisdiction, Australia,† 2012 to 2021



Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated using 3-month wide birth cohorts by quarter.

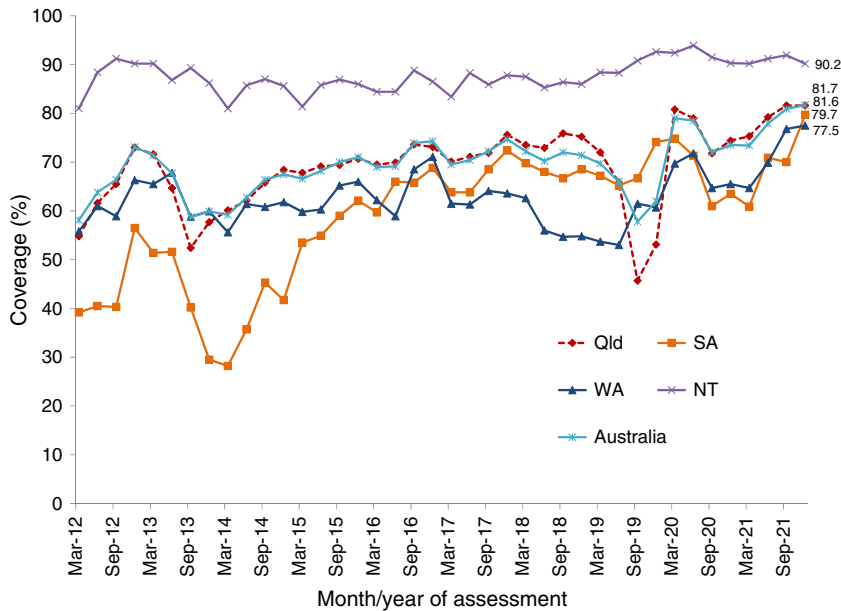
* 18-month dose assessed: scheduled ages for hepatitis A vaccination changed from 12 to 18 months (dose 1) and 18 months to 4 years (dose 2) from July 2020.

† Northern Territory (NT), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA) and Western Australia (WA) only.

Aust. = Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure A9: Trends in coverage for pneumococcal* vaccine for Indigenous children by jurisdiction,† Australia, 2012 to 2021



Vaccination coverage estimates are calculated using 3-month wide birth cohorts by quarter.

* 12-month booster dose assessed at 30 months of age in all four jurisdictions.

† Northern Territory (NT), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA) and Western Australia (WA) only.

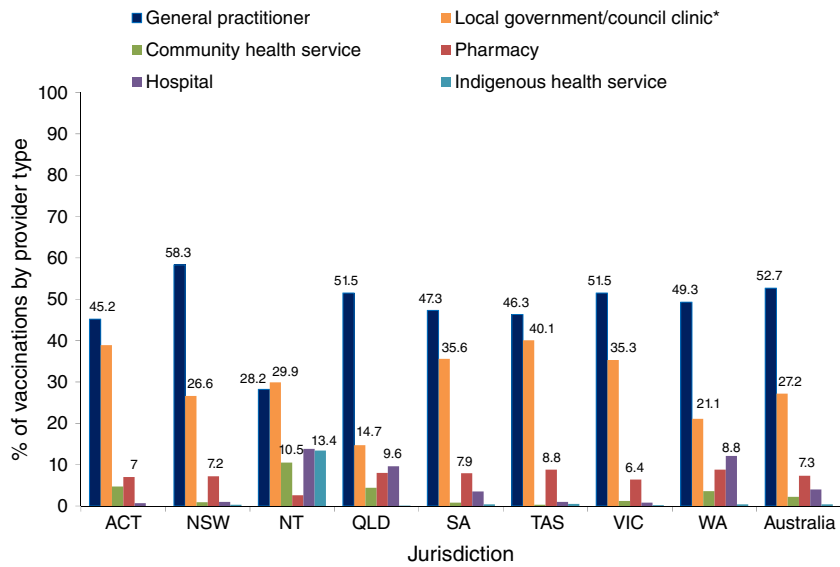
13vPCV = 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Aust. = Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

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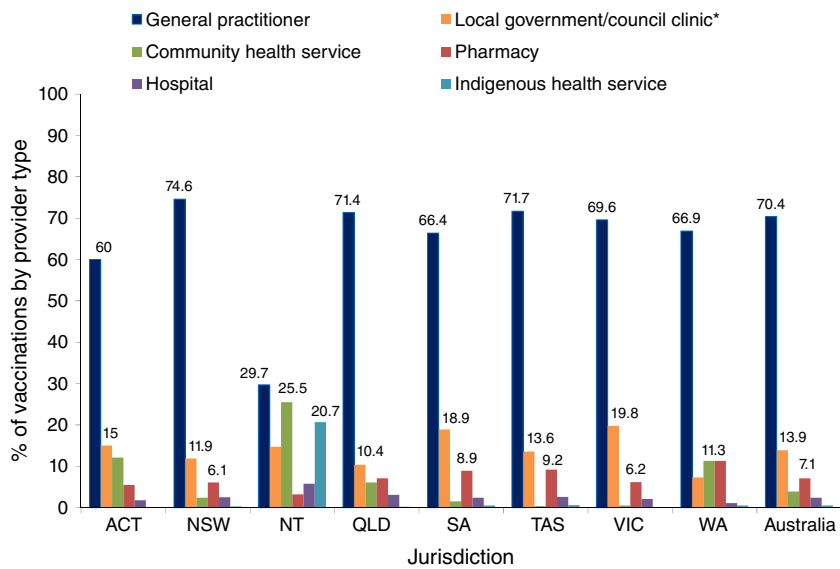
Figure A10: Proportion of vaccinations, including COVID-19 vaccines, given to all persons by provider type and jurisdiction, Australia, 2021



* includes Public Health Units and State Health

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

Figure A11: Proportion of all non-COVID-19 vaccinations given to all persons by provider type and jurisdiction, Australia, 2021

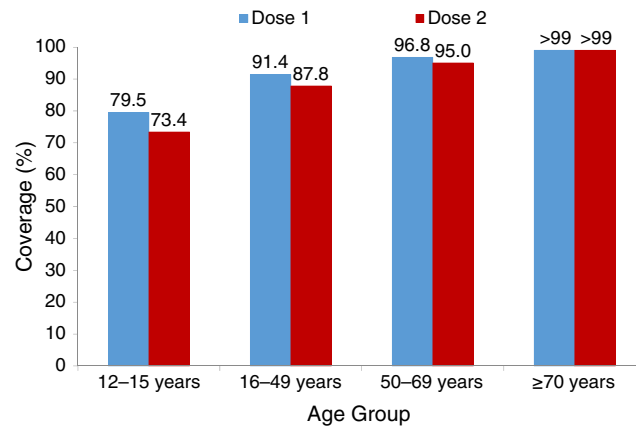


* includes Public Health Units and State Health

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 3 April 2022.

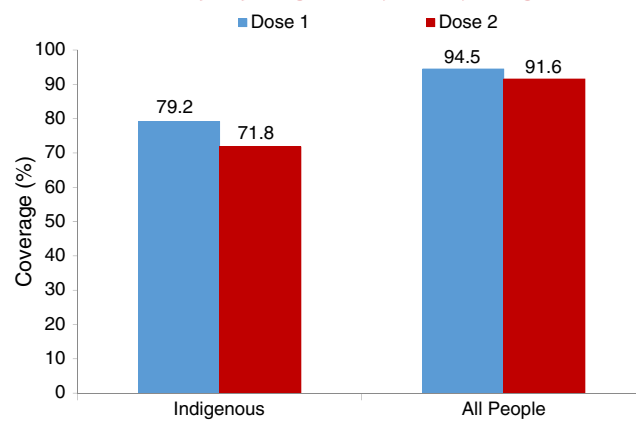
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Figure A12: Coverage (%) of a COVID-19 vaccine in all people by age group, Australia, 2021



Source: Adapted from Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, as at 4 January 2022.⁴⁹

Figure A13: Coverage (%) of a COVID-19 vaccine in all people aged ≥16 years by Indigenous status, Australia, 2021



Source: Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, as at 4 January 2022.⁴⁹

Table A3: Recorded coverage of seasonal influenza vaccine* by age group, state/territory, indigenous people and all people, 2020 and 2021, Australia

2020		NSW		VIC		QLD		SA		WA		TAS		NT	
State/Territory		All		Indigenous		All		Indigenous		All		Indigenous		All	
Age group	ACT	Indigenous*	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All
6mo-<5yrs	64.5	51.2	41.9	37.8	50.0	48.7	41.6	38.5	50.5	43.0	50.7	44.6	44.8	44.0	59.8
5-<10yrs	37.4	38.2	27.3	31.6	31.8	37.5	26.1	29.9	32.7	34.5	38.3	37.3	27.0	34.1	28.7
10-<15yrs	29.8	33.6	22.6	29.6	26.3	37.8	21.9	29.8	27.8	32.4	31.4	34.4	25.3	31.1	26.1
15-<20yrs	27.4	33.0	20.7	26.9	24.0	34.2	20.5	28.3	25.3	29.9	26.5	31.4	24.1	33.3	27.5
20-<50yrs	24.0	30.8	22.3	30.7	24.8	34.8	21.2	30.2	26.2	31.5	25.9	32.4	27.3	35.7	26.1
50-<65yrs	35.3	53.9	33.8	56.0	35.9	56.4	33.4	54.8	37.9	54.5	38.5	52.5	43.2	63.1	29.2
65-<75yrs	64.6	69.6	58.2	72.6	60.4	72.0	63.7	73.8	64.3	67.6	64.6	71.2	68.4	80.0	42.9
75+yrs	66.5	73.6	59.6	75.3	61.2	69.4	66.4	71.2	65.6	66.4	68.4	65.6	71.4	81.5	38.4
Total (≥6mo)	35.4	38.8	32.1	36.8	34.6	46.6	31.9	35.7	37.6	37.6	37.1	38.2	39.6	42.3	30.5
2021		NSW		VIC		QLD		SA		WA		TAS		NT	
State/Territory		All		Indigenous		All		Indigenous		All		Indigenous		All	
Age group	ACT	Indigenous*	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All	Indigenous	All
6mo-<5yrs	49.6	35.1	23.3	19.9	30.9	23.1	22.4	18.9	31.2	21.4	24.6	18.9	29.5	26.3	45.5
5-<10yrs	23.7	20.1	14.4	15.6	17.4	14.0	13.3	13.1	19.2	17.3	16.2	13.4	14.8	18.1	15.3
10-<15yrs	17.3	16.6	11.8	15.1	14.5	15.4	12.1	13.6	17.6	16.9	13.9	12.8	13.6	17.2	15.2
15-<20yrs	18.0	17.7	13.2	15.5	15.9	14.5	14.9	15.6	20.0	19.1	15.3	14.0	15.6	19.1	17.1
20-<50yrs	33.6	28.9	21.8	21.2	24.7	21.0	23.0	19.9	32.5	24.3	22.3	18.1	27.5	28.0	23.7
50-<65yrs	45.6	46.7	35.6	44.9	38.6	42.6	38.6	42.0	48.2	48.6	35.9	36.2	44.8	55.1	28.4
65-<75yrs	66.6	70.3	58.8	67.1	63.3	67.6	63.1	64.5	70.9	67.1	61.0	57.0	68.0	75.0	38.6
75+yrs	72.0	74.3	64.7	72.3	69.1	72.8	69.9	67.6	76.1	74.0	70.2	57.1	74.8	84.3	35.3
Total (≥6mo)	39.2	30.2	30.0	24.9	33.0	25.4	31.2	22.6	41.2	27.2	30.4	20.6	37.9	31.3	25.9

* At least one dose of any influenza vaccine. (Note: 2020 estimates have been revised following a change in methodology and therefore differ to what was presented in the 2020 report – see detailed methods in Appendix for further detail.)

† Indigenous people

ACT = Australian Capital Territory; NSW = New South Wales; NT = Northern Territory; QLD = Queensland; SA = South Australia; TAS = Tasmania; VIC = Victoria; WA = Western Australia

Source: Australian Immunisation Register, data as at 31 March 2021 (for 2020 data) and as at 3 April 2022 (for 2021 data).

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Table A4: 'Fully vaccinated' coverage assessed at standard age milestones (12, 24 and 60 months) and earlier (9, 15, 21, 51 months) milestones.* by Primary Health Network, 2021†

Primary Health Network	9 mo (%) [‡]	12 mo (%) [‡]	15 mo (%) [§]	21 mo (%) [§]	24 mo (%) [§]	51 mo (%)	60 mo (%)
Western Victoria	92.9	95.7	93.0	91.2	94.3	91.6	96.8
Western NSW	93.4	96.4	92.9	90.5	94.3	90.6	96.7
Murray	91.2	94.8	92.5	90.6	94.2	90.9	96.7
Murrumbidgee	92.8	95.4	93.3	91.3	94.3	91.5	96.2
Gippsland	90.3	94.5	92.8	90.3	94.0	91.2	96.0
Hunter New England and Central Coast	92.4	94.9	93.1	90.8	94.2	89.9	95.8
South Eastern NSW	92.8	94.9	93.1	91.0	93.9	90.7	95.8
Country SA	89.4	93.5	90.5	87.4	91.5	89.1	95.7
Australian Capital Territory	95.0	96.3	94.1	92.9	94.7	92.3	95.6
Adelaide	92.0	94.7	91.3	89.8	92.9	90.6	95.6
Nepean Blue Mountains	91.9	94.5	93.1	91.0	94.0	90.1	95.3
Eastern Melbourne	92.2	95.0	91.7	89.7	92.8	90.0	95.2
South Eastern Melbourne	91.3	94.4	90.8	88.6	91.9	90.0	94.8
Northern Queensland	89.1	93.6	90.8	87.2	92.7	87.2	94.7
South Western Sydney	90.3	93.3	89.8	87.1	91.1	88.3	94.7
Western Queensland	87.4	93.3	90.5	84.1	92.1	86.9	94.6
Brisbane North	92.9	95.3	92.3	90.0	93.7	89.5	94.5
North Western Melbourne	90.7	94.0	90.0	88.1	91.3	88.7	94.4
Tasmania	92.4	94.7	90.2	87.5	91.2	88.5	94.3
Darling Downs and West Moreton	90.8	94.2	91.2	88.6	92.7	88.1	94.3
Western Sydney	90.8	93.7	89.5	87.5	90.7	88.0	94.0
Brisbane South	91.1	94.2	90.7	88.0	92.2	87.9	93.7
Northern Sydney	94.0	95.5	91.1	89.5	92.2	89.0	93.4
Perth South	90.2	93.8	90.1	87.3	91.6	86.6	93.3
Perth North	91.3	94.6	90.4	87.9	91.8	86.2	93.2
Country WA	85.3	91.4	87.5	82.9	88.9	84.2	92.8
Northern Territory	88.7	93.3	90.6	83.9	90.8	83.6	92.7
Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast	88.2	91.9	89.8	86.8	91.4	86.1	92.7
Central and Eastern Sydney	92.6	94.7	90.9	88.5	91.6	86.2	91.6
Gold Coast	87.0	90.7	87.3	84.5	89.1	84.7	90.9
North Coast	86.1	89.2	85.9	83.7	87.4	84.5	90.9

* Coverage algorithm used for 9/21/51 month milestones same as for 12/24/60, respectively; algorithm used for 15 months same as 24 months but excludes doses due at 18 months; for further detail of algorithms, refer to Table A2 in the Appendix.

† Data sorted by the '<60 months' column (highest to lowest).

‡ Cohort born 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

§ Cohort born 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019.

|| Cohort born 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016.

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Table A5: Coverage (%) of a COVID-19 vaccine in all people by age group and state/territory, 2021

Age group	Jurisdiction							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT
12 to 15								
Dose 1 (%)	>99	81.4	87.7	70.4	75.4	68.1	78.9	76.5
Dose 2 (%)	96.8	78.0	83.5	63.0	67.0	54.2	70.8	66.4
16 to 49								
Dose 1 (%)	98.4	92.0	90.5	86.8	88.4	88.6	97.6	88.4
Dose 2 (%)	96.9	90.3	88.9	81.8	83.2	79.0	91.1	82.7
50 to 69								
Dose 1 (%)	>99	97.4	97.3	94.2	94.4	95.2	95.6	90.2
Dose 2 (%)	>99	96.5	96.3	91.9	91.9	91.0	93.3	87.6
70 and over								
Dose 1 (%)	>99	>99	>99	>99	>99	>99	>99	95.0
Dose 2 (%)	>99	>99	>99	98.2	98.9	97.2	>99	92.0

Source: Adapted from Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, as at 4 January 2022.⁴⁹

Table A6: Coverage (%) of a COVID-19 vaccine in all people aged ≥16 years by state/territory and Indigenous status, 2021

Age Group	Jurisdiction							
	ACT	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT
Indigenous								
Dose 1 (%)	90.8	86.2	88.6	76.0	73.9	67.5	85.2	84.5
Dose 2 (%)	88.0	83.7	85.7	66.9	64.6	52.7	79.1	74.1
All People								
Dose 1 (%)	>99	95.0	93.9	90.9	92.5	92.1	97.9	89.3
Dose 2 (%)	>99	93.6	92.5	87.0	88.4	84.8	93.4	84.6

Source: Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, as at 4 January 2022.⁴⁹

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