South Carolina Immunization Fact Sheet

Over 93 percent of kindergarten children were up to date with their vaccinations for the 2014-15 school year.¹

Childhood Coverage Rates²
South Carolina has consistently achieved higher than national coverage rates for children aged 19–35 months, although still below the Healthy People 2020 target of 80 percent.

Estimated Vaccination Coverage with Combined 7-vaccine Series§ among Children Aged 19-35 Months, 2012-2014

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Immunization Exemption Rates³
For the 2015-16 school year:
Only 1.1 percent of children in South Carolina schools have an immunization exemption.

• 0.24 percent medical exemptions
• 0.87 percent religious exemptions

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¹The combined 7-vaccine series includes ≥4 doses of DTaP, ≥3 doses of Polio, ≥1 dose of measles-containing vaccine, Hib full series, ≥3 HepB, ≥1 Var, and ≥4 PCV.

³Immunization Exemption Rates are based on data from the South Carolina Immunization Information System.
Adolescent Coverage Rates
South Carolina has lower coverage estimates than national rates for all ACIP recommended adolescent vaccines.

Estimated Vaccination Coverage with Selected Vaccines Among Adolescents Aged 13-17 Years, 2014

Influenza Vaccination Rates
Influenza vaccination rates in South Carolina have increased in all age groups over the last two flu seasons. During the 2014-15 flu season:

- 48 percent of eligible South Carolinians age 6 months and older were vaccinated for flu.
- 72 percent of adults age 65 years and older were vaccinated for flu.

Influenza Vaccination Rates

Abbreviations:
DTaP = diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and acellular pertussis vaccine (includes children who might have been vaccinated with diphtheria and tetanus toxoids vaccine, or diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and pertussis vaccine); Polio = poliovirus vaccine; MMR = measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine; Hib = Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine; HepB = hepatitis B vaccine; Var = varicella vaccine; PCV = pneumococcal conjugate vaccine; Tdap = tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis; MenACWY = meningococcal conjugate; HPV = human papilloma virus; ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

References:
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3. DHEC School Vaccine 45-Day Report