

Oregon Kindergarten Immunization Summary, School Year 2023-2024



Immunization rates

In spring 2024, schools in Oregon reported a decrease in the percent of kindergartners with complete immunizations, marking two consecutive years of declining immunization rates. Statewide, 86.4% of kindergartners were complete for all required vaccines in 2024, down from 87.1% in 2023 and 88.4% in 2022.

Nonmedical exemption rates

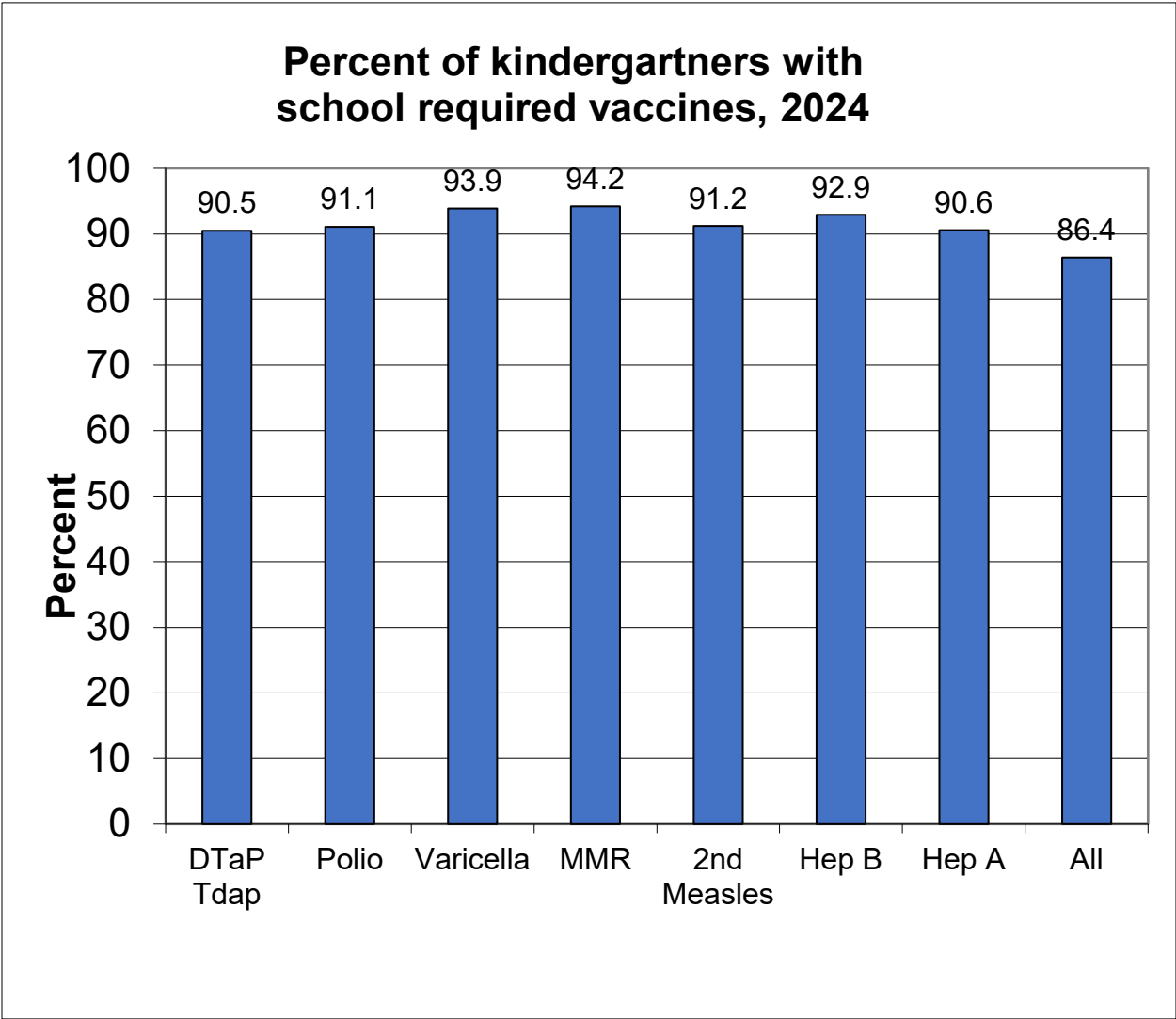
Schools reported the highest nonmedical exemption rate ever seen for kindergartners in Oregon in spring 2024. Statewide, 8.8% of kindergartners had a nonmedical exemption for one or more required vaccines, up from 8.1% in 2023.

Trends since the pandemic

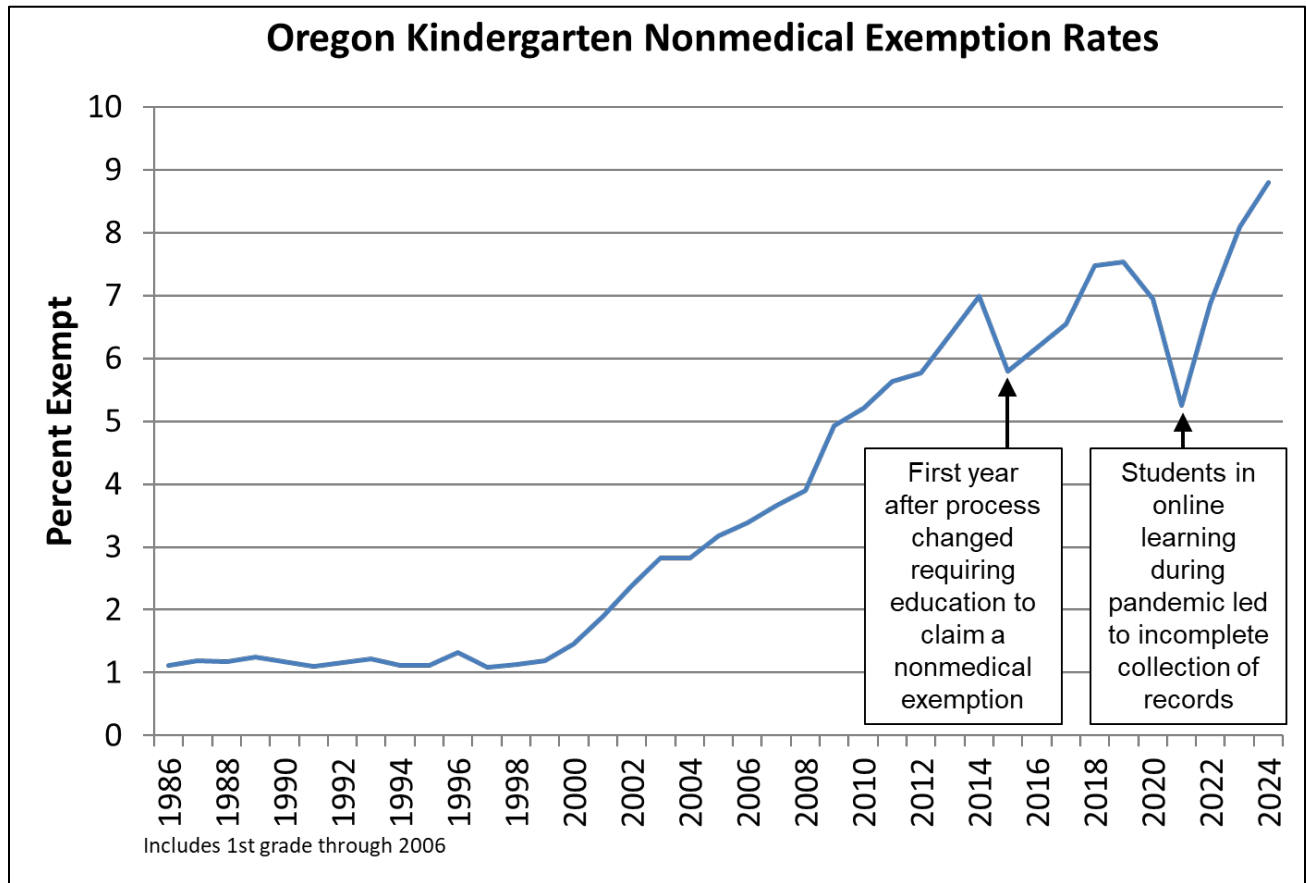
During the first year of data collection during the pandemic, school year 2020-2021, both immunization and exemption rates fell, likely due to incomplete record collection because almost all students were in online learning. The following year, both immunization and exemption rates increased, as students returned to in person learning. In the next two years, immunization rates decreased and exemption rates increased for kindergartners in Oregon.

Kindergarten enrollment has not recovered since the pandemic. Schools reported 39,568 total kindergartners in 2024 compared to 45,959 in 2020, a drop of more than 6,000 students and 14% decrease in the kindergarten population.

Oregon kindergarten vaccination rates, 2024



Changes in Oregon kindergarten nonmedical exemption rates, 1986 to 2024



Changes in county kindergarten nonmedical exemption rates, 2001 to 2024

