

2018 Fact Sheet: Improve immunization rates

This fact sheet is a summary of progress made in year four of the 2015-2019 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). Immunization rates among two-year-olds continues to increase in Oregon. Achievements within the priority area of improving immunization rates include:

- The partnership between OHA and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) is stronger than ever. CCOs actively recruit providers to take part in the AFIX (Assessment, Feedback, Incentive, eXchange) program. AFIX is a program conducted by the CDC, that looks to increase immunization rates through quality improvement work. Last year, all 16 CCOs met every benchmark and achieved all childhood immunization improvement targets.
- OHA’s Immunization Program completed an internal program-wide equity assessment using the [Coalition of Communities of Color Assessment Tool Related to Racial Equity](#). Using the equity assessment results, the program will proactively work on improving internal policies and closing racial disparity gaps related to immunizations.

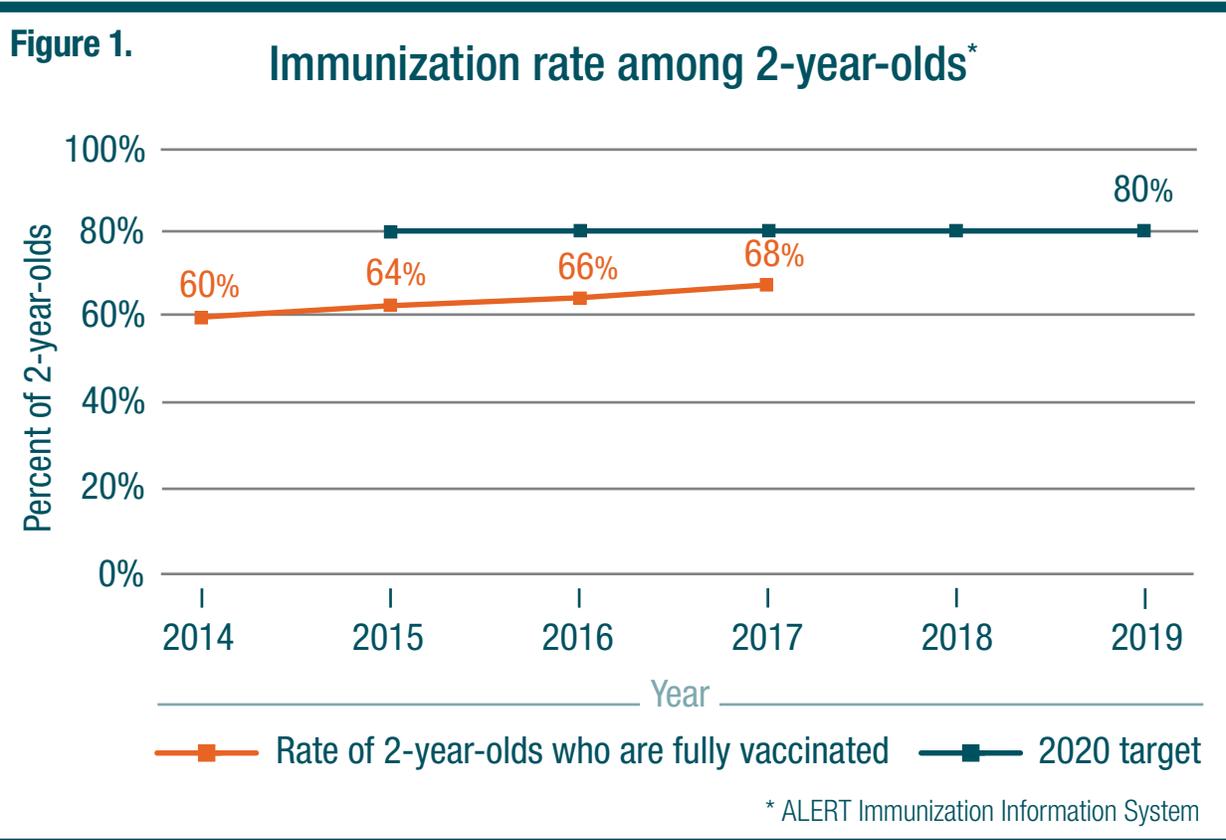
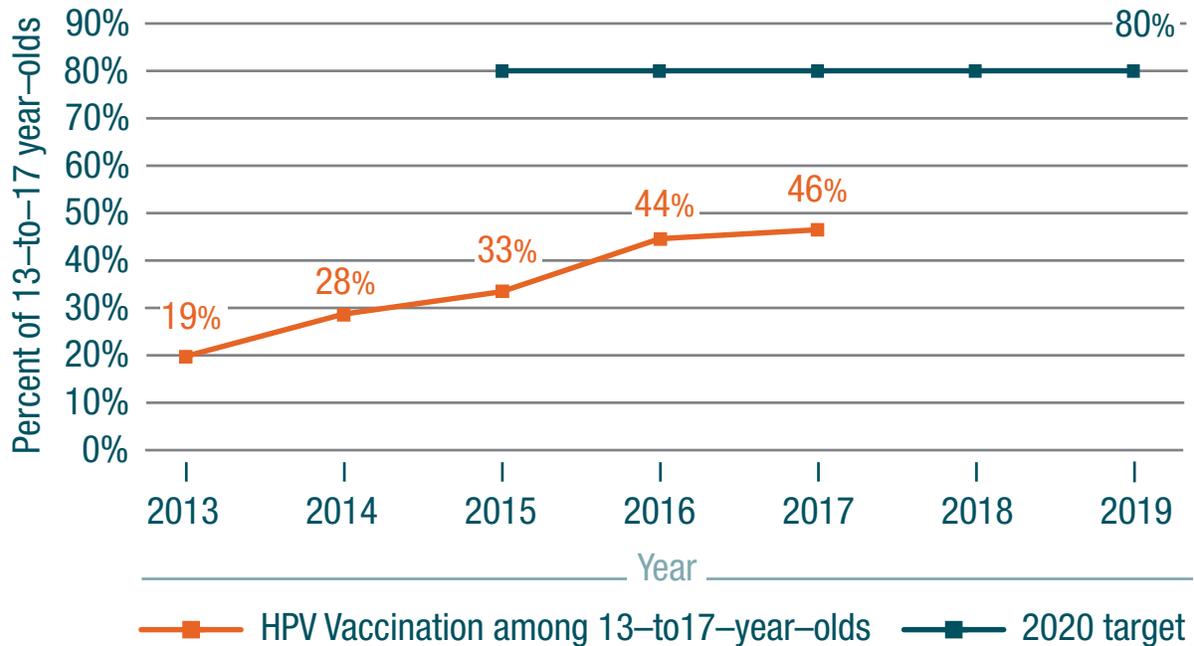


Figure 2.

HPV vaccination rates among youth*



* ALERT Immunization Information System

Challenges

The following challenges may affect the ability of the state to meet goals and achieve priority targets by the end of 2019.

- Oregon's nonmedical kindergarten exemption rates continue to climb. A high number of people within a specific school or community that have not been vaccinated and are not immune can drop vaccination rates under the threshold for certain vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). Thus, this makes some communities more susceptible to VPD outbreaks. OHA continues to monitor school and county immunization rates to identify and guide public health action to prevent VPD outbreaks in Oregon.
- Overall Latino immunization population rates are high, but recent data suggests Hispanic adult and child flu vaccine rates lag behind other race or ethnicity groups. OHA is conducting outreach to Oregon's Spanish speaking community to encourage flu vaccination. OHA is doing this through use of culturally tailored communication and social media.

You can find complete information, including progress made on specific interventions and strategies online at www.healthoregon.org/ship.