

2025-2026 Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Immunization Rates

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RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) is a common virus that affects the lungs. It can be very dangerous for babies and older adults. RSV was the leading cause of infant hospitalization in the U.S. before the introduction of RSV immunizations. RSV spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and virus droplets enter eyes, nose or mouth. You can also get the virus by touching an infected person or surface. RSV season usually begins in the fall, and cases peak in the winter months. Immunizations to protect against RSV became available in 2023 for certain, [high-risk](#) groups.

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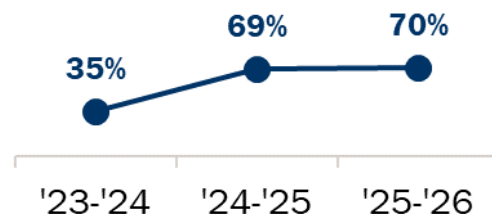
Key Finding

In Vermont, the RSV immunization rate for infants increased from 35% in 2023-2024 to 69% in 2024-2025 and then remained stable in 2025-2026 at 70%.

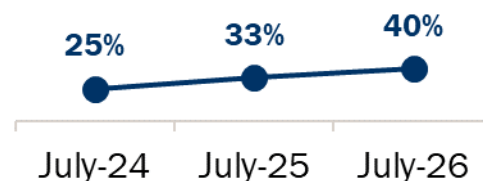
RSV Immunization Coverage Among Vermonters

- Infants can be protected two different ways:
 - Pregnant individuals can get the vaccine during weeks 32-36 of pregnancy.
 - Babies less than 8 months old can receive the RSV antibody immunization*.
- **RSV protection for infants remained stable at 70% in the 2025-2026 season.** Immunization supply was limited in 2023-2024, but not in 2024-2025 or 2025-2026.
- For adults 50 years and older, a single dose of the RSV vaccine is currently recommended to protect against severe illness. RSV vaccines are recommended for all adults 75 and older and adults 50-74 who are at an increased risk of severe RSV disease. Since eligible adults can be vaccinated at any time, protection is measured as of a specific date, instead of by season.

70% of eligible infants were protected against RSV in 2025-2026.



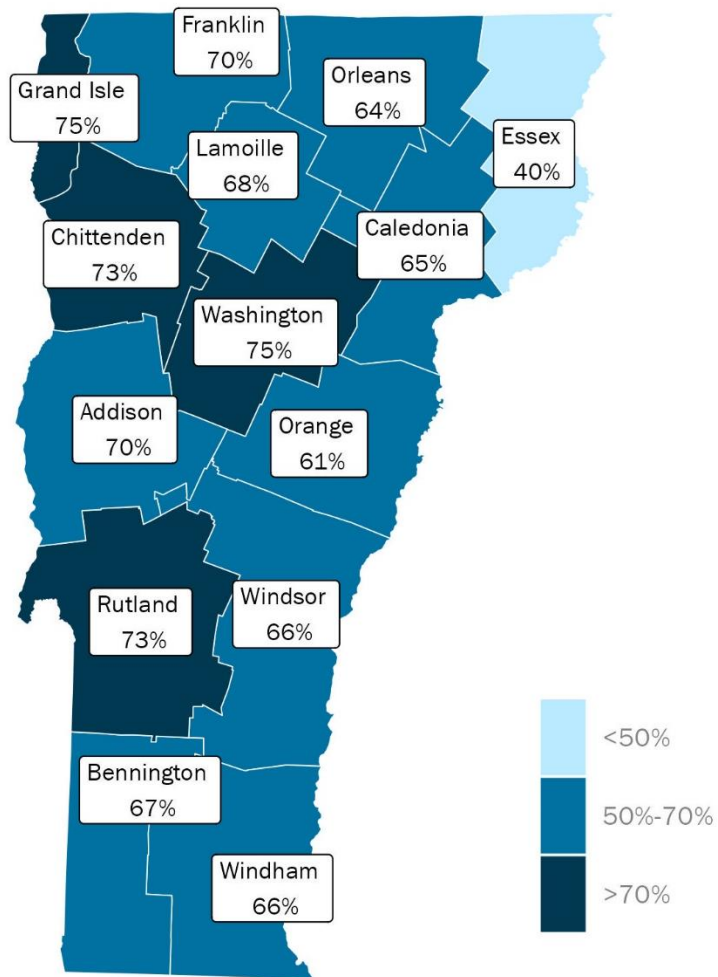
40% of Vermont adults 75+ are protected against RSV.



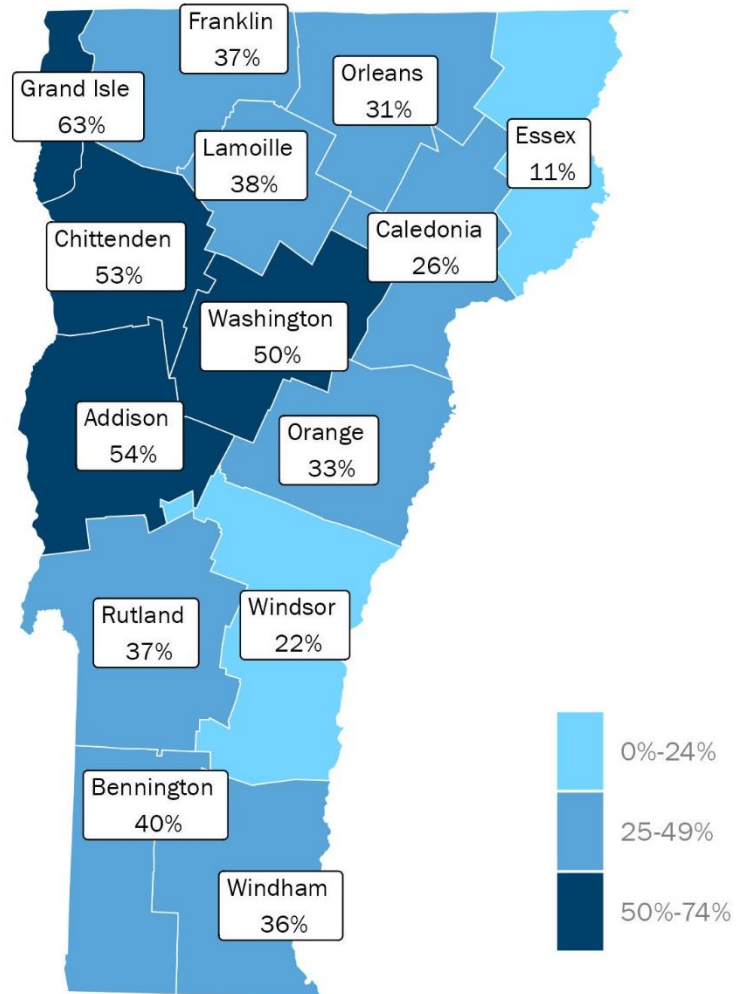
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The percentage of eligible infants protected against RSV in 2025-2026 varies by county, with Grand Isle and Washington having the highest percentages (75%).



The percentage of Vermonters 75+ protected against RSV in 2025-2026 varies by county, ranging from 11% to 63%.



For more information on RSV immunization rates by county, race, ethnicity and gender, see the [Vermont COVID-19, Flu, and RSV Vaccination Data Dashboard](#).

RSV immunization recommendations

RSV immunizations are recommended for:

- Adults (age 75 and older)
- Adults 50-74 years of age and older who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease
- Pregnant individuals
- Infants and some young children

**Learn more about the
[RSV immunization.](#)**

Notes and data sources

Notes: *1 dose of nirsevimab is also recommended for infants and children aged 8–19 months who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season. While not reported in this data brief, some data for infants and children aged 8-19 months is available at [Respiratory Virus Vaccination Data | Vermont Department of Health](#). A different monoclonal antibody, palivizumab, is limited to children aged 24 months and younger with certain conditions that place them at high risk for severe RSV disease. It must be given once a month during RSV season. Please see [AAP guidelines](#) for palivizumab.

Data include immunizations reported to the Vermont Immunization Registry and may be missing some doses administered out of the state. This may be a larger issue for those along the NH border and may lead to underestimating vaccination rates.

Eligibility has varied over the years. For example, in 2025-2026, the RSV season continued through April. Infants eligible for an immunization by season includes those born during this timeframe:

2023-2024: February 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

2024-2025: April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

2025-2026: April 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

Data Sources:

[Vermont Immunization Registry](#), July 2026

[Vermont Department of Health Population Estimates](#), 2024

[Vermont Vital Statistics birth files](#), preliminary 2023-2026 data