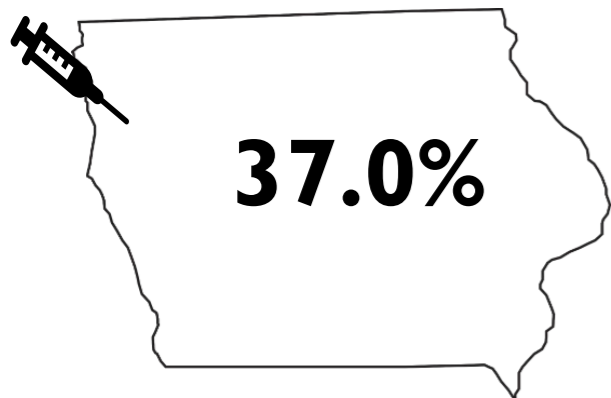


Iowa Influenza (flu) Vaccination Data: 2022-2023



of Iowans received influenza vaccine during the 2022-2023 season.

During the 2022-2023 Flu Season:

1,171,810 Iowans received the influenza vaccine.

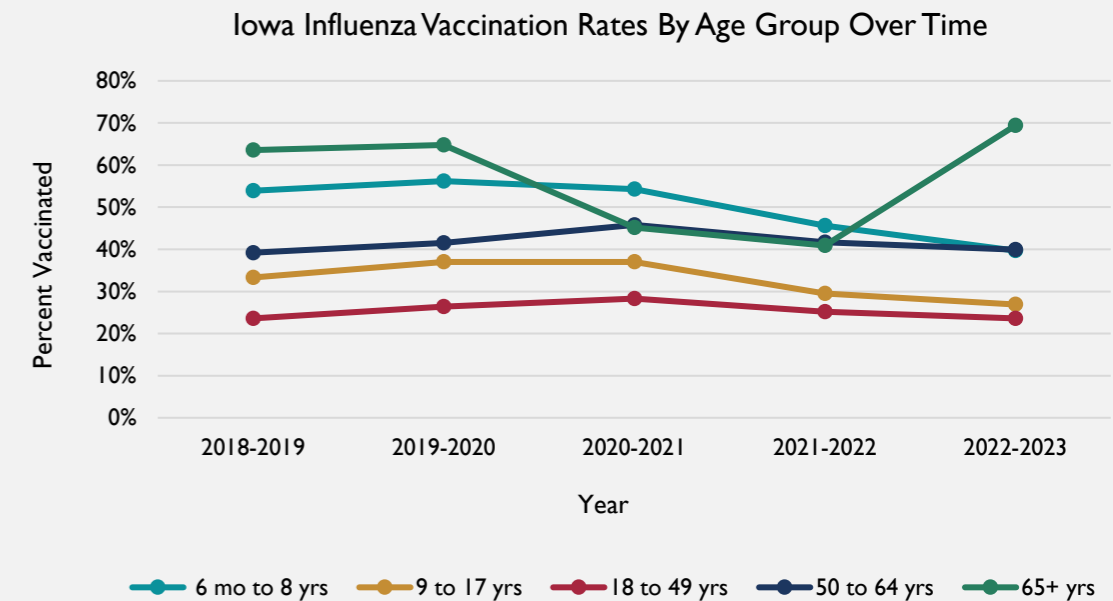
Consistent with previous years, **October** was the highest month for influenza vaccine administration.

Individuals **65 and older** had the highest percent of population vaccinated by age group.

Individuals 6 months and older are recommended to receive the flu vaccine each year.

Influenza Vaccination Rates by Age Group:

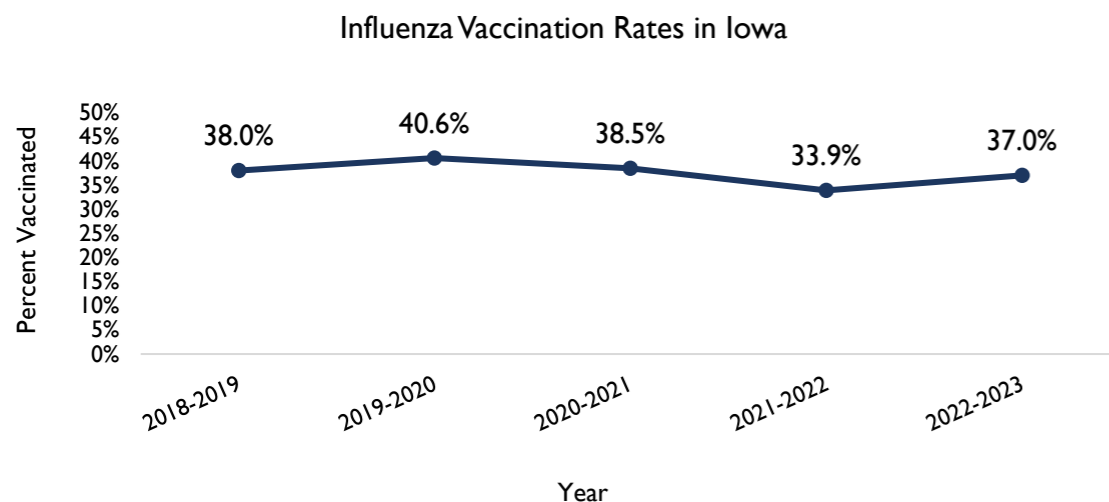
Individuals 65 years and older had the highest vaccination coverage during the 2022-23 flu season at 69.4%. This is a substantial increase compared to last year's coverage of only 40.9% and the highest coverage for this age group in the last four years. Despite a large increase in the 65+ age group, all other age groups saw a slight decrease in coverage compared to last year.



Getting the Influenza Vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu.

How does this year compare to previous years?

Iowa's influenza vaccination coverage improved compared to the 2021-2022 season, but continues to remain well below the [Healthy People 2030](#) goal of 70% coverage.



Influenza vaccine can be administered along with other routinely recommended vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccine. Studies conducted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic indicate coadministration of flu and a COVID-19 vaccine is safe, and helps individuals become up-to-date in fewer visits.

Although Iowa's influenza vaccine coverage increased compared to last year, statewide and county specific influenza vaccine coverage remains low. Receiving an annual influenza vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu and its potentially serious complications. The Iowa Immunization Program continues to evaluate immunization rates in order to guide resources and address population needs. More information regarding the influenza vaccine can be found on the [CDC's website](#).

