St. Jude Children's Research Hospital | HPV Cancer Prevention Program

PATH to prevention

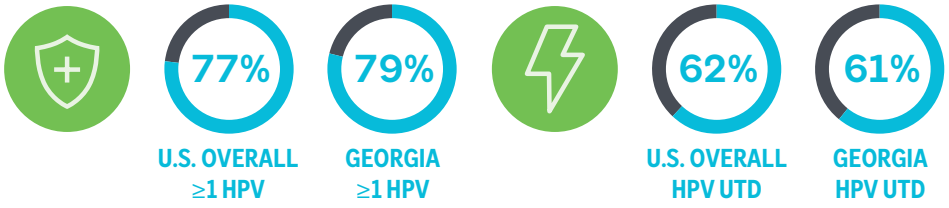
A PATH TO PREVENTION:

State Profile: Georgia

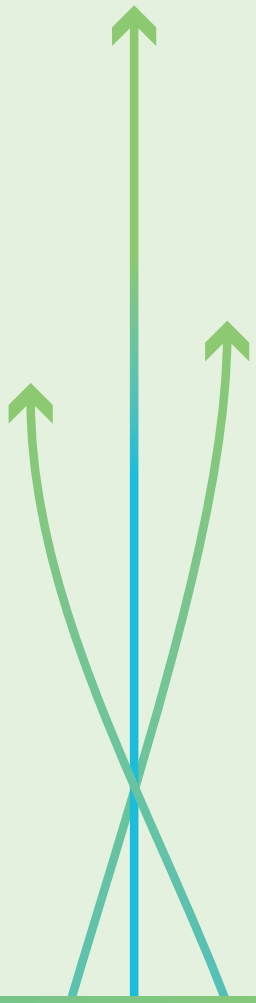
HPV vaccination is recommended for routine vaccination at **age 11 or 12 years and may be started at age 9.** Adults age 27 to 45 should talk to their doctors to see if HPV vaccination is recommended for them.

HPV vaccination protects against more than 90% of HPV cancers.

HPV VACCINATION RATES FOR 13–17 YEAR-OLDS AS OF 2021:



Georgia has increased HPV vaccination coverage of **≥1 dose by 12% and up-to-date (UTD) by 15% since 2016.** However, coverage remains **lower than the U.S. average** and below the Healthy People 2030 goal of 80% UTD. Compared to meningitis and whooping cough (Tdap) vaccines routinely recommended for adolescents, HPV vaccination coverage lags. Georgia vaccination rates **among 13–17 year olds were 93% for meningitis vaccine and 93% for Tdap vaccine in 2021.**



HPV vaccination data sources: CDC NIS-TEEN, 2021; TeenVax View, 2021

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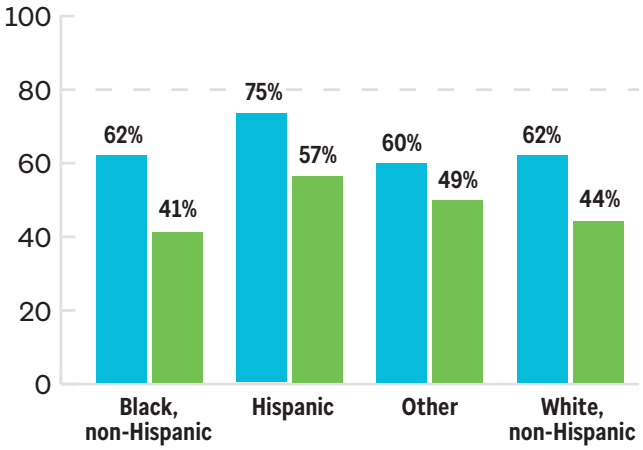
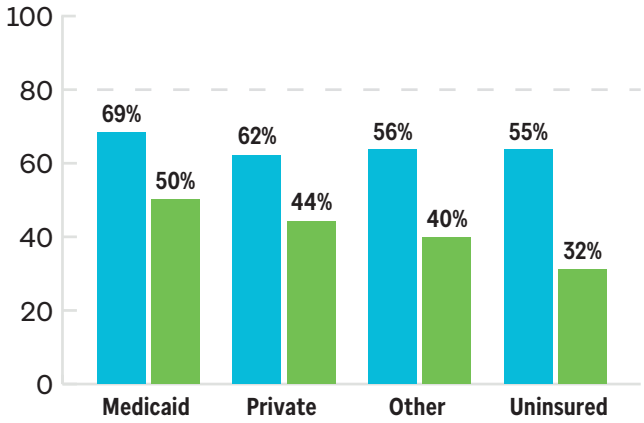
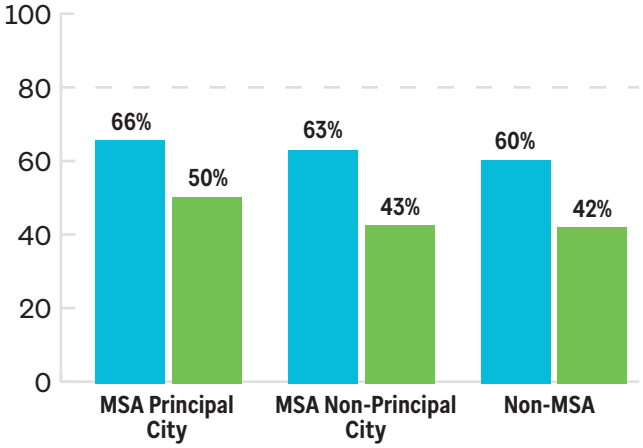
HPV Vaccination by Race/Ethnicity



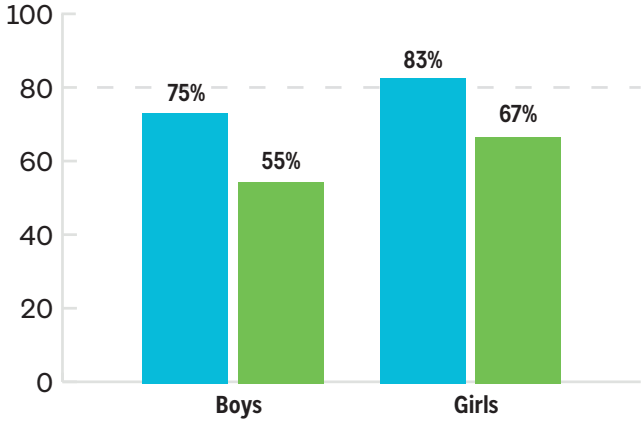
HPV Vaccination by Insurance Coverage



HPV Vaccination by Urbanicity



HPV Vaccination by Sex



Healthy People 2030 ≥1 HPV Vaccination HPV Vaccination Up-to-date

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HPV CANCERS:

HPV is a common virus linked to six types of cancer. The two most common HPV-associated cancers are oropharyngeal and cervical cancers. **Incidence rates of HPV cancers overall and oropharyngeal cancer are higher in Georgia compared to the U.S. averages.**

New Cases

	All HPV Cancers	Oropharyngeal Cancer	Cervical Cancer
United States Overall	12.5	5.2	7.2
Georgia Overall	13.9	5.5	7.9
United States	Male: 11.2, Female: 13.9	Male: 9.1, Female: 1.7	Georgia ranks in the **Top 15 Nationally** in cervical cancer incidence rates.
Georgia	Male: 12.7, Female: 15.1	Male: 9.9, Female: 1.7	

Incidence rates shown are cases per 100,000 persons.

ACTION STEPS:

Identify and engage key stakeholders in HPV vaccination efforts through vaccination and cancer prevention stakeholders in Georgia to develop, implement, and evaluate an action plan for increasing HPV vaccination coverage:

- Align with existing efforts to promote vaccinations to optimize impact.
- Increase on-time HPV vaccination overall and specifically focus on completion rates among adolescents who have initiated the HPV vaccination series and adolescents living in rural areas.
- Monitor and mitigate the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on HPV vaccination and consider co-administration of HPV vaccination with other recommended vaccinations.

Implement priority evidence-based interventions in clinical and community settings, such as:

- Promote strong health care provider recommendations, integrate quality improvement approaches to build supportive clinical systems, use reminder and recall approaches, and reduce missed opportunities.
- Build HPV vaccination confidence in the public, especially among parents and caregivers, to increase HPV vaccination.

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