

## PATH to prevention

### A PATH TO PREVENTION:

# State Profile: Arkansas

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 RATES FOR** 13–17 YEAR-OLDS AS OF 2022:





≥1 HPV





RKANSAS ≥1 HPV



U.S. OVERALL HPV UTD

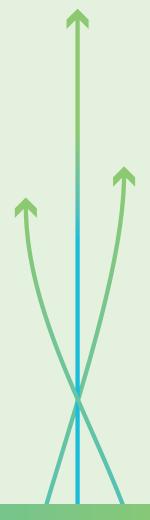


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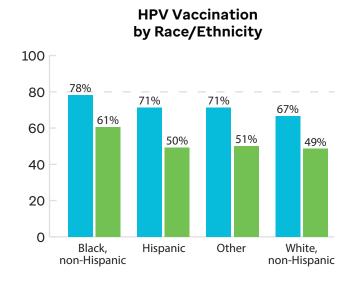
Arkansas has increased HPV vaccination coverage of ≥1 dose by 20% and up-to-date (UTD) by 21% since 2016. However, coverage remains lower than the U.S. average and below the Healthy People 2030 goal of 80% UTD. Compared to meningitis and whooping cough (Tdap) vaccines routinely recommended for adolescents, HPV vaccination coverage lags. Arkansas vaccination rates among 13–17 year olds were 95% for meningitis vaccine and 94% for Tdap vaccine in 2022.

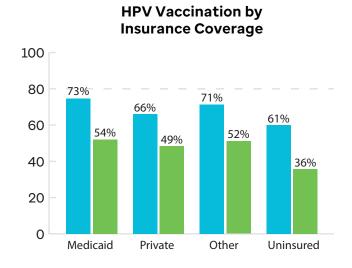


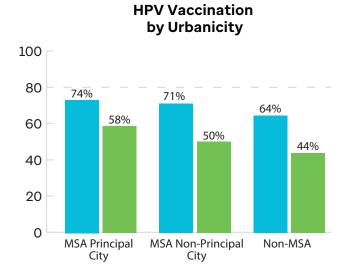
HPV vaccination protects against more than 90% of HPV cancers.



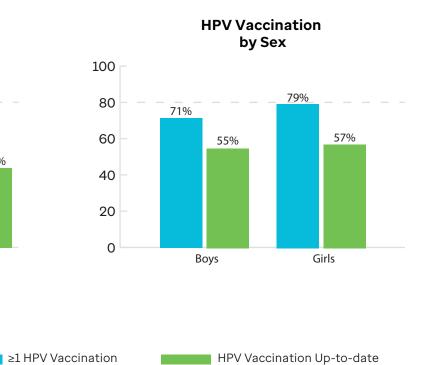
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Healthy People 2030



 $HPV\ vaccination\ data\ sources:\ CDC\ NIS-TEEN,\ 2022;\ TeenVax\ View,\ 2022$ 

#### **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 for oropharyngeal and cervical cancers are higher in Arkansas compared to the U.S. averages.** 

#### **New Cases**

	All HPV Cancers	Oropharyngeal Cancer	Cervical Cancer
United States Overall	11.8	5.0	6.5
Arkansas Overall	13.4	5.7	8.0
United States	Male: 10.8, Female: 12.9	Male: 8.8, Female: 1.6	Arkansas ranks in the Top 10 Nationally in cervical cancer incidence rates.
Arkansas	Male: 12.8, Female: 14.2	Male: 10.3, Female: 1.4	

Incidence rates shown are cases per 100,000 persons.

#### **ACTION STEPS:**

Identify and engage key partners in HPV vaccination to develop, implement, and evaluate priority evidence-based interventions to increase HPV vaccination coverage in clinical, community and policy settings in Arkansas:

- · Align with existing efforts to promote vaccinations to optimize impact.
- Encourage starting HPV vaccination at age 9 to increase series completion by age 13.
- Build HPV vaccination confidence among the public, especially among parents and caregivers who make vaccination decisions for their children, to increase HPV vaccination.
- Improve capacity among health care providers (including oral health providers) to recommend and/or administer HPV vaccines.
- Identify strategies to improve HPV vaccination coverage for adolescents living in rural areas.
- Implement training experiences on motivational interviewing for improving HPV vaccination coverage.
- · Utilize reminder and recall systems for HPV vaccination reminders in clinical settings.

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