

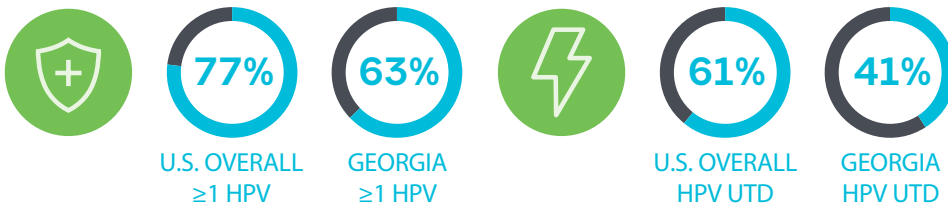


A PATH TO PREVENTION:

State Profile: Georgia

On-time HPV vaccination protects best. HPV vaccination is routinely recommended at **age 11 or 12 years and may be started at age 9**. HPV vaccination is recommended for everyone ages 9-26. It's not too late to catch up on HPV vaccination. People ages 27-45 are also strongly encouraged to talk with a health care provider to see if HPV vaccination is right for them.

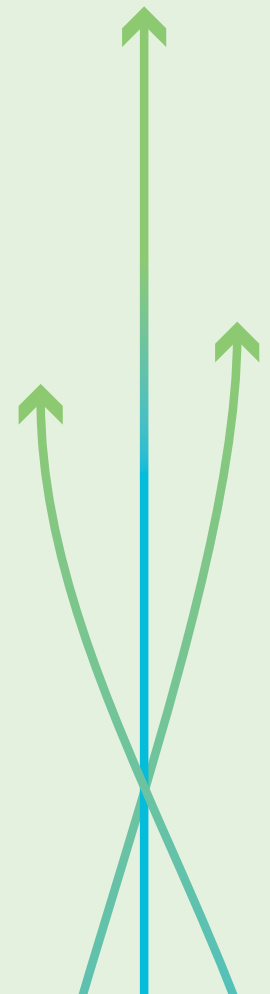
HPV VACCINATION RATES FOR 13-17 YEAR-OLDS AS OF 2023:



Georgia has decreased HPV vaccination coverage of **≥1 dose by 4% and up to date (UTD) by 5% 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 92% for meningitis vaccine and 88% for Tdap vaccine in 2023**.

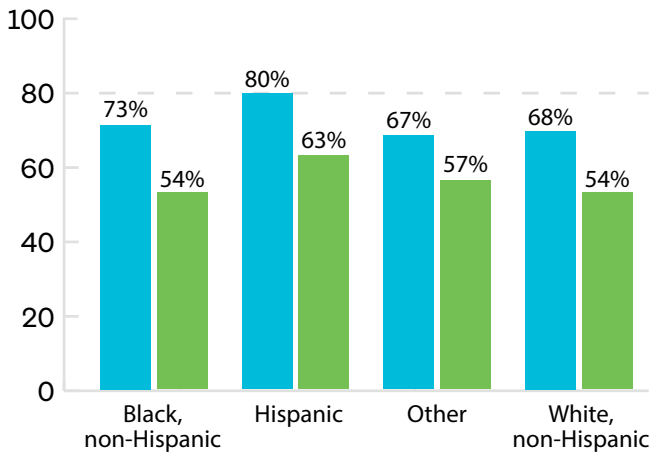


HPV vaccination protects against more than 90% of HPV cancers.

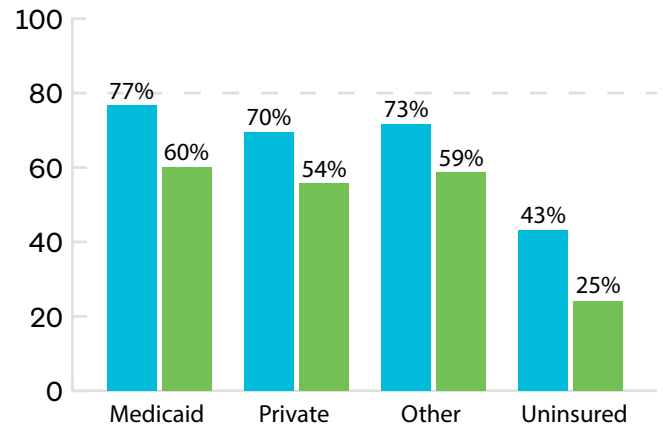


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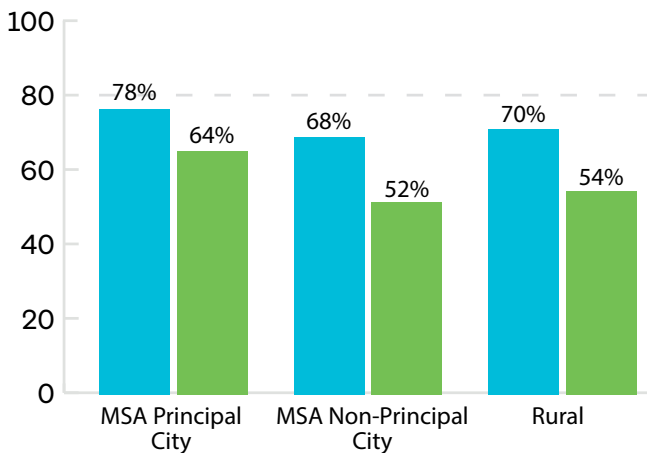
HPV Vaccination by Race/Ethnicity



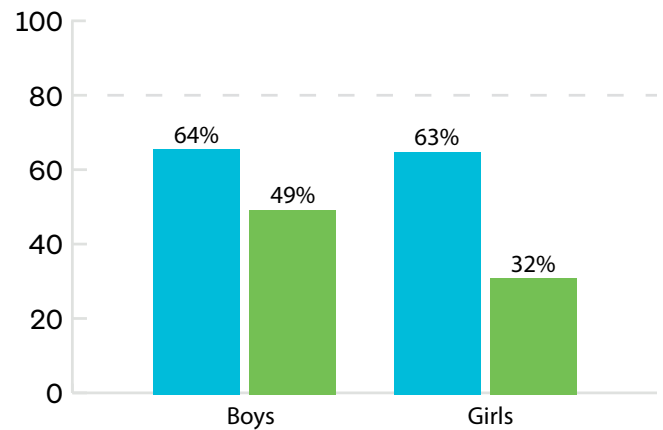
HPV Vaccination by Insurance Coverage



HPV Vaccination by Urbanicity



HPV Vaccination by Sex



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

HPV vaccination data sources: CDC NIS-TEEN, 2023 accessed in TeenVax View, 2024

Demographic data for 2018-2022 are the most recently available.

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 Georgia compared to the U.S. averages.**

New Cases

	All HPV Cancers	Oropharyngeal Cancer	Cervical Cancer
United States Overall	12.5	5.2	7.1
Georgia Overall	13.7	5.6	7.3
United States	Male: 11.2, Female: 13.9	Male: 9.1, Female: 1.6	Georgia ranks in the Top 20 nationally in cervical cancer incidence rates.
Georgia	Male: 12.9, Female: 14.5	Male: 10.1, Female: 1.7	

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 Georgia:

- Encourage starting HPV vaccination at age 9 to increase series completion by age 13.
- Expand public awareness campaigns aimed at increasing knowledge and changing perceptions to inform decision-making related to HPV vaccination.
- Advocate for policy change to improve HPV vaccination coverage.
- Improve percentage of caregivers in Georgia who demonstrate improved knowledge and perception change about the HPV vaccination as cancer prevention.
- Identify strategies to improve HPV vaccination coverage for adolescents living in rural areas.
- Explore opportunities to implement school-based strategies to improve HPV vaccination coverage.
- Engage and support state-level partners in the development and implementation of strategic plans for the elimination of HPV cancers, beginning with cervical cancer, as a public health concern.

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