

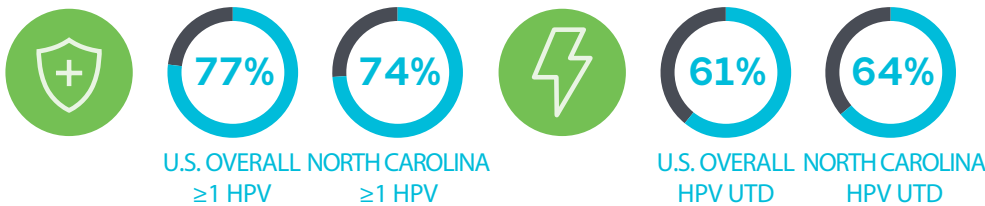


A PATH TO PREVENTION: →

State Profile: North Carolina

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.

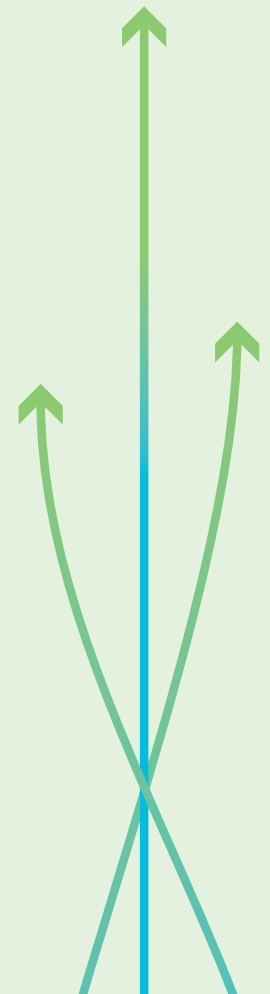
HPV VACCINATION RATES FOR 13-17 YEAR-OLDS AS OF 2023:



North Carolina has increased HPV vaccination coverage of **≥1 dose by 17% and up to date (UTD) by 22% 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. North Carolina vaccination rates **among 13-17-year-olds were 92% for meningitis vaccine and 90% for Tdap vaccine in 2023**.

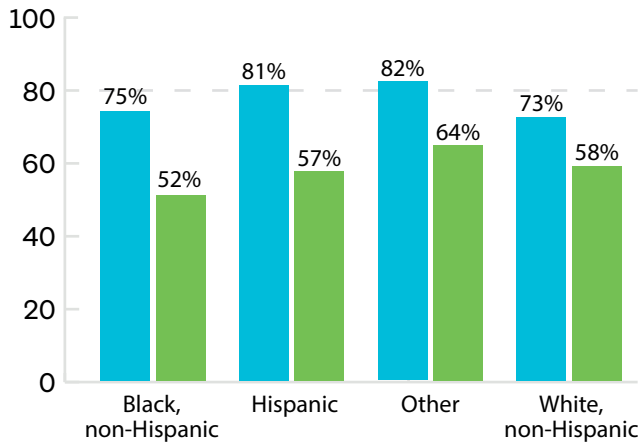


HPV vaccination protects against more than 90% of HPV cancers.

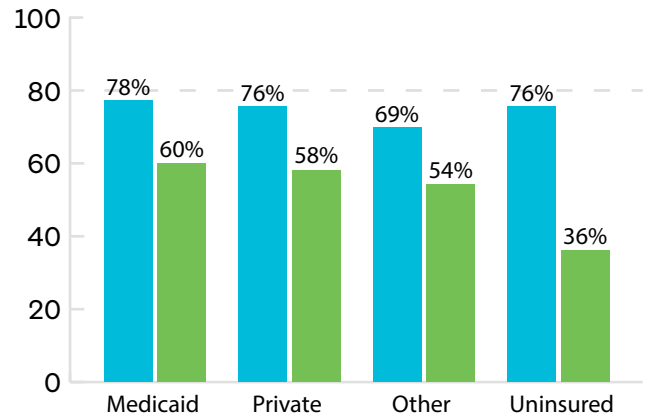


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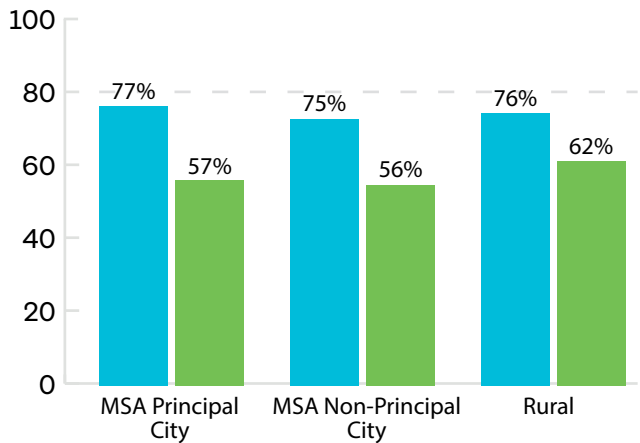
HPV Vaccination by Race/Ethnicity



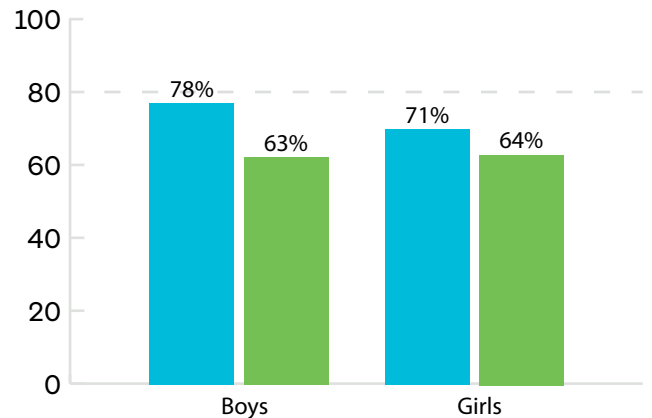
HPV Vaccination by Insurance Coverage



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 oropharyngeal cancer are higher in North Carolina than the U.S. averages. Incidence rates of cervical cancer are lower in North Carolina compared to the U.S. averages.**

New Cases

	All HPV Cancers	Oropharyngeal Cancer	Cervical Cancer
United States Overall	12.5	5.2	7.1
North Carolina Overall	13.1	5.9	6.4
United States	Male: 11.2, Female: 13.9	Male: 9.1, Female: 1.6	North Carolina ranks in the Top 33 nationally in cervical cancer incidence rates.
North Carolina	Male: 12.5, Female: 13.7	Male: 10.3, Female: 1.9	

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 North Carolina:

- Encourage starting HPV vaccination at age 9 to increase series completion by age 13.
- Provide QI resources to healthcare systems to improve HPV vaccination coverage
- Provide training to health care professionals on how to effectively make strong HPV vaccine recommendations including using the announcement approach.
- Educate state policymakers about HPV vaccination and HPV cancer burden to provide increased funding for improving HPV vaccination programs.
- 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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