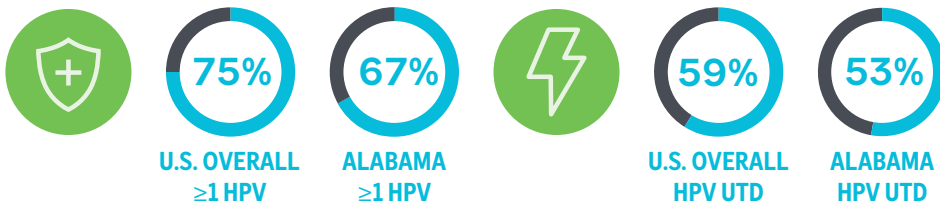


## A PATH TO PREVENTION: →

# State Profile: Alabama

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.

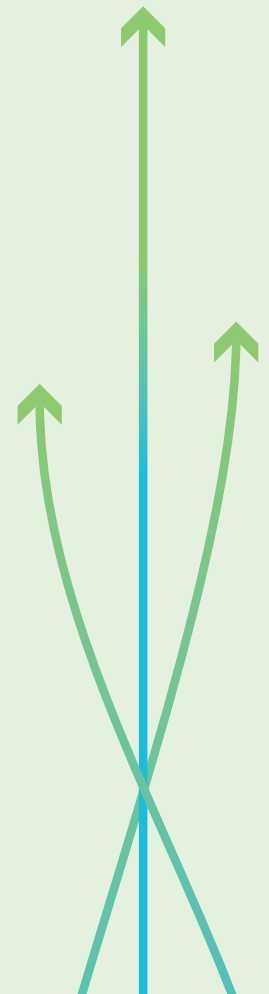
## HPV VACCINATION RATES FOR 13-17 YEAR-OLDS AS OF 2020:



Alabama has increased HPV vaccination coverage of **≥1 dose by 16% and up-to-date (UTD) by 18% 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. Alabama vaccination rates **among 13-17 year olds were 83% for meningitis vaccine and 92% for Tdap vaccine in 2020**.

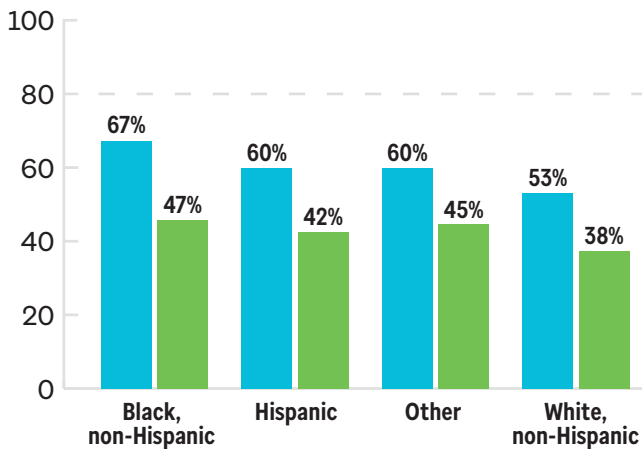


**HPV vaccination protects against more than 90% of HPV cancers.**

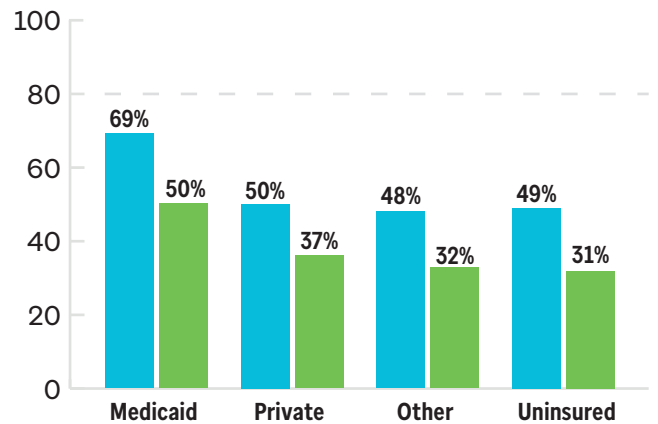


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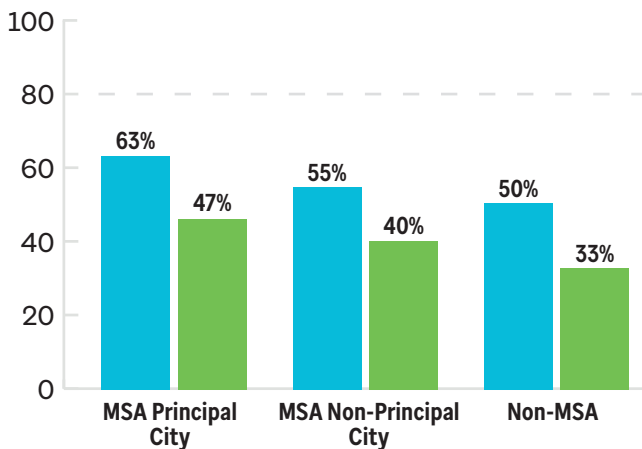
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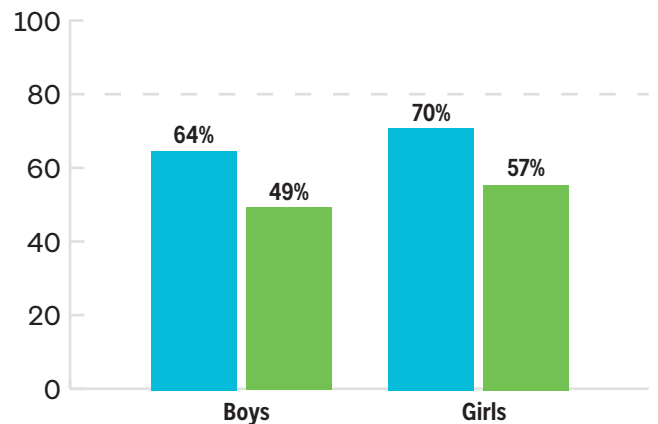
**HPV Vaccination by Insurance Coverage**



**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, 2021; TeenVax View, 2021

## 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 cervical cancer are higher in Alabama compared to the U.S. averages.**

### New Cases

	All HPV Cancers	Oropharyngeal Cancer	Cervical Cancer
United States Overall	12.4	5.1	7.1
Alabama Overall	12.5	4.7	7.3
United States	Male: 11.0, Female: 13.7	Male: 8.9, Female: 1.7	Alabama ranks in the <b>Top 30 Nationally</b> in cervical cancer incidence rates.
Alabama	Male: 10.7, Female: 14.1	Male: 8.3, Female: 1.4	

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 Alabama 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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