

Influenza Vaccine Uptake in Ireland in 2023-2024 season

**18th September 2023 – 31st March 2024
(week 38, 2023 – week 13, 2024)**

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Next report will be prepared on 2nd of May**



Recommendations for influenza vaccinations, Ireland, 2023-2024



Flu vaccine is recommended and HSE provides those vaccines in Ireland for following population groups:

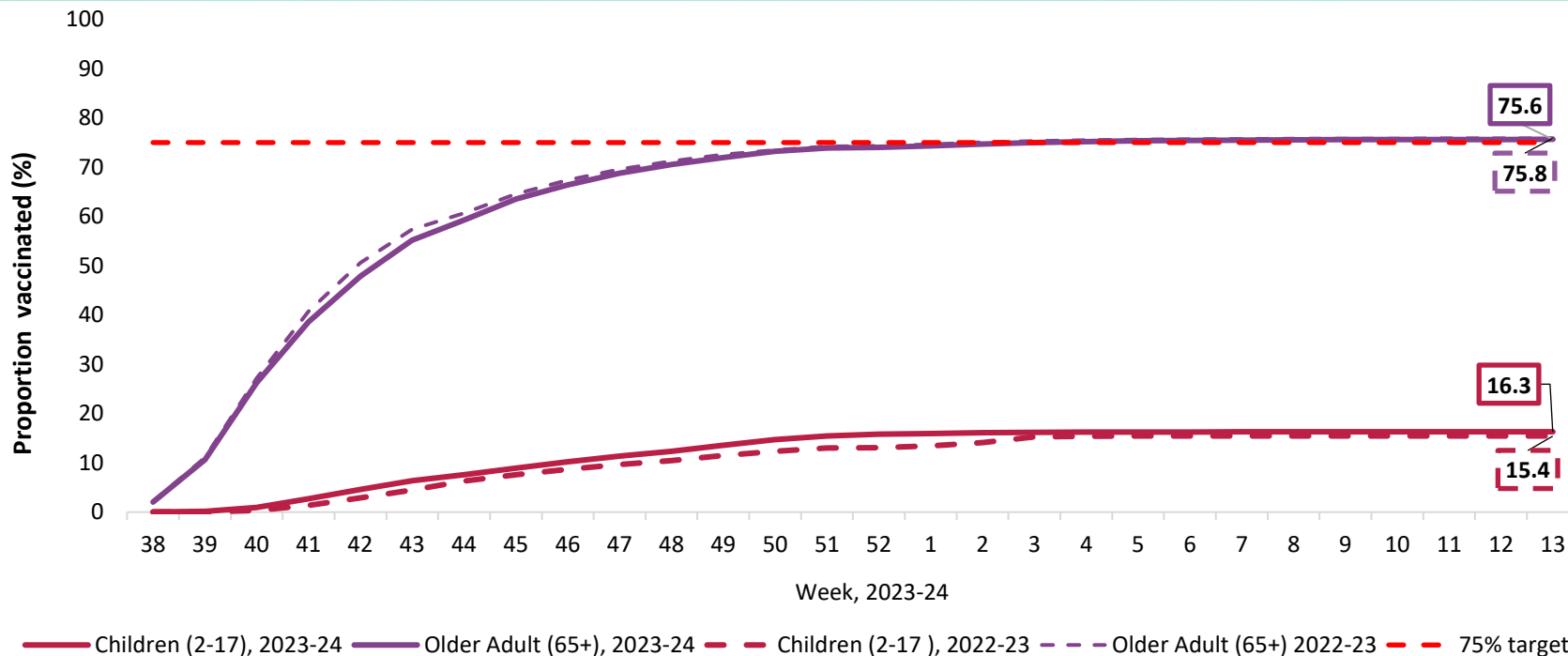
- Children aged 2 -17 years
- People older than 65 years
- Health Care Workers
- Residents of nursing homes, old people's homes, and other long stay facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow introduction of infection
- Persons aged ≥ 6 months of age with chronic illness (chronic respiratory disease: cystic fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstruction pulmonary disease; moderate or severe asthma, chronic heart disease, diabetes mellitus), immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment (including asplenia or splenic dysfunction), those with morbid obesity (Body mass index >40)
- Persons with Down syndrome
- Pregnant women
- People who have close, regular contact with pigs, poultry or waterfowl

The uptake rates are calculated as follows:

1. Influenza uptake rates by age group are calculated based on the proportion of individuals in the specified age group who are vaccinated during the period 18th September 2023 -31st March 2024.
 2. Rates by age groups for the 2023/2024 season are calculated using HIU 2021 Popul Projection estimates.
- COVAX system, which collects vaccination data related influenza vaccines administered to the Irish population by GPs, pharmacies, hospitals and community vaccinators.



Influenza vaccination uptake, by age group, 2023*-2024 season vs same period 2022-2023



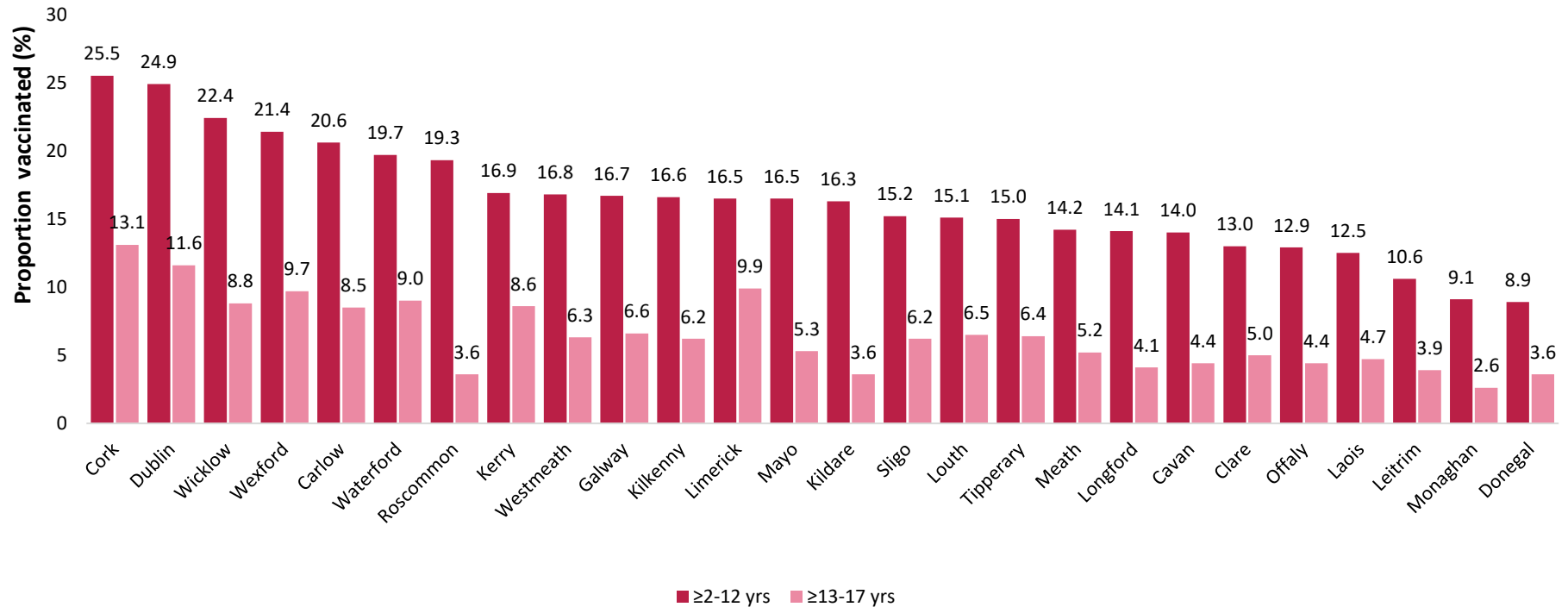
*Since 18th September 2023

Data source: data extract of vaccinations from IIS.

Data source for denominator: HIU 2021 Popul Projection



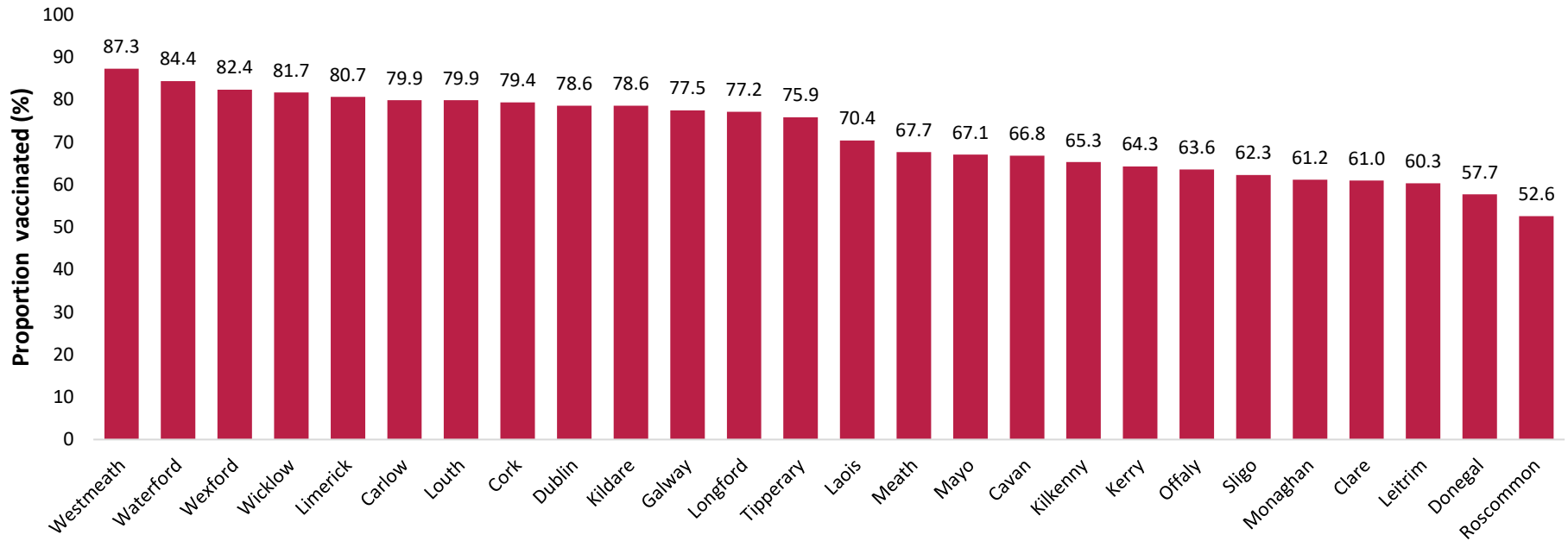
Influenza vaccination uptake in children aged 2-17 years, by counties, 2023-2024



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Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 65 years and over, by counties, 2023-2024



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