

# **Influenza Vaccine Uptake in Ireland in 2023-2024 season**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -14<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
(week 38 2023- 2 2024)**

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# Recommendations for influenza vaccinations, Ireland, 2023-2024



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

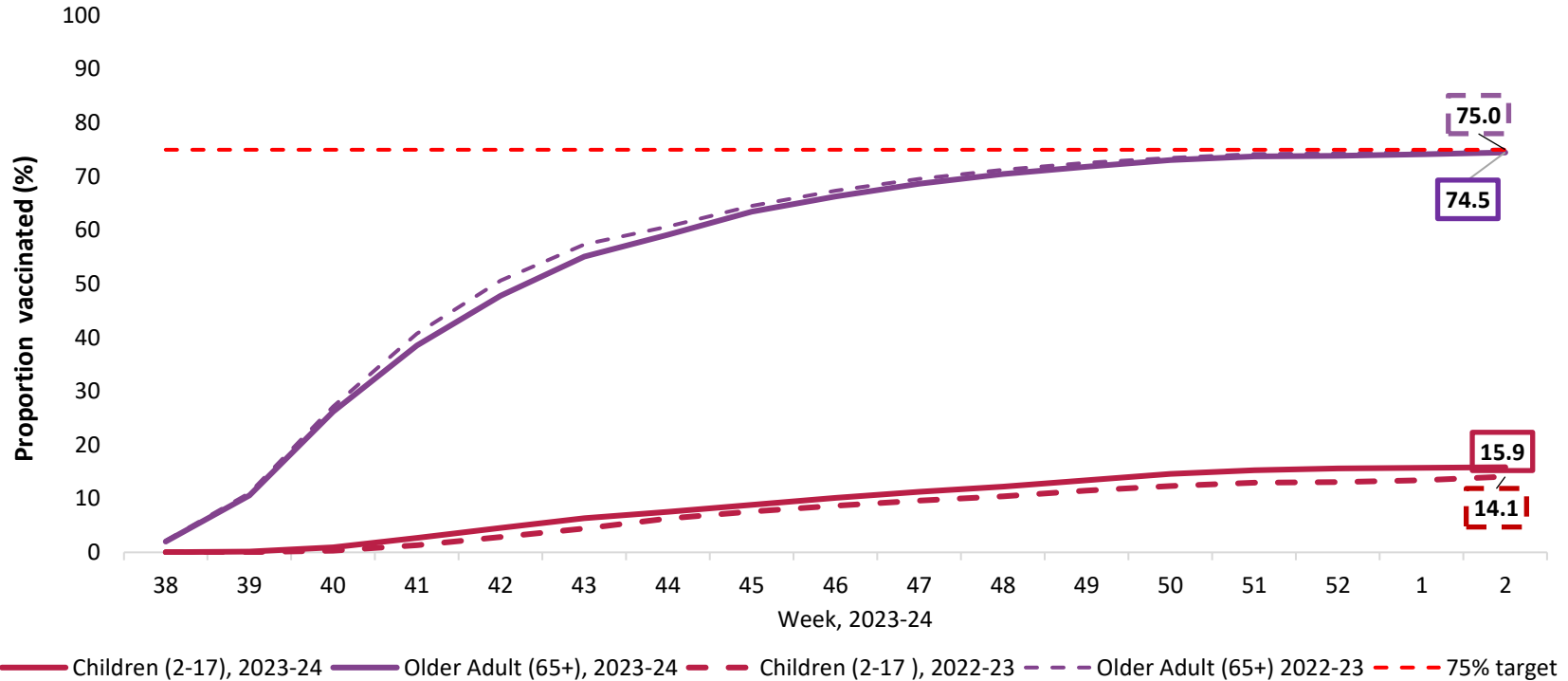
- Children aged 2 -17 years
- People older than 65 years
- Health Care Workers
- Residents of nursing homes, old people's homes, and other long stay facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow introduction of infection
- Persons aged  $\geq 6$  months of age with chronic illness (chronic respiratory 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -14<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
  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



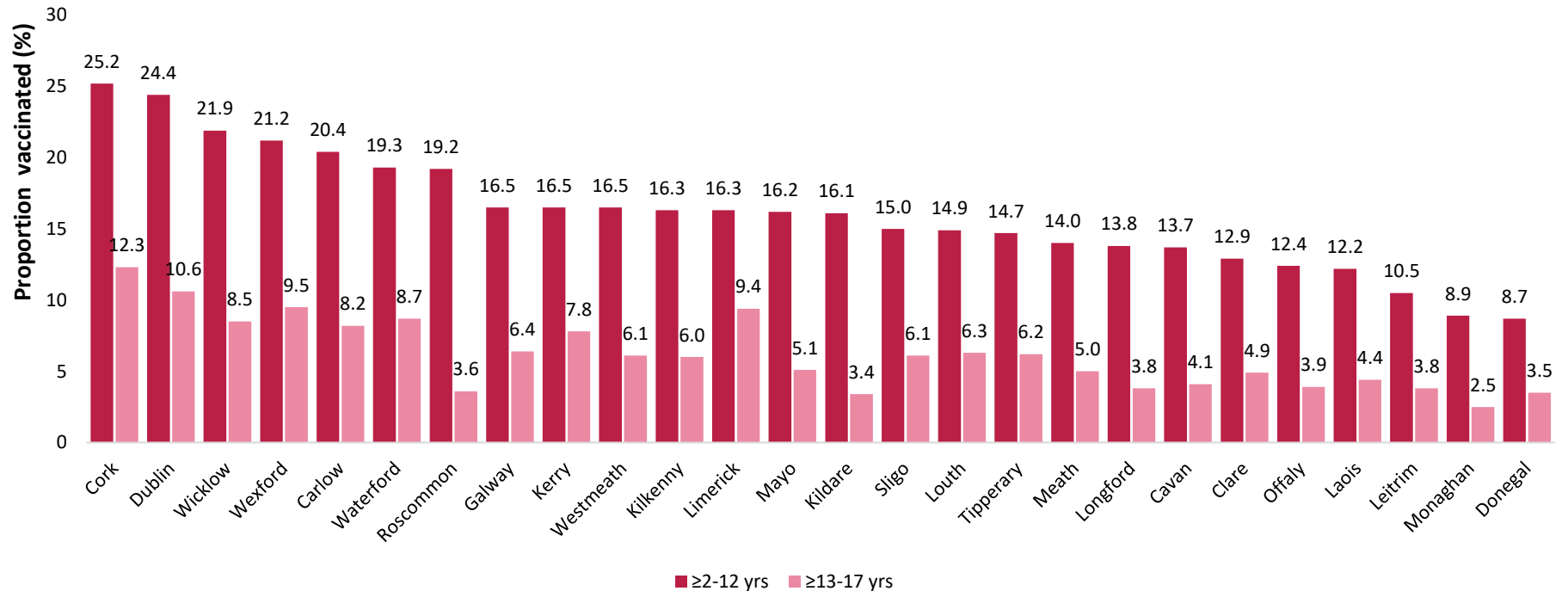
\*Since 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Data source: data extract of vaccinations from IIS.

Data source for denominator: HIU 2021 Popul Projection



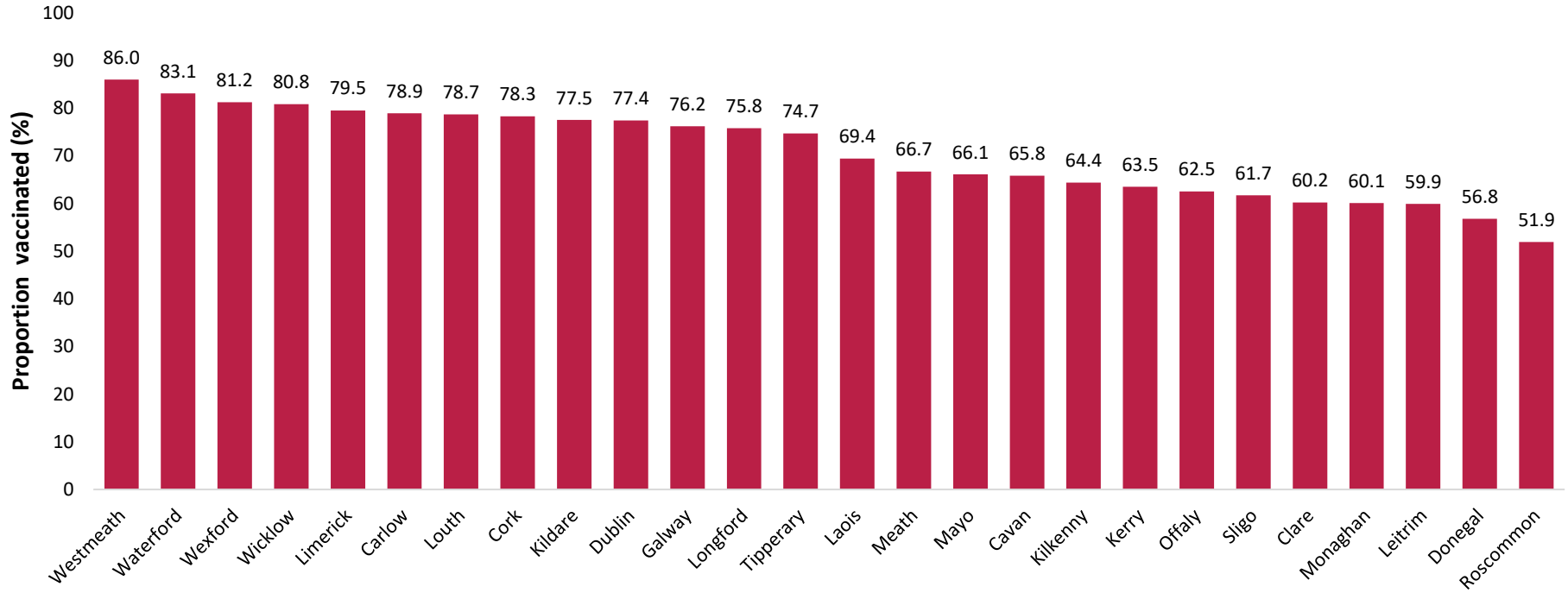
# Influenza vaccination uptake in children aged 2-17 years, by counties, 2023-2024



Data source: data extract of vaccinations from IIS.  
Data source for denominator: HIU 2021 Popul Projection



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



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Data source for denominator: HIU 2021 Popul Projection



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