



Influenza Vaccine Uptake in Ireland in 2025/2026 season



Report includes data from 15 September 2025 to 12 October 2025 (week 38 2025 - week 41 2025)



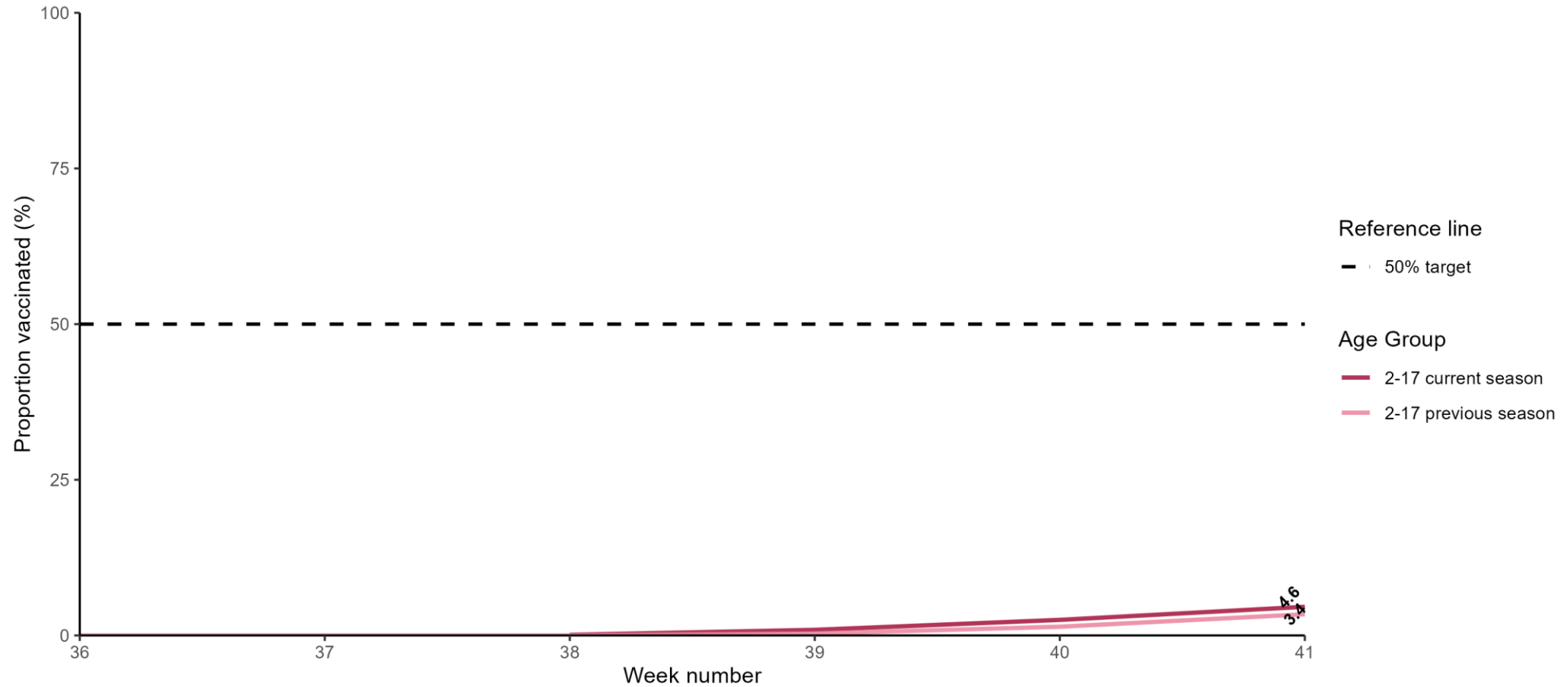
Recommendations for influenza vaccinations, Ireland, 2025/2026 season

Flu vaccine is recommended for the following population groups who are eligible for a HSE flu Vaccine:

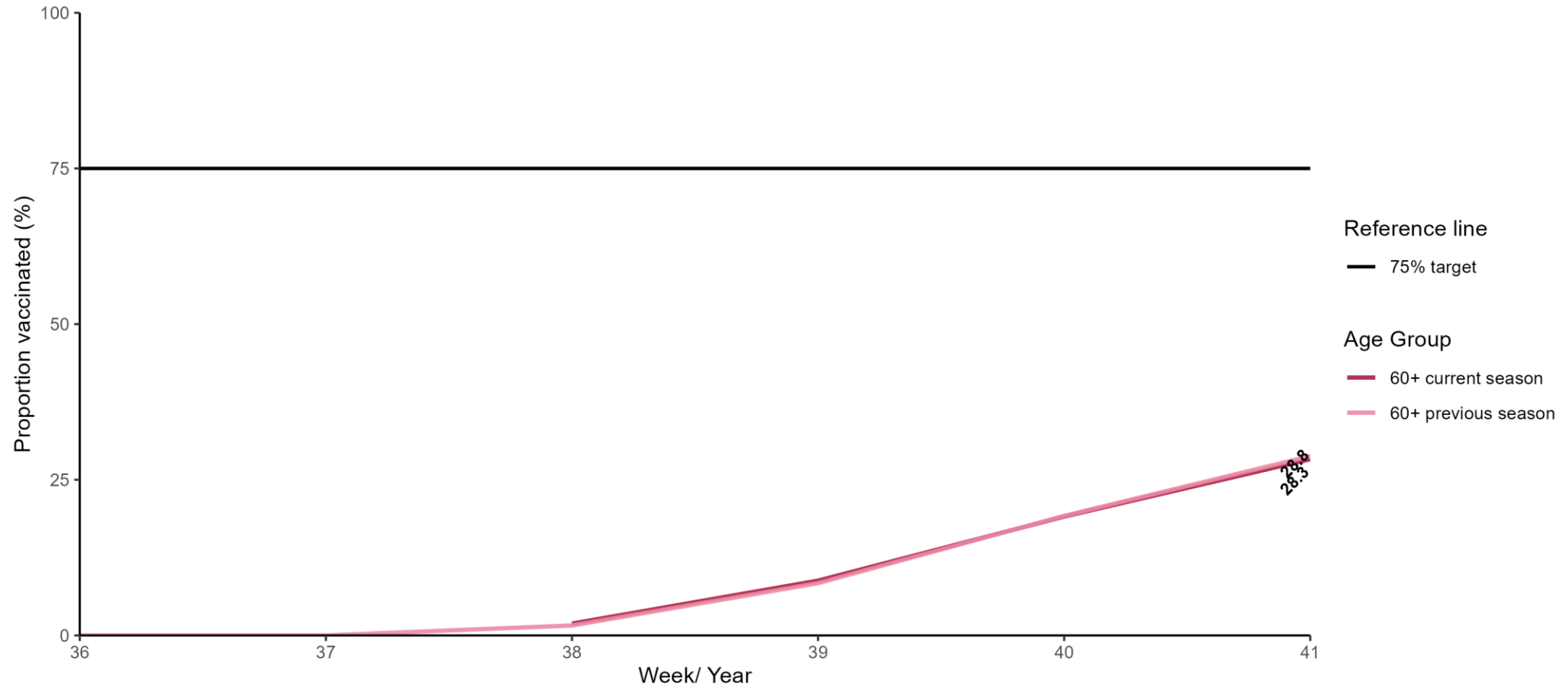
- Children and young people aged 2 to 17 years
- Adults aged 60 years and older
- Healthcare workers
- Residents of nursing homes, old people's homes, and other long stay facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow introduction of infection
- Those aged ≥ 6 months of age with a health condition that puts you at higher risk of flu (cancer, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease, chronic respiratory disease, diabetes and other metabolic disorders, including inherited metabolic disorders, haemoglobinopathies, immunocompromise due to disease or treatment, body mass index $\geq 40\text{kg/m}^2$, serious mental health conditions, children and adults with Down syndrome, children with moderate to severe neurodevelopmental disorders, children on long term aspirin therapy)
- Pregnant women
- Carers and household contacts of people with a health condition that puts them at higher risk of flu
- Those who have close, regular contact with pigs, poultry or waterfowl

- The National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) collects vaccination data related influenza vaccines administered to the Irish population by GPs, pharmacies, hospitals and community vaccinators
- The uptake rates are calculated as follows:
 - 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 outlined in slide one
 - Rates by age groups for the current season are calculated using Census 2022 data as the denominator
- Vaccine uptake target is 50% for children aged 2-17 years and is 75% for those aged 60 years and over

HF Influenza vaccination uptake in children aged 2-17 years in 2025/2026 season vs same period in previous season



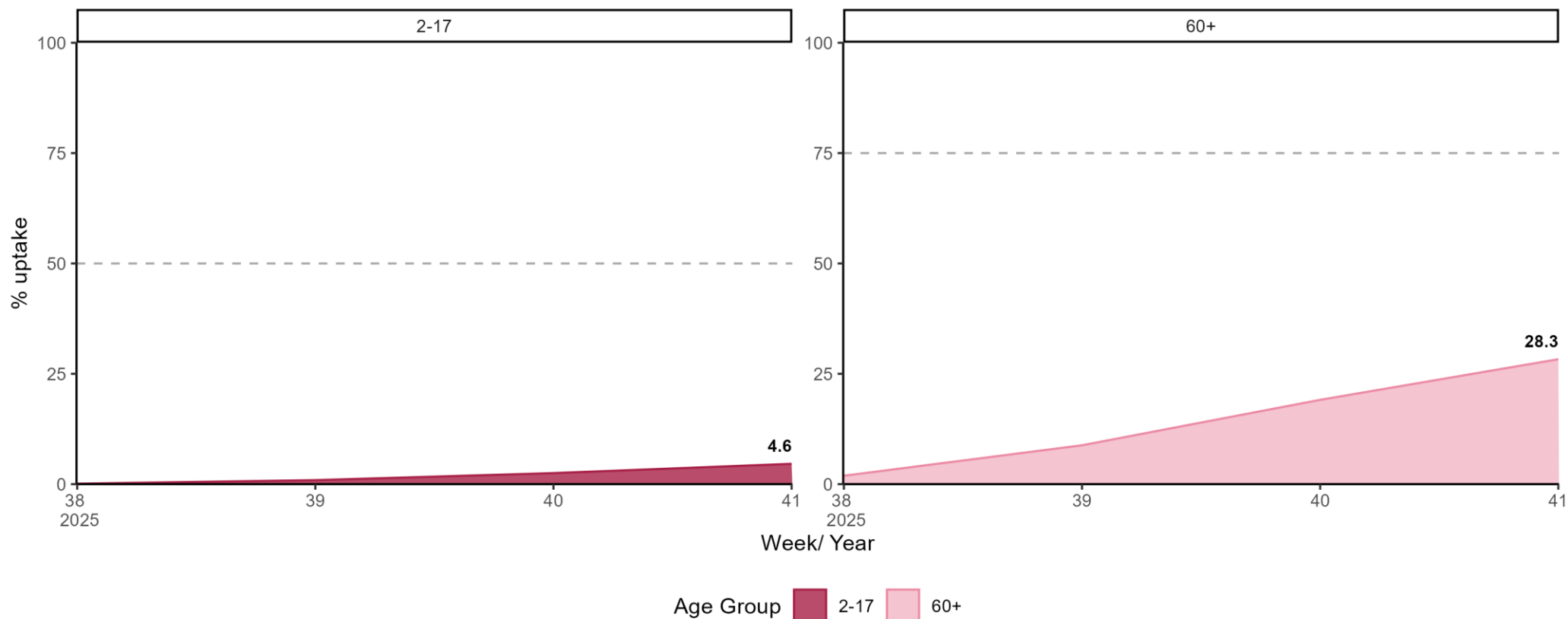
HF Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 60+ years in 2025/2026 season vs same period in previous season



Influenza vaccination uptake by age group in 2025/2026 season vs same period in previous season

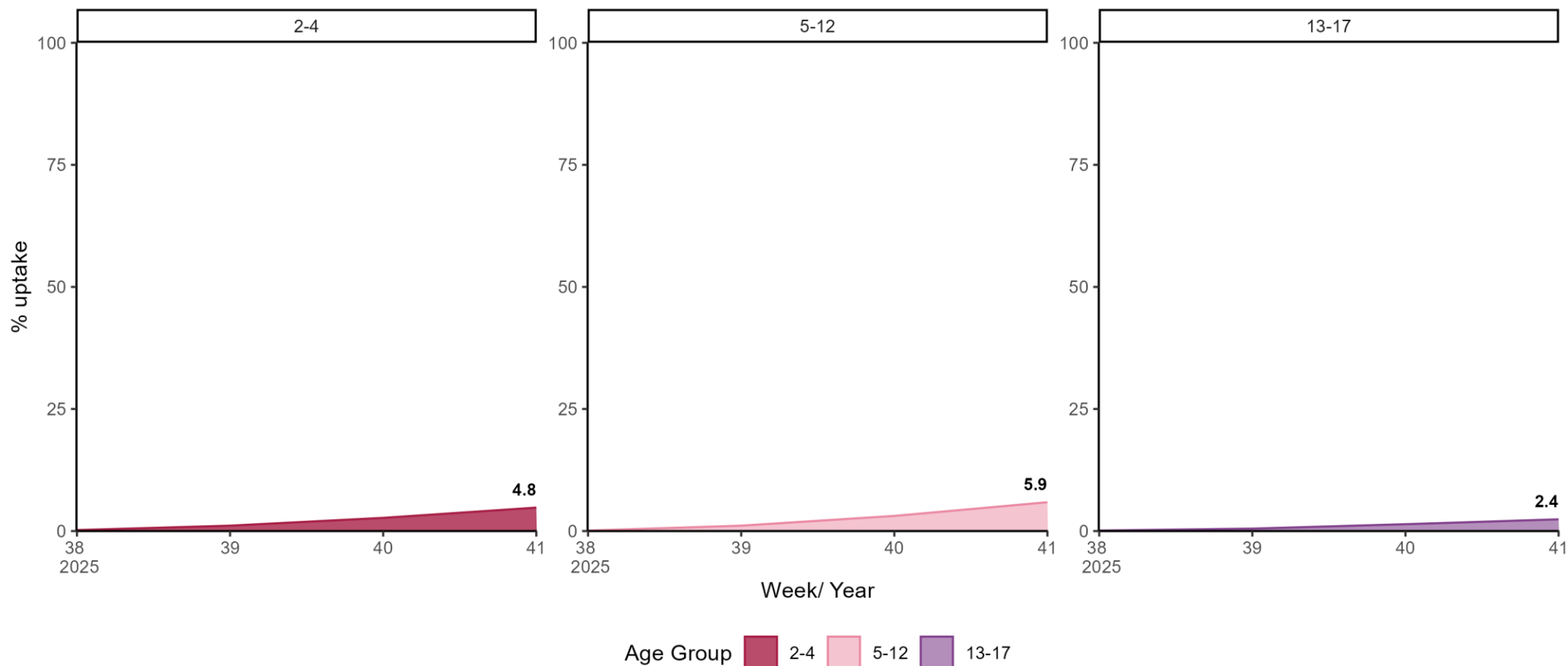
Week	Year	Age Group	Cumulative vaccine uptake (%)
41	2024	2-17	3.4
41	2024	60+	28.8
41	2025	2-17	4.6
41	2025	60+	28.3

HE Influenza vaccination uptake by age group, 2025/2026 season



The reference lines (dashed lines) are target uptakes.
The target uptake is 50% for 2-17 year olds and is 75% for those aged 60+ years.

HF Influenza vaccination uptake in children by age group, 2025/2026 season



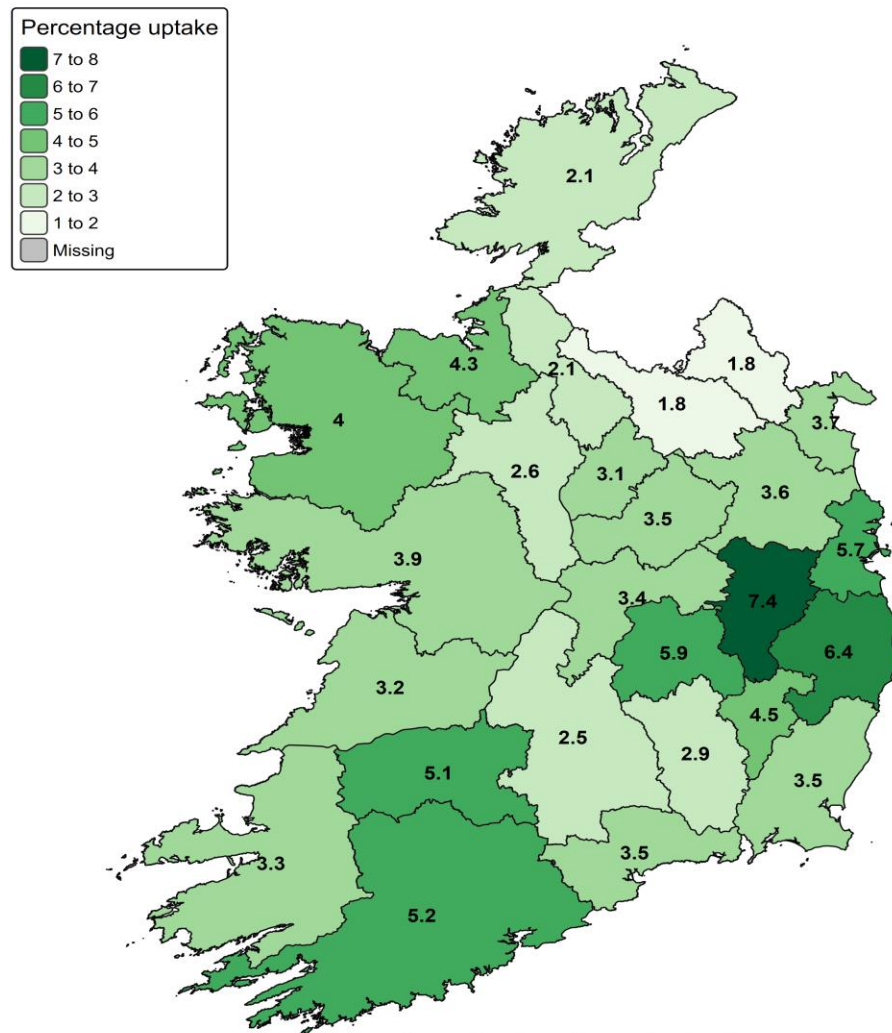
Percentage of influenza vaccines administered by vaccination site and age group in the 2025/2026 season

Vaccination site for those 2-17 years	Percentage
GP	42.8%
HSE/Other	1.4%
Pharmacy	55.8%
Total	100.0%

Records are assigned to vaccination site categories based on data system used to record flu vaccine data

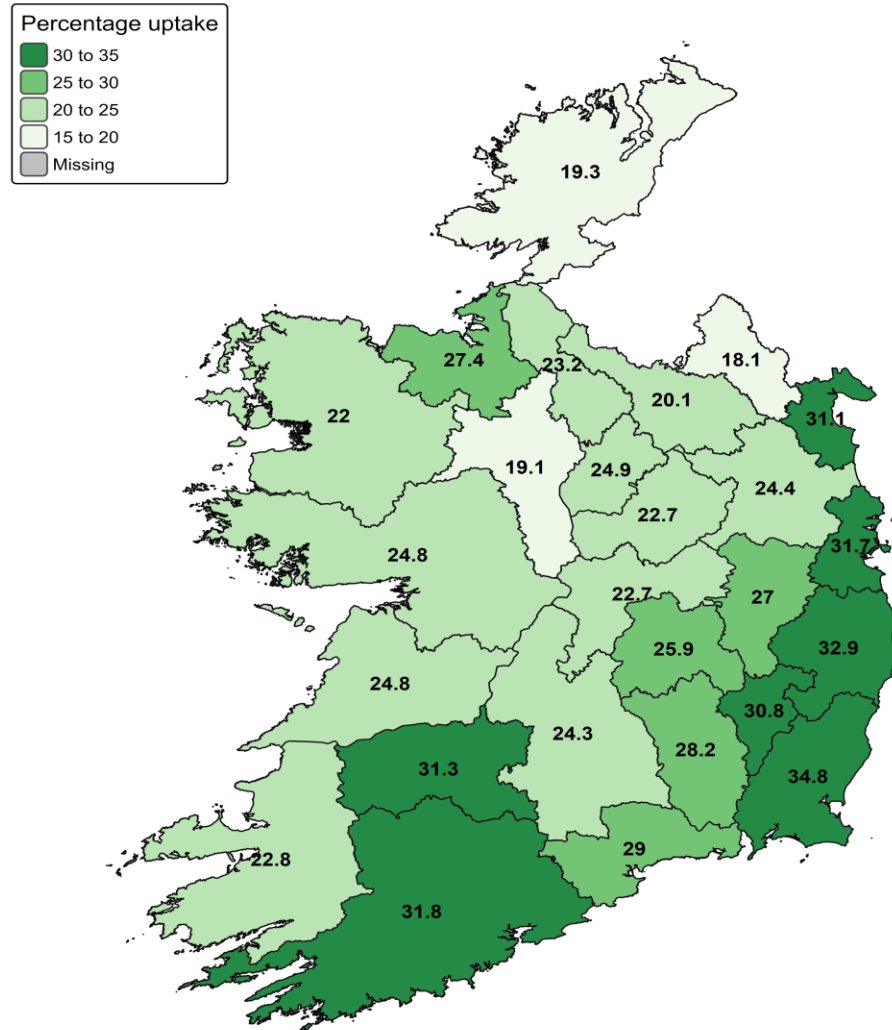
Vaccination site for those 60+ years	Percentage
GP	77.5%
HSE/Other	3.0%
Pharmacy	19.5%
Total	100.0%

HF Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 2-17 years by county of residence, 2025/2026 season



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