



Trends in COVID-19 vaccine uptake over time in Ireland



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Comparisons of uptake between previous three COVID-19 Winter and Spring (Booster) campaigns-SUMMARY

Summary

- The three previous Spring campaigns are noted for having different start and end dates (Table 1) and it is this for this reason that cumulative uptake for them are shown by both calendar and campaign week number with the latter designed to line up the cumulative uptake trend.
- A marked decline in both the cumulative number of COVID-19 doses administered and uptake is evident over the course of the last Winter campaigns. The reduction is sharpest between the Winter 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 campaigns than between the Winter 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 campaigns (Figures 1, 2)
- Uptake at the end of each Winter campaign far exceeds that of the subsequent campaigns, but the latter do show a marked reduction in uptake over time (Figures 3,4, 5), more so between the Spring 2024 and 2025 campaigns than between the Spring 2025 and 2026 campaigns.

Comparisons of uptake between previous three COVID-19 Winter and Spring (Booster) campaigns-CAVEATS

Target population for vaccination:

- COVID-19 vaccine uptake per season is calculated in accordance with recommendations issued by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC).
- One target cohort common to all six campaigns is the 80+ age group and to facilitate a comparison between them all, this group has been chosen.
- COVID-19 vaccine was funded by HSE and provided free of charge to eligible individuals, including those aged 80 years and over.

Source

- HSE Integrated immunisation Systems (IIS) COVID-19 MS Power-bi Dashboard
- Data downloaded 29/06/2026

Denominators:

- For each Winter and Spring COVID-19 vaccination campaign, denominator data used were Census 2022.

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Table 1. Details of start and end dates to the three previous Winter and Spring COVID-19 vaccination campaigns

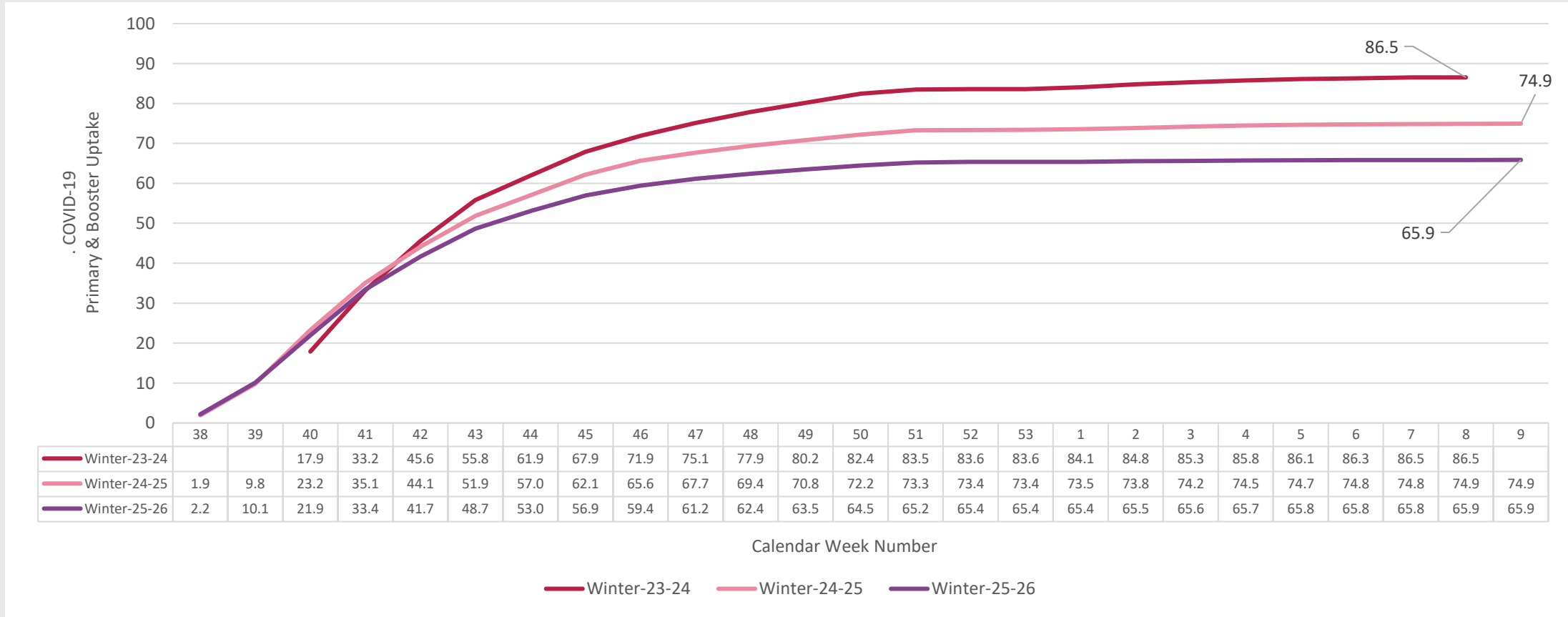
Vaccination Campaign*		
Winter	Official Start Date (Calendar Week)	End Date (Calendar Week)
Winter 2023/2024	02/10/2023 (Week 40)	18/02/2024 (Week 8)
Winter 2024/2025	16/09/2024 (Week 38)	28/02/2025 (Week 9)
Winter 2024/2025	15/09/2025 (Week 38)	28/02/2026 (Week 9)
Spring	Official Start Date	End Date
Spring 2024	21/04/2024 (Week 17)	30/06/2024 (Week 27)
Spring 2025**	02/04/2025 (Week 14)	20/06/2025 (Week 25)
Spring 2026	13/04/2026 (Week 16)	27/06/2026 (Week 26)

*Includes data from March 1st up to the beginning of official launch date of each Spring campaign and also a small number of primary doses administered was n=776 in Spring 2024, n=125 in Spring 2025 and n=57 in Spring 2026

**The official end date of the Spring 2025 campaign was June 6th, 2025; however, GPs and pharmacies were permitted to administer remaining spring vaccines to eligible individuals as a grace period up to June 20, 2025 (week 25, 2025)

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Figure 1. Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake among those aged 80+ years in the Winter 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 campaigns by calendar week number



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Figure 2. Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake among those aged 80+ years in the Spring 2024, 2025 and 2026 campaigns by campaign week number

