



COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Ireland, 2025/2026

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Summary

- This report presents COVID-19 uptake by age groups recommended for vaccination, by week, county of residence and channel of distribution during the 2025/2026 Winter and 2026 Spring campaigns.
- The data presented below includes data on COVID-19 vaccines administered between week 38, 2025 – week 26, 2026 (15 September 2025 - 28 June 2026 inclusive).
- The 2025/2026 Winter campaign began on 15 September 2025 and ended on the 28 February 2026, and the Spring 2026 campaign began on the 13 April and ended on the 27 June. COVID-19 doses were also administered to eligible clients between 1 March and 12 April 2026 and are included in as part of the Spring 2026 campaign analysis below.
- Target groups for COVID-19 campaigns are specified by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) and further detail is included in this report.
- Data for this report were extracted from the HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) system on 29/06/2026.
- For comparison, aggregate data from the NIIS COVID-19 dashboard are presented for the past three Winter and Spring campaigns.
- Main findings:
 - During the 2025/2026 Winter campaign uptake
 - was higher in older age groups among those aged 60+
 - rates plateaued early for all age groups over 60 years
 - was unevenly distributed by county of residence with rates lowest in the northwest and border counties among those aged 60+
 - During the 2026 Spring campaign uptake among those aged 80+
 - was unevenly distributed by county of residence with rates lowest in the northwest and border counties
 - via GP was highest compared to HSE team delivery/clinics and pharmacists
 - Among 80+ year olds
 - Uptake was twice as high at the end of the end of the 2025/2026 Winter compared to the end of the 2026 Spring campaign
 - Over the course of three successive Winter and three Spring vaccination campaigns, uptake has declined markedly



Table 1a: COVID-19 vaccine uptake (%) by age group in Ireland during the 2025/2026 Winter campaign (15/09/2025-28/02/2026)

Age group	Number vaccinated	% Uptake
60-69 years	130949	25.6
70-79 years	157184	44.0
80+ years	110013	60.8
All Doses Administered*	521167	-

*This total includes COVID-19 doses administered to target cohorts below the age of 60+ years of age

Data source for number vaccinated: HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS)

Data source for denominator: Census 2022

Table 1b. COVID-19 vaccine uptake (%) by age group in Ireland during the 2026 Spring campaign (01/03/2025-28/06/2026)

Age group	Number vaccinated	% Uptake
80+ years	57581	31.8
All Doses Administered*	82938	-

**This total includes COVID-19 doses administered to target cohorts below the age of 80+ years of age

Data source for number vaccinated: HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS)

Data for the Spring 2026 was downloaded from the IIS dashboard when 6,506 additional records were included on the 13/08/2026

Data source for denominator. Census 2022



Introduction

The HSE winter vaccination programme 2025/26 commenced on the 2 October 2025. However, COVID-19 vaccine uptake reporting began in week 38 of 2025 and includes data from 15 September 2025 as healthcare providers (GPs and pharmacists) could access vaccine supplies from mid-September.

The later 2026 Spring campaign began officially on the 13 April 2026 but for the purposes of reporting data from the 1 March 2026 are included in those reported figures. The figures for this campaign were based on what was recorded as of 17/08/2026.

The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) recommendations for 2025/26 COVID-19 vaccine are published on their [website](#).

Unlike the seasonal influenza vaccine, for the above campaigns, there are no set uptake targets for COVID-19 vaccine uptake or any cohort identified in the HSE national service plan.

Target cohorts

For the 2025/26 Winter and 2026 Spring campaigns, COVID-19 vaccine was funded by the HSE for following population groups:

2025/2026 Winter campaign

- All individuals aged 60+ years
- Residents of long-term care facilities (18 years and older)[†]
- Individuals aged 6 months and older who are either immunocompromised or have a medical condition that increases their risk of severe COVID-19 disease
- Healthcare workers[†]
- Pregnant women §
 - §COVID-19 vaccine is recommended in each pregnancy for:
 - pregnant adolescents and adults with immunocompromise
 - pregnant adolescents and adults with medical conditions associated with a higher risk of COVID-19 hospitalisation, severe disease or death.
 - Access to a COVID-19 vaccine once each year should be available for:
 - pregnant adolescents* and adults* who following discussion with a healthcare provider chose to receive a vaccine
 - Pregnant women can get the vaccine during winter or spring campaign (see below)

2026 Spring campaign

- Adults aged 80+ years
- Residents in a long-term care facility and are aged 18 or older[†]
- Have a weak immune system and are 6 months or older

Objectives

The objectives of this report are to present:

- COVID-19 uptake by age group



- COVID-19 uptake by age group and week
- COVID-19 uptake by age group and county of residence
- COVID-19 uptake by channel of distribution
- Comparison of uptake among those 80+ years during the previous three COVID-19 Winter campaigns (2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026) and Spring (Booster) campaigns (2024, 2025, 2026)

†Uptake among Faire Deal residents in residential care facilities is presented in a separate report

Methodology

Data source

The National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) collects vaccination data related to COVID-19 vaccines administered to the Irish population by GPs, pharmacies, hospitals and community vaccinators.

Vaccination campaign dates

This report summarises data on COVID-19 vaccines administered between week 38, 2025 – week 26, 2026 (15 September 2025 - 28 June 2026 inclusive) over the course of two campaigns, one Winter, from week 38, 2025 – week 9, 2026 (15 September 2025 - 28 February 2026 inclusive) and one Spring, from week 10, 2026 – week 26, 2026 (1 March 2026 – 28 June 2026 inclusive).

The HPSC extracted pseudonymised data from the HSE Integrated Information Service (IIS) National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) system on 02/03/2026 for reporting on the 2025/2026 Winter campaign and again on the 29/06/2026 for reporting on the 2026 Spring campaign.

Numerators and denominators

To estimate vaccine uptake, the analysis is based on the number of doses vaccinated. Because NIAC recommends a wait of 6 months between each vaccine dose with a minimum of a 3-month interval, the likelihood of an individual receiving more than one dose during a campaign is very small, which means that the difference between the total number of doses administered and the number of individuals that have been vaccinated during this specified period is also small.

The COVID-19 vaccination uptake rates are calculated as follows:

- Uptake rates by age group are calculated based on the proportion of individuals in the specified age group who were vaccinated during the 2025/2026 Winter campaign period 15 September 2025 – 28 February 2026 and/or during the 2026 Spring period 1 March 2026 – 28 June 2026
- Rates by age groups for each campaign are calculated using Census 2022 data as the denominator

Data are subject to ongoing review, validation and update. As a result, figures in this report may differ from previously published figures.



Results

A. COVID-19 2025/2026 Winter campaign (based on data extracts provided by IIS to HPSC)

Age

At the end of this campaign, among those aged 60+ years, uptake was lowest in those aged 60-69 years and highest in those aged 80+ years. Uptake plateaued sooner in those aged 80+ years compared to those aged 60-69 years.

COVID-19 vaccine uptake in adults aged 60-69 years old was 25.6% (Figure 1a), among those aged 70-79 years, uptake was 44.0% (Figure 1b) and among those aged 80+ years, it was 60.8% (Figure 1c).

COVID-19 vaccine uptake rates plateaued early for all age groups over 60 years during the 2025/2026 Winter campaign. By week 48, 90% of vaccines were administered in 60+ year olds (Figures 1b-1c).

County of residence

Variation in vaccine uptake was also observed by county of residence, ranging from 20.2% in Donegal to 50.9% in Dublin in those aged 60+ years (Figure 2a, Table 3). For those aged 80+ years, uptake was again lowest in Donegal at 36.5% and highest in County Wicklow at 76.3% (Figure 2b, Table 3).

Channel of Distribution

Among 60+ year olds, the proportion who availed of the COVID-19 vaccine via their pharmacy declined with increasing age, from 41.6% among 60–69-year-olds to 17.5% among 80+ year olds. The reverse was observed in relation to HSE clinics, rising from 3.3% among 60–69-year-olds to 15.9% among 80+ year olds (Table 4). The higher uptake in HSE clinics among 80+ year olds is probably largely attributed to the fact that HSE mobile vaccination teams target residents in residential care facilities.

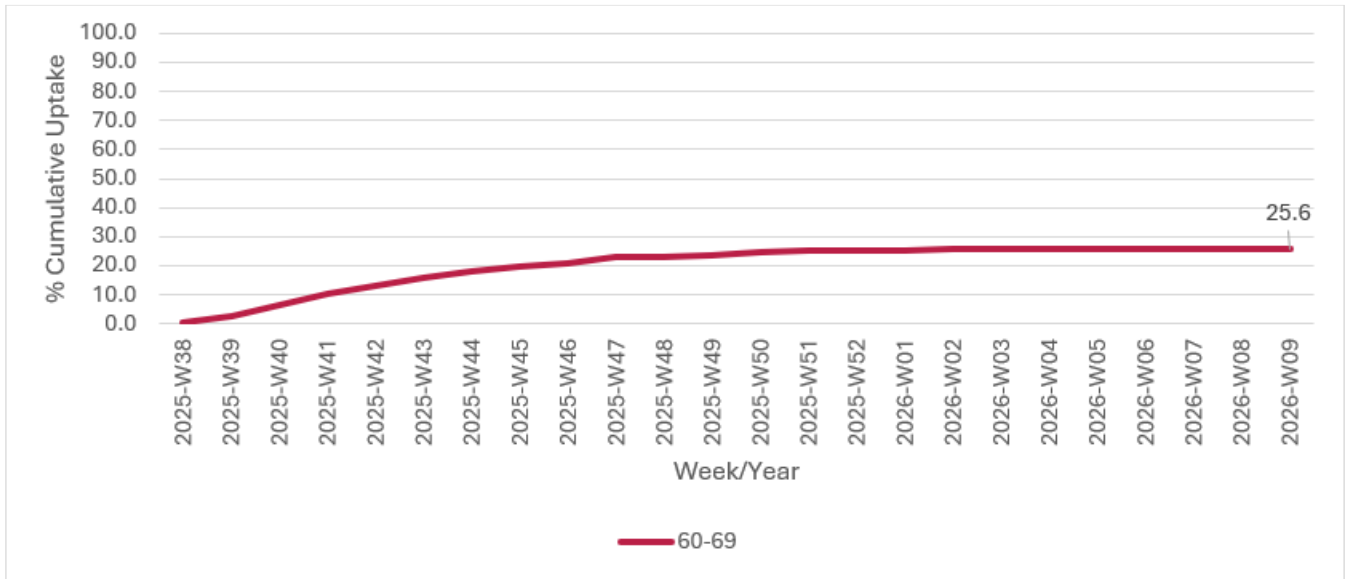


Figure 1a. COVID-19 vaccination uptake in adults aged **60-69 years old** by week in Ireland in 2025/2026 Winter campaign

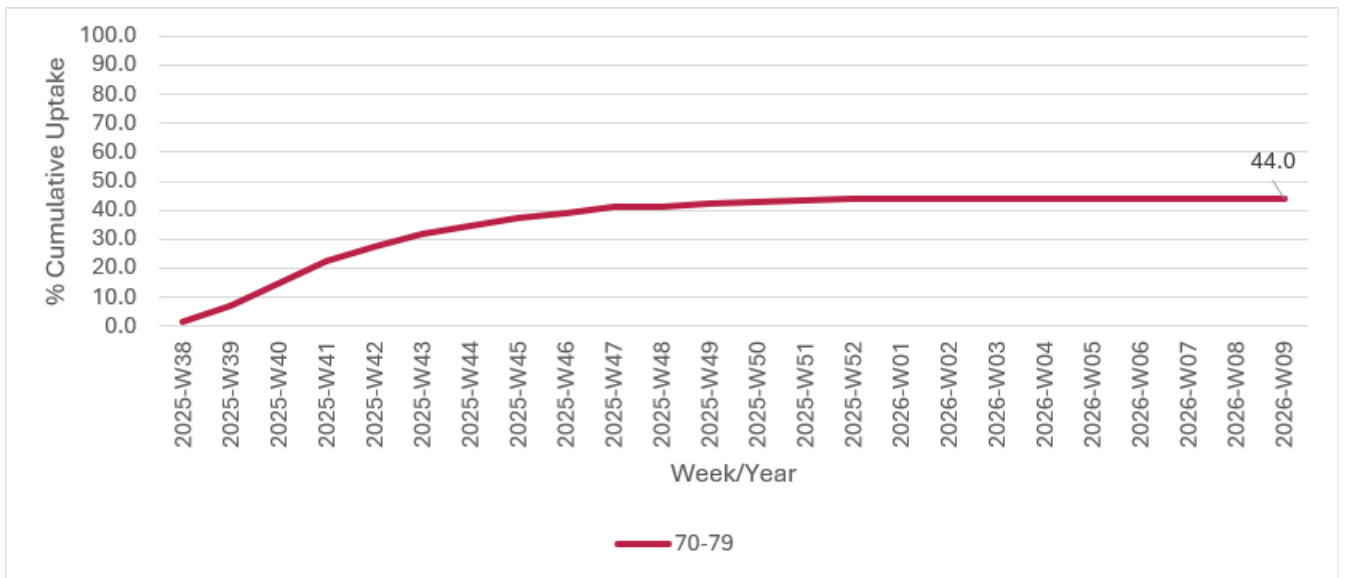


Figure 1b. COVID-19 vaccination uptake in adults aged **70-79 years old** by week in Ireland in 2025/2026 Winter campaign

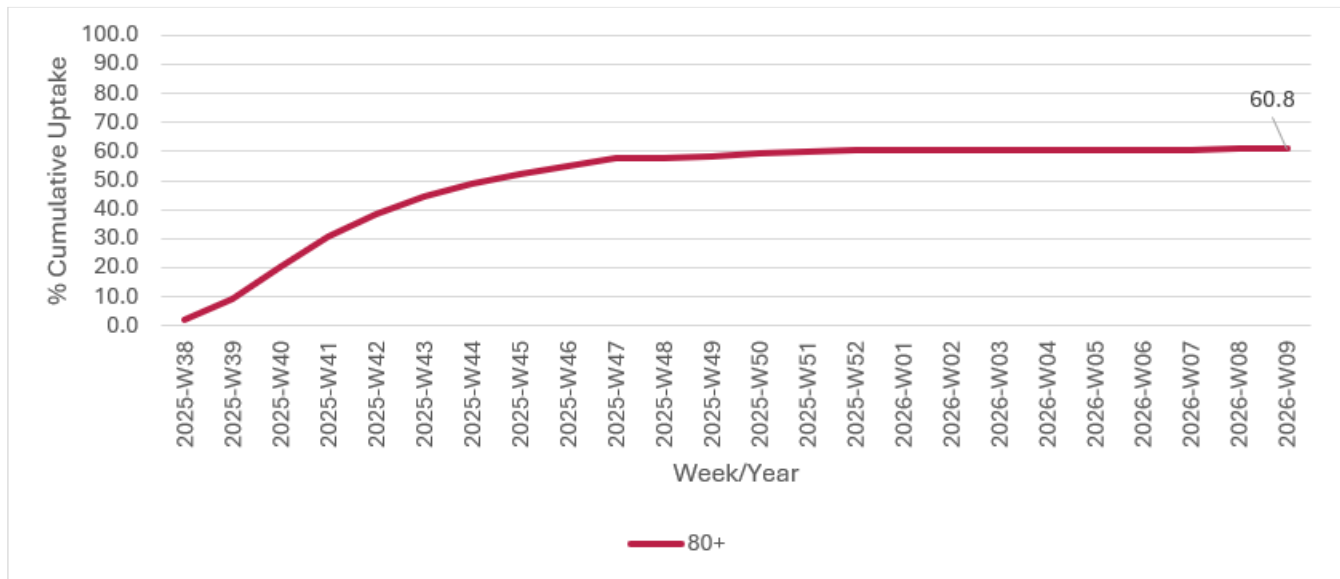


Figure 1c. Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged **80+ years** by week in Ireland in 2025/2026 season

Table 2. COVID-19 vaccination uptake by age group in Ireland in 2025/2026 Winter campaign

Age group	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake
60+ years	398146	1048985	38.0
All Doses administered*	521167	-	-
Subgroups			
60-69 years	130949	510814	25.6
70-79 years	157184	357144	44.0
80+ years	110013	181027	60.8
<60 years**	123021	4100154	-

*This total includes COVID-19 doses administered to target cohorts below the age of 60+ years of age

**Not a specified target group by NIAC; includes other target cohorts who happen to be aged 0.5 to 59 years

Data source for number vaccinated: HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS)

Data source for denominator: Census of Population 2022

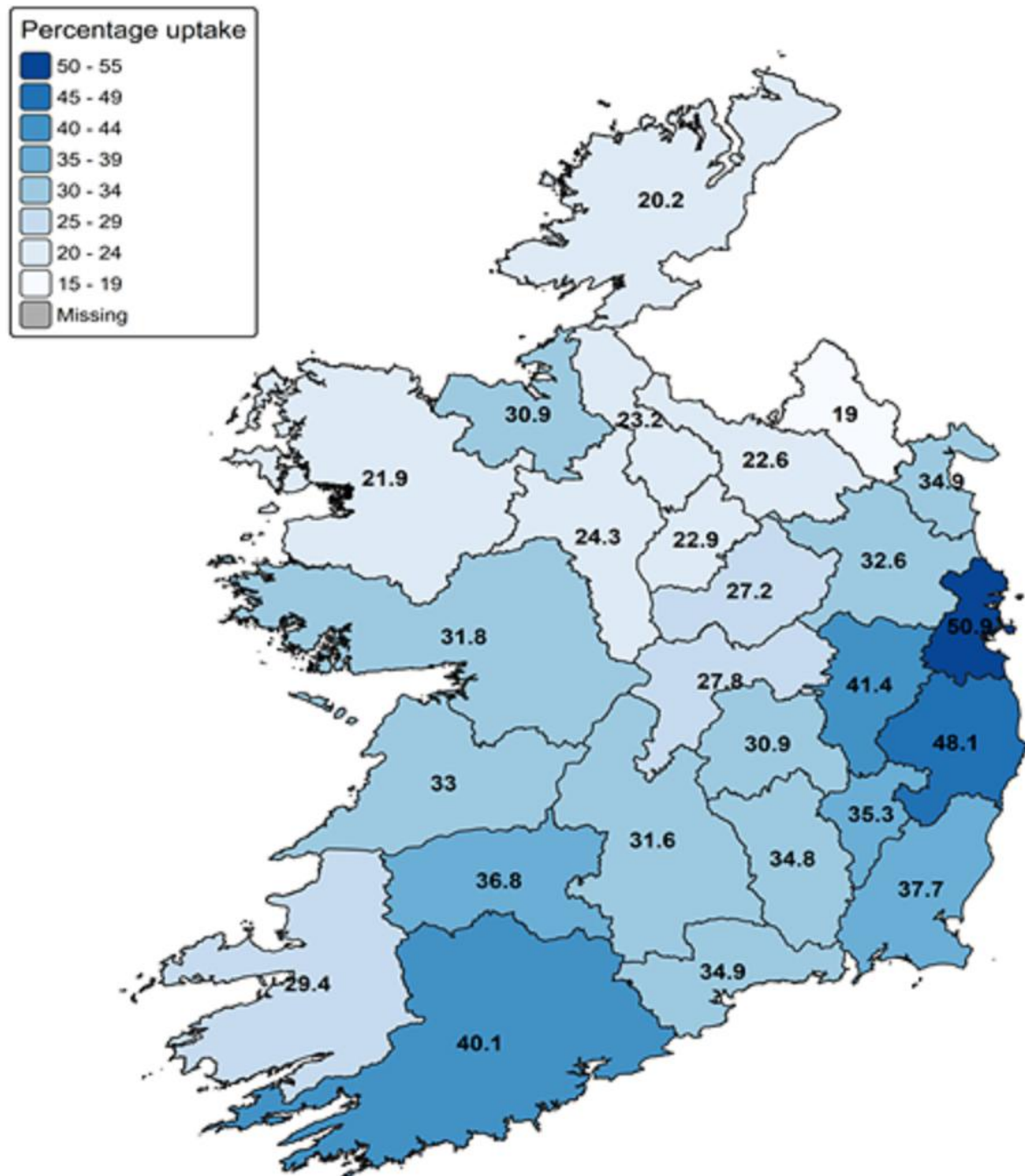


Figure 2a. COVID-19 vaccination uptake in those aged **60+ years** by county of residence, 2025/2026 Winter campaign

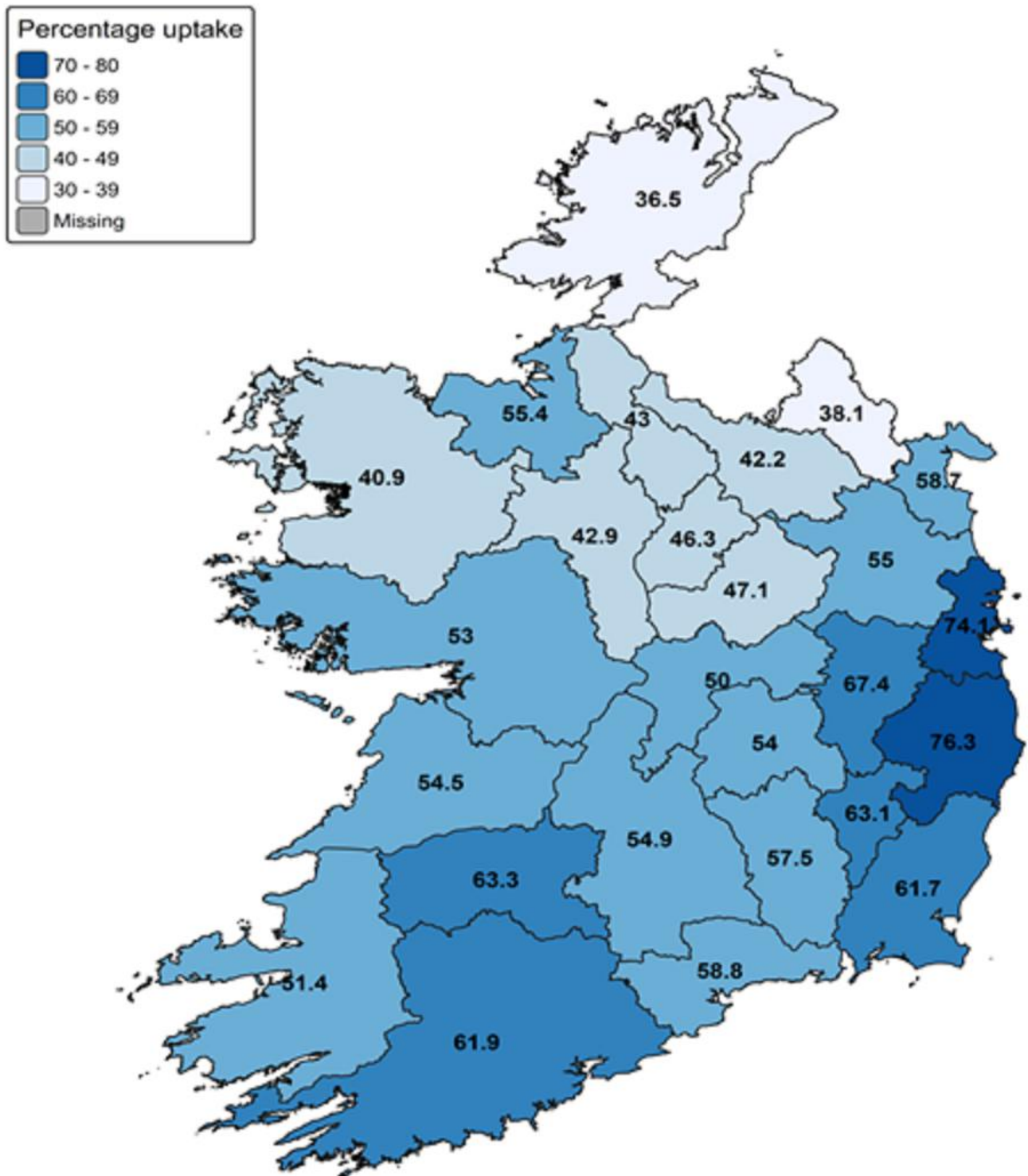


Figure 2b. COVID-19 vaccination uptake in those aged **80+ years** by county of residence, 2025/2026 Winter campaign



Table 3. COVID-19 vaccination uptake by age group and county of residence in Ireland in 2025/2026 Winter campaign

County	60+ years			80+ years		
	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake
Carlow	4459	12626	35.3	1308	2073	63.1
Cavan	3832	16958	22.6	1212	2871	42.2
Clare	9636	29189	33.0	2597	4765	54.5
Cork	48523	121013	40.1	13119	21178	61.9
Donegal	7925	39323	20.2	2530	6936	36.5
Dublin	134743	264473	50.9	36191	48865	74.1
Galway	18305	57622	31.8	5447	10274	53.0
Kerry	11609	39522	29.4	3339	6493	51.4
Kildare	17110	41358	41.4	3787	5617	67.4
Kilkenny	8050	23129	34.8	2307	4011	57.5
Laois	5142	16653	30.9	1340	2482	54.0
Leitrim	2018	8691	23.2	643	1497	43.0
Limerick	16574	45016	36.8	4784	7563	63.3
Longford	2242	9792	22.9	747	1614	46.3
Louth	9414	26978	34.9	2696	4591	58.7
Mayo	7933	36230	21.9	2631	6425	40.9
Meath	12216	37423	32.6	3115	5661	55.0
Monaghan	2676	14051	19.0	897	2352	38.1
Offaly	4896	17625	27.8	1480	2961	50.0
Roscommon	4237	17427	24.3	1350	3149	42.9
Sligo	5334	17257	30.9	1657	2989	55.4
Tipperary	12445	39321	31.6	3776	6884	54.9
Waterford	9892	28321	34.9	2938	4999	58.8
Westmeath	5307	19537	27.2	1554	3296	47.1
Wexford	13972	37089	37.7	3854	6244	61.7
Wicklow	15561	32361	48.1	3996	5237	76.3
Northern Ireland	58	-	-	15	-	-
NULL	4123	-	-	725	-	-
Total incl NI, Null County	398232	1048985	37.6	110035	181027	60.4
Total excl NI, Null County	394051	-	-	109295	-	-

Data source for number vaccinated: HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS)

Data source for denominator: Census of Population 2022



Table 4. Percentage of COVID-19 vaccines administered by channel of distribution and age group in the 2025/2026 Winter campaign

	Percentage
Vaccinator for those aged 60+ years	
GP	64.8
HSE Clinic*	6.9
Pharmacy	28.4
Total	100.0
Vaccinator for those aged 60-69 years	
GP	55.2
HSE Clinic*	3.3
Pharmacy	41.6
Total	100.0
Vaccinator for those aged 70-79 years	
GP	71.5
HSE Clinic*	3.6
Pharmacy	24.9
Total	100.0
Vaccinator for those aged 80+ years	
GP	66.6
HSE Clinic*	15.9
Pharmacy	17.5
Total	100.0

Records are assigned to categories based on data system used to record COVID-19 vaccine data

*Includes HSE mobile vaccination teams targeting residents in residential care facilities



B. COVID-19 2026 Spring (Booster) campaign

(based on data extracts provided by IIS to HPSC)

Age

At the end of this campaign, among those aged 80+ years uptake reached 28.9% (Table 5) and plateaued by the end of week 22, 2025 (Sunday 31 May 2026) when 30.0% uptake was recorded (Figure 3).

County of residence

Variation in vaccine uptake was also observed by county of residence, ranging from 14.2% in Donegal to 47.5% in Wicklow in those aged 80+ years (Figure 4, Table 6).

Channel of Distribution

Among 80+ year olds, the proportion who availed of the COVID-19 vaccine via their GP was highest at 48.3% compared to 32.7% for HSE team delivery/clinics and 19.0% for pharmacists (Table 7).

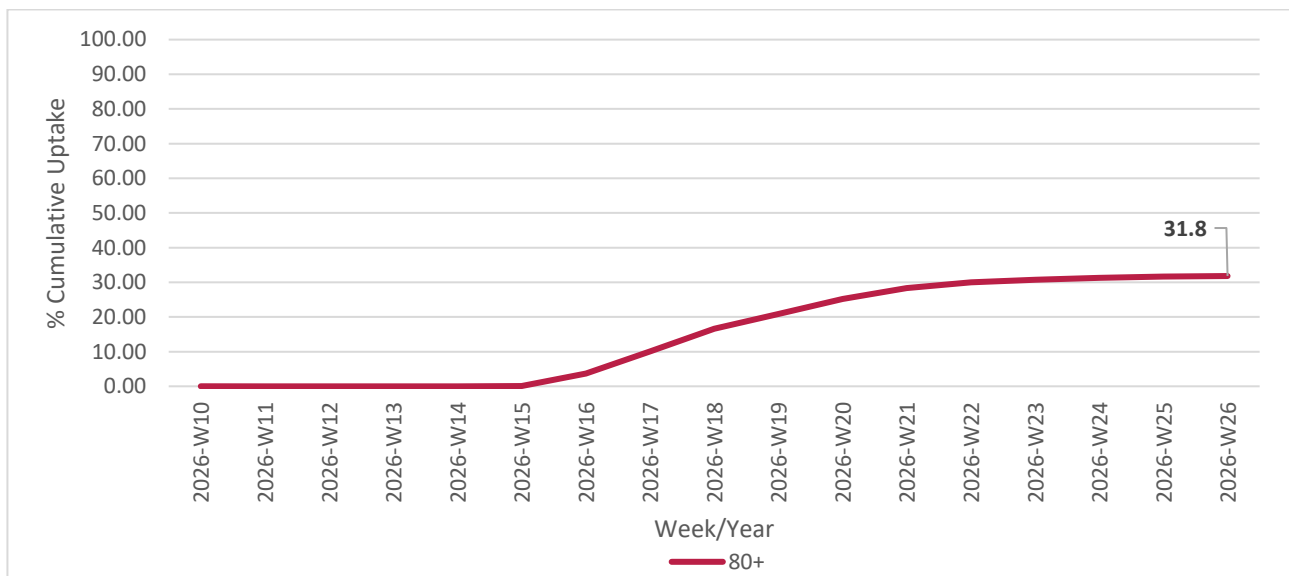


Figure 3. COVID-19 vaccination uptake among those aged **80+ years old** by week in Ireland in 2026 Spring campaign



Table 5. COVID-19 vaccination uptake by age group in Ireland in 2026 Spring campaign

Age group	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake
80+ years	57581	181027	31.8%
All Doses administered*	82938	-	-
Subgroups**			
60-69 years	5351	510814	-
70-79 years	15282	357144	-
<60 years	4724	4100154	-

*This total includes COVID-19 doses administered to target cohorts below the age of 80+ years of age

**Not a specified target group by NIAC; includes other target cohorts who happen to be aged 0.5 to 79 years

Data source for number vaccinated: HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS), 17/08/2026

Data source for denominator: Census of Population 2022

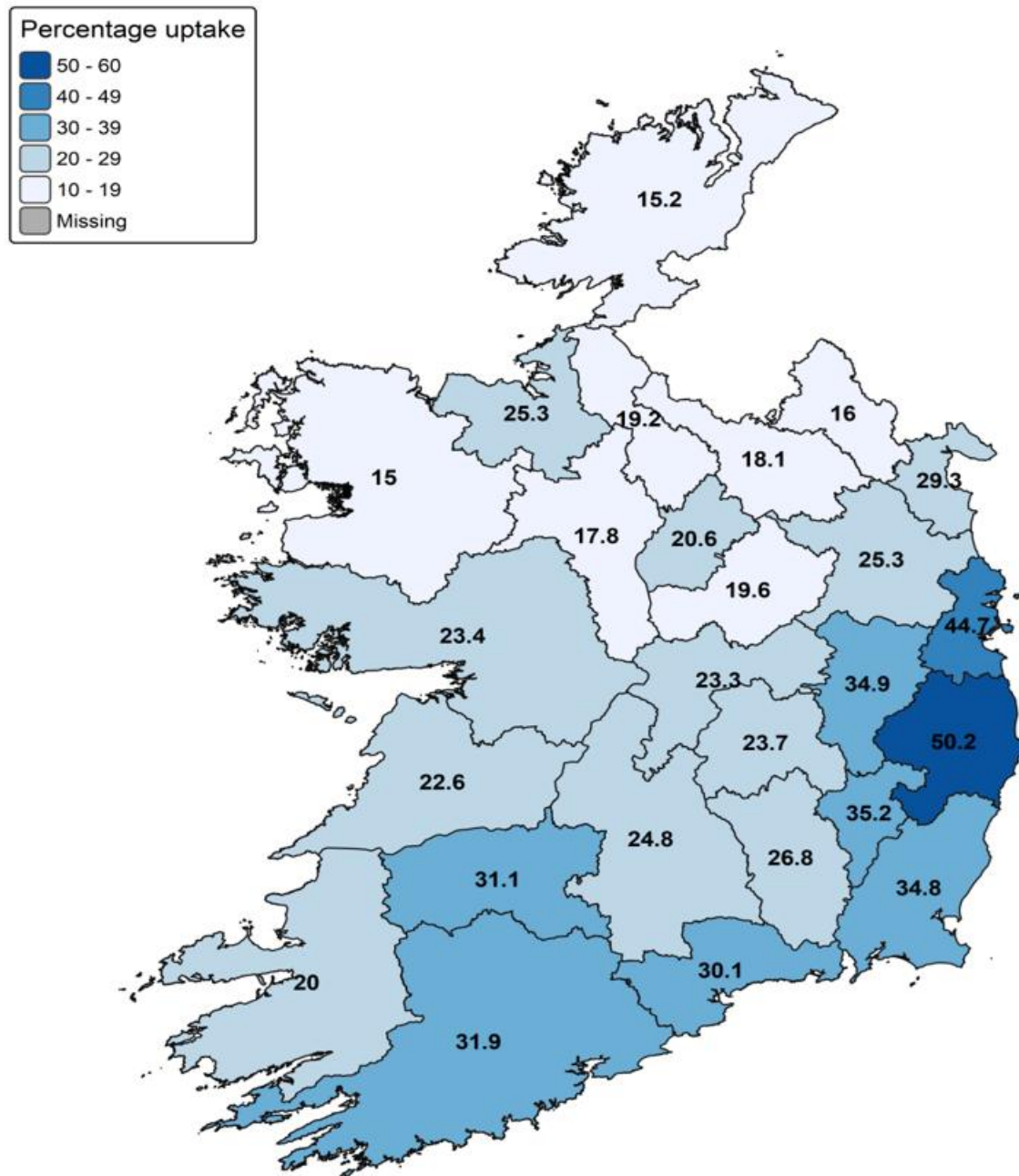


Figure 4. COVID-19 vaccination uptake in those aged **80+ years** by county of residence, 2026 Spring campaign



Table 6. COVID-19 vaccination uptake by age group and county of residence in Ireland in 2026 Spring campaign

County	80+ years		
	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake
Carlow	730	2073	35.2
Cavan	520	2871	18.1
Clare	1079	4765	22.6
Cork	6758	21178	31.9
Donegal	1056	6936	15.2
Dublin	21841	48865	44.7
Galway	2399	10274	23.4
Kerry	1300	6493	20.0
Kildare	1962	5617	34.9
Kilkenny	1076	4011	26.8
Laois	588	2482	23.7
Leitrim	287	1497	19.2
Limerick	2349	7563	31.1
Longford	332	1614	20.6
Louth	1345	4591	29.3
Mayo	963	6425	15.0
Meath	1433	5661	25.3
Monaghan	376	2352	16.0
Offaly	690	2961	23.3
Roscommon	560	3149	17.8
Sligo	755	2989	25.3
Tipperary	1704	6884	24.8
Waterford	1504	4999	30.1
Westmeath	647	3296	19.6
Wexford	2173	6244	34.8
Wicklow	2629	5237	50.2
Northern Ireland	12	-	-
NULL	513	-	-
Total incl NI, Null County	57581	181027	31.5
Total excl NI, Null County	57056	-	-

Data source for number vaccinated: HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS)

Data source for denominator: Census of Population 2022



Table 7. Percentage of COVID-19 vaccines administered by channel of distribution among 80+ year olds in the 2026 Spring campaign

	Percentage
Vaccinator for those aged 80+ years	
GP	52.8
HSE Clinic*	29.7
Pharmacy	17.5
Total	100.0

*Includes HSE mobile vaccination teams targeting residents in residential care facilities



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

(based on data extracts downloaded from IIS COVID-19 dashboard as of 29/06/2026 (and 24/08/2026 for Spring 2026 data specifically))

Details of the start and end dates of each of the past three Winter and three Spring vaccination campaigns are presented in Table 8. The three previous Spring campaigns are noted for having different start and end dates 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. One target cohort common to all six campaign is the 80+ age group and to facilitate a comparison between them all, this group has been chosen.

Table 9 presents the percentage of all COVID-19 doses administered by channel of distribution among 80+ year olds over the past six campaigns. For the Winter campaigns, there was an increase in the proportion of doses administered by HSE clinics from 13.6% to 15.1% whilst pharmacists showed a decrease from 20.6% to 17.7%. This pattern was also observed over the three Spring campaigns with HSE clinics' share of doses administered rising from 21.3% to 29.7% and pharmacist's share falling from 27.8% to 17.5%. Just as in the Winter campaigns, the higher uptake in HSE clinics among 80+ year olds is probably largely attributed to the fact that HSE mobile vaccination teams target residents in residential care facilities.

Winter campaigns

A marked decline in the cumulative 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 (Figure 5).

Spring (Booster) campaigns

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 (Figure 6), more so between the Spring 2024 and 2025 campaigns than between the Spring 2025 and 2026 campaigns.



Table 8. 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)

Notes:

- *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).

Source:

- IS/CDAO (Chief Data and Analytics Office) routinely receives data directly from NIIS and is presented on its IIS COVID-19 MS Power-bi Dashboard.

Caveats:

- It is assumed that there is on-going data validation process within NIIS to update data in their system.
- IIS team filters out “invalid” doses for COVID-19 reporting, but it does not certify NIIS data in any way or make data improvements or changes to affect quality.
- The IIS dashboard uses a person's current age, while the extracts provided to HPSC calculate age based on the time of vaccination
- Spring 2023 has not been included in this comparison because NIAC updated the recommendations in 2023 (removal of 1st, 2nd, 3rd booster doses to seasonal booster doses), any person who received a booster from 1st March 2023 was considered as having a Spring Booster, with the new interval periods then being applied for future booster doses e.g. Autumn/Winter 2023. The official launch of the Spring 2023 Campaign was April 28th, with an end date of June 16th. However, if eligible cohorts presented for a spring booster after June 16th, then clinical discretion was used to assess the risk, benefit, and impact on Autumn booster timing before administering a spring booster, with community vaccination centres (CVCs) continuing to offer clinics up to June 30th. Data for the Spring 2026 was downloaded from the IIS dashboard when 6,506 additional records were included on the 13/08/2026.

Table 9. Percentage of COVID-19 vaccines administered by channel of distribution among 80+ year olds in each of the last three Winter and Spring vaccination campaigns

Channel	Campaign					
	Winter-23-24	Winter-24-25	Winter-25-26	Spring-24	Spring-25	Spring-26
GP	65.8	67.9	67.3	50.9	52.2	52.8
HSE Clinic*	13.6	14.5	15.1	21.3	29.6	29.7
Pharmacy	20.6	17.6	17.7	27.8	18.3	17.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Includes HSE mobile vaccination teams targeting residents in residential care facilities

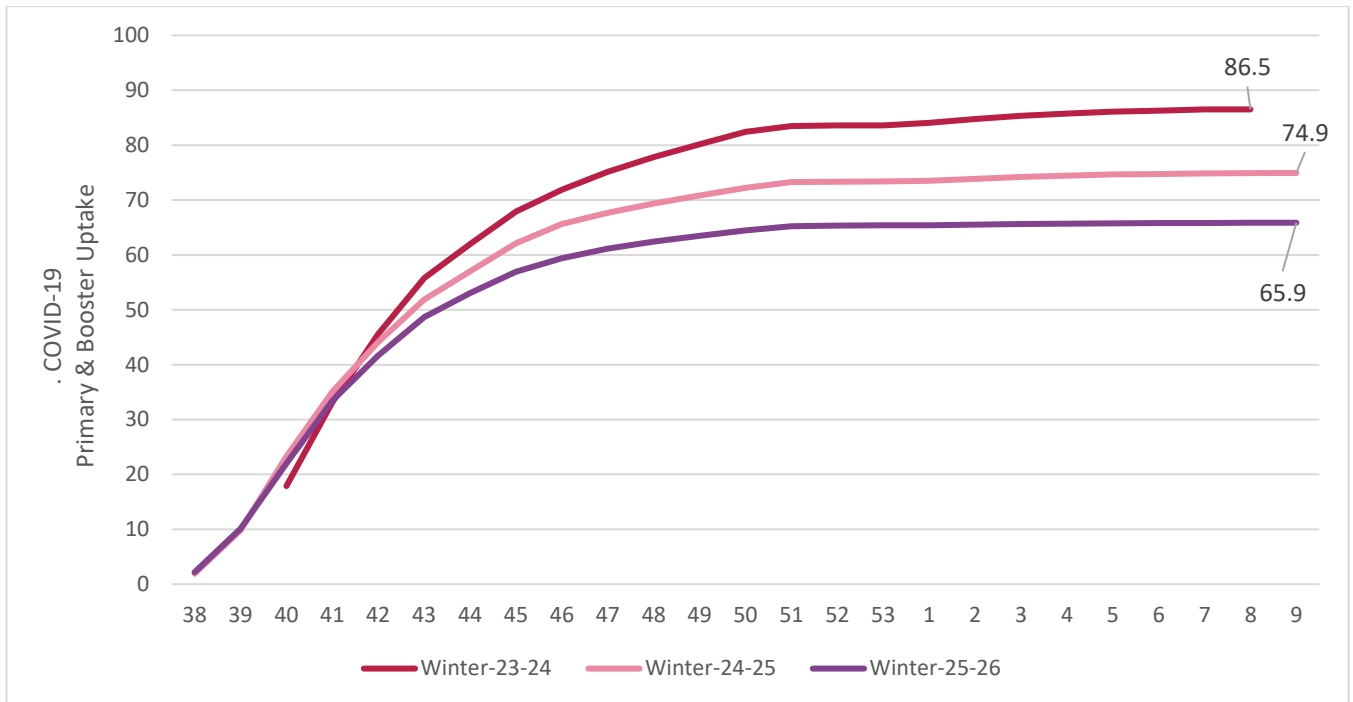


Figure 5 Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake among those aged **80+ years** in the Winter 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 campaigns by calendar week number

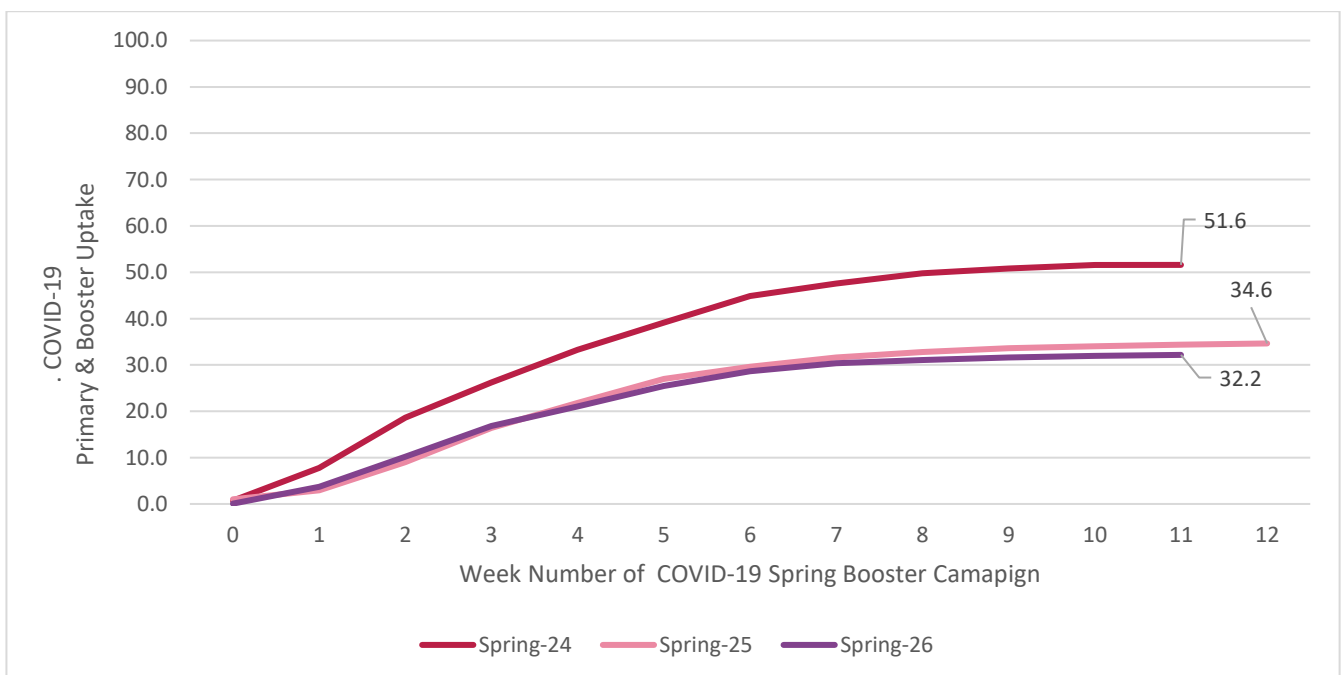


Figure 6 Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination uptake among those aged **80+ years** in the Spring 2024, 2025 and 2026 campaigns by **campaign week number**

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