

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Uptake in Ireland, 2025/26

September 2025 to June 26

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Summary

- This report presents Influenza uptake by age groups recommended for vaccination, by week, and by county of residence during the 2025/26 season.
- The data presented below includes data on Influenza vaccines administered between week 38, 2025 – week 26, 2026 (15 September 2025 - 28 June 2026 inclusive).
- Data for this report were extract from the HSE National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) system on 29/06/2026.
- Data are subject to ongoing review, validation and update. As a result, figures in this report may differ from previously published figures.

Table a: Seasonal Influenza vaccine uptake (%) by age group in Ireland in 2025/26 Influenza season

Age group	Number vaccinated	% Uptake	HSE target uptake
2-17 years old	270748	24.5	50%
60 years and over	696425	66.4	75%

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

Data source for denominator: Census 2022

Data source for HSE target uptakes: [HSE NSP 2026](#)

Introduction

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

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

For the 2025/26 season, Influenza vaccine was funded by the HSE for following population groups ([Getting the flu vaccine - HSE.ie](#)):

- Children aged 2-17 years
- People aged 60 years and older
- People aged 18 years and older living in a long-term care facility
- Pregnant women
- Healthcare workers
- Those with specified medical conditions which put them at a higher risk of Influenza (aged 6 months and older)
- Those living with or caring for someone with specified medical conditions which put them at a higher risk of Influenza
- Those in regular contact with pigs, poultry, or waterfowl

The vaccine was also available to those not in target groups, but with an associated cost (private vaccinations).

For 2025/26, the HSE Influenza vaccine target uptake rates were:

- 50% for those aged 2-17 years old
- 75% for those aged 60 and older

Objectives

The objectives of this report are to present:

- Influenza uptake by age group
- Influenza uptake by age group and week
- Influenza uptake by age group and county of residence
- Percentage of Influenza vaccines administered by vaccinator and age group

Methodology

The National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) collects vaccination data related to Influenza vaccines administered to the Irish population by GPs, pharmacies, hospitals and community vaccinators. This report summarises data on Influenza vaccines administered between week 38, 2025 – week 26, 2026 (15 September 2025 - 28 June 2026 inclusive) during the 2025/26 season.

The HPSC extracted pseudonymised data from the HSE Integrated Information Service (IIS) National Immunisation Information System (NIIS) system on 29/06/2026 for reporting purposes.

To estimate vaccine uptake, the analysis is based on the number of people vaccinated and not the number of vaccinations administered. A small number of records with duplicate PPSNs have been excluded from this analysis as a small cohort of the population require two doses of Influenza vaccine in a season as per NIAC recommendations.

The Influenza 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 period 15 September 2025 – 28 June 2026
- Rates by age groups for the 2025/26 season are calculated using Census 2022 data as the denominator

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Results

Influenza vaccine uptake in children aged 2-17 years old was 24.5% in the 2025/26 season (Figure 1). Vaccine uptake in those aged 60 years and over was 66.4% in the 2025/26 season (Figure 2).

Influenza uptake rates plateaued for both children and older adults early in the reporting season. For children age 2-17 years old, 78.0% of this cohort who received the vaccine in the 2025/2026 season had received it by the end of week 47, 2025 (Sunday 23 November 2025). Similarly, for those aged 60 years and over, the majority (85.1%) of this cohort who received the vaccine in the 2025/2026 season had received it by the end of week 47, 2025 (Figure 3).

Influenza vaccine uptake in children aged 2-17 years old

There was variation in vaccine uptake between age groups in those aged 2-17 years, with the highest uptake in those age 5-12 years (31.1%). The lowest uptake was in those aged 13-17 years (15.5%) (Figure 4, Table 1).

Variation in vaccine uptake was also observed by county of residence, ranging from 10.7% in County Longford to 30.5% in County Cork in those aged 2-17 years (Figure 6, Table 2).

The vaccinator for over half (56.1%) of vaccines administered to those aged 2-17 years was pharmacy (Table 3).

Influenza vaccine uptake in those aged 60 and older

There was also variation in vaccine uptake between age groups in those aged 60 years and over, with the highest uptake in those aged 80 years and older (90.8%). The lowest uptake was in those aged 60-64 years (43.5%) (Figures 5a-b, Table 1).

Variation in vaccine uptake was also observed by county of residence, ranging from 49.2% in County Donegal to 72.1% in County Dublin in those aged 60 years and over (Figure 7, Table 2).

The vaccinator for over two thirds (68.8%) of vaccines administered to those aged 60 and older was GP (Table 3).

Figure 1: Influenza vaccination uptake in children aged 2-17 years old by week in Ireland in 2025/2026 season

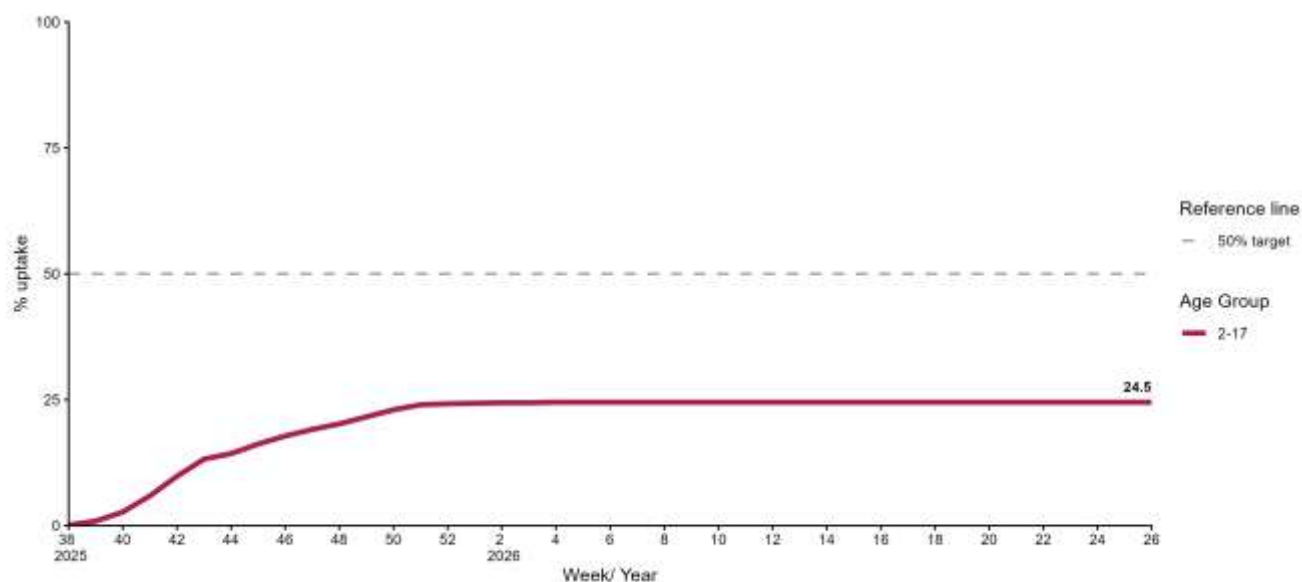


Figure 2: Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 60 years and older by week in Ireland in 2025/2026 season

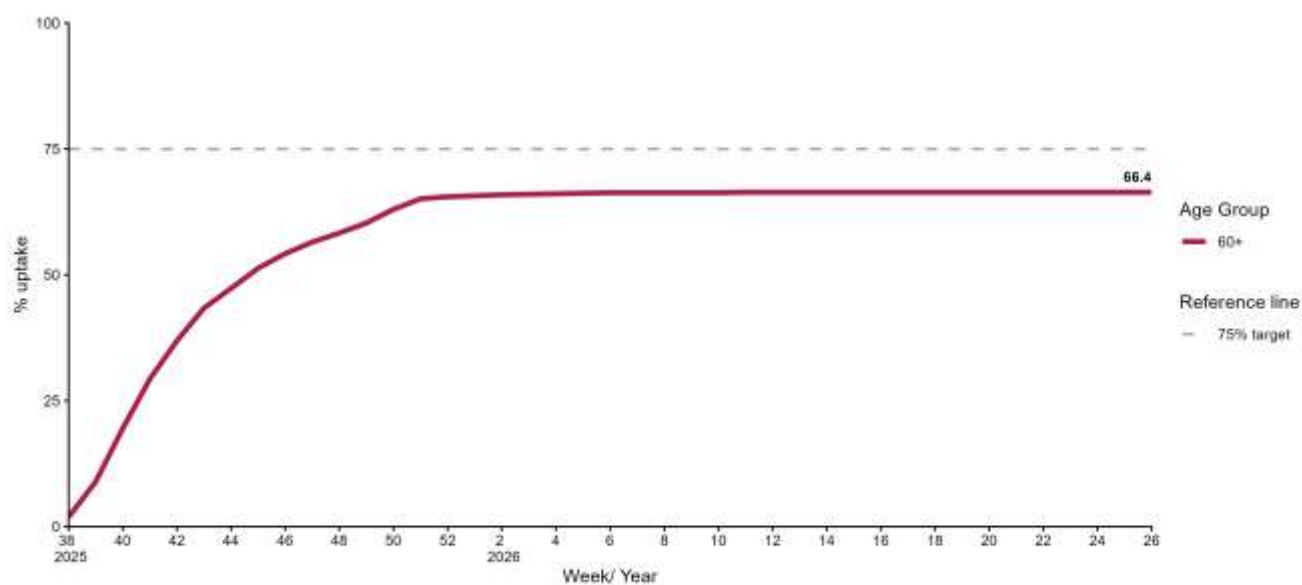


Figure 3: Influenza vaccination uptake by age group and week in Ireland, 2025/2026 season

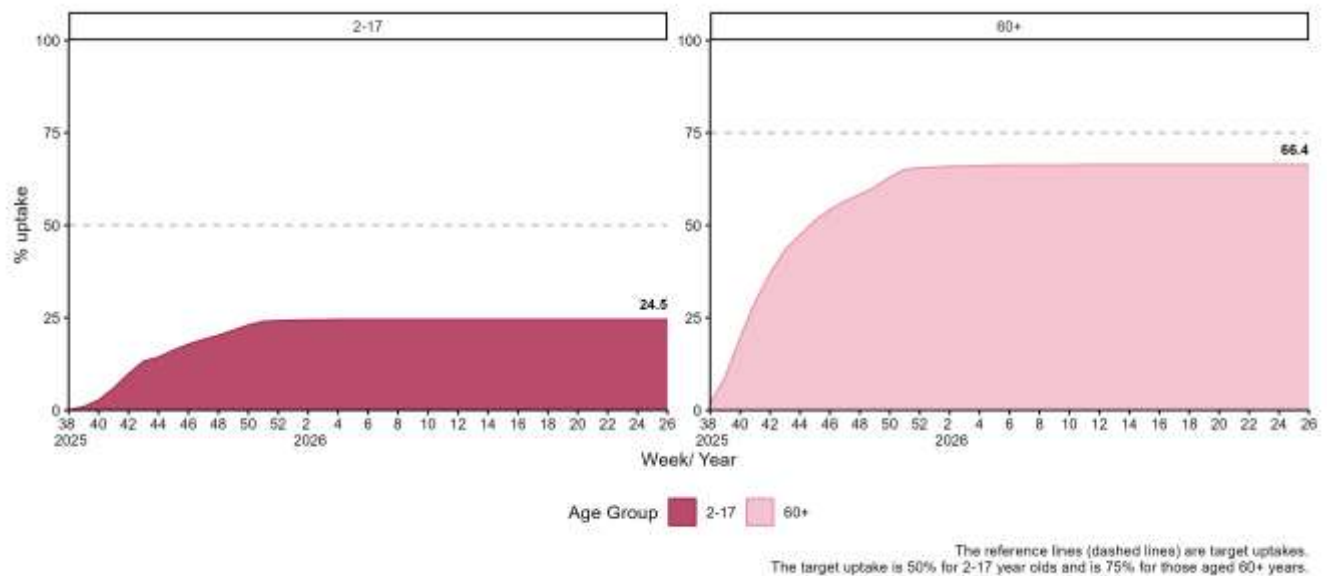


Figure 4: Influenza vaccination uptake in children by age group in Ireland, 2025/2026 season

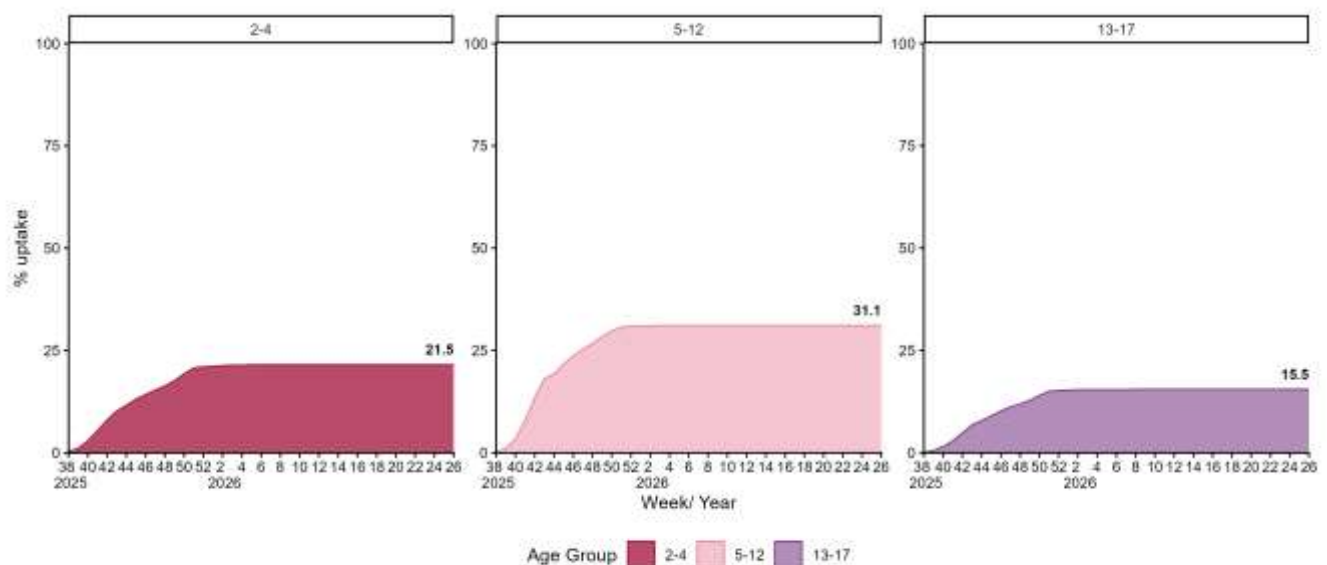


Figure 5a: Influenza vaccination uptake in older adults by age group in Ireland, 2025/2026 season

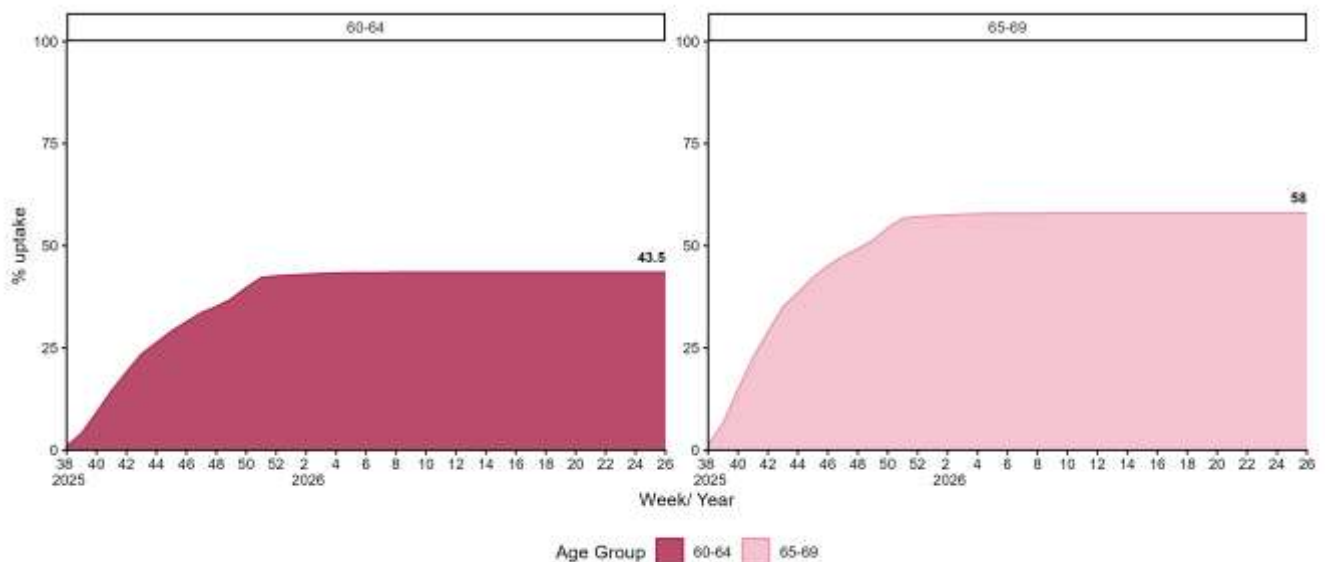


Figure 5b: Influenza vaccination uptake in older adults by age group in Ireland, 2025/2026 season

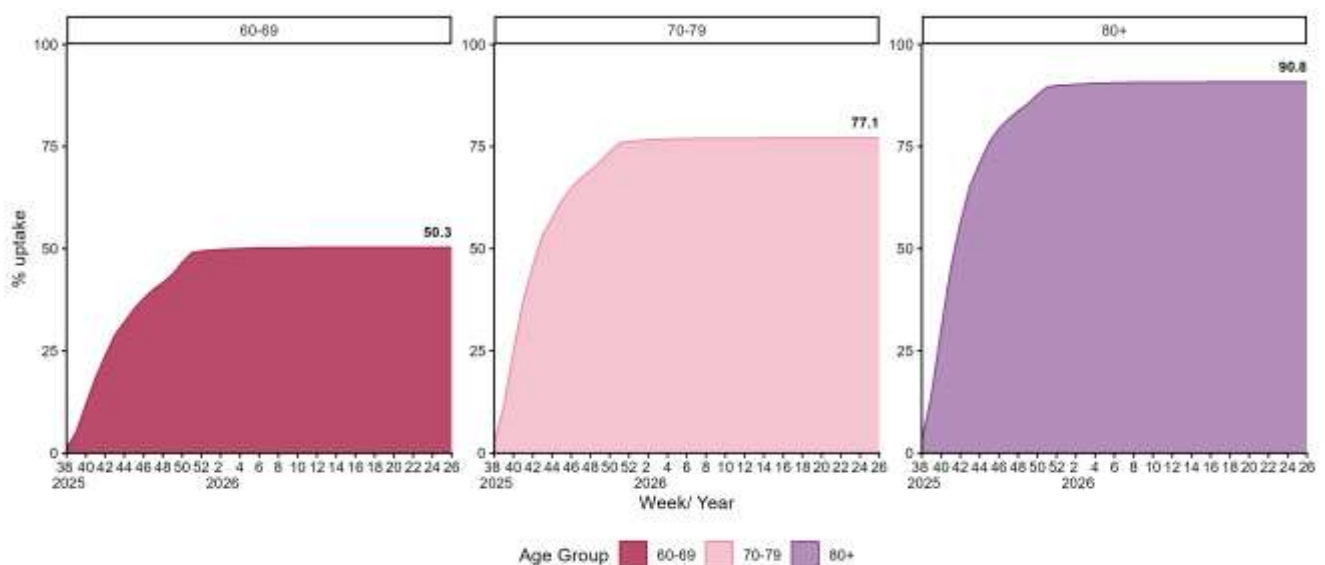


Table 1: Influenza vaccination uptake by age group in Ireland in 2025/26 season

Age group	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake 2025-26 season
Target groups	270748	1104351	24.5
2-17 years old	696425	1048985	66.4
60 years and over			
Children (subgroups)			
2-4 years	38944	181199	21.5
5-12 years	176937	568184	31.1
13-17 years	54867	354968	15.5
Older adults (subgroups)			
60-64 years	118699	272670	43.5
65-69 years	138140	238144	58.0
70-74 years	144300	202884	71.1
75-79 years	130951	154260	84.9
65 years and over	577726	776315	74.4
80 years and over	164335	181027	90.8

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

Data source for denominator: Census of Population 2022

Figure 6: Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 2-17 years old by county of residence, 2025/2026 season

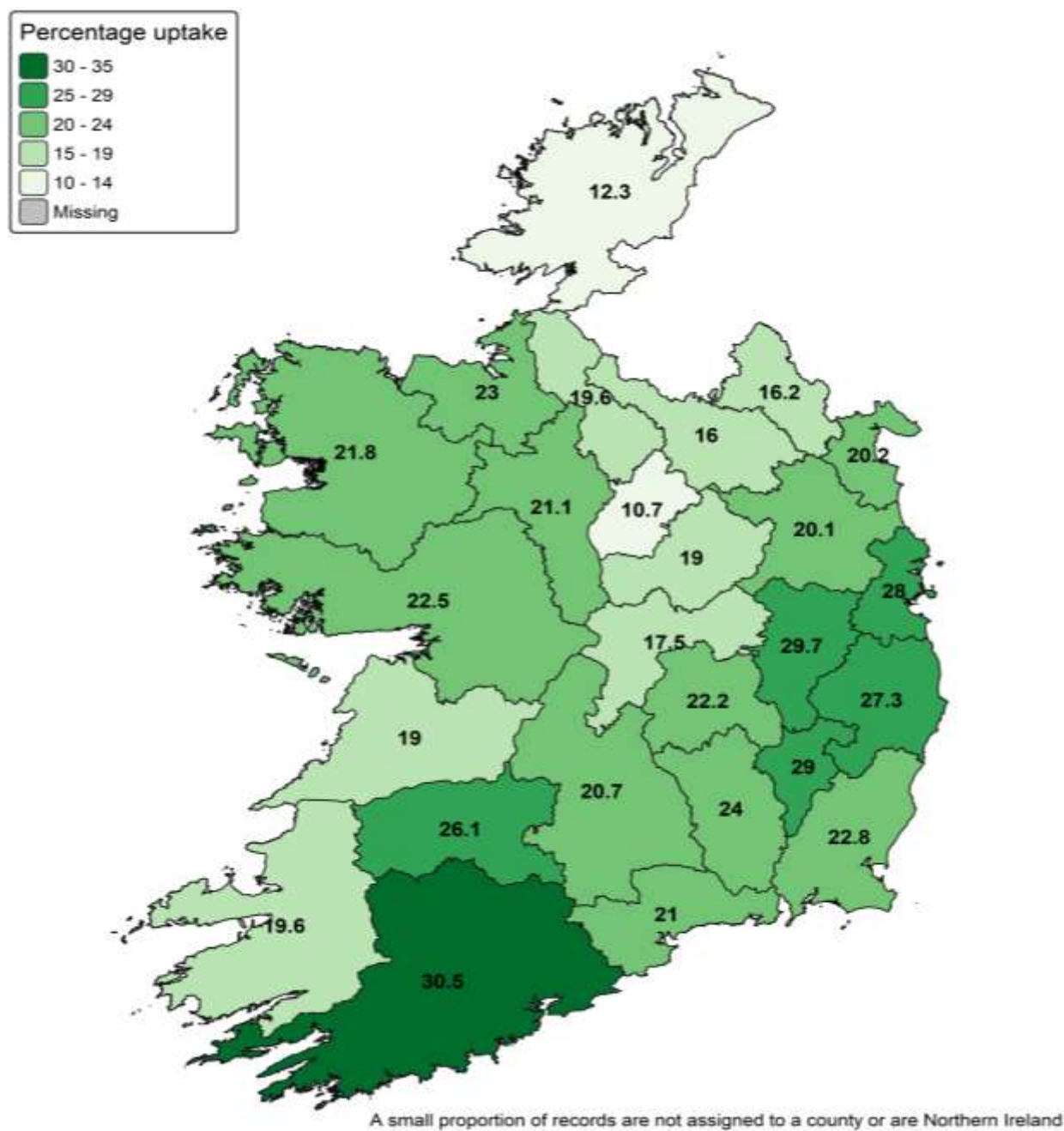


Figure 7: Influenza vaccination uptake in those aged 60 years and older by county of residence, 2025/2026 season

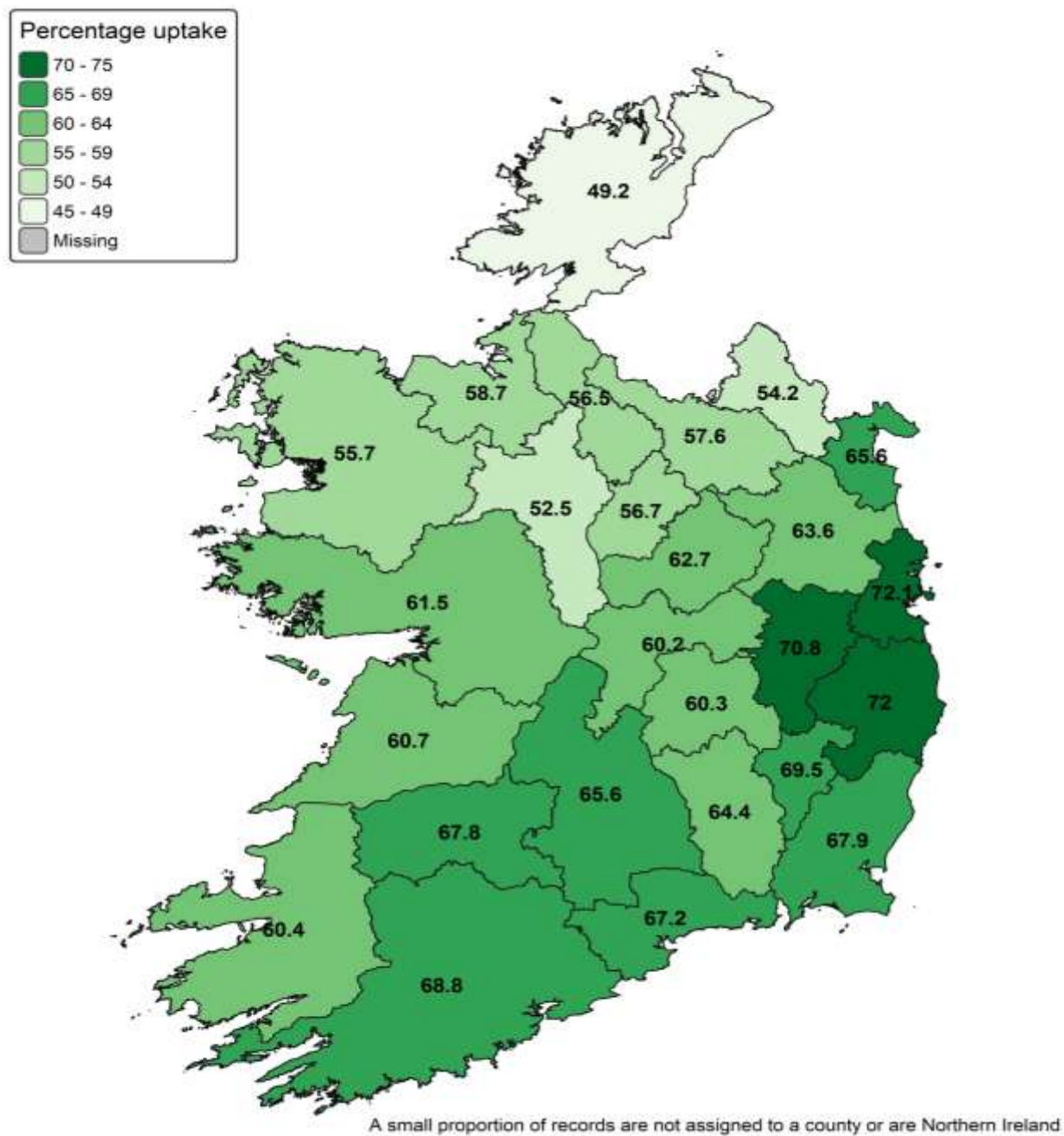


Table 2: Influenza vaccination uptake by age group and county of residence in Ireland in 2025/26 Influenza season

County	2-17 years old			60 years and over		
	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake 2025-26 season	Number vaccinated	Census 2022	% Uptake 2025-26 season
Carlow	3927	13557	29.0	8769	12626	69.5
Cavan	3093	19360	16.0	9761	16958	57.6
Clare	5277	27843	19.0	17713	29189	60.7
Cork	37843	123914	30.5	83292	121013	68.8
Donegal	4654	37694	12.3	19350	39323	49.2
Dublin	80784	288299	28.0	190580	264473	72.1
Galway	13228	58704	22.5	35462	57622	61.5
Kerry	6229	31779	19.6	23861	39522	60.4
Kildare	17294	58269	29.7	29265	41358	70.8
Kilkenny	5597	23359	24.0	14894	23129	64.4
Laois	5008	22508	22.2	10034	16653	60.3
Leitrim	1539	7869	19.6	4907	8691	56.5
Limerick	11285	43160	26.1	30507	45016	67.8
Longford	1152	10773	10.7	5555	9792	56.7
Louth	6486	32115	20.2	17694	26978	65.6
Mayo	6277	28825	21.8	20189	36230	55.7
Meath	11023	54790	20.1	23784	37423	63.6
Monaghan	2514	15489	16.2	7619	14051	54.2
Offaly	3308	18875	17.5	10612	17625	60.2
Roscommon	3278	15568	21.1	9153	17427	52.5
Sligo	3371	14667	23.0	10137	17257	58.7
Tipperary	7620	36742	20.7	25810	39321	65.6
Waterford	5722	27219	21.0	19040	28321	67.2
Westmeath	4081	21530	19.0	12252	19537	62.7
Wexford	8183	35898	22.8	25192	37089	67.9
Wicklow	9712	35545	27.3	23315	32361	72.0

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

Data source for denominator: Census of Population 2022

Table 3: Percentage of Influenza vaccines administered by vaccinator and age group in the 2025/2026 season

	Percentage
Vaccinator for those 2-17 years	
GP	33.8
HSE/Other	10.1
Pharmacy	56.1
Total	100.0
Vaccinator for those 60+ years	
GP	68.8
HSE/Other	4.8
Pharmacy	26.4
Total	100.0

Records are assigned to categories based on data system used to record Influenza vaccine data

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