

The Oregon Health Authority just released MMR vaccination rates by county in Oregon, leading to an obvious question: why do we need a new law to force parents to vaccinate?

**2017-18 County and State Immunization and Exemption Rates**

County	Adjusted Enrollment <sup>1</sup>	% Measles 2 <sup>2</sup>	% Complete <sup>3</sup>	% Any Medical Exemption <sup>4</sup>	% Any Nonmedical Exemption <sup>5</sup>	% Nonmedical Exemption: Measles <sup>6</sup>	% NME: All <sup>7</sup>
Baker	2127	94.6%	91.5%	0.2%	5.5%	4.2%	2.9%
Benton	11354	96.0%	93.7%	0.1%	5.5%	3.9%	2.5%
Clackamas	61100	95.4%	93.1%	0.1%	5.9%	4.5%	3.3%
Clatsop	5095	95.8%	92.6%	0.1%	4.7%	3.7%	2.7%
Columbia	7604	96.4%	94.5%	0.1%	4.5%	3.4%	2.0%
Cook	7925	97.0%	94.9%	0.2%	3.7%	2.5%	1.4%
Crook	3001	96.5%	95.2%	0.1%	3.8%	3.2%	1.9%
Curry	2346	93.9%	92.0%	0.3%	7.0%	5.6%	3.8%
Deschutes	27408	94.4%	91.7%	0.1%	7.5%	5.5%	3.5%
Douglas	14529	95.7%	93.0%	0.1%	5.2%	3.9%	2.6%
Grant	863	93.5%	90.6%	0.2%	8.3%	6.4%	3.7%
Harney	1101	97.1%	96.0%	0.0%	3.1%	2.5%	1.9%
Hood River	4279	96.5%	94.7%	0.0%	4.5%	3.4%	1.9%
Jackson	32006	92.9%	89.4%	0.2%	8.2%	6.5%	4.2%
Jefferson	3653	97.9%	96.9%	0.0%	2.5%	1.9%	1.0%
Josephine	11341	91.3%	89.1%	0.1%	10.1%	8.5%	7.2%
Klamath	10028	96.9%	95.1%	0.1%	3.1%	2.4%	1.3%
Lake	1103	97.6%	95.6%	0.2%	3.4%	2.3%	1.4%
Lane	46466	95.6%	93.7%	0.1%	5.5%	4.3%	3.0%
Linn	5555	97.4%	95.0%	0.1%	3.5%	2.4%	1.4%
Linn	18859	97.2%	95.5%	0.2%	3.5%	2.6%	1.6%
Maitheur	5459	98.6%	97.9%	0.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.0%
Marion	57228	97.0%	95.4%	0.1%	3.7%	2.9%	2.0%
Morrow	2454	98.9%	96.7%	0.1%	1.1%	0.8%	0.4%
Multnomah	101777	95.4%	92.2%	0.1%	6.1%	4.3%	2.7%
North Central <sup>8</sup>	4224	97.2%	95.2%	0.1%	3.7%	2.6%	1.6%
Polk	12754	96.1%	94.6%	0.1%	4.6%	3.6%	2.2%
Tillamook	3655	96.0%	93.5%	0.1%	5.0%	3.9%	2.5%
Umatilla	13945	98.2%	97.0%	0.1%	1.8%	1.4%	1.0%
Union	4166	95.9%	92.7%	0.2%	5.6%	3.8%	2.7%
Wallowa	811	92.2%	88.3%	0.1%	4.8%	2.5%	0.8%
Washington	94085	97.4%	95.4%	0.2%	3.3%	2.3%	1.3%
Wheeler	149	97.3%	97.3%	0.7%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Yamhill	16847	95.6%	93.9%	0.1%	5.2%	4.2%	2.8%
Oregon <sup>9</sup>	605276	95.8%	93.5%	0.1%	5.2%	3.9%	2.6%

Extremely high vaccination rates for MMR vaccine for every county in Oregon

<sup>1</sup> Includes Gillam, Sherman and Wasco counties  
<sup>2</sup> State-level rates include public, private and online schools, while county rates include only public and private  
<sup>3</sup> Number of students adjusted to avoid double counting of students enrolled in multiple sites  
<sup>4</sup> Percent of students with at least two doses of Measles containing vaccine  
<sup>5</sup> Percent of students complete for all vaccines required for their grade  
<sup>6</sup> Percent of students with a medical exemption for one or more required vaccines  
<sup>7</sup> Percent of students with a nonmedical exemption for one or more required vaccine  
<sup>8</sup> Percent of students with a nonmedical exemption for Measles vaccine  
<sup>9</sup> Percent of students with a nonmedical exemption for all vaccines required for their grade

Why is the actual vaccination rate for MMR and what the media is reporting so different? Why doesn't the Oregon Health Authority ever correct the media?