

## RSV Vaccination Report: May 2026

### Background

Vaccination programmes against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) began in Wales in September 2024<sup>1</sup>. There are two routine programmes, one offering vaccination to older adults as they reach their 75th birthday and the other offering vaccination to pregnant women from 28 weeks gestation (in order to provide passive protection to babies from birth).

Older adults should be offered the RSV vaccination within 12 weeks of their 75th birthday. Pregnant women should be offered RSV vaccination at 28 weeks gestation, but remain eligible for vaccination until discharge from midwifery services.

A catch-up campaign for those aged 75 to 79 as at 01/09/2024 began in February 2025. This one off catch-up campaign was amended in August 2025 so these individuals would remain eligible indefinitely<sup>2</sup>. The programme was expanded in April 2026 to include all adults aged 80+ and all residents in a care home for older adults<sup>3</sup>.

RSV is a common cause of acute respiratory infections in Wales during the autumn and winter months and burden of infection and severe outcomes is highest in infants, young children and older adults. Surveillance data for RSV infections are summarised each week in the Public Health Wales Weekly Influenza and Acute Respiratory Infection Report: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/flu vaccine/weekly-influenza-and-acute-respiratory-infection-report>

### Data sources and methods

Vaccination data for older adults are sourced from the Wales Immunisation System (WIS), uptake is calculated for adults living and Wales resident as at 09/06/2026.

Uptake in currently pregnant women is estimated using data from the Wales Maternity Indicators Initial Assessment Dataset, linked to WIS vaccination status data. The Wales Maternity Indicators Initial Assessment Dataset does not currently include records for women in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Area, so uptake is estimated based on data for women resident in the other six health board areas of Wales. Point estimates and 95% confidence intervals are presented in Table 2.1.1 .

Uptake in women giving birth during the most recent month is calculated using data in the Wales Maternity Indicators Delivery Dataset, linked to WIS vaccination status data. The Wales Maternity Indicators Delivery Dataset contains data for women residing in all health board areas and uptake is calculated for women with delivery dates during the most recent month.

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<sup>1</sup>Welsh Government, June 2024: Introduction of the RSV Vaccination Programme 2024 (WHC/2024/032): <https://www.gov.wales/introduction-rsv-vaccination-programme-2024-whc2024032-html>

<sup>2</sup>[https://www2.nphs.wales.nhs.uk/contacts.nsf/HealthAlerts/F417065C7886536180258CE7005833D1/\\$file/20250725%20-%20CMO%20Alert%20-%20RSV%20Vaccine%202025-english%20\(Final\).pdf](https://www2.nphs.wales.nhs.uk/contacts.nsf/HealthAlerts/F417065C7886536180258CE7005833D1/$file/20250725%20-%20CMO%20Alert%20-%20RSV%20Vaccine%202025-english%20(Final).pdf)

<sup>3</sup>Welsh Government, February 2026: Expansion of RSV Vaccine Eligibility to Adults Aged 80+ and residents in a care home for older adults (WHC/2025/053): <https://www.gov.wales/update-rsv-vaccination-programme-2026-whc2025053-html>

### Key points

As at 09/06/2026, uptake of RSV vaccination in eligible people in Wales was:

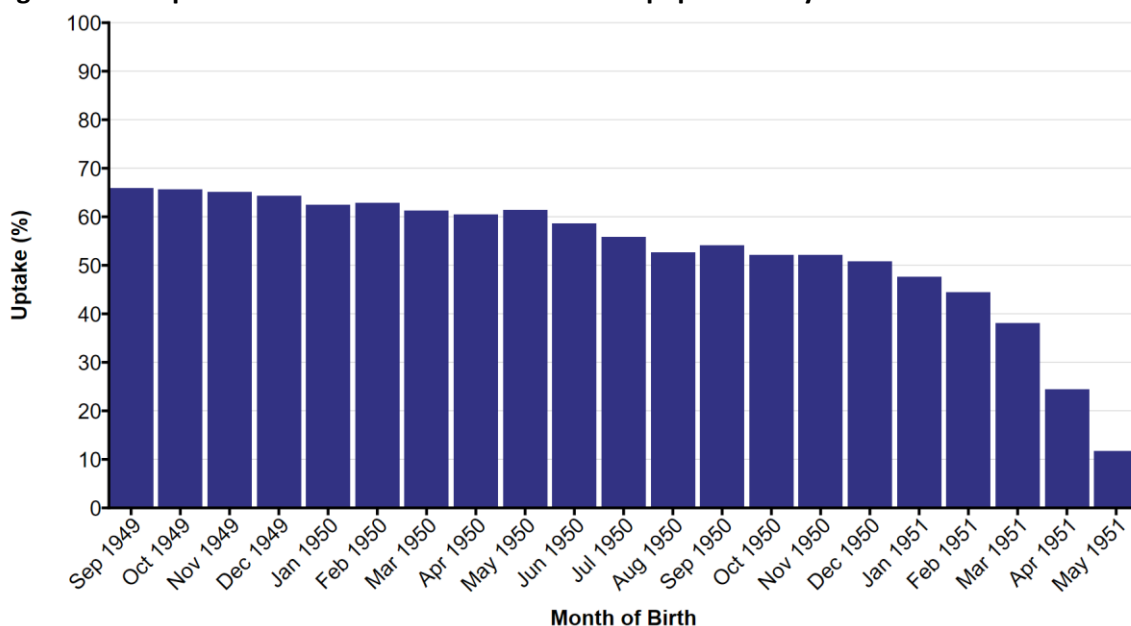
- 53.5% for women giving birth during April 2026.
- 61.4% for older adults reaching 75 years of age in September 2024 to August 2025 (first year routine cohort).
- 45.1% for older adults reaching 75 years of age in September 2025 to April 2026 (second year routine cohort).
- 71.0% for older adults aged 75 to 79 as at 01/09/2024 (catch-up cohort).
- 42.5% for older adults aged 80 years and over as at 01/09/2024.
- 61.1% for those resident in a care home for older adults.

## 1.0 RSV vaccination uptake in older adults

Individuals become eligible for RSV vaccination on their 75th birthday, therefore not everyone included in the denominator for the routine cohort would be eligible as at the time of the report.

### 1.1 Routine cohort (Adults reaching 75 years of age after 1st September 2024)

Figure 1.1.1. Uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population by month of birth.



Data as of 2026-06-09



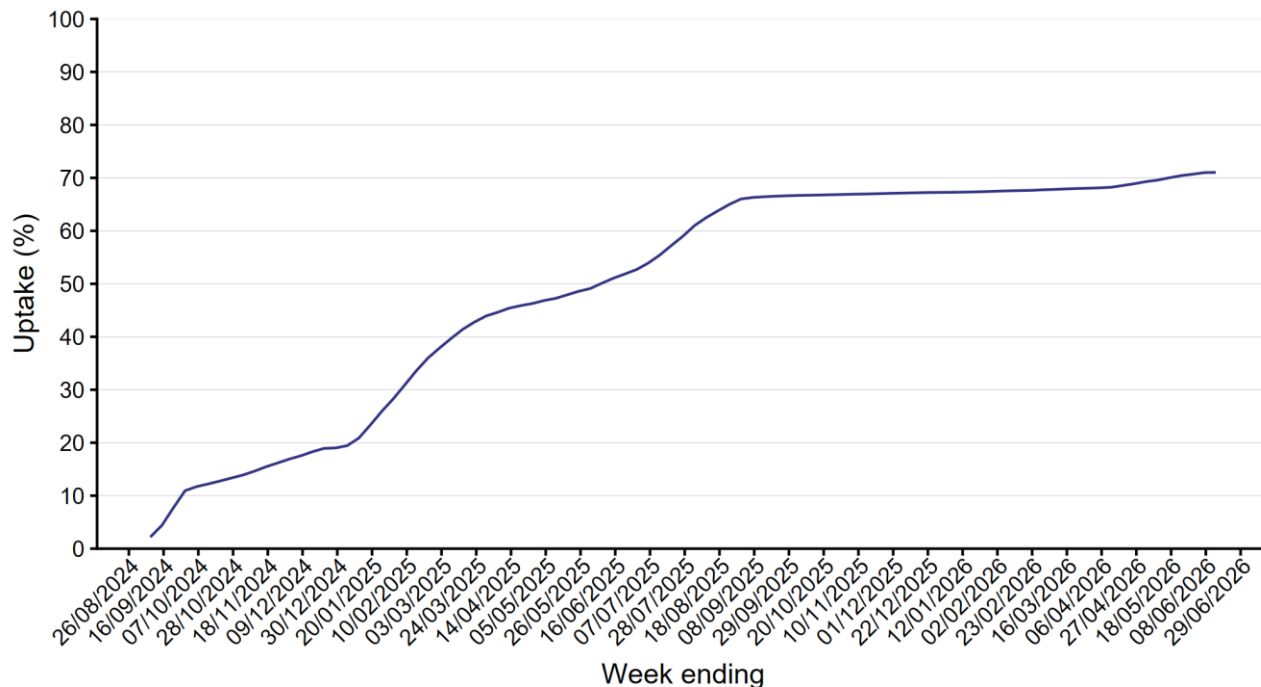
**Table 1.1.1. Uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population by month of birth.**

Month of Birth	Denominator	Vaccinated	Uptake (%)
1949-09	2,605	1,719	65.99
1949-10	2,616	1,719	65.71
1949-11	2,399	1,561	65.07
1949-12	2,527	1,625	64.31
1950-01	2,689	1,681	62.51
1950-02	2,428	1,528	62.93
1950-03	3,032	1,860	61.35
1950-04	2,785	1,683	60.43
1950-05	2,836	1,743	61.46
1950-06	2,639	1,549	58.70
1950-07	2,639	1,474	55.85
1950-08	2,506	1,321	52.71
1950-09	2,596	1,407	54.20
1950-10	2,563	1,336	52.13
1950-11	2,407	1,255	52.14
1950-12	2,529	1,287	50.89
1951-01	2,725	1,299	47.67
1951-02	2,532	1,125	44.43
1951-03	2,921	1,112	38.07
1951-04	2,832	694	24.51
1951-05	2,847	333	11.70



### 1.2 Catch-up cohort (75 to 79 as at 1st September 2024)

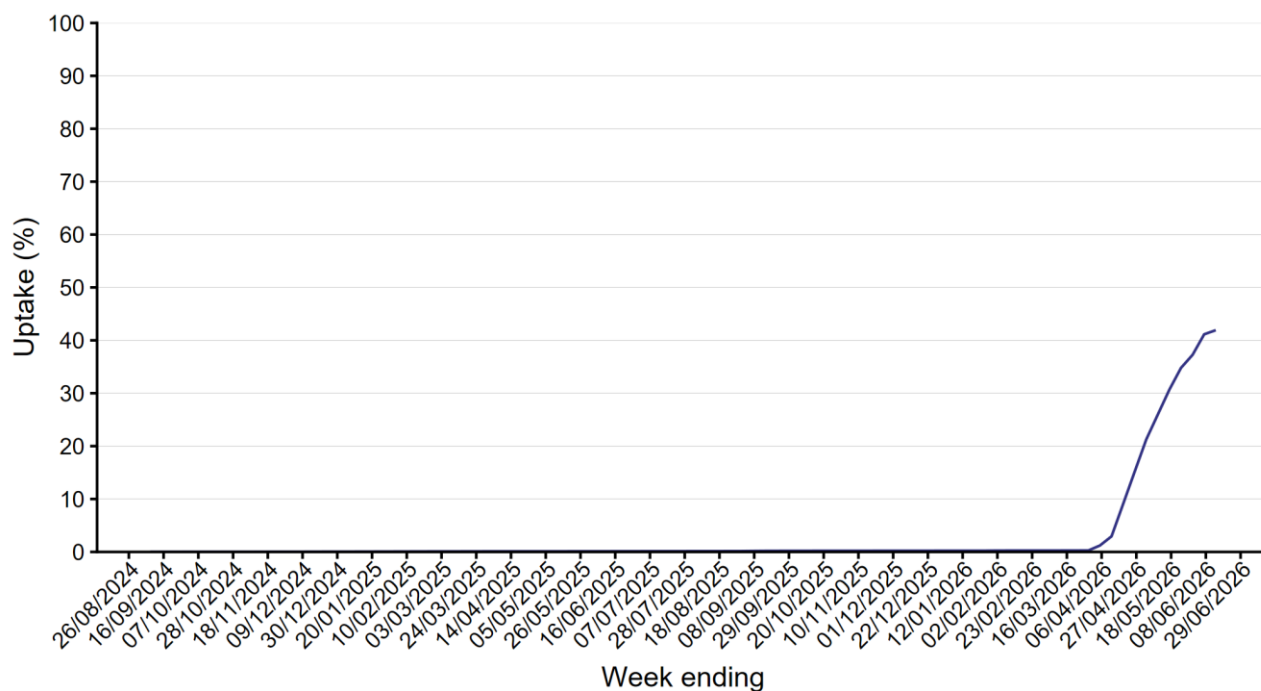
Figure 1.2.1. Weekly trends in uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population aged 75 to 79y as at 1st September 2024.



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### 1.3 Older adults aged 80+ as at 1st September 2024

Figure 1.3.1. Weekly trends in uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population aged 80y and older as at 1st September 2024.

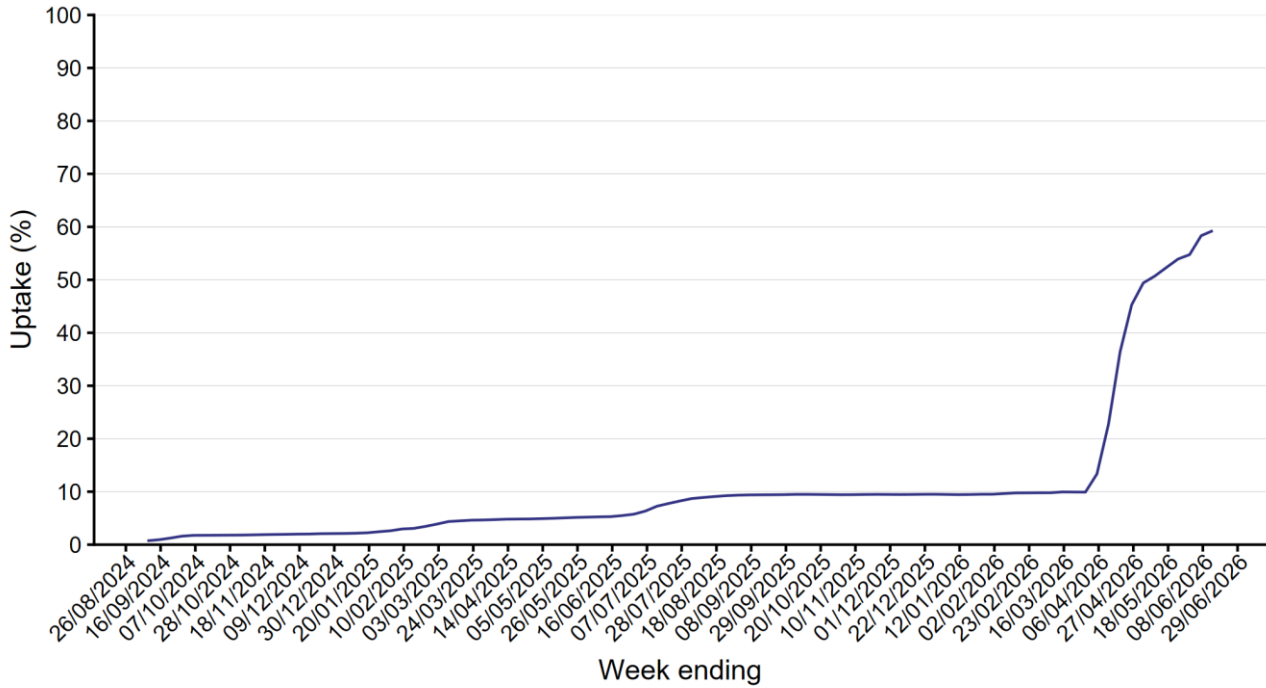


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### 1.4 Residents in a care home for older adults

Figure 1.4.1. Weekly trends in uptake of RSV immunisation in those resident in a care home for older adults.



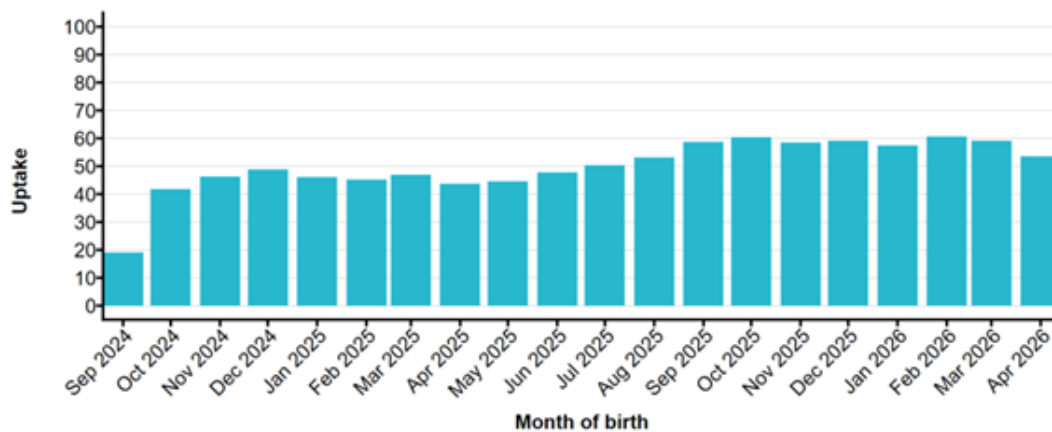
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## 2.0 RSV Vaccination Uptake in Pregnant Women

### 2.1 Coverage of RSV vaccination at the point of delivery

Data on women giving birth includes women recorded in the maternity indicators delivery dataset. These data provides a more robust measure of coverage in women who were pregnant and have delivered, but only include women whose pregnancies end with a delivery. These data include only women giving birth in Wales. Vaccination data (as at 09/06/2026) are sourced from the Welsh Immunisation System (WIS) and joined to maternity datasets using the mother's NHS number.

**Figure 2.1.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth 01/09/2024 to 30/04/2026, by month of delivery; Wales.**



**Table 2.1.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth in the past 12 months (01/05/2025 - 30/04/2026), by month of delivery; Wales.**

Delivery month	Number of women delivering	Women vaccinated by their delivery date	
		n	%
2025-05	1,902	849	44.6
2025-06	1,903	907	47.7
2025-07	1,984	999	50.4
2025-08	1,877	996	53.1
2025-09	2,015	1,180	58.6
2025-10	2,049	1,240	60.5
2025-11	1,859	1,088	58.5
2025-12	1,977	1,171	59.2
2026-01	1,977	1,135	57.4
2026-02	1,719	1,041	60.6
2026-03	1,822	1,076	59.1
2026-04	1,396	747	53.5