

RSV Vaccination Report: June 2026

Background

Vaccination programmes against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) began in Wales in September 2024¹. 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 indefinitely². The programme was expanded in April 2026 to include all adults aged 80+ and all residents in a care home for older adults³.

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 29/06/2026.

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.

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

²[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) ³Welsh

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 29/06/2026, uptake of RSV vaccination in eligible people in Wales was:

- 57.1% for women giving birth during May 2026.
- 62.8% for older adults reaching 75 years of age in September 2024 to August 2025 (first year routine cohort).
- 47.5% for older adults reaching 75 years of age in September 2025 to May 2026 (second year routine cohort).
- 71.8% for older adults aged 75 to 79 as at 01/09/2024 (catch-up cohort).
- 51.4% for older adults aged 80 years and over as at 01/09/2024.
- 65.9% 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 Sep 2024)

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

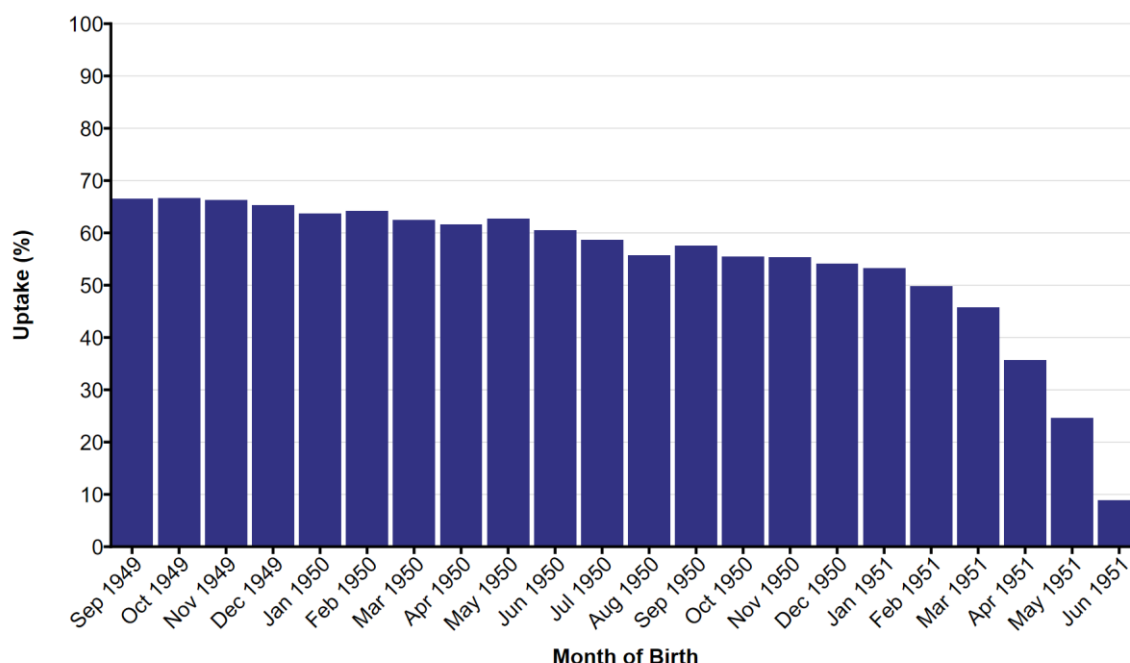
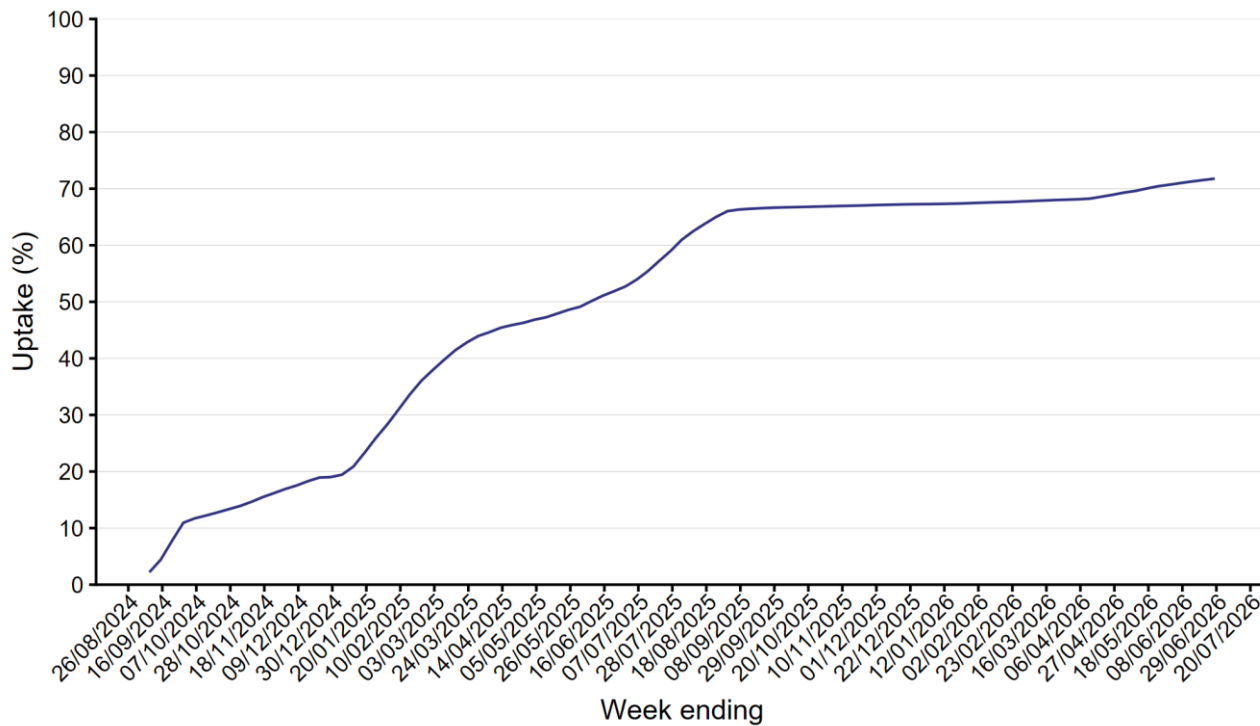


Table 1.1.1. Uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population by month of birth.

Month of Birth	Denominator	Vaccinated	Uptake (%)
Sep 1949	2,604	1,732	66.51
Oct 1949	2,615	1,744	66.69
Nov 1949	2,396	1,588	66.28
Dec 1949	2,528	1,650	65.27
Jan 1950	2,686	1,710	63.66
Feb 1950	2,423	1,557	64.26
Mar 1950	3,024	1,891	62.53
Apr 1950	2,782	1,715	61.65
May 1950	2,832	1,778	62.78
Jun 1950	2,638	1,595	60.46
Jul 1950	2,635	1,546	58.67
Aug 1950	2,502	1,393	55.68
Sep 1950	2,594	1,492	57.52
Oct 1950	2,560	1,421	55.51
Nov 1950	2,405	1,332	55.38
Dec 1950	2,527	1,369	54.17
Jan 1951	2,724	1,450	53.23
Feb 1951	2,530	1,262	49.88
Mar 1951	2,911	1,334	45.83
Apr 1951	2,831	1,011	35.71
May 1951	2,845	702	24.67
Jun 1951	2,675	239	8.93

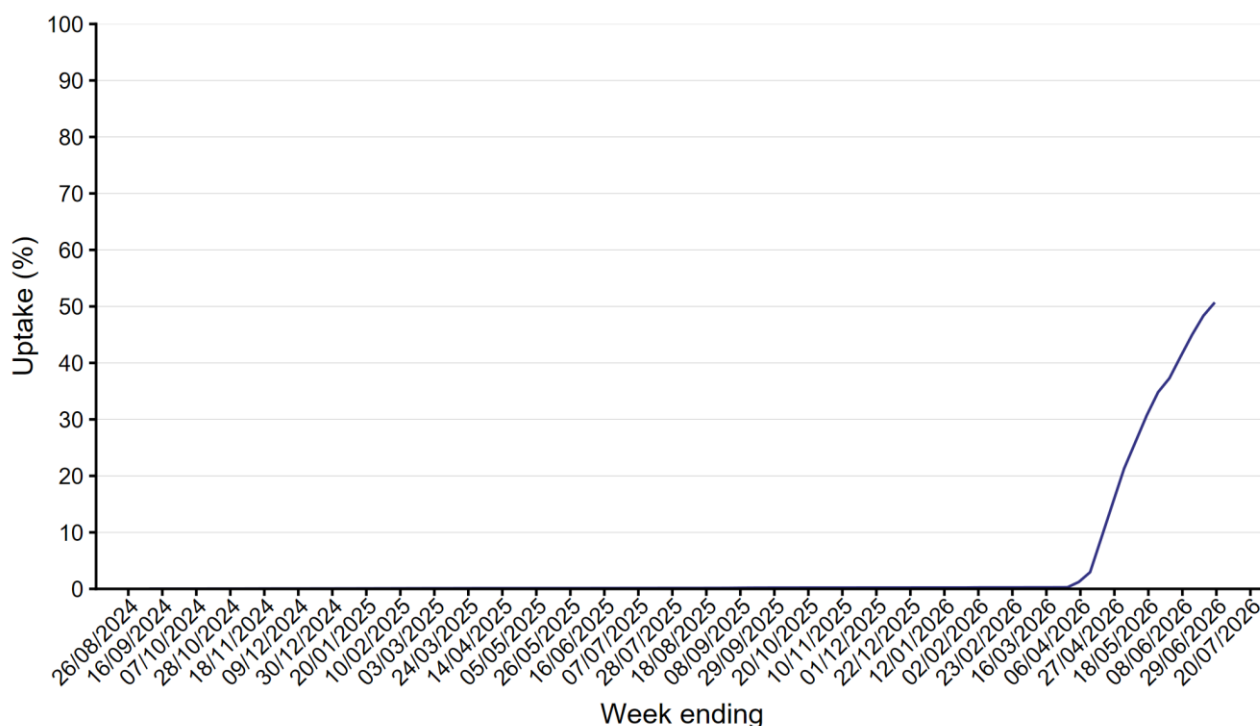
1.2 Catch-up cohort (75 to 79 as at 1st September 2024)

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



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

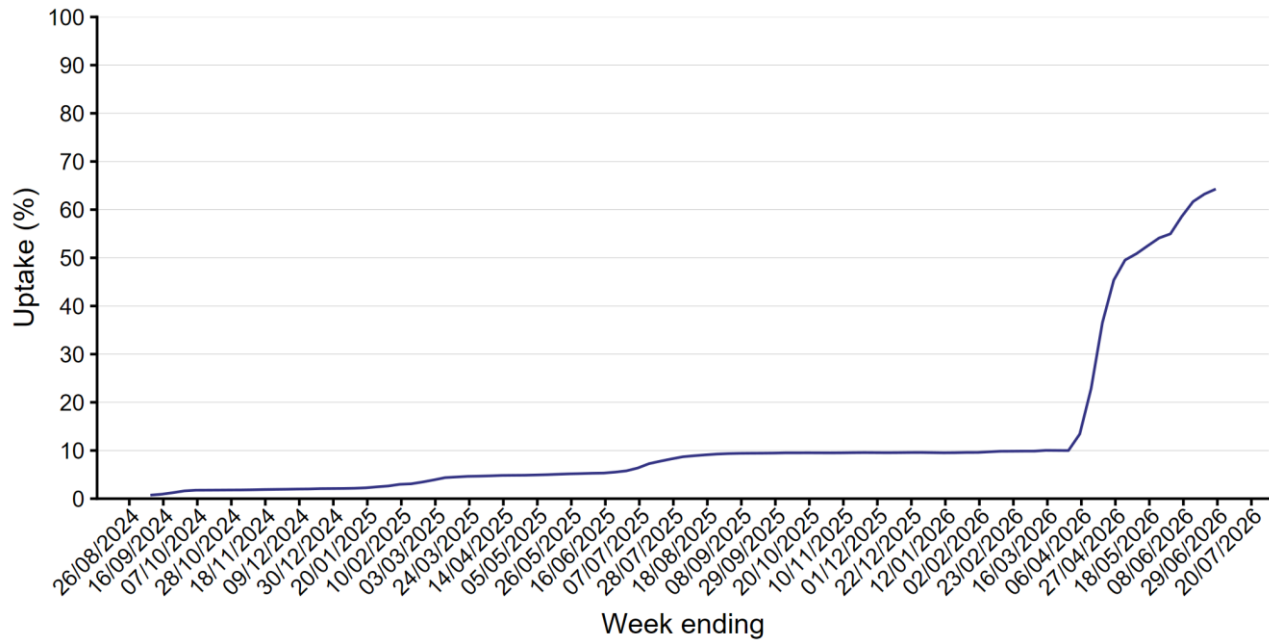
Figure 1.3.1. Weekly trends in uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population aged 80y and older as at 1st September 2024.





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.



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 29/06/2026) are sourced from the Welsh Immunisation System (WIS) and joined to maternity datasets using the mother's NHS number.

Figure 2.2.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth 01/09/2024 to 31/05/2026, by month of delivery; Wales.

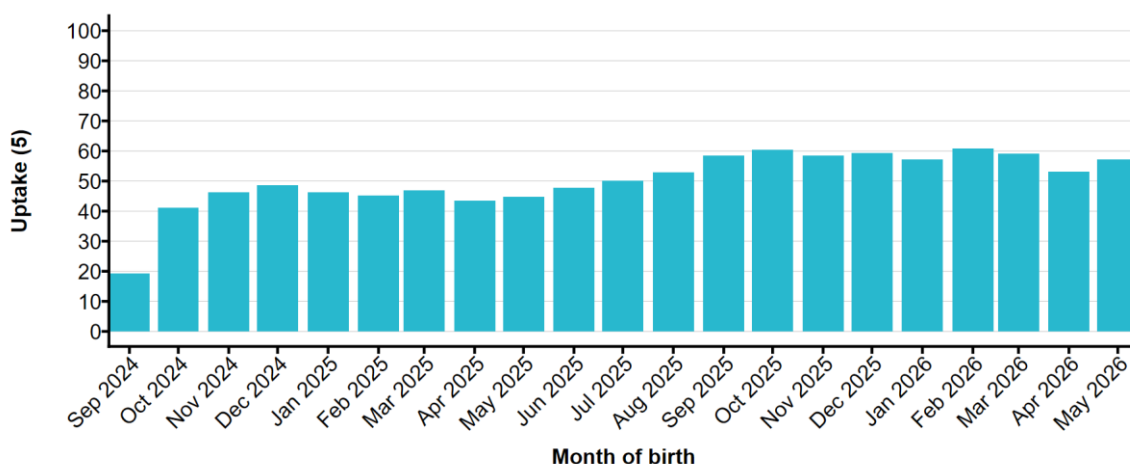


Table 2.2.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth in the past 12 months (01/06/2025 - 31/05/2026), by month of delivery; Wales.

Delivery month	Number of women delivering	Women vaccinated by their delivery date	
		n	%
Jun 2025	1,898	906	47.7
Jul 2025	1,979	993	50.2
Aug 2025	1,875	994	53.0
Sep 2025	2,011	1,177	58.5
Oct 2025	2,047	1,239	60.5
Nov 2025	1,854	1,084	58.5
Dec 2025	1,973	1,172	59.4
Jan 2026	1,979	1,133	57.3
Feb 2026	1,715	1,042	60.8
Mar 2026	1,831	1,083	59.1
Apr 2026	1,732	922	53.2
May 2026	1,702	972	57.1