

RSV Vaccination Uptake Report: August 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 02/09/2026. Care home residents are identified using a flag in WIS, the population of which is managed by health boards.

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. Ethnicity data are sourced from the Wales Maternity Indicators Initial Assessment Dataset, supplemented by WIS where ethnicity information is missing from the maternity dataset.

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 02/09/2026, uptake of RSV vaccination in eligible people in Wales was:

- 56.3% for women giving birth during July 2026.
- 65.2% for older adults reaching 75 years of age in September 2024 to August 2025 (first year routine cohort).
- 49.9% for older adults reaching 75 years of age in September 2025 to July 2026 (second year routine cohort).
- 72.8% for older adults aged 75 to 79 as at 01/09/2024 (catch-up cohort).
- 59.6% for older adults aged 80 years and over as at 01/09/2024.
- 70.3% 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.

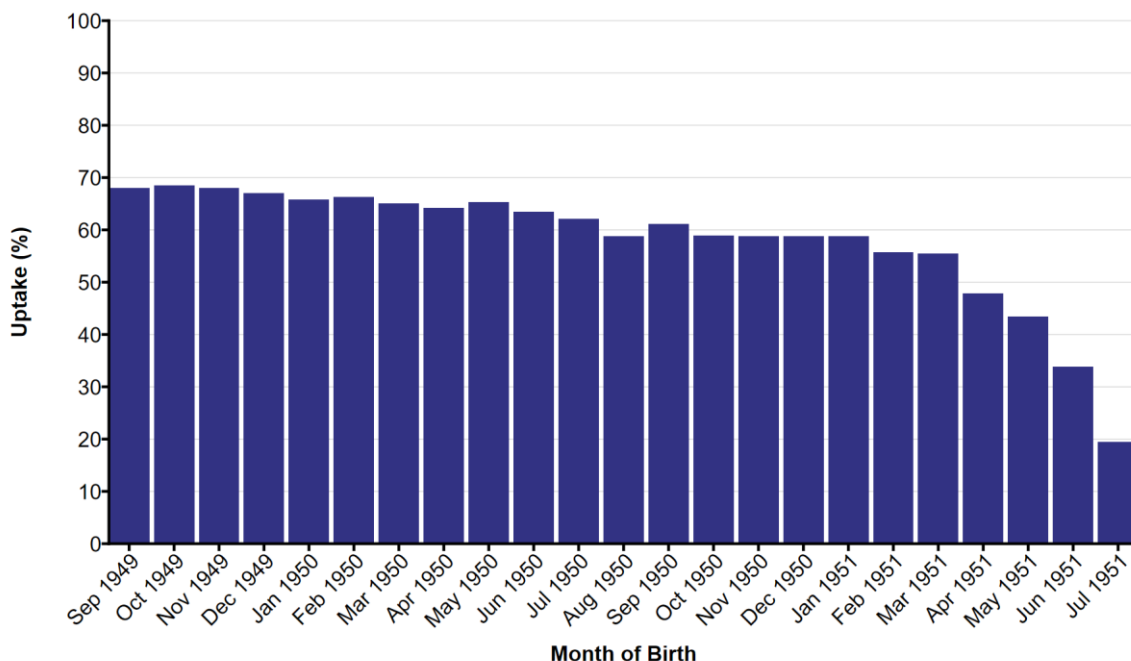


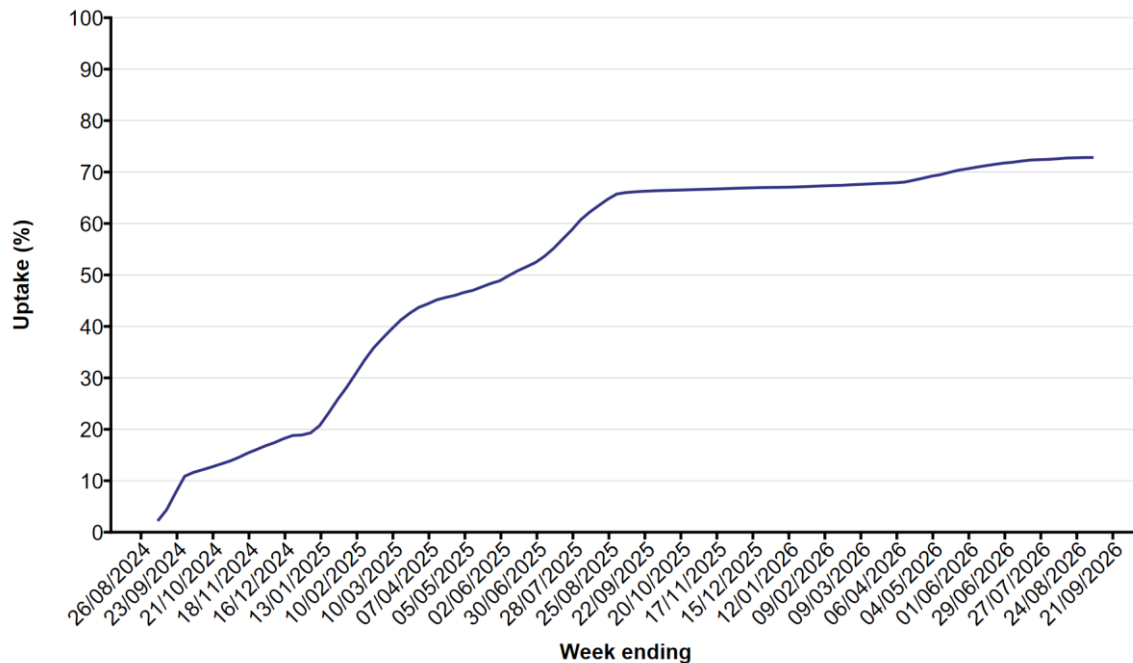
Table 1.1.1. Uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population by month of birth.

Month of Birth	Denominator	Vaccinated	Uptake (%)
Sep 1949	2,599	1,769	68.06
Oct 1949	2,603	1,783	68.50
Nov 1949	2,383	1,620	67.98
Dec 1949	2,523	1,690	66.98
Jan 1950	2,673	1,758	65.77
Feb 1950	2,413	1,600	66.31
Mar 1950	3,016	1,962	65.05
Apr 1950	2,769	1,779	64.25
May 1950	2,824	1,843	65.26
Jun 1950	2,624	1,667	63.53
Jul 1950	2,631	1,635	62.14
Aug 1950	2,490	1,464	58.80
Sep 1950	2,585	1,579	61.08
Oct 1950	2,545	1,501	58.98
Nov 1950	2,398	1,411	58.84
Dec 1950	2,526	1,486	58.83
Jan 1951	2,715	1,595	58.75
Feb 1951	2,526	1,408	55.74
Mar 1951	2,900	1,609	55.48
Apr 1951	2,824	1,350	47.80
May 1951	2,831	1,228	43.38
Jun 1951	2,660	899	33.80
Jul 1951	2,705	526	19.45



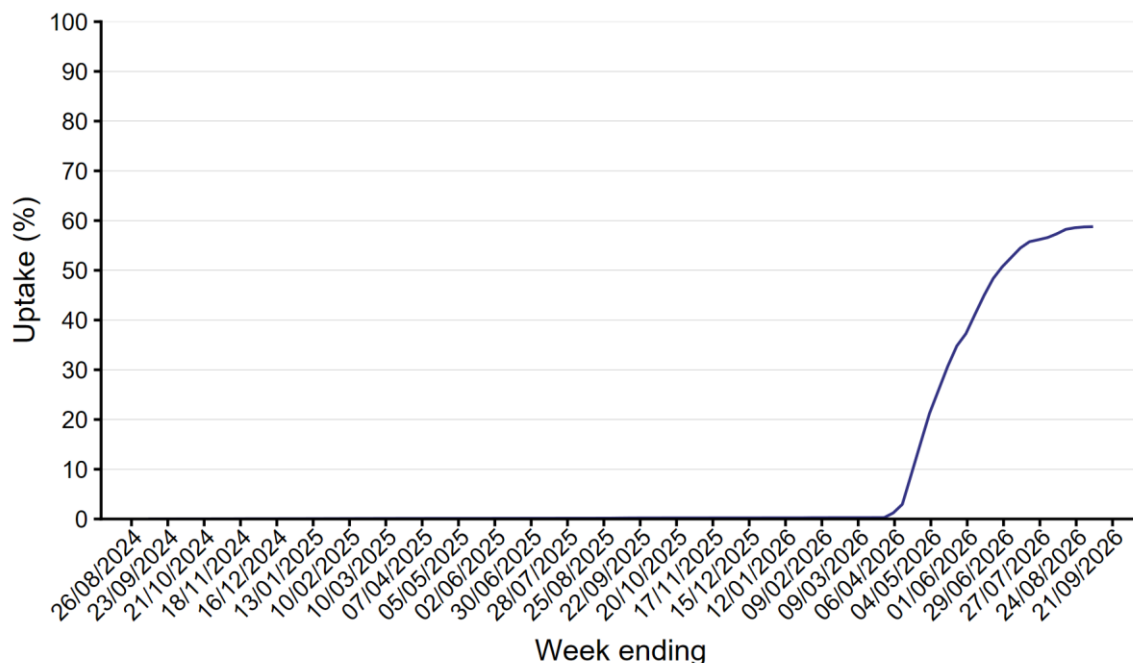
1.2 Catch-up cohort (75 to 79 as at 1st September 2024)

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

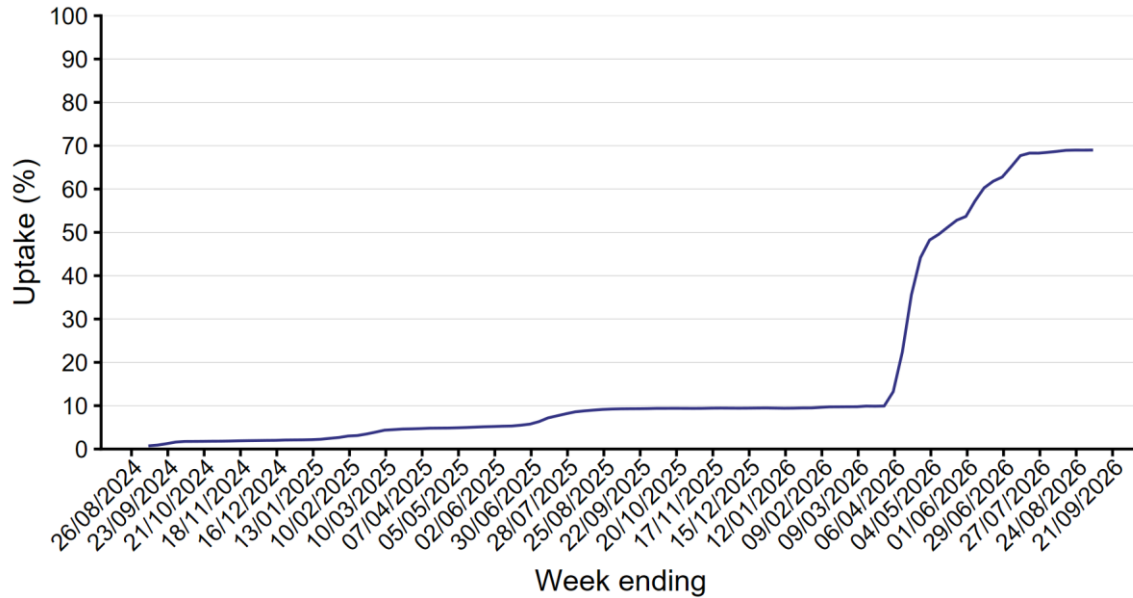
Figure 1.3.1. Weekly trends in uptake of RSV immunisation in resident population aged 80y and older as at 1st September 2024.





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 adults¹.



¹ All residents in care homes for older adults because eligible for RSV vaccination in April 2026, prior to this only those aged 75 to 79 years were eligible.



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 (MIDS) 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 02/09/2026) are sourced from the Welsh Immunisation System (WIS) and joined to maternity datasets using the mother's NHS number. Data exclude 419 women who had delivered but could not be matched to WIS.

Figure 2.1.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth 01/09/2024 to 31/07/2026, by month of delivery; Wales.

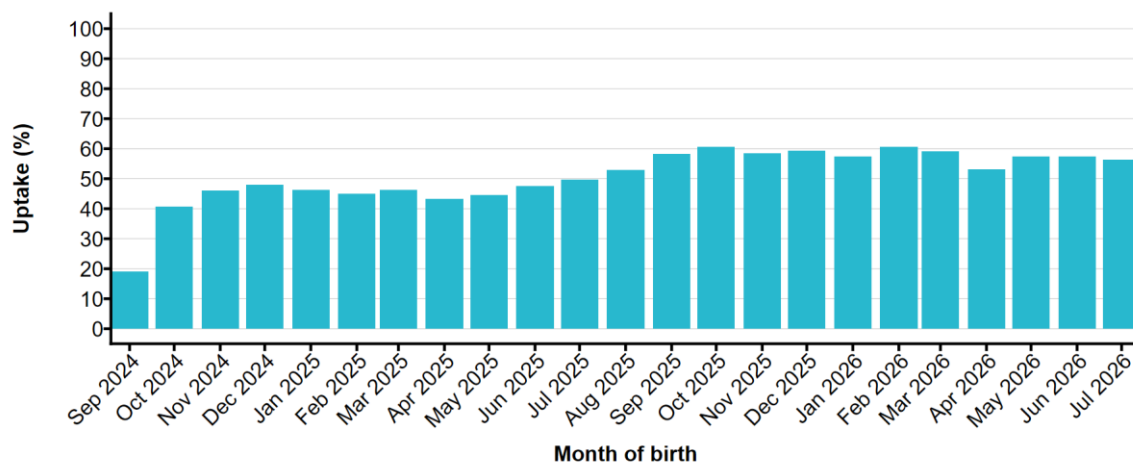


Table 2.1.1: Coverage of RSV vaccination for women giving birth in the past 12 months (01/08/2025 - 31/07/2026), by month of delivery; Wales.

Delivery month	Number of women delivering	Women vaccinated by their delivery date	
		n	%
Aug 2025	1,873	992	53.0
Sep 2025	2,009	1,171	58.3
Oct 2025	1,991	1,208	60.7
Nov 2025	1,814	1,061	58.5
Dec 2025	1,932	1,145	59.3
Jan 2026	1,926	1,105	57.4
Feb 2026	1,678	1,017	60.6
Mar 2026	1,805	1,066	59.1
Apr 2026	1,699	904	53.2
May 2026	1,700	976	57.4
Jun 2026	1,589	913	57.5
Jul 2026	1,728	973	56.3