**Health Care Access**

**Influenza vaccination**

Influenza causes approximately 23,000 deaths and more than 200,000 hospitalizations annually in the United States, and an estimated 290 deaths and 680 hospitalizations annually in Oregon. Receiving an annual flu immunization is the best preventive measure against influenza illness or death. On February 24, 2010, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to expand the recommendation for annual influenza vaccination to include all people ages six months and older.

In 2013-14, approximately 39.7% of Oregonians received a flu vaccination. Beyond childhood, roughly 60% of flu vaccinations are given to women.

**FIGURE 1**

*Estimated seasonal influenza immunization rate, by age, Oregon, 2013/2014 season*

Source: ALERT Immunization Information System
Oregon falls short of the Healthy People 2020 goals of 90% annual flu vaccination rates among seniors and 70% for children aged 6 months to 17 years and adults aged 18 to 64 years.

**Additional Resources:** [ALERT Immunization Information System](#)

**About the Data:** Data source is the ALERT Immunization Information System. Rates are based on the number of seasonal influenza immunizations reported to ALERT and administered between August 1st and May 1st for each influenza season.

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