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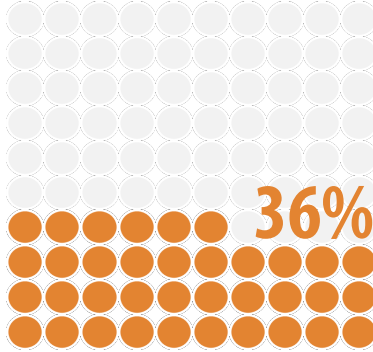
## Tennessee

Though there is no consensus on one singular figure needed to achieve what is commonly known as “herd immunity” (i.e., sufficient levels of COVID vaccinations in order to achieve protective population immunity) scientists and researchers have generally agreed on a range of 70-90% of the population being vaccinated. For simplicity, we use the lower end of the target range (70%) as a comparison for these state profiles.

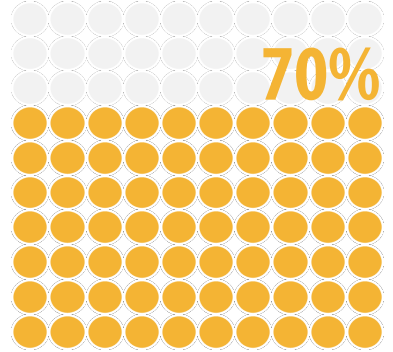
Using data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey, these profiles give a deeper look into flu vaccination rates across the states among U.S. adults (age 18+) as a proxy to identify population subgroups that may be harder to reach with a COVID-19 vaccine.

### State Flu Vaccination Rate vs. COVID-19 Herd Immunity Threshold

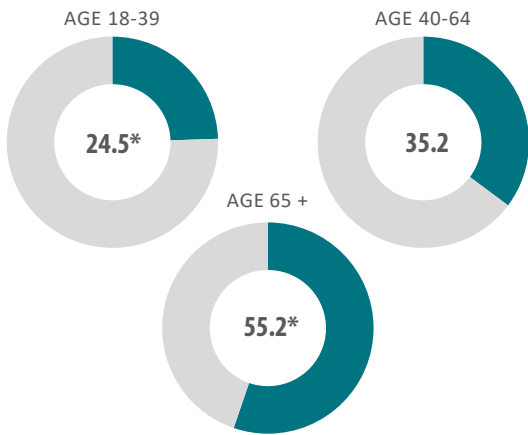
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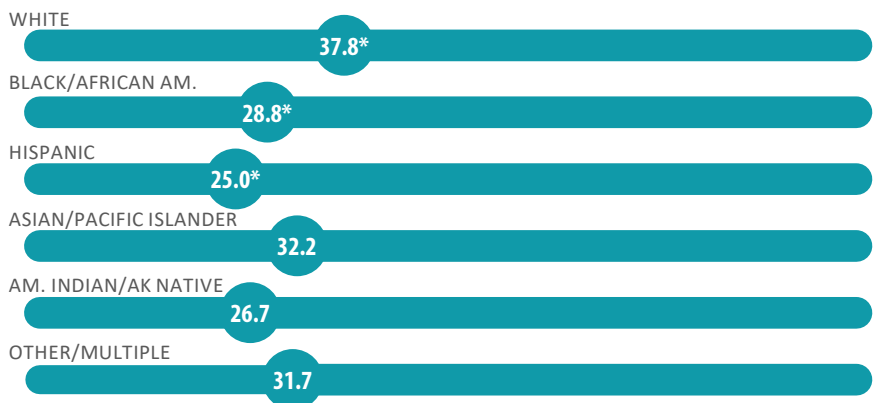
HERD IMMUNITY THRESHOLD



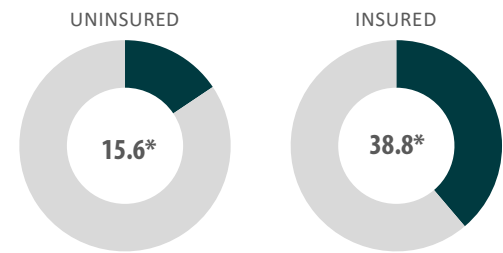
### Flu Vaccination Rates by Age



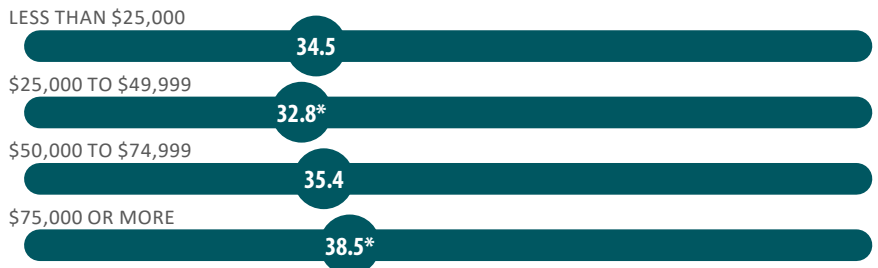
### Flu Vaccination Rates by Race/Ethnicity



### Flu Vaccination Rates by Insurance Status

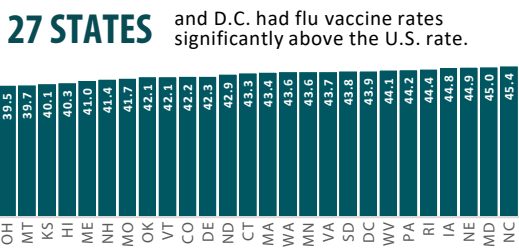
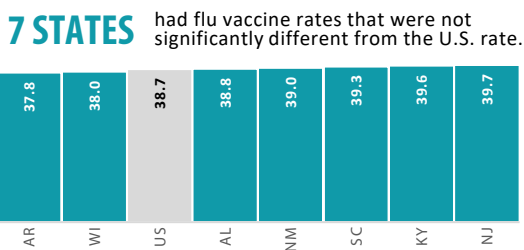
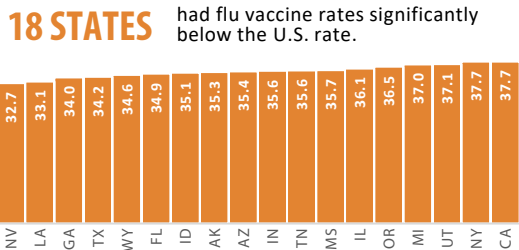


### Flu Vaccination Rates by Household Income

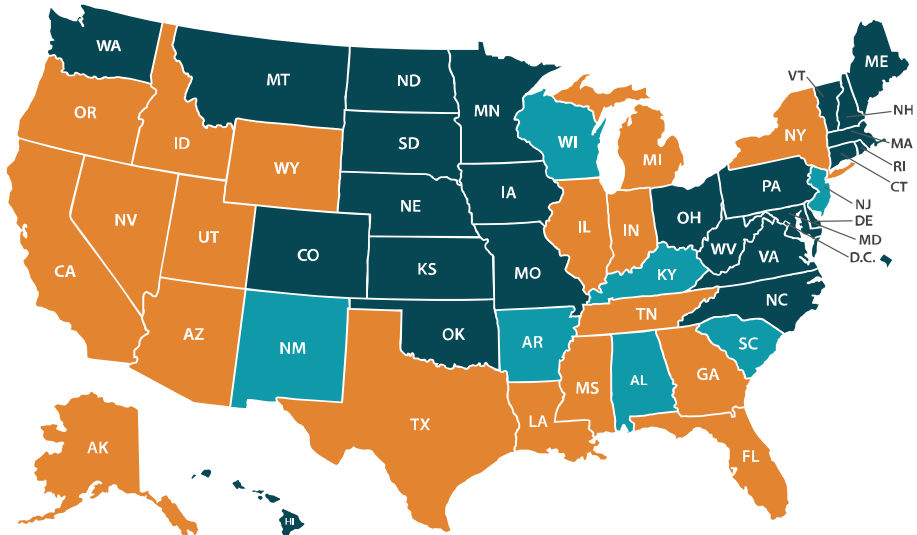


\* Significantly different from the statewide rate (adults age 18+) at 95% confidence level.

### State vs. National Adult Flu Vaccination Rates



Significantly below the U.S. rate. Significantly above the U.S. rate. Not significantly different from the U.S. rate.



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Tennessee	Tennessee			United States	
	Percent	Diff. from All Adults	Diff. from U.S. rate	Percent	Diff. from All Adults
<b>All Adults Age 18+</b>	35.6		-3.0*	38.7	
<b>Age</b>					
18-39	24.5	-11.2*	-4.0*	28.5	-10.2*
40-64	35.2	-0.4	-2.0*	37.2	-1.5*
65+	55.2	19.6*	-4.1*	59.4	20.7*
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	37.8	2.2*	-3.9*	41.7	3.0*
Black/African American	28.8	-6.9*	-4.0*	32.8	-5.9*
Hispanic	25.0	-10.6*	-5.9	30.9	-7.7*
Asian/Pacific Islander	32.2	-3.4	-9.1	41.4	2.7*
American Indian/Alaska Native	26.7	-8.9	-7.1	33.9	-4.8*
Other/multiple	31.7	-3.9	-3.1	34.9	-3.8*
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	32.1	-3.6*	-3.3*	35.4	-3.3*
Female	39.0	3.4*	-2.8*	41.8	3.1*
<b>Chronic Condition Status</b>					
No chronic conditions	32.7	-2.9*	-2.7*	35.4	-3.3*
1+ chronic conditions	43.5	7.8*	-5.7*	49.1	10.5*
<b>Health Insurance Coverage</b>					
Uninsured	15.6	-20.0*	-2.0	17.6	-21.1*
Insured	38.8	3.2*	-2.8*	41.6	2.9*
<b>Access to Care</b>					
No personal doctor	19.3	-16.3*	-0.8	20.1	-18.6*
Has personal doctor	40.8	5.2*	-3.3*	44.1	5.4*
<b>Educational Attainment (Age 25+)</b>					
All Adults Age 25+	37.0		-3.2*	40.2	
Less than high school	35.7	-1.3	1.7	34.0	-6.1*
High school graduate	33.6	-3.3*	-2.0*	35.6	-4.6*
Some college or associate's degree	34.0	-2.9*	-4.8*	38.8	-1.4*
Bachelor's degree or higher	45.0	11.0*	-2.9*	47.9	9.2*
<b>Household Income</b>					
Less than \$25,000	34.5	-1.1	-0.2	34.8	-3.9*
\$25,000 to \$49,999	32.8	-2.8*	-3.7*	36.5	-2.2*
\$50,000 to \$74,999	35.4	-0.2	-3.2*	38.6	-0.1
\$75,000 or more	38.5	2.8*	-4.4*	42.8	4.1*

Notes: Adults defined as 18 years of age and above, except where explicitly noted under the educational attainment. All differences are statistically significant at the 95% confidence level. Source: SHADAC analysis of the 2017-2019 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) public use files on [statehealthcompare.shadac.org](http://statehealthcompare.shadac.org)