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Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Series Initiation and Completion Rates*

Each year, over 37,000 people in the US are diagnosed with cancer caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). An effective vaccine is available that can reduce the risk of certain HPV-related cancers by up to 90%.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC Health Department) works closely with NYC medical providers and with parents of school-aged children to increase HPV vaccination coverage. The NYC Health Department tracks HPV vaccine series initiation and completion rates among 13-year-olds by their 13th birthday to stress the importance of on-time vaccination prior to exposure to HPV. As of June 2025, the proportion of 13-year-olds who initiated the HPV vaccine series by their 13th birthday was 70.8% (73.5% among females and 68.4% among males) and the proportion that completed the series by their 13th birthday was 46.2% (48.5% among females and 44.1% among males).

NYC has among the highest rates of HPV vaccination coverage in the US and is strongly committed to meeting the Healthy People 2030 national goal of increasing the proportion of adolescents who complete the HPV vaccine series to 80%.

*HPV series initiation and completion rates for 13-year-olds by their 13th birthday were calculated using the 2024 Vintage Population Estimates for 2023.
