**Religious and Medical Exemptions to Immunizations**

**Childcare/Preschool Immunization Survey**

**MASSACHUSETTS 1991-2023**

| **School Year¹** | **Total # Children** | **# Medical Exemptions** | **% Medical Exemptions** | **# Religious Exemptions** | **% Religious Exemptions** | **Total # Exemptions** | **Total % Exemptions** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2022-23** | 78,672 | 116 | 0.15 | 692 | 0.88 | 808 | 1.03 |
| **2021-22** | 80,329 | 135 | 0.17 | 618 | 0.77 | 753 | 0.94 |
| **2020-21** | 54,941 | 150 | 0.27 | 535 | 0.97 | 685 | 1.25 |
| **2019-20** | 99,620 | 172 | 0.17 | 836 | 0.84 | 1,008 | 1.01 |
| **2018-19** | 100,731 | 277 | 0.27 | 837 | 0.83 | 1,114 | 1.11 |
| **2017-18** | 98,972 | 211 | 0.21 | 754 | 0.76 | 965 | 0.98 |
| **2016-17** | 99,960 | 268 | 0.27 | 738 | 0.74 | 1,006 | 1.01 |
| **2015-16** | 110,276 | 249 | 0.23 | 823 | 0.75 | 1,072 | 0.97 |
| **2014-15** | 101,875 | 339 | 0.33 | 861 | 0.85 | 1,200 | 1.18 |
| **2013-14** | 107,739 | 319 | 0.30 | 885 | 0.82 | 1,204 | 1.12 |
| **2012-13** | 116,290 | 310 | 0.27 | 923 | 0.79 | 1,233 | 1.06 |
| **2011-12** | 118,106 | 397 | 0.34 | 879 | 0.74 | 1,276 | 1.08 |
| **2010-11** | 118,183 | 375 | 0.32 | 838 | 0.71 | 1,213 | 1.03 |
| **2009-10** | 114,315 | 407 | 0.36 | 729 | 0.64 | 1,136 | 1.00 |
| **2008-09** | 123,887 | 402 | 0.32 | 713 | 0.58 | 1,115 | 0.90 |
| **2007-08** | 129,705 | 341 | 0.26 | 710 | 0.55 | 1,051 | 0.81 |
| **2006-07** | 134,435 | 354 | 0.26 | 685 | 0.51 | 1,039 | 0.77 |
| **2005-06** | 133,166 | 389 | 0.29 | 619 | 0.46 | 1,008 | 0.76 |
| **2004-05** | 135,438 | 414 | 0.31 | 600 | 0.44 | 1,014 | 0.75 |
| **2003-04** | 131,629 | 442 | 0.34 | 624 | 0.47 | 1,066 | 0.81 |
| **2002-03** | 133,702 | 445 | 0.33 | 552 | 0.41 | 997 | 0.75 |
| **2001-02** | 122,640 | 381 | 0.31 | 512 | 0.42 | 893 | 0.73 |
| **2000-01** | 119,672 | 478 | 0.40 | 439 | 0.37 | 917 | 0.77 |
| **1999-00** | 118,349 | 649 | 0.55 | 369 | 0.31 | 1,018 | 0.86 |
| **1998-99** | 118,672 | 464 | 0.39 | 299 | 0.25 | 763 | 0.64 |
| **1997-98** | 116,830 | 575 | 0.49 | 230 | 0.20 | 805 | 0.69 |
| **1996-97** | 110,221 | 303 | 0.27 | 215 | 0.20 | 518 | 0.47 |
| **1995-96** | 111,150 | 292 | 0.24 | 194 | 0.16 | 486 | 0.40 |
| **1994-95** | 109,012 | 199 | 0.17 | 189 | 0.16 | 388 | 0.33 |
| **1993-94** | 106,147 | 191 | 0.17 | 224 | 0.20 | 415 | 0.37 |
| **1992-93** | 102,730 | 245 | 0.22 | 188 | 0.17 | 433 | 0.39 |
| **1991-92** | 90,608 | 203 | 0.22 | 151 | 0.17 | 354 | 0.39 |

1. In preparing these data reports, we follow-up with schools reporting numerically illogical survey entries and correct them whenever possible. Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, the survey submission deadline was extended from late October to mid-December at which point no additional surveys were accepted. In prior years, additional surveys were accepted after the deadline. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the survey deadline occurs in late January/early February.

2015-16: Data for 35 programs omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2016-17: Data for 61 programs omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2017-18: Data for 87 programs omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2018-19: Data for 30 programs omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2019-20: Data for 27 programs omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2020-21: Data for 5 programs omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2021-22: Data for 47 programs omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2022-23: No school data was omitted from this report due to data discrepancy.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Division, Childcare/Preschool Immunization Surveys, 1991-2023