**Religious and Medical Exemptions to Immunizations**

**Kindergarten Immunization Survey**

**MASSACHUSETTS 1984-2024**

| **School Year¹** | **Total #** **Children** | **# Medical Exemptions** | **% Medical Exemptions** | **# Religious Exemptions** | **% Religious Exemptions** | **Total # Exemptions** | **Total % Exemptions** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2023-24** | **65,424** | **126** | **0.19** | **813** | **1.24** | **939** | **1.44** |
| **2022-23** | 66,041 | 112 | 0.17 | 813 | 1.23 | 925 | 1.40 |
| **2021-22** | 65,582 | 116 | 0.18 | 572 | 0.87 | 688 | 1.05 |
| **2020-21** | 60,724 | 127 | 0.21 | 566 | 0.93 | 693 | 1.14 |
| **2019-20** | 66,756 | 153 | 0.23 | 737 | 1.10 | 890 | 1.33 |
| **2018-19** | 65,279 | 171 | 0.26 | 749 | 1.15 | 920 | 1.41 |
| **2017-18** | 63,377 | 166 | 0.26 | 687 | 1.08 | 853 | 1.35 |
| **2016-17** | 70,109 | 191 | 0.27 | 702 | 1.00 | 893 | 1.27 |
| **2015-16** | 72,230 | 216 | 0.30 | 757 | 1.05 | 973 | 1.35 |
| **2014-15** | 74,869 | 261 | 0.35 | 803 | 1.07 | 1,064 | 1.42 |
| **2013-14** | 78,230 | 324 | 0.41 | 837 | 1.07 | 1,161 | 1.48 |
| **2012-13** | 77,767 | 363 | 0.47 | 818 | 1.05 | 1,181 | 1.52 |
| **2011-12** | 78,313 | 325 | 0.42 | 747 | 0.95 | 1,072 | 1.37 |
| **2010-11** | 75,710 | 258 | 0.34 | 595 | 0.79 | 853 | 1.13 |
| **2009-10** | 74,476 | 298 | 0.40 | 538 | 0.72 | 836 | 1.12 |
| **2008-09** | 77,411 | 364 | 0.47 | 606 | 0.78 | 970 | 1.25 |
| **2007-08** | 78,039 | 275 | 0.35 | 504 | 0.65 | 779 | 1.00 |
| **2006-07** | 78,503 | 295 | 0.38 | 474 | 0.60 | 769 | 0.98 |
| **2005-06** | 78,511 | 305 | 0.39 | 427 | 0.54 | 732 | 0.93 |
| **2004-05** | 78,435 | 299 | 0.38 | 403 | 0.51 | 702 | 0.90 |
| **2003-04** | 78,966 | 293 | 0.37 | 418 | 0.53 | 711 | 0.90 |
| **2002-03** | 79,435 | 305 | 0.38 | 347 | 0.44 | 652 | 0.82 |
| **2001-02** | 79,588 | 326 | 0.41 | 343 | 0.43 | 669 | 0.84 |
| **2000-01** | 80,971 | 398 | 0.49 | 354 | 0.44 | 752 | 0.93 |
| **1999-00** | 80,360 | 387 | 0.48 | 350 | 0.44 | 737 | 0.92 |
| **1998-99** | 81,615 | 365 | 0.45 | 266 | 0.33 | 631 | 0.77 |
| **1997-98** | 85,304 | 389 | 0.46 | 221 | 0.26 | 610 | 0.72 |
| **1996-97** | 86,896 | 538 | 0.62 | 210 | 0.24 | 748 | 0.86 |
| **1995-96** | 89,955 | 449 | 0.50 | 194 | 0.22 | 643 | 0.72 |
| **1994-95** | 88,456 | 374 | 0.42 | 188 | 0.21 | 562 | 0.64 |
| **1993-94** | 87,115 | 255 | 0.29 | 159 | 0.18 | 414 | 0.48 |
| **1992-93** | 84,734 | 218 | 0.26 | 127 | 0.15 | 345 | 0.41 |
| **1991-92** | 83,644 | 291 | 0.35 | 144 | 0.17 | 435 | 0.52 |
| **1990-91** | 83,200 | 213 | 0.26 | 130 | 0.16 | 343 | 0.41 |
| **1989-90** | 80,400 | 156 | 0.19 | 159 | 0.20 | 315 | 0.39 |
| **1988-89** | 79,034 | 129 | 0.16 | 187 | 0.24 | 316 | 0.40 |
| **1987-88** | 79,588 | 124 | 0.16 | 147 | 0.18 | 271 | 0.34 |
| **1986-872** | 68,505 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 206 | 0.30 |
| **1985-862** | 73,040 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 146 | 0.20 |
| **1984-852** | 69,848 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 120 | 0.17 |

**1** In preparing these data reports, we follow up with schools reporting numerically illogical survey entries and correct them whenever possible. Beginning in 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. In 2020-21, the survey deadline was postponed to March to allow for more complete reporting, given extenuating pandemic-related circumstances. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the survey deadline occurs in late January/early February.

2015-16: Data for 15 schools omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2016-17: Data for 20 schools omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2017-18: Data for 30 schools omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2018-19: Data for 22 schools omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

2019-20: Data for 2 schools omitted from this report due to data discrepancies, and 1 school was not included to protect populations < 30 students.

2020-21: Data for 1 school omitted from this report due to data discrepancy.

2021-23: No school data was omitted from this report due to data discrepancy.

 2023-24: Data from 3 schools omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

**2** Medical and religious exemptions not reported separately.