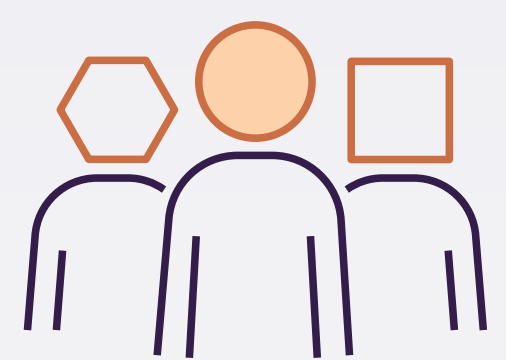


Vaccination coverage in Scotland

Equitable vaccination access and uptake is a necessity for population health¹

Scotland aims to **prevent illness and mortality** by improving vaccination uptake.¹

Vaccination rates in Scotland are high but falling.² Every vaccination given is a potential illness averted or life saved¹

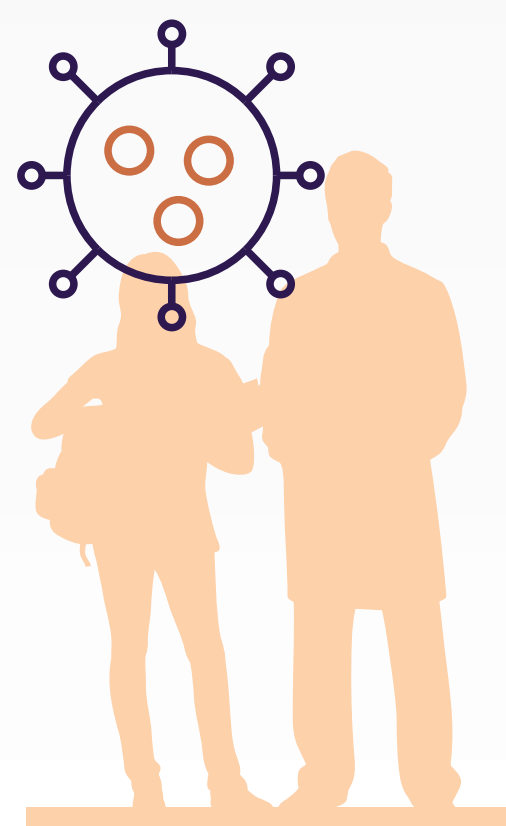


Vaccination inequalities are associated with many factors,

including age, geography, socio-economic status and ethnicity.²

Uptake of all vaccinations is lower for people living in the most deprived areas than those in the least deprived areas.²

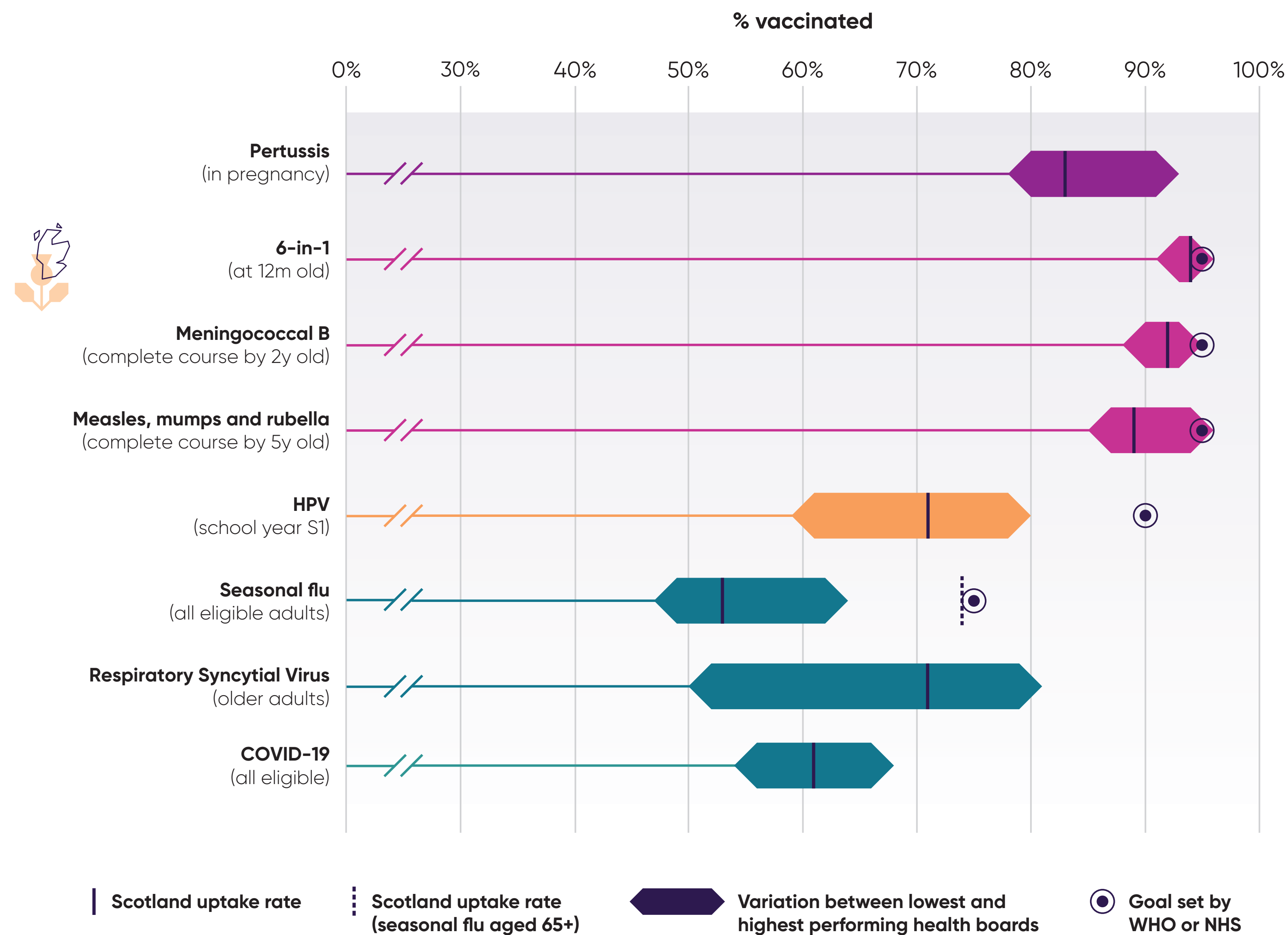
The gaps are greater for teenage and adult vaccinations.^{2,3}



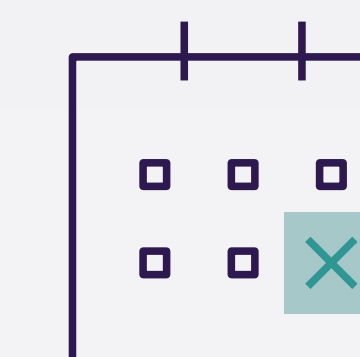
Meningococcal ACWY: 22% point gap.³

Shingles: 28% point gap.²

Variation in vaccination uptake and coverage rates across Scotland^{3,4}

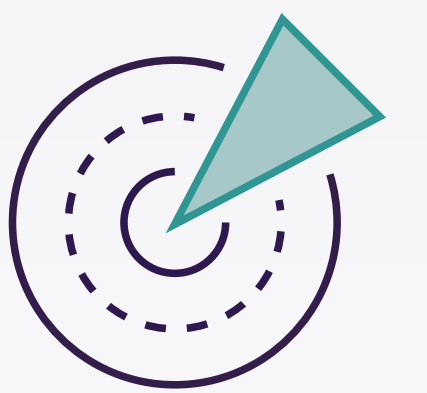


Scotland's 5-year delivery plan priorities for **vaccination**:



Timely and equitable access: Services meet the needs of all communities.

Make every contact count: Optimise public experience and engagement.



Strengthen capacity and capability of the multi-disciplinary vaccination workforce.

Use a system-wide approach: to achieve safe, effective, sustainable and patient-centred services across all settings.¹



¹ Public Health Scotland, 'Scotland's 5-year Vaccination and Immunisation Framework and Delivery Plan', published November 2024, available at <https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/scotlands-5-year-vaccination-and-immunisation-framework-and-delivery-plan/> ² Public Health Scotland, 'Protecting the population of Scotland from vaccine preventable diseases: Vaccination and Immunisation Report in 2024', published 10 June 2025, available at <https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/protecting-the-population-of-scotland-from-vaccine-preventable-diseases-vaccination-and-immunisation-report-in-2024/> ³ Public Health Scotland Vaccination Surveillance Dashboard, all data accessed 12 September 2025, available at <https://scotland.shinyapps.io/phs-vaccination-surveillance/> ⁴ Public Health Scotland, 'Childhood immunisation statistics Scotland, year ending 31 December 2024', accessed September 2025, available at <https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/childhood-immunisation-statistics-scotland/childhood-immunisation-statistics-scotland-quarter-and-year-ending-31-december-2024/>.