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**RELIGIOUS AND MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS TO IMMUNIZATIONS  
KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION SURVEY**

**MASSACHUSETTS 1984-2016**

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<b>2016-17</b>	70,109	191	0.27	702	1.00	893	1.27
<b>2015-16</b>	72,230	216	0.30	757	1.05	973	1.35
<b>2014-15</b>	74,869	261	0.35	803	1.07	1,064	1.42
<b>2013-14</b>	78,230	324	0.41	837	1.07	1,161	1.48
<b>2012-13</b>	77,767	363	0.47	818	1.05	1,181	1.52
<b>2011-12</b>	78,313	325	0.42	747	0.95	1,072	1.37
<b>2010-11</b>	75,710	258	0.34	595	0.79	853	1.13
<b>2009-10</b>	74,476	298	0.40	538	0.72	836	1.12
<b>2008-09</b>	77,411	364	0.47	606	0.78	970	1.25
<b>2007-08</b>	78,039	275	0.35	504	0.65	779	1.00
<b>2006-07</b>	78,503	295	0.38	474	0.60	769	0.98
<b>2005-06</b>	78,511	305	0.39	427	0.54	732	0.93

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<b>2004-05</b>	78,435	299	0.38	403	0.51	702	0.90
<b>2003-04</b>	78,966	293	0.37	418	0.53	711	0.90
<b>2002-03</b>	79,435	305	0.38	347	0.44	652	0.82
<b>2001-02</b>	79,588	326	0.41	343	0.43	669	0.84
<b>2000-01</b>	80,971	398	0.49	354	0.44	752	0.93
<b>1999-00</b>	80,360	387	0.48	350	0.44	737	0.92
<b>1998-99</b>	81,615	365	0.45	266	0.33	631	0.77
<b>1997-98</b>	85,304	389	0.46	221	0.26	610	0.72
<b>1996-97</b>	86,896	538	0.62	210	0.24	748	0.86
<b>1995-96</b>	89,955	449	0.50	194	0.22	643	0.72
<b>1994-95</b>	88,456	374	0.42	188	0.21	562	0.64
<b>1993-94</b>	87,115	255	0.29	159	0.18	414	0.48
<b>1992-93</b>	84,734	218	0.26	127	0.15	345	0.41
<b>1991-92</b>	83,644	291	0.35	144	0.17	435	0.52
<b>1990-91</b>	83,200	213	0.26	130	0.16	343	0.41

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<b>1989-90</b>	80,400	156	0.19	159	0.20	315	0.39
<b>1988-89</b>	79,034	129	0.16	187	0.24	316	0.40
<b>1987-88</b>	79,588	124	0.16	147	0.18	271	0.34
<b>1986-87<sup>2</sup></b>	68,505	NA	NA	NA	NA	206	0.30
<b>1985-86<sup>2</sup></b>	73,040	NA	NA	NA	NA	146	0.20
<b>1984-85<sup>2</sup></b>	69,848	NA	NA	NA	NA	120	0.17

<sup>1</sup> Survey follow-up was not conducted in school year 2010-11 and was conducted for all schools in 2015-16 and 2016-17  
2015-16: Data for 15 schools are omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.  
2016-17: Data for 20 schools are omitted from this report due to data discrepancies.

<sup>2</sup> Medical and religious exemptions not reported separately

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program, Kindergarten Immunization Surveys, 1985-2016