

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IMMUNIZATION DIVISION

**Religious and Medical Exemptions to Immunizations
Kindergarten Immunization Survey
MASSACHUSETTS 1984-2020**

School Year¹	Total # Children	# Medical Exemptions	% Medical Exemptions	# Religious Exemptions	% Religious Exemptions	Total # Exemptions	Total % Exemptions
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

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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

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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
1986-87 ²	68,505	NA	NA	NA	NA	206	0.30
1985-86 ²	73,040	NA	NA	NA	NA	146	0.20
1984-85 ²	69,848	NA	NA	NA	NA	120	0.17

¹ 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. In preparing these data reports, we follow-up with schools reporting numerically illogical survey entries and correct them whenever possible. In 2020-21, the survey deadline was postponed to March 2021 to allow for more complete reporting given extenuating pandemic-related circumstances.
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.

² Medical and religious exemptions not reported separately.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Division, Kindergarten Immunization Surveys, 1985-2020