

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IMMUNIZATION DIVISION

**Religious and Medical Exemptions to Immunizations
Grade 7 Immunization Survey
MASSACHUSETTS 1991-2020**

School Year¹	Total # Children	# Medical Exemptions	% Medical Exemptions	# Religious Exemptions	% Religious Exemptions	Total # Exemptions	Total % Exemptions
2020-21	72,973	171	0.23	755	1.03	926	1.27
2019-20	73,781	152	0.21	612	0.83	764	1.04
2018-19	69,186	164	0.24	595	0.86	759	1.10
2017-18	59,963	132	0.22	416	0.69	548	0.91
2016-17	75,287	164	0.22	538	0.71	702	0.93
2015-16	74,648	209	0.28	545	0.73	754	1.01
2014-15	77,145	227	0.29	576	0.75	803	1.04
2013-14	77,954	266	0.34	486	0.62	752	0.96
2012-13	78,365	263	0.34	487	0.62	750	0.96
2011-12	78,224	233	0.30	433	0.55	666	0.85
2010-11	78,634	184	0.23	395	0.50	579	0.73
2009-10	76,367	174	0.23	341	0.45	515	0.67

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2008-09	78,534	211	0.27	329	0.42	540	0.69
2007-08	80,088	219	0.27	282	0.35	501	0.62
2006-07	81,259	154	0.19	295	0.36	449	0.55
2005-06	82,144	179	0.22	241	0.29	420	0.51
2004-05	83,749	137	0.16	256	0.31	393	0.47
2003-04	85,386	157	0.18	239	0.28	396	0.46
2002-03	87,501	183	0.21	283	0.32	466	0.53
2001-02	87,023	211	0.24	280	0.32	491	0.56
2000-01	83,206	232	0.28	288	0.35	520	0.62
1999-00	82,343	214	0.26	277	0.34	491	0.60
1998-99	81,230	119	0.15	174	0.21	293	0.36
1997-98	81,172	241	0.30	171	0.21	412	0.51
1996-97	78,598	232	0.30	168	0.21	400	0.51
1995-96	76,782	133	0.18	137	0.18	270	0.35
1994-95	75,870	133	0.18	137	0.18	270	0.36

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1993-94	73,863	134	0.18	110	0.15	244	0.33
1992-93	71,429	148	0.21	126	0.18	274	0.38
1991-92	69,876	145	0.21	101	0.14	246	0.35

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 12 schools omitted due to data discrepancies.

2016-17: Data for 15 schools omitted due to data discrepancies.

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

2018-19: Data for 15 schools omitted due to data discrepancies.

2019-20: No schools omitted due to data discrepancies.

2020-21: No schools omitted due to data discrepancies.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Division, Grade 7 Immunization Survey, 1991-2020