

Vaccine Track: Aiming to Address Adult Vaccination Data Challenges



The COVID-19 pandemic elevated the public's understanding of the value of vaccines and the importance of data in helping to prevent disease and death, especially in adult and older adult populations



Despite heightened awareness, adult vaccination rates across disease states declined As a country, we may face future public health crises for several vaccine-

preventable diseases



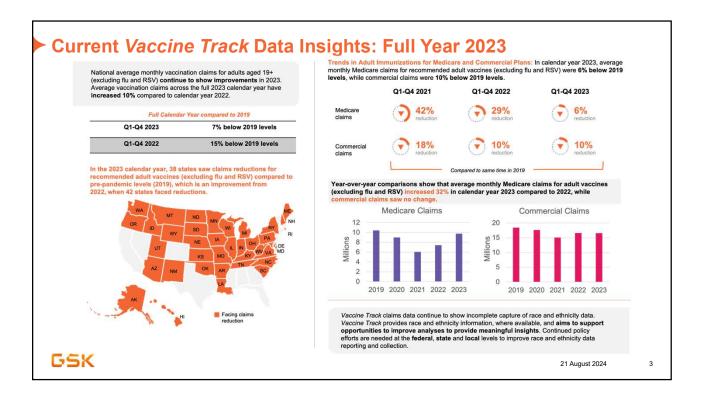
Data availability and transparency related to COVID-19 vaccines was robust, real-time, and played a critical role in highlighting vaccination trends... But publicly available data for routine immunization was still limited and lagging by a year or more

Vaccine Track helps provide up-to-date, relevant, accurate and publicly accessible data to help empower, focus and enhance public health efforts around vaccination



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Policy Impact: Medicare Part D

Medicare vaccinations driving many of the upward trends in adult vaccinations

Vaccinations in the Medicare population are up and may be rising in part due to the Protecting Seniors Act provisions of 2023

- Vaccine Track data show that Part D claims in 2023 were up 45% from 2022, while Part B vaccination claims fell 8%.
- 2023 Medicare claims were 6% lower than 2019 levels, a marked improvement from 2022, when the claims were 29% lower than those in 2019.

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Policy Impact: HHS Study on Medicare Part D

HHS study validates favorable impact of Protecting Seniors Act provisions of 2023

HHS Office of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) reviewed vaccination trends for Medicare Part D enrollees & compared numbers to enrollees in 2021

- The ASPE study found increases in the number of Medicare beneficiaries receiving vaccines across several ACIP-recommended vaccines.
 - 10.3 million Part D enrollees—out of 50.5 million Part D enrollees and 65.8 million total Medicare beneficiaries—received at least one vaccine with no out-of-pocket costs in 2023. In 2021, only 3.4 million enrollees received vaccines.
- Impact on Costs: ASPE estimates that as a result of Protecting Seniors provisions, Part D enrollees saved \$400 million in out-of-pocket vaccination costs in 2023 (not including new RSV vaccines).
- Implications: ASPE highlights vaccinations continue to lag for Black and Hispanic populations – each comprising 10% of all Part D enrollees

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Policy Impact: Medicaid vaccine claims are up but could shift again Spike could be related to increase in enrollment during pandemic

Vaccine Track data show that Medicaid vaccination claims rose in 2023, though this change could be associated with the spike in Medicaid enrollment that was spurred by pandemic-era job losses

- As of April 2024, Medicaid enrollment has fallen back to 74 million, from the almost 94 million during February 2020 to March 2023 freeze on Medicare eligibility redeterminations
 - With the end of the freeze during the pandemic, former Medicaid beneficiaries may be moving to commercial plans
 - According to the HHS, 2.4 million of the 5 million new enrollees in ACA Marketplace were previously enrolled in Medicaid

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