

Results from the 2008 Hidalgo County Retrospective Immunization School Survey

The Hidalgo County Retrospective Immunization School Survey is a school-based study that measures vaccination coverage levels of kindergarteners retrospectively at 24 months of age. The percentage of children that completed the 4-3-1 series (4 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis- containing vaccine (DTaP/DTP or DT), 3 doses of polio vaccine, 1 dose of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine (MMR)) by 24 months of age was calculated. Also calculated in the survey were the percentages of children completing the 4-3-1-3-3, the 4-3-1-3-3-1 series, and the 4-3-1-3-3-1-4 series by 24 months of age. The 4-3-1-3-3 series is composed of the 4:3:1 series plus 3 doses of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine (Hib), and 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine (HepB). The 4-3-1-3-3-1 series is composed of the 4-3-1-3-3 series plus 1 dose of varicella vaccine on or after the 1st birthday and unadjusted for varicella disease history. The 4-3-1-3-3-1-4 series is composed of the 4-3-1-3-3-1 series plus 4 or more doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). The 2008 data in this report reflects the vaccination coverage levels of the 2008-2009 school year kindergarten population when they were 24 months of age (**about 3 years prior to the survey date**). These children were born between 9/1/2001-8/27/2004.

The survey included 25 public kindergarten schools in the county with approximately 91 students selected from each school. 2025 records were included in the analysis. Hidalgo County vaccination coverage levels at 24 months of age for all vaccine series and all individual vaccination coverage levels for vaccines routinely recommended for children were as follows:

Vaccine/Vaccine Series	Percent Vaccinated by 24 months of Age
4 DTP/DTaP/DT	75.8
3 Polio	90.8
1 MMR	91.6
3 Hib	93.6
3 Hep B	93.2
1 Var	84.6
3 PCV	75.3
4 PCV	29.6
4:3:1	72.1
4:3:1:3:3	70.3
4:3:1:3:3:1	66.9
4:3:1:3:3:1:4	24.6

At the time of the survey, 98.3% of kindergarten students in Hidalgo County had received at least 1 dose of hepatitis A vaccine, and 94.9% had completed the 2 dose series.

These data cannot be used to assess current interventions to raise immunization coverage levels. Questions concerning these results or the methodology may be directed to any of the Immunization Branch Epidemiologist listed below:

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