



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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National Infant Immunization Week

was celebrated April 22-29. This year, the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine was added to the list of vaccines recommended for infants. The CDC recommends an RSV vaccine during the 32-36th week of pregnancy OR a monoclonal antibody administered to the baby after birth during the flu season. Nirsevimab, sold under the brand name Beyfortus, was distributed for the first time through the State Supplied Vaccine program during the 2023-24 season from October 8, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Unfortunately, a national shortage of this product resulted in prioritizing distribution to high-risk infants. Because Nirsevimab is a monoclonal antibody and not a vaccine product, many electronic health records did not accurately report all doses administered. The KIDSNET/RICAIR team worked hard with practices and their EHR vendors to improve reporting, but it is likely that not all doses are reflected in KIDSNET. With that caveat in mind, the following data, based on reporting to KIDSNET, show that more than half of Rhode Island infants eligible in the 2023-24 season were protected from severe RSV, though patterns varied across subpopulations.

RSV protection among Rhode Island infants born 10/8/23-2/1/24

	Birth dose*	Post-discharge dose	Mother received dose during pregnancy**	No dose on record
Rhode Island infants born 10/8/23-2/1/24	20.8%	24.3%	9.8%	45.2%
<i>By racial and ethnic identity:</i>				
Black (non-Hispanic)	23.4%	23.4%	3.7%	49.6%
Hispanic/Latino	26.6%	22.6%	3.4%	47.4%
White (non-Hispanic)	17.1%	26.0%	14.2%	42.8%
All other identities	24.8%	25.5%	11.6%	38.1%
Unknown	11.4%	14.4%	7.6%	66.7%
<i>By insurance type:</i>				
Private	19.2%	27.0%	18.6%	35.2%
Public	25.0%	24.0%	2.6%	48.4%

*Pre-discharge if born in a Rhode Island hospital or 0-2 days old at dose

** Information on mother not available for 19.1% of infants

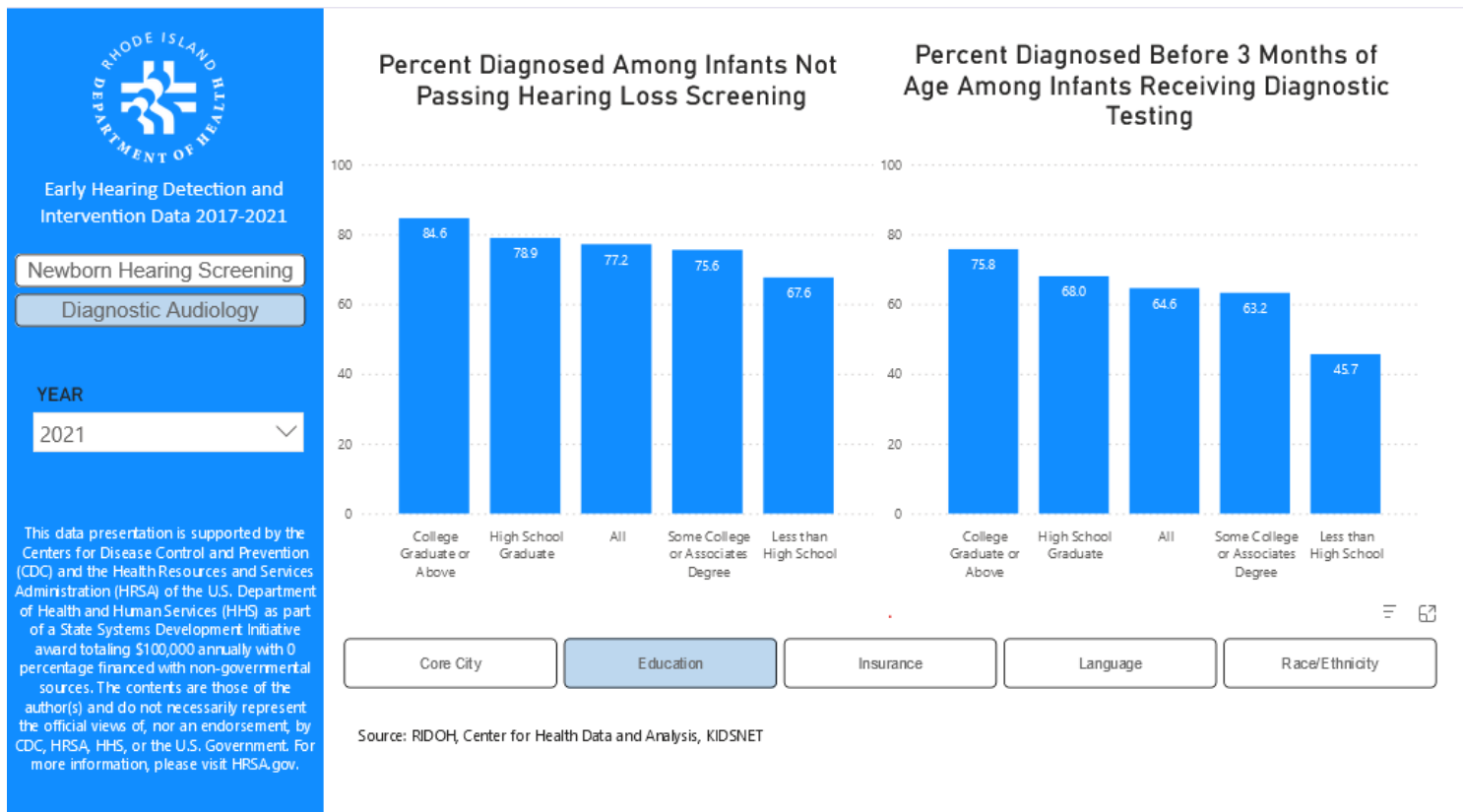


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Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Data available on the web

Summary data about newborn hearing screening and associated follow-up, diagnostic audiology, and Early Intervention enrollment are now available on RIDOH's website (<https://health.ri.gov/data/ehdi/>). This interactive data display includes the option of breaking out the data by key factors such as race, ethnicity, and insurance. An example of one of the many available reports follows:



SSV Program Enrollment

Enrollment in the Rhode Island State-Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Program will open on June 1, 2024. Before enrollment/re-enrollment opens, please be sure to update this past year's flu doses administered reporting so that your practice's flu vaccine allotment for next year will accurately reflect usage. Also, please update the providers associated with your practice and be sure to have a designated KIDSNET/RICAIR group administrator. If you have any questions about the flu doses administered reporting process or the upcoming enrollment, please contact the Immunization Representative listed in the header of your SSV Practice Menu screen. Continue to check email messages and electronic newsletters from RIDOH to keep abreast of changes and updates concerning SSV.



KIDSNET has a new Fax number

In order to adapt to remote work schedules and improve the timeliness of responses to faxes sent to KIDSNET, our community partners now have the option to use a new fax number that will go to our RIDOH.RICAIR@health.ri.gov email inbox. Please use 401-222-5734 to fax immunization records, lead screening results, and other important information to KIDSNET. The KIDSNET web application and reports have been updated with the new number. The old fax number is still valid and will reach us, although there may be a slight delay.