



Immunisation rates for children 2016–17

All Australian children are expected to have received specific immunisations by a certain age according to recommendations in the National Immunisation Program Schedule, to ensure that children have maximum protection if they come into contact with harmful viruses and bacteria.

Fully immunised status is measured at ages 1, 2 and 5 years and means that a child has received all of the scheduled vaccinations appropriate for their age.

Vaccinations	Fully immunised status
2 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis B (hepB) Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (DTPa) Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) Polio (IPV) Pneumococcal conjugate 	
4 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis B (hepB) Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (DTPa) Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) Polio (IPV) Pneumococcal conjugate 	
6 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis B (hepB) Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (DTPa) Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) Polio (IPV) Pneumococcal conjugate 	1 year
12 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) Meningococcal C Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) 	
18 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox) (MMRV) Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (DTPa) 	2 years
4 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (DTPa) Polio (IPV) 	5 years

Results for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are available by Primary Health Network area and Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4) at www.myhealthycommunities.gov.au

Quick facts

- Nationally, 93.5% of all children aged 5 were fully immunised in 2016–17. All PHN areas achieved an immunisation rate of 90% or more
- While overall immunisation rates are high, variation in rates still exists across local areas.



Immunisation is a safe and effective way of reducing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in the community and protecting against potentially serious health problems.

Although the majority of Australian children are immunised, it is important to maintain high immunisation to reduce the risk of outbreaks of serious diseases.

This web update presents childhood immunisation rates for all children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 1, 2 and 5.

Rates are presented for the 31 Primary Health Network (PHN) areas, more than 300 smaller local areas called Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3), and around 1,600 postcodes across Australia.

Nationally, 93.5% of all children aged 5 were fully immunised in 2016–17. All PHN areas achieved an immunisation rate of 90% or more, ranging from 96.0% in Western NSW to 90.6% in North Coast (NSW).

The percentage of 5 year olds fully immunised across local areas (SA3s), ranged from 98.0% in both Tumut-Tumbarumba (NSW) and Broken Hill & Far West (NSW) to 77.5% in Adelaide City.

There were 294 local areas (out of 325 reported) where the percentage of 5 year old children fully immunised was greater than or equal to 90%.

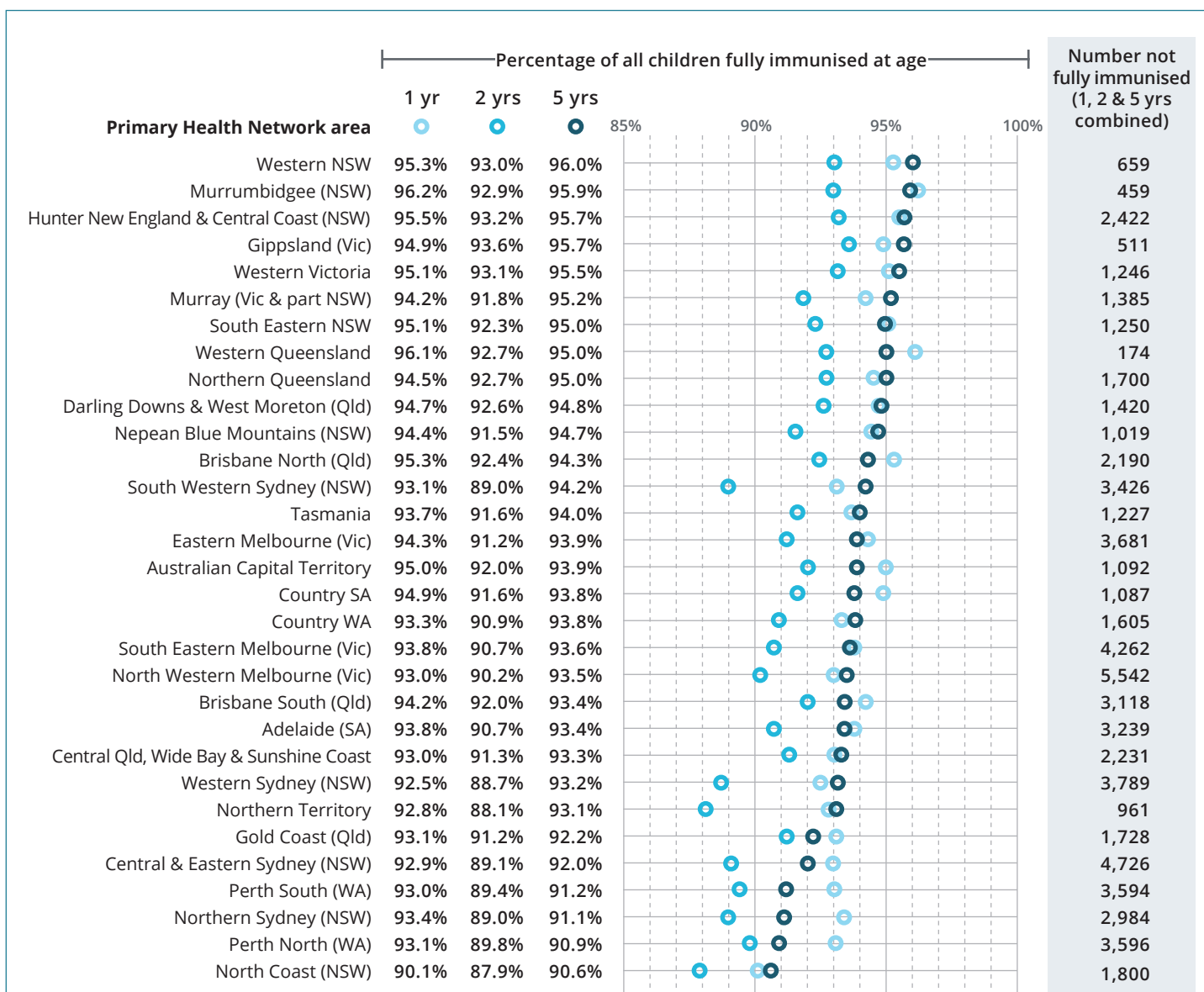


Figure 1: Percentage of all children fully immunised and numbers not fully immunised, by Primary Health Network area, 2016-17

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