Annual Report of Immunization Status of Students 2025–2026 School Year

Department of State Health Services Immunization Section

Background

Texas requires public school districts and accredited private schools to submit an annual report on their students' immunization status (Title 25 Health Services, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, Rule §97.71). The Annual Report of Immunization Status (ARIS) is a self-reported survey created by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to measure immunization coverage among kindergarten and seventh-grade students. DSHS also collects information on reported reasons that kindergarten and seventh-grade students are not vaccinated. Additionally, DSHS collects the number of all kindergarten through 12th–grade students (K–12) with a conscientious exemption affidavit on file. DSHS uses the ARIS to make data-driven decisions by finding schools that are at risk for and implement interventions to prevent disease spread.

Methods

In September 2025, DSHS distributed instructions for the Annual Report of Immunization Status to 1,203 public school districts and 1,122 accredited private schools in Texas. Schools completed the survey online between October 31, 2025, and December 12, 2025. The survey collects aggregated data on students' immunization status, including reasons a child is not vaccinated under Texas school entry requirements, as well as the total number of conscientious exemption affidavit forms filed with the public school district or private school. The survey also includes aggregated data by vaccine type for kindergarten and seventh-grade students. Staff at each public school district and accredited private school prepared and submitted the reports.

Results

Of the 6,176 schools sent the survey, 87.70 percent of the private schools and public districts responded (78.25 percent of the private schools and 96.51 percent of the public schools). Among the 5,285,589 K–12 students reported, 155,710 (2.95 percent) had a conscientious exemption for at least one vaccine on file at their respective schools.

Tables 1 and 4 show Fall 2025 aggregated statewide results for kindergarten and seventh grade, respectively. The tables show the percentage of fully

immunized and the percentages for each reported reason for non-compliance for each vaccine. Kindergarten immunization coverage rates were not above 95 percent for any vaccine. In seventh grade, immunization coverage rates were above 95 percent for all vaccines except tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) and meningococcal MCWY (MCV4).

Tables 7 and 8 present the number of students who were fully vaccinated for each vaccine by DSHS public health region and grade level. Figure 1 shows the percentage of kindergarten through 12th–grade students reported with a conscientious exemption for one or more vaccines by county.

Conclusion

Compared to the 2024–2025 school year, kindergarten students had lower coverage rates for two vaccines, diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP), and hepatitis B, by 0.06 percent and 0.11 percent, respectively. Compared to the 2024–2025 school year, seventh-grade students had a decrease in the coverage rates for three vaccines, for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap), meningococcal MCWY (MCV4), and measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), by an average of 0.09 percent (range -0.08 to 0.12 percent).

For kindergarten students, conscientious exemption rates increased by an average of 0.85 percent for all vaccines (range +0.78 to +0.89 percent) and are now between 4.0 percent and 5.0 percent. For seventh-grade students, conscientious exemption rates increased by an average of 0.52 percent (range +0.39 to +0.80 percent) and are now between 2.0 percent and 4.0 percent for all vaccines compared to the 2024–2025 school year.

DSHS defines delinquency as students who are not up to date on the immunizations required for their age and do not have an allowable document of immunity or a valid exemption on file with the school. Delinquency rates in kindergarten students decreased for all vaccines, with all rates below 2.0 percent. Delinquency rates decreased for all vaccines in seventh grade, with most rates below 1.0 percent, except for Tdap and MCV4, which had rates of 2.69 and 3.05 percent, respectively.

The Texas DSHS Immunization Section strives to ensure that children receive recommended childhood vaccines on time and to increase overall vaccination coverage.

Table 1. Texas Kindergarten Annual Report of Immunization Status, School Year 2025–2026 (All Schools)

Vaccine Category	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	Reported Reasons for Lack of Completion, by Vaccine			
		Conscientious Exemptions (%)	Medical Exemptions (%)	Provisional Enrollment (%)	Delinquent (%)
DTaP *(Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis)*	92.87%	4.61%	0.09%	0.58%	1.85%
Hepatitis A	93.72%	4.21%	0.07%	0.67%	1.33%
Hepatitis B	94.67%	4.02%	0.06%	0.20%	1.05%
MMR *(Measles, mumps, and rubella)*	93.30%	4.63%	0.12%	0.18%	1.77%
Polio	93.21%	4.59%	0.09%	0.35%	1.76%
Varicella* *(Chickenpox)*	92.98%	4.63%	0.13%	0.34%	1.93%

* Fully vaccinated includes 0.16 percent of kindergarten students who met school entry requirements through reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 2. Texas Kindergarten Annual Report of Immunization Status, School Year 2025–2026 (Public Schools)

Vaccine Category	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	Reported Reasons for Lack of Completion, by Vaccine			
		Conscientious Exemptions (%)	Medical Exemptions (%)	Provisional Enrollment (%)	Delinquent (%)
DTaP *(Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis)*	93.10%	4.34%	0.07%	0.58%	1.91%
Hepatitis A	93.94%	3.96%	0.05%	0.69%	1.36%
Hepatitis B	94.90%	3.79%	0.04%	0.20%	1.07%
MMR *(Measles, mumps, and rubella)*	93.57%	4.35%	0.09%	0.17%	1.82%
Polio	93.45%	4.32%	0.06%	0.35%	1.81%
Varicella* *(Chickenpox)*	93.23%	4.34%	0.10%	0.34%	1.99%

* Fully vaccinated includes 0.17 percent of kindergarten students who met school entry requirements through reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 3. Texas Kindergarten Annual Report of Immunization Status, School Year 2025–2026 (Private Schools)

Vaccine Category	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	Reported Reasons for Lack of Completion, by Vaccine			
		Conscientious Exemptions (%)	Medical Exemptions (%)	Provisional Enrollment (%)	Delinquent (%)
DTaP *(Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis)*	88.42%	9.88%	0.57%	0.41%	0.72%
Hepatitis A	89.44%	9.12%	0.45%	0.38%	0.62%
Hepatitis B	90.10%	8.68%	0.42%	0.28%	0.52%
MMR *(Measles, mumps, and rubella)*	88.02%	10.15%	0.60%	0.46%	0.77%
Polio	88.40%	9.94%	0.55%	0.39%	0.71%
Varicella* *(Chickenpox)*	87.95%	10.30%	0.57%	0.46%	0.71%

* Fully vaccinated includes 0.08 percent of kindergarten students who met school entry requirements through reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 4. Texas Seventh Grade Annual Report of Immunization Status, School Year 2025–2026 (All Schools)

Vaccine Category	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	Reported Reasons for Lack of Completion by Vaccine			
		Conscientious Exemptions (%)	Medical Exemptions (%)	Provisional Enrollment (%)	Delinquent (%)
Tdap (*Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis*)	93.33%	3.75%	0.09%	0.15%	2.69%
Hepatitis A	96.78%	2.31%	0.05%	0.22%	0.64%
Hepatitis B	97.16%	2.19%	0.05%	0.11%	0.49%
MCV4 (*Meningococcal conjugate*)	92.96%	3.79%	0.08%	0.12%	3.05%
MMR (*Measles, mumps, and rubella*)	97.13%	2.27%	0.07%	0.08%	0.47%
Polio	96.98%	2.30%	0.05%	0.12%	0.55%
Varicella* (*Chickenpox*)	96.75%	2.35%	0.12%	0.12%	0.66%

* Fully vaccinated includes 0.62 percent of seventh grade students who met school entry requirements through reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 5. Texas Seventh Grade Annual Report of Immunization Status, School Year 2025–2026 (Public Schools)

Vaccine Category	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	Reported Reasons for Lack of Completion by Vaccine			
		Conscientious Exemptions (%)	Medical Exemptions (%)	Provisional Enrollment (%)	Delinquent (%)
Tdap (*Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis*)	93.51%	3.54%	0.07%	0.14%	2.74%
Hepatitis A	96.94%	2.16%	0.04%	0.22%	0.64%
Hepatitis B	97.33%	2.05%	0.04%	0.11%	0.48%
MCV4 (*Meningococcal conjugate*)	93.16%	3.57%	0.06%	0.11%	3.10%
MMR (*Measles, mumps, and rubella*)	97.29%	2.12%	0.06%	0.07%	0.46%
Polio	97.14%	2.16%	0.04%	0.12%	0.55%
Varicella* (*Chickenpox*)	96.92%	2.20%	0.11%	0.11%	0.66%

* Fully vaccinated includes 0.64 percent of seventh grade students who met school entry requirements through reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 6. Texas Seventh Grade Annual Report of Immunization Status, School Year 2025–2026 (Private Schools)

Vaccine Category	Percentage Fully Vaccinated	Reported Reasons for Lack of Completion by Vaccine			
		Conscientious Exemptions (%)	Medical Exemptions (%)	Provisional Enrollment (%)	Delinquent (%)
Tdap (*Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis*)	88.75%	9.07%	0.52%	0.34%	1.32%
Hepatitis A	92.87%	5.90%	0.30%	0.22%	0.71%
Hepatitis B	92.93%	5.92%	0.29%	0.11%	0.76%
MCV4 (*Meningococcal conjugate*)	87.81%	9.26%	0.56%	0.44%	1.93%
MMR (*Measles, mumps, and rubella*)	92.91%	6.02%	0.32%	0.13%	0.63%
Polio	92.98%	5.88%	0.30%	0.10%	0.74%
Varicella* (*Chickenpox*)	92.60%	6.19%	0.33%	0.18%	0.70%

* Fully vaccinated includes 0.27 percent of kindergarten students who met school entry requirements through reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 7. Percent of Kindergarten Students Completely Vaccinated by Public Health Region, School Year 2025–2026 (All Schools)

Vaccine	Public Health Region							
	1	**2/3**	**4/5N**	**6/5S**	**7**	**8**	**9/10**	**11**
DTaP (*Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis*)	92.57%	90.97%	91.84%	93.17%	93.50%	92.87%	95.13%	96.79%
Hepatitis A	93.55%	91.95%	92.49%	94.05%	94.25%	93.80%	95.64%	97.43%
Hepatitis B	94.67%	93.04%	93.51%	94.90%	95.00%	94.84%	96.78%	98.15%
MMR (*Measles, mumps, and rubella*)	93.41%	91.53%	92.50%	93.31%	93.82%	93.49%	95.72%	97.20%
Polio	93.03%	91.39%	92.25%	93.32%	93.74%	93.39%	95.64%	97.12%
Varicella* (*Chickenpox*)	92.84%	91.13%	92.19%	93.01%	93.56%	93.17%	95.37%	96.98%

* This percentage includes kindergarten students who met school entry requirements through a reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 8. Percent of Seventh Grade Students Completely Vaccinated by Public Health Region, School Year 2025–2026 (All Schools)

Vaccine	Public Health Region							
	1	2/3	4/5N	6/5S	7	8	9/10	11
Tdap *(Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis)*	92.46%	92.35%	93.72%	92.42%	94.18%	92.10%	96.18%	97.42%
Hepatitis A	97.25%	96.00%	96.42%	96.79%	96.69%	96.47%	98.07%	98.91%
Hepatitis B	97.60%	96.43%	96.78%	97.15%	96.87%	97.24%	98.26%	99.15%
MCV4 *(Meningococcal conjugate)*	92.48%	91.98%	93.66%	91.47%	94.26%	91.97%	96.13%	97.38%
MMR *(Measles, mumps, and rubella)*	97.61%	96.39%	96.72%	97.08%	96.87%	97.21%	98.38%	99.07%
Polio	97.21%	96.24%	96.52%	96.89%	96.82%	97.09%	98.28%	99.07%
Varicella* *(Chickenpox)*	97.16%	96.09%	96.36%	96.57%	96.66%	96.48%	98.14%	99.00%

* This percentage includes seventh-grade students who met school entry requirements through a reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 9. Percent of Kindergarten Students Completely Vaccinated by Public Health Region, School Year 2025–2026 (Public Schools)

Vaccine	Public Health Region							
	1	2/3	4/5N	6/5S	7	8	9/10	11
DTaP (*Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis*)	92.89%	91.29%	92.11%	93.30%	93.92%	92.91%	95.20%	96.85%
Hepatitis A	93.90%	92.22%	92.75%	94.18%	94.64%	93.88%	95.74%	97.53%
Hepatitis B	95.06%	93.33%	93.77%	95.07%	95.38%	94.93%	96.88%	98.24%
MMR (*Measles, mumps, and rubella*)	93.76%	91.89%	92.78%	93.48%	94.28%	93.59%	95.86%	97.29%
Polio	93.36%	91.75%	92.52%	93.46%	94.19%	93.45%	95.71%	97.19%
Varicella* (*Chickenpox*)	93.17%	91.47%	92.49%	93.18%	94.02%	93.25%	95.48%	97.06%

* This percentage includes kindergarten students who met school entry requirements through a reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Table 10. Percent of Kindergarten Students Completely Vaccinated by Public Health Region, School Year 2025–2026 (Private Schools)

Vaccine	Public Health Region							
	1	2/3	4/5N	6/5S	7	8	9/10	11
DTaP (*Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis*)	83.42%	85.44%	82.09%	90.87%	86.43%	92.30%	93.21%	94.52%
Hepatitis A	83.68%	87.31%	82.78%	91.74%	87.64%	92.41%	92.70%	93.69%
Hepatitis B	83.95%	88.03%	83.83%	91.98%	88.55%	93.22%	93.89%	95.00%
MMR (*Measles, mumps, and rubella*)	83.68%	85.37%	82.26%	90.27%	85.99%	91.77%	91.51%	93.57%
Polio	83.68%	85.44%	82.43%	90.85%	86.12%	92.36%	93.55%	94.40%
Varicella* (*Chickenpox*)	83.68%	85.32%	81.39%	90.11%	85.78%	91.87%	92.02%	94.17%

* This percentage includes kindergarten students who met school entry requirements through a reported history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.
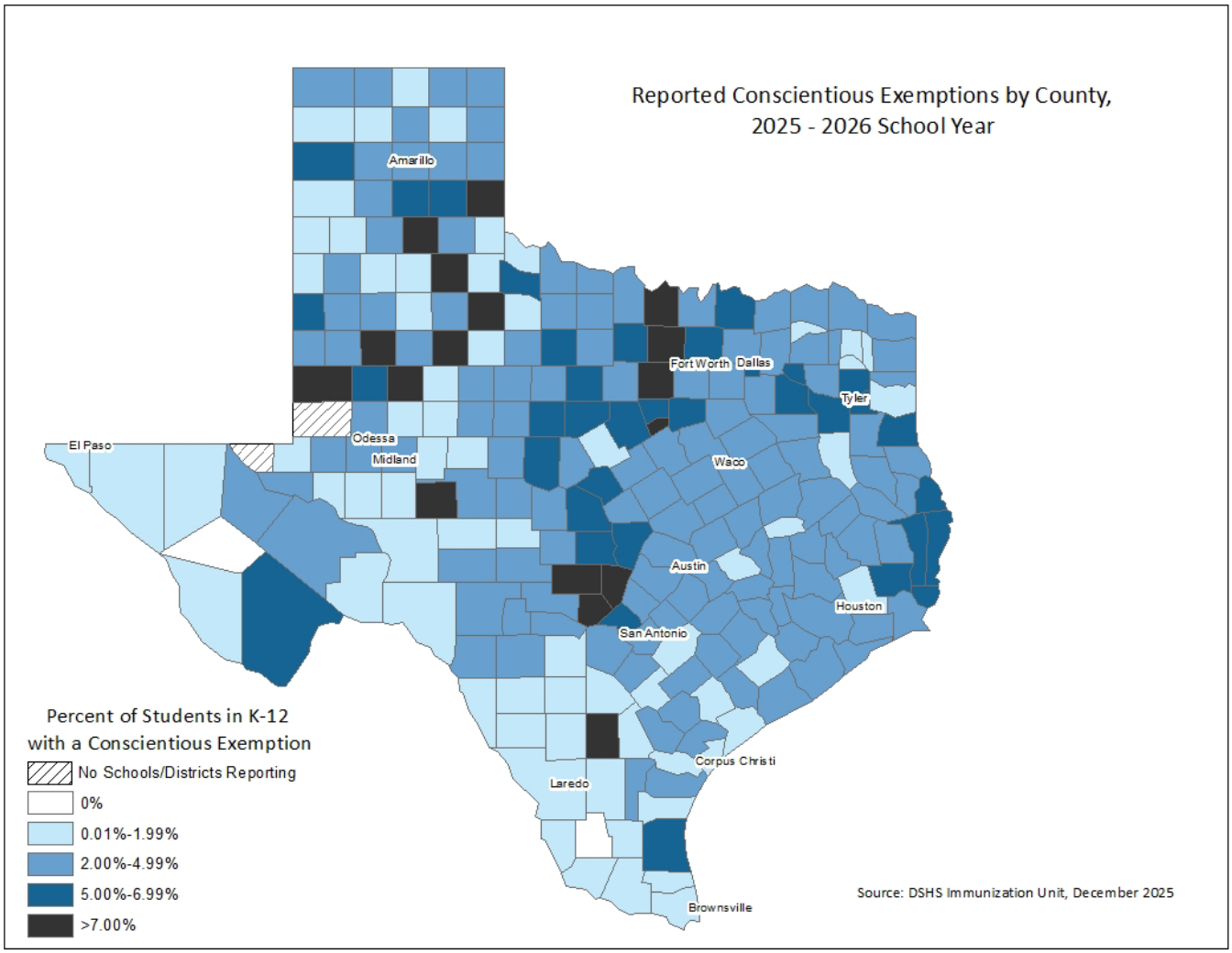
Figure 1. Percentage of Students in Kindergarten Through 12th Grade With a Conscientious Exemption on File for at Least One Vaccine, School Year 2025–2026