

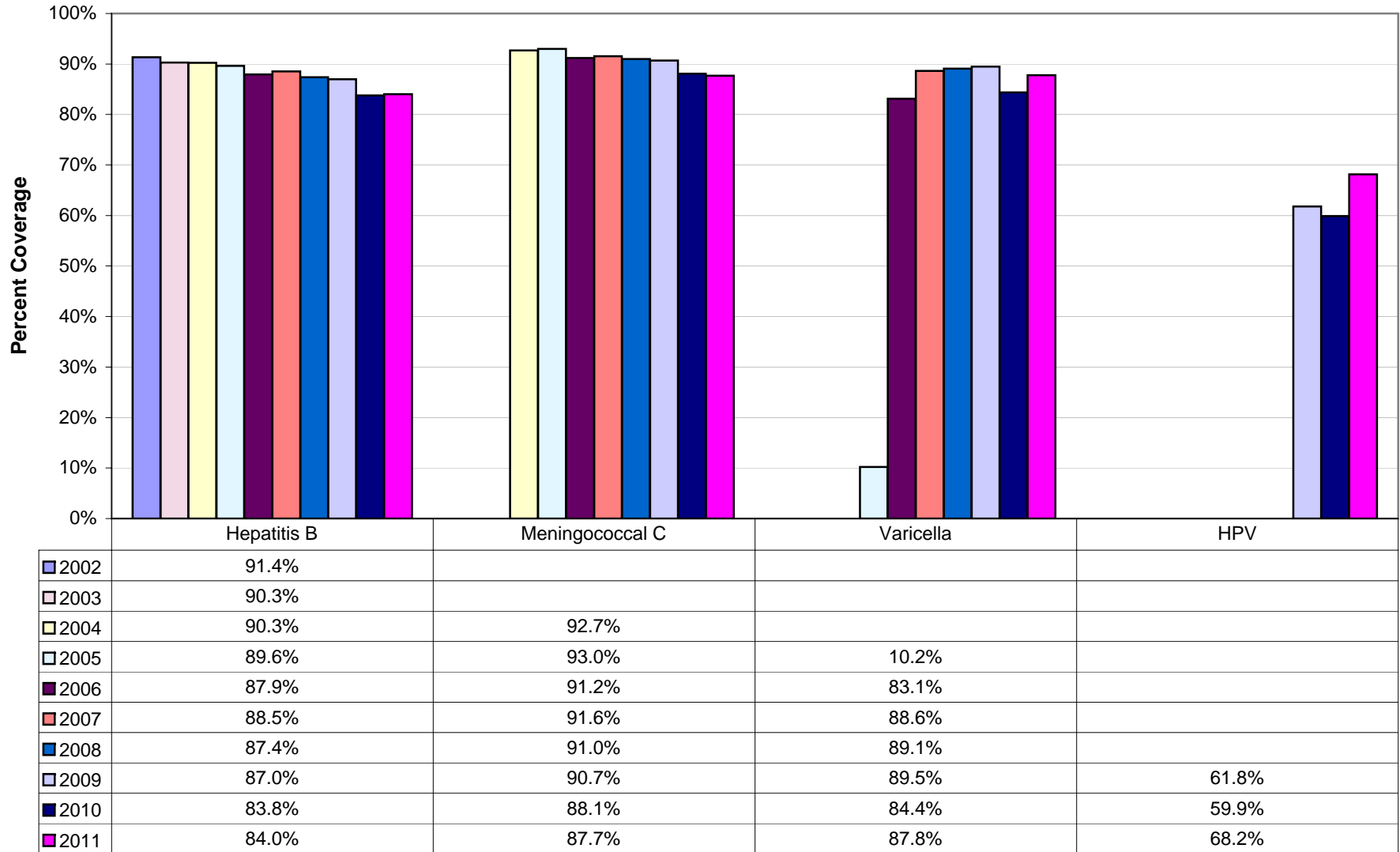
## Grade 6 Students with Up-to-date Immunizations, British Columbia

Data are submitted by Health Service Delivery Areas and/or Health Authorities. Data for 2002 and 2003 were compiled by Population Health and Wellness Division, BC Ministry of Health Services. Data for 2004 onward were compiled by Epidemiology Services, BC Centre for Disease Control.

### Up-to-date for age definitions

- Hepatitis B** The proportion of students enrolled in Grade 6 as of June 30 who ever completed a series of hepatitis B vaccine (3 doses if series was started before 11 years of age; 2 doses if series was started on or after 11 years of age) by June 30 of the specified year.
- Meningococcal C** The proportion of students enrolled in Grade 6 as of June 30 who received 1 dose of meningococcal C vaccine on or after 10 years of age and by June 30 of the specified year.
- Varicella (Chickenpox)** The proportion of students enrolled in Grade 6 as of June 30 who reported a previous history of varicella disease (chickenpox) or shingles or who received one dose of varicella vaccine by June 30 of the specified year. Children who had previous varicella disease or shingles are considered protected against future varicella disease and do not require vaccination.  
**NOTE:** In 2005, up-to-date for varicella was measured as "The proportion of students enrolled in Grade 6 as of June 30 who had no prior history of varicella or zoster disease and received one dose of varicella vaccine by June 30 of the specified year." Estimates from serosurveys carried out prior to varicella vaccine introduction indicate that approximately 10-17% of 11-year-olds are susceptible to varicella and are therefore eligible for vaccine. Since children protected by previous disease were not included in the 2005 definition, the proportions of children "up-to-date for age" for varicella will be higher in subsequent years.  
**NOTE:** Information requested regarding previous varicella disease or vaccination was not reported completely by parents in early years of the program. As a result, the proportions of children protected against varicella are likely underestimates.
- HPV** The proportion of female students enrolled in grade 6 as of June 30 who ever completed a series of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine June 30 of that year.  
**NOTE:** Starting in the 2010/11 school year, the HPV immunization schedule for girls in grade 6 changed from requiring 3 doses of HPV vaccine (with at least 4 weeks between doses 1 and 2 and at least 12 weeks between doses 2 and 3) to requiring 2 doses of HPV vaccine (with at least 6 months between doses).

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**NOTE:** See definitions and notes on previous page.