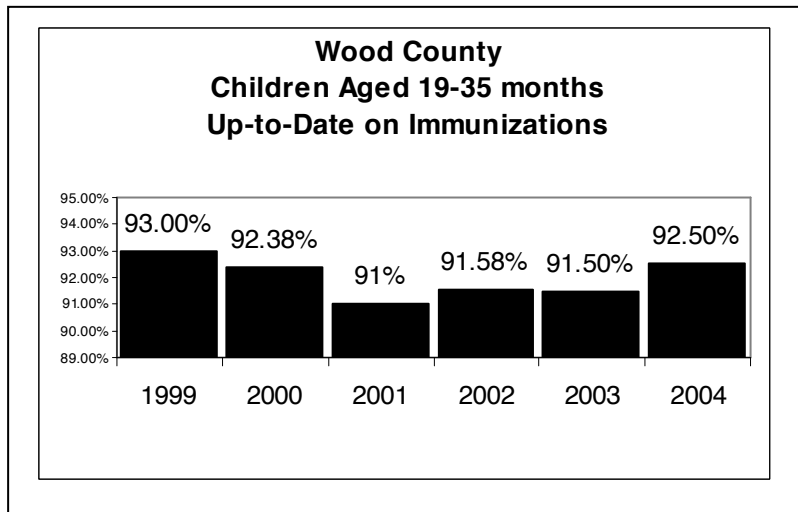


**Wood County
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Key Facts

- Wood County and much of Northern Wisconsin use an electronic secure Internet based immunization registry called the Regional Early Childhood Immunization Network (RECIN).
- RECIN allows healthcare providers to share and/or update children's immunization records daily, without personal office contact.
- Wood County childhood immunization rates have consistently remained about 90% for the past 6 years.

Why is this Information Important?

One of the best investments in the health of our community is immunization. By immunizing our population, communicable diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella and polio will be minimized in our community. Our population will in turn have a minimized risk of the incidence of disability and death due to communicable diseases.

Childhood Immunizations

Immunizations help the immune system recognize and attack diseases before they cause problems. Deaths caused by vaccine preventable diseases still remain a threat since the causes of these diseases have yet to be eliminated.

To guard against vulnerability and serious illness, very young children need to be immunized according to the CDC recommended schedule. To be considered current with immunizations, a two-year-old child should have had: four doses of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DtaP), three doses of Polio (IPV), one dose of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR), one dose of Varicella, three doses of Hepatitis B and three doses of Haemophilus Influenza (HIB).

Sources: Center for Disease Control; Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services; RECIN