

Measuring child participation in immunization registries: two national surveys, 2001

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Objectives

- Describe the progress of immunization registries in reaching a national objective using two data sources
- Describe the percentage of children 19-35 months of age participating in an immunization registry
- Describe the characteristics of health providers who report vaccines to registries



National Objective for Immunization Registries

- **Increase to 95% the proportion of children <6 years of age who participate in fully operational, population-based immunization registries**

(Healthy People 2010, objective 14.26)



CY2001 IRAR Methods

- **Self-administered questionnaire to immunization program managers; yearly reporting requirement of Public Health Service Act 317b grantees**
- **Questions pertain to child and health provider participation in registries, vaccination coverage levels, and registry functionality**
- **Analysis focused on states and DC**



NIS Methods (1)

- **Random-digit-dialing survey of parents; collects vaccination coverage on children 19-35 months of age**
- **Validates parental responses with provider records via a mailed survey**
- **Beginning in April 1999, the mailed NIS provider survey asked: “Did you or your facility report any of this child’s immunizations to your community or state immunization registry?”**

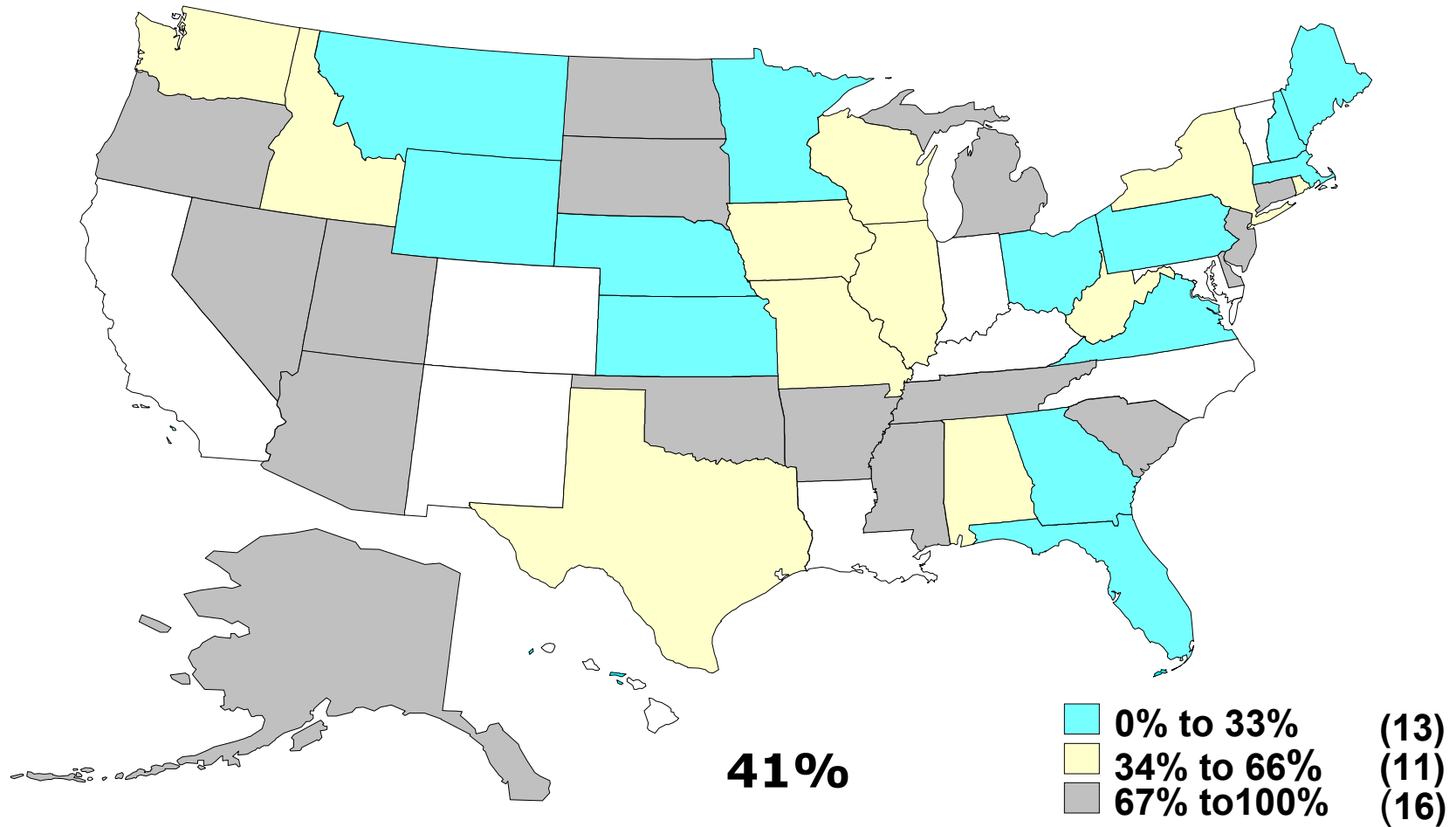


NIS Methods (2)

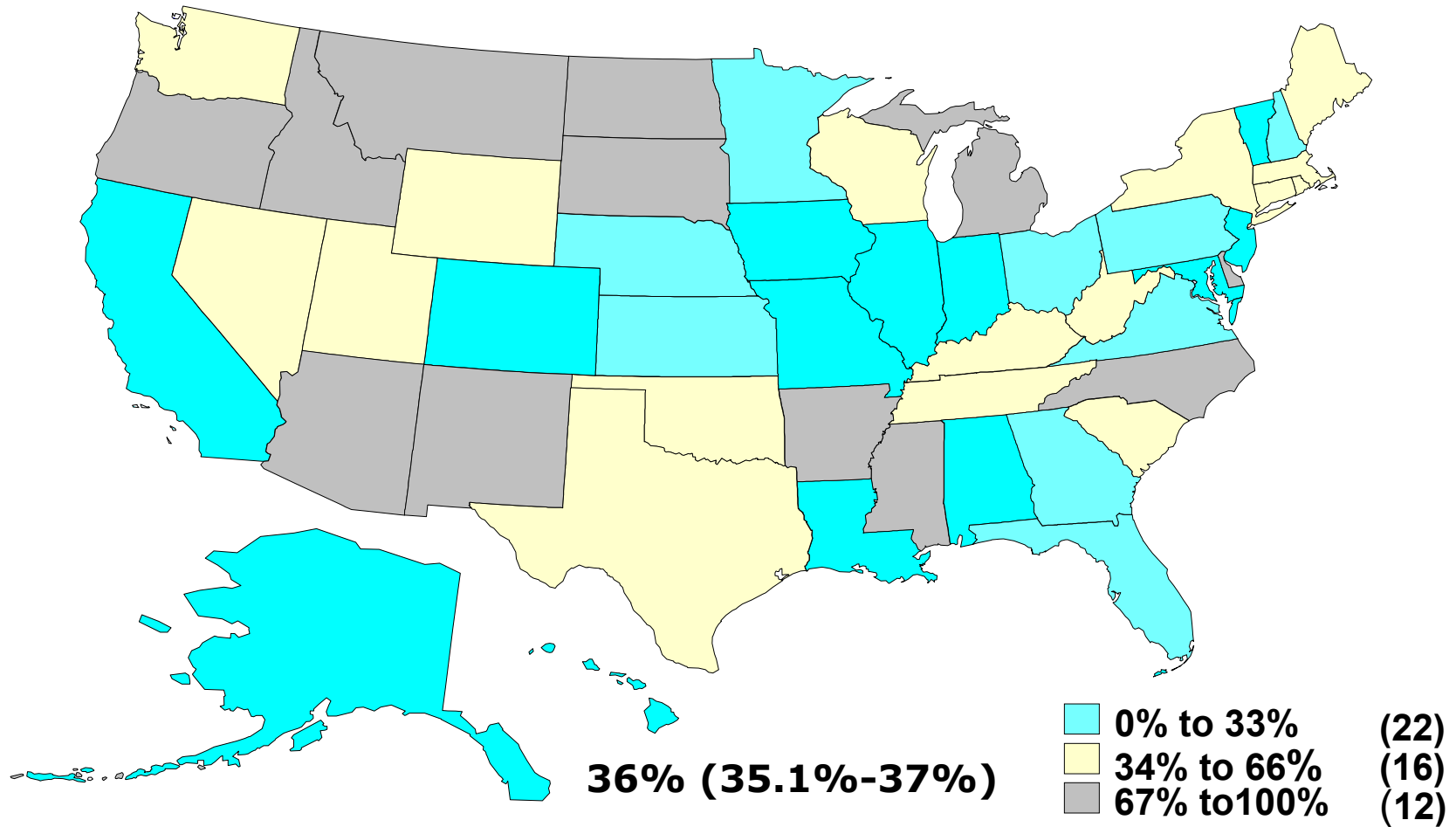
- **Answers are linked to child data; “yes” by at least one provider indicates a child in a registry**
- **Data from 23,531 children 19-35 months of age, weighted to represent U.S. population**
- **State of child’s residence used as proxy for state of provider’s practice**
- **SUDAAN 7.5 produced all NIS estimates and standard errors**



IRAR- 19 to 35 months



NIS- 19 to 35 months

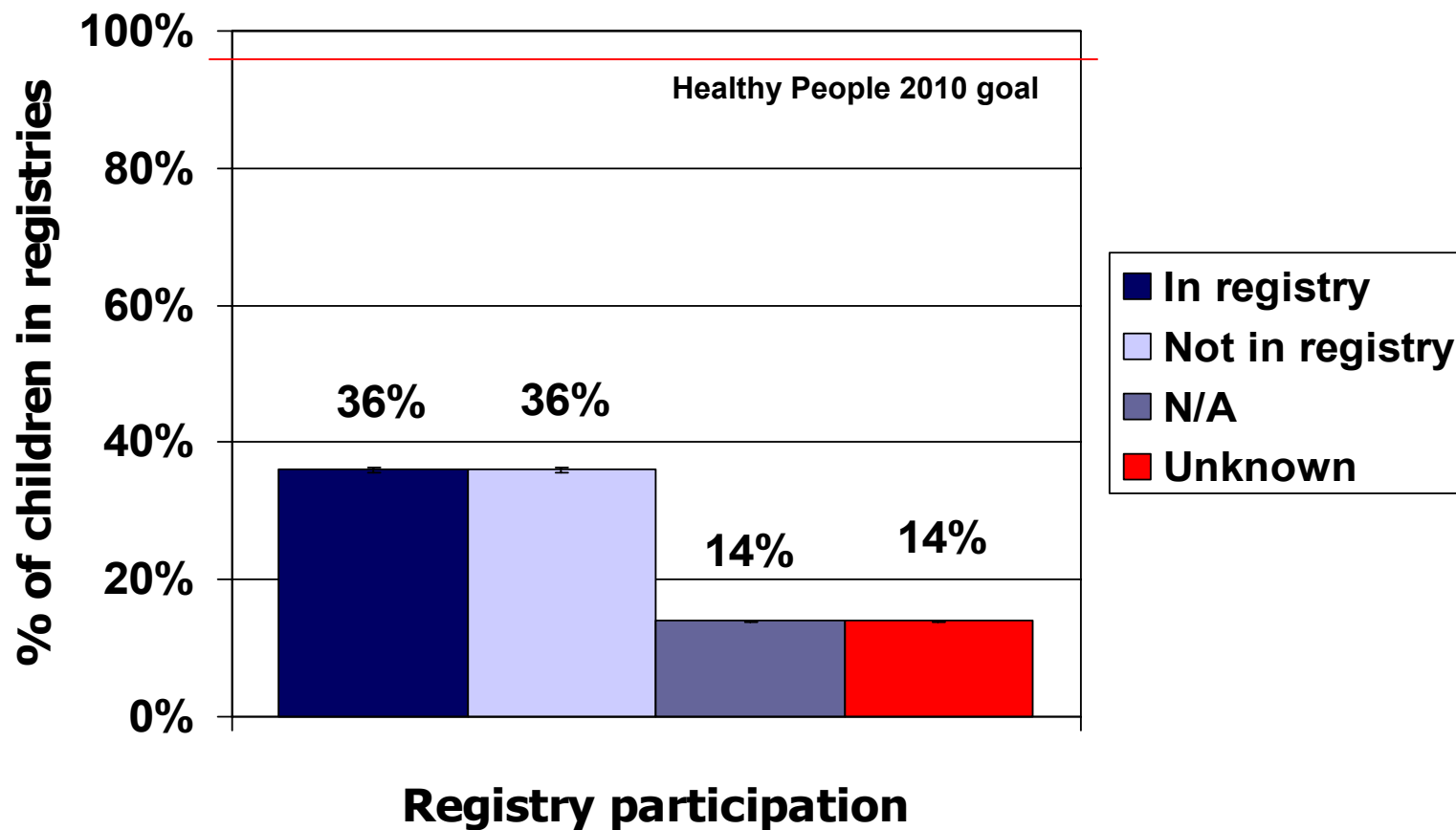


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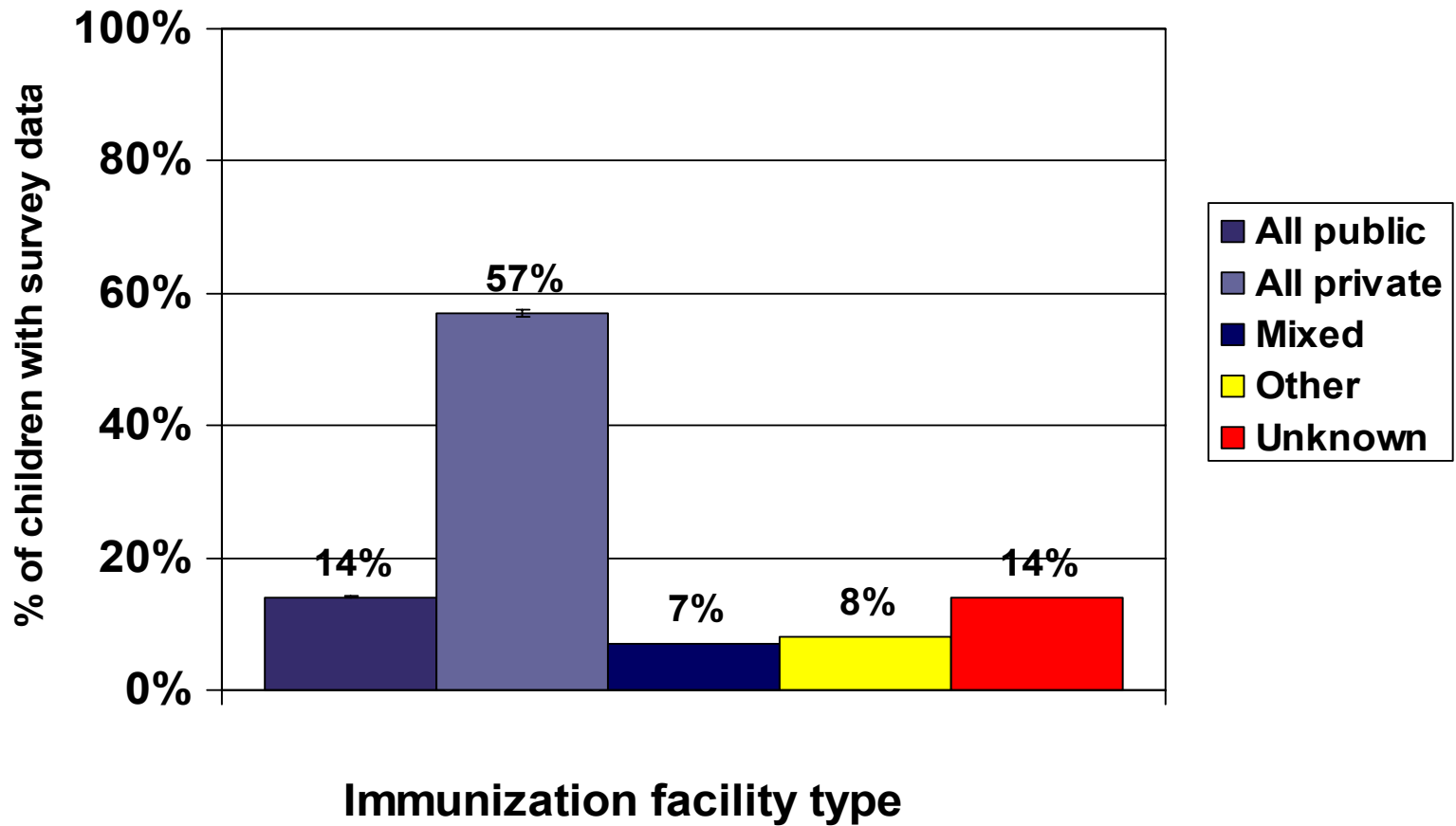
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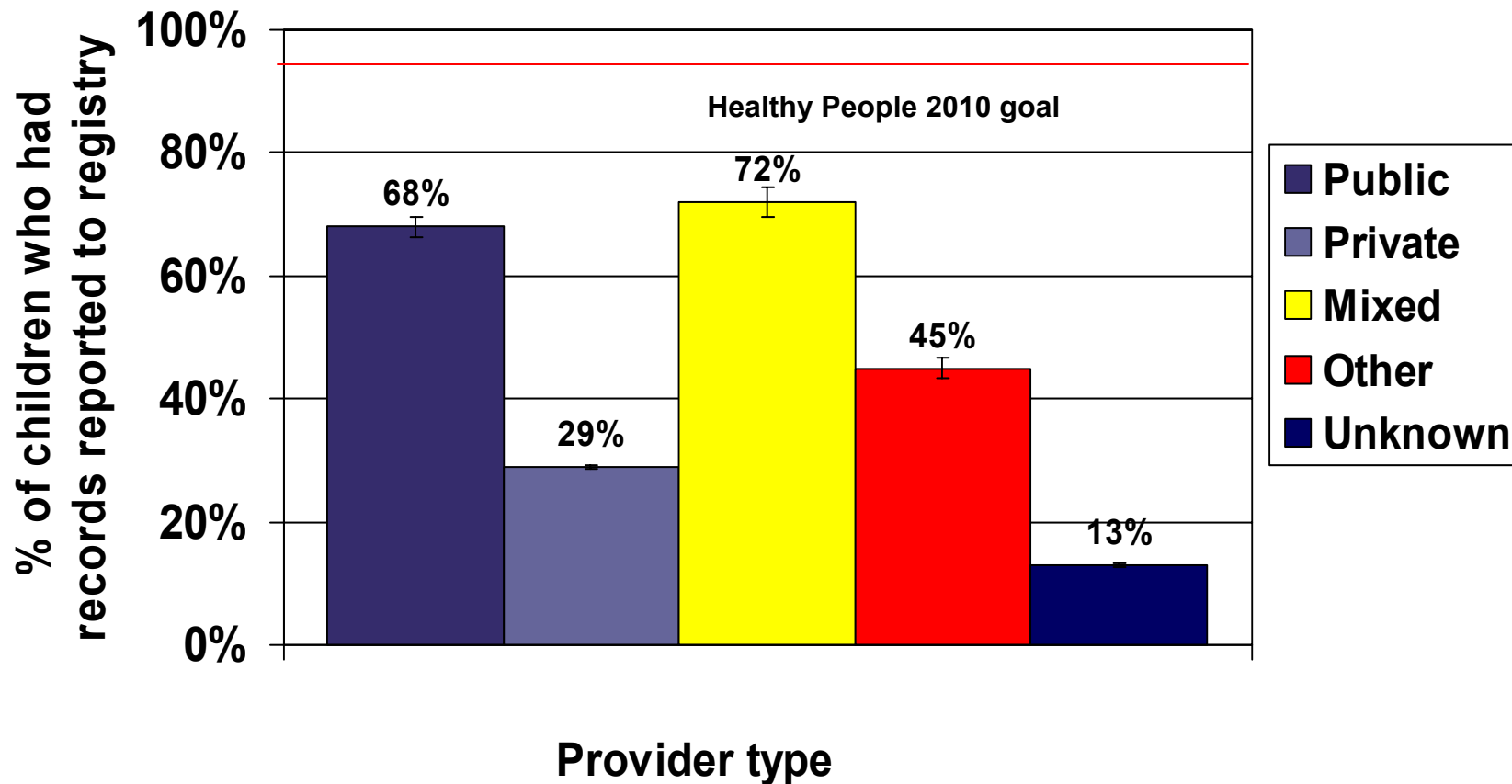
Children 19-35 months of age who had at least one of their providers report their vaccination records to a registry



Percentage of children 19-35 months of age by immunization facility type

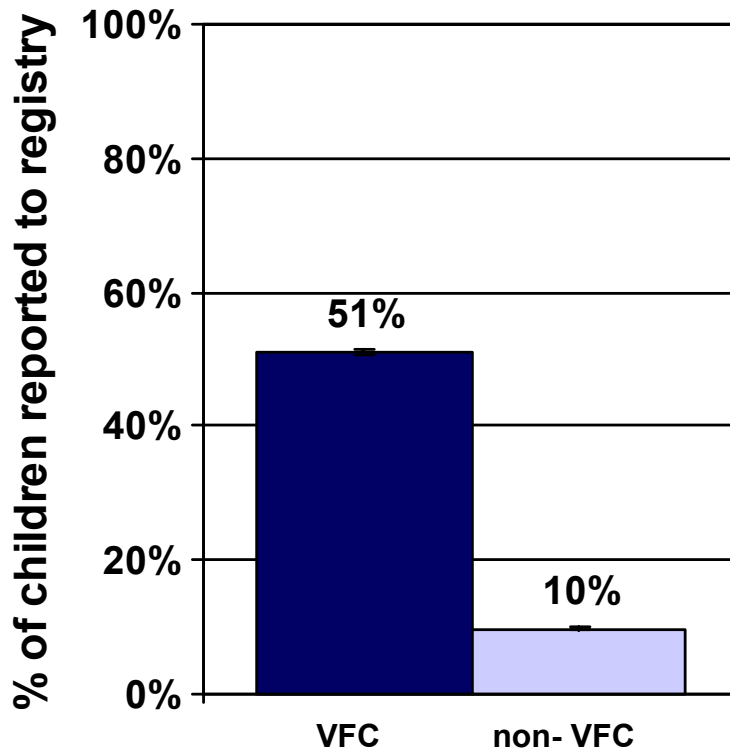


Children 19-35 months of age who had a provider report their vaccination records to a registry by provider type

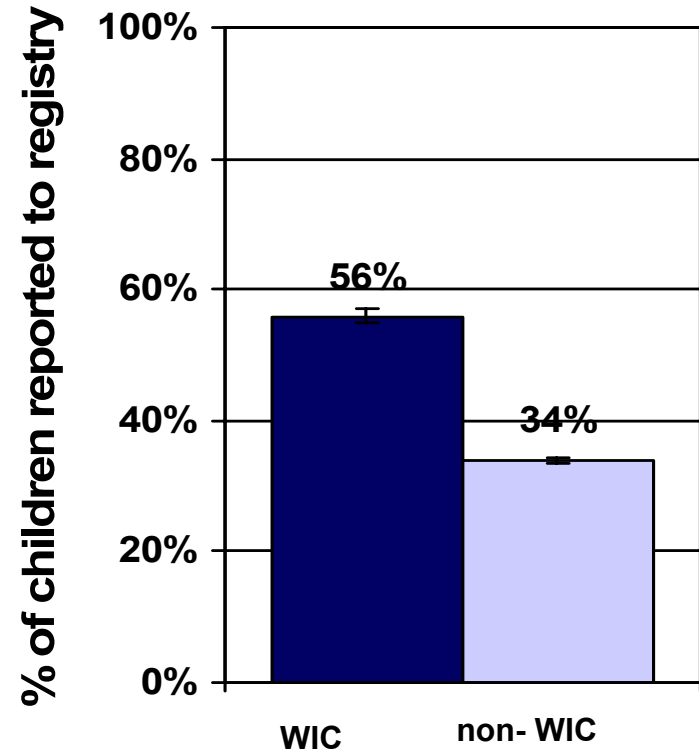


Percentage of children aged 19-35 months who had their vaccinations reported by at least one VFC or WIC provider

By VFC provider



By WIC provider



Conclusions (1)

- States still trying to reach the *Healthy People 2010* goal
- Poor agreement between NIS and IRAR estimates
 - Measure estimates differently
 - NIS definition of registry



Conclusions (2)

- **Children with only public providers or a mixture of public and private providers were almost three times more likely to have their vaccination records reported to a registry (2001 NIS)**
- **Children seen in WIC clinics or by VFC providers are more likely to have their immunization data reported to an immunization registry (2001 NIS)**



Limitations

- Data are self-reported
- IRAR provider numbers unreliable
- All NIS results are child-specific, not provider-specific
- The state where a child resides was used as a proxy measure for the provider and registry location in the NIS analysis

Recommendations

- Registries should use results to target immunization marketing efforts to parents and health providers to increase child and provider registry participation
- CDC and local projects should continue to use the NIS to complement and/or validate registry participation data from the IRAR



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