

Department of Health Updates



A close-up photograph of a healthcare worker's hands, wearing blue nitrile gloves, gently holding an elderly patient's hand. The patient's hand is wrinkled and has a gold ring on the ring finger. The background is softly blurred, showing a clinical setting with a white tablecloth and a yellow bowl. The entire image is framed by a thin white border.

Health

*Where Equity,
Innovation, and
Engagement meet.*

Topics and speakers



COVID-19 epidemiology updates

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Pediatric vaccines and boosters

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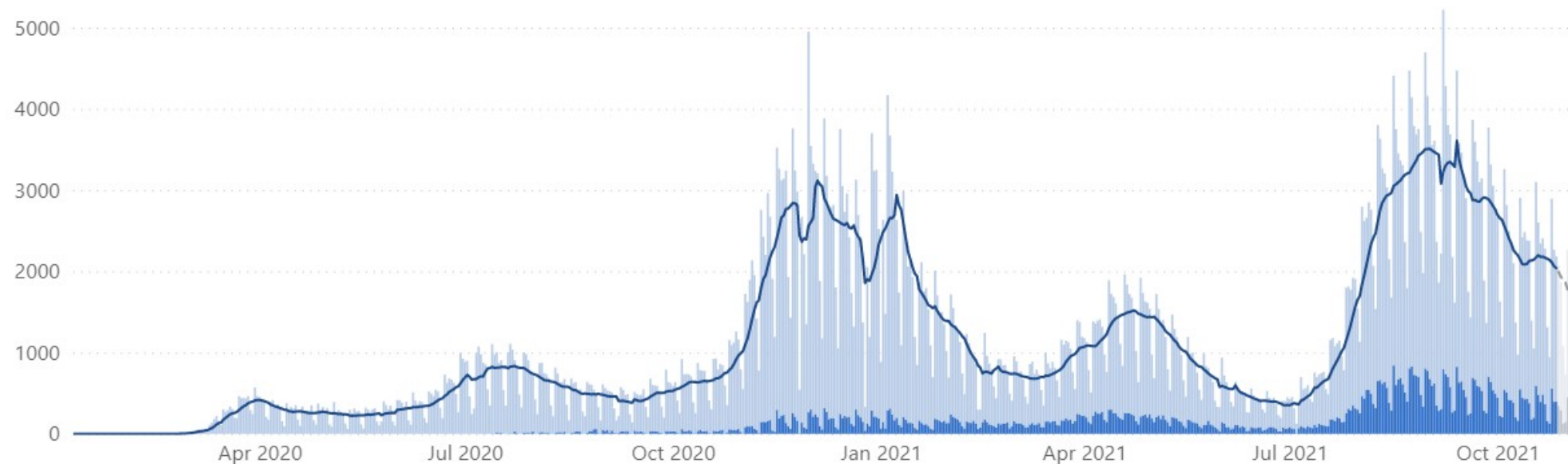
Legislative update

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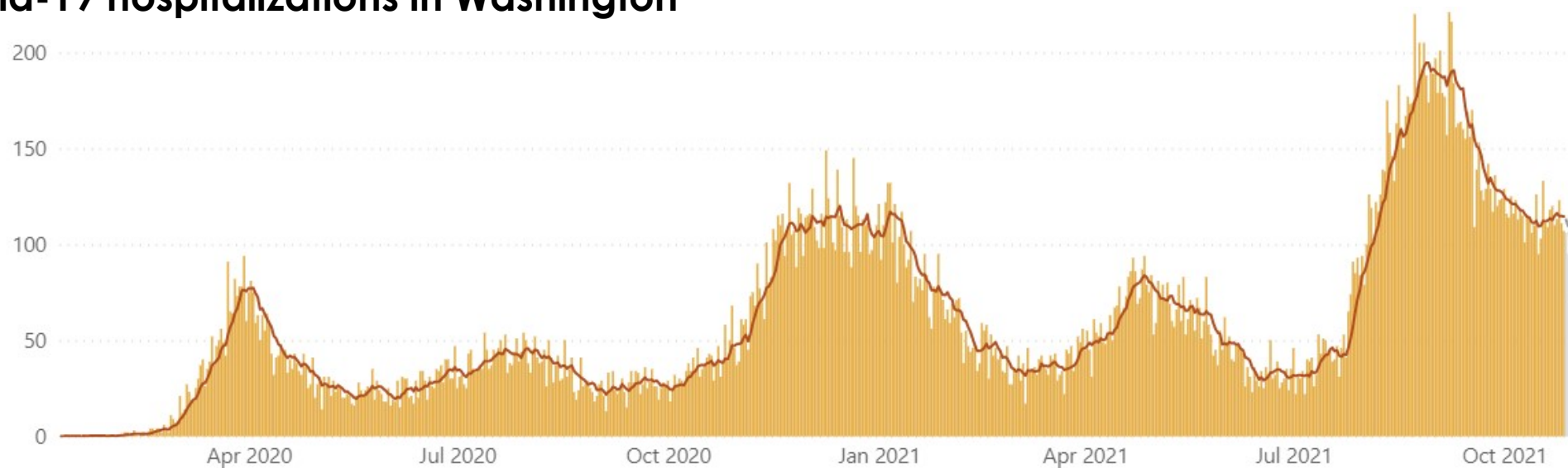
COVID-19 Cases in Washington State

Covid-19 cases in Washington

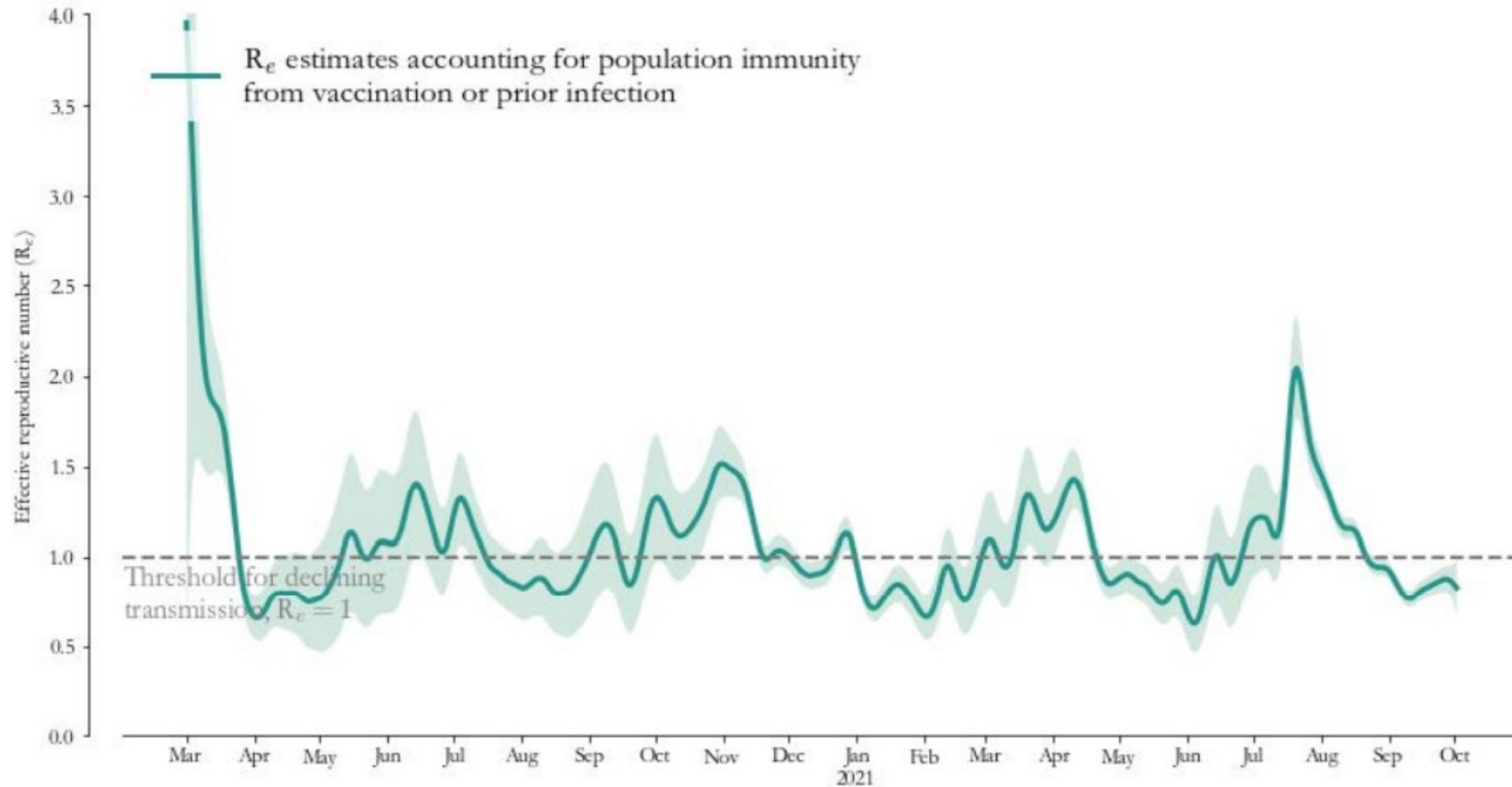
Source <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard> (11/5/2021)



Covid-19 hospitalizations in Washington

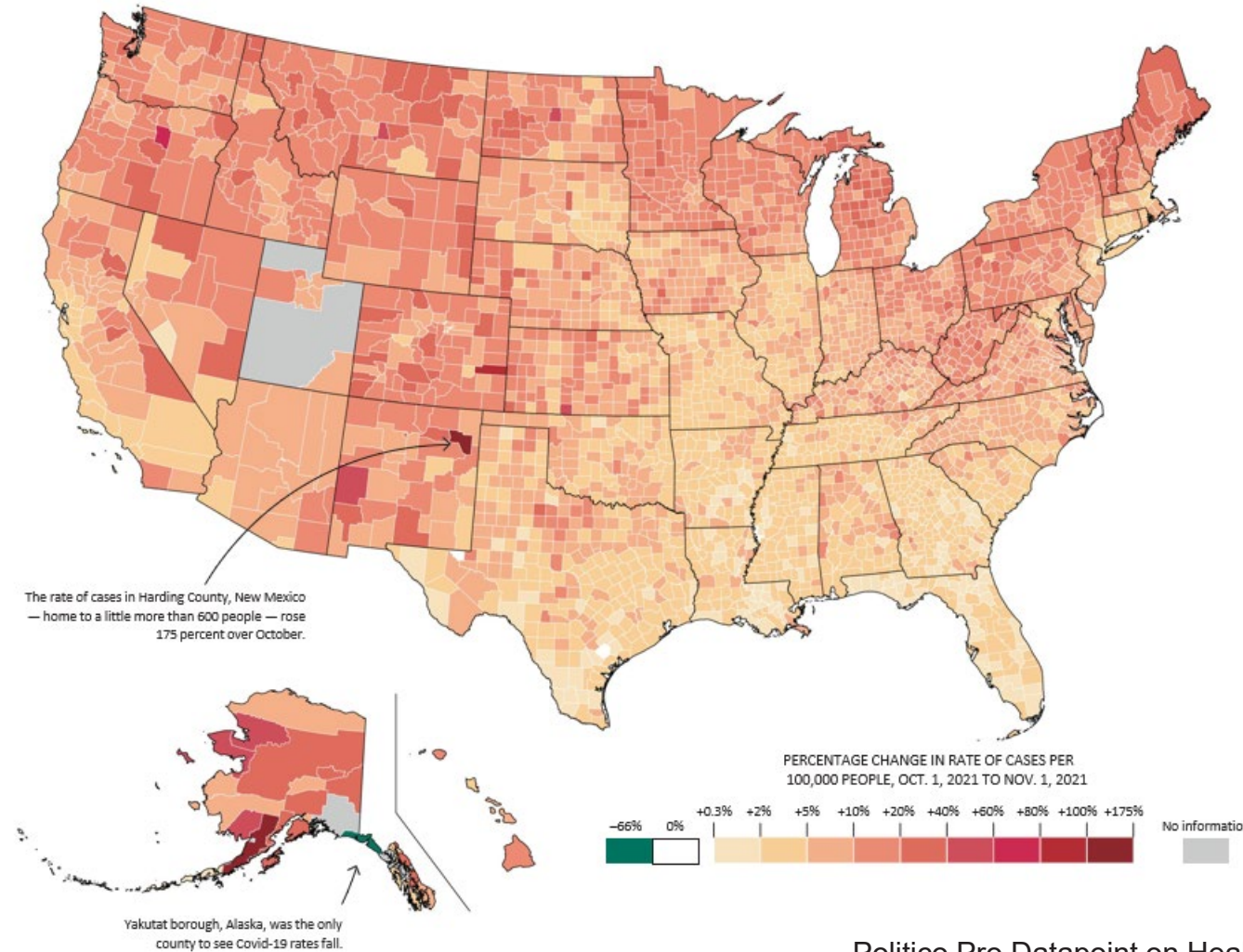


R_e estimate (Goal < 1.0)



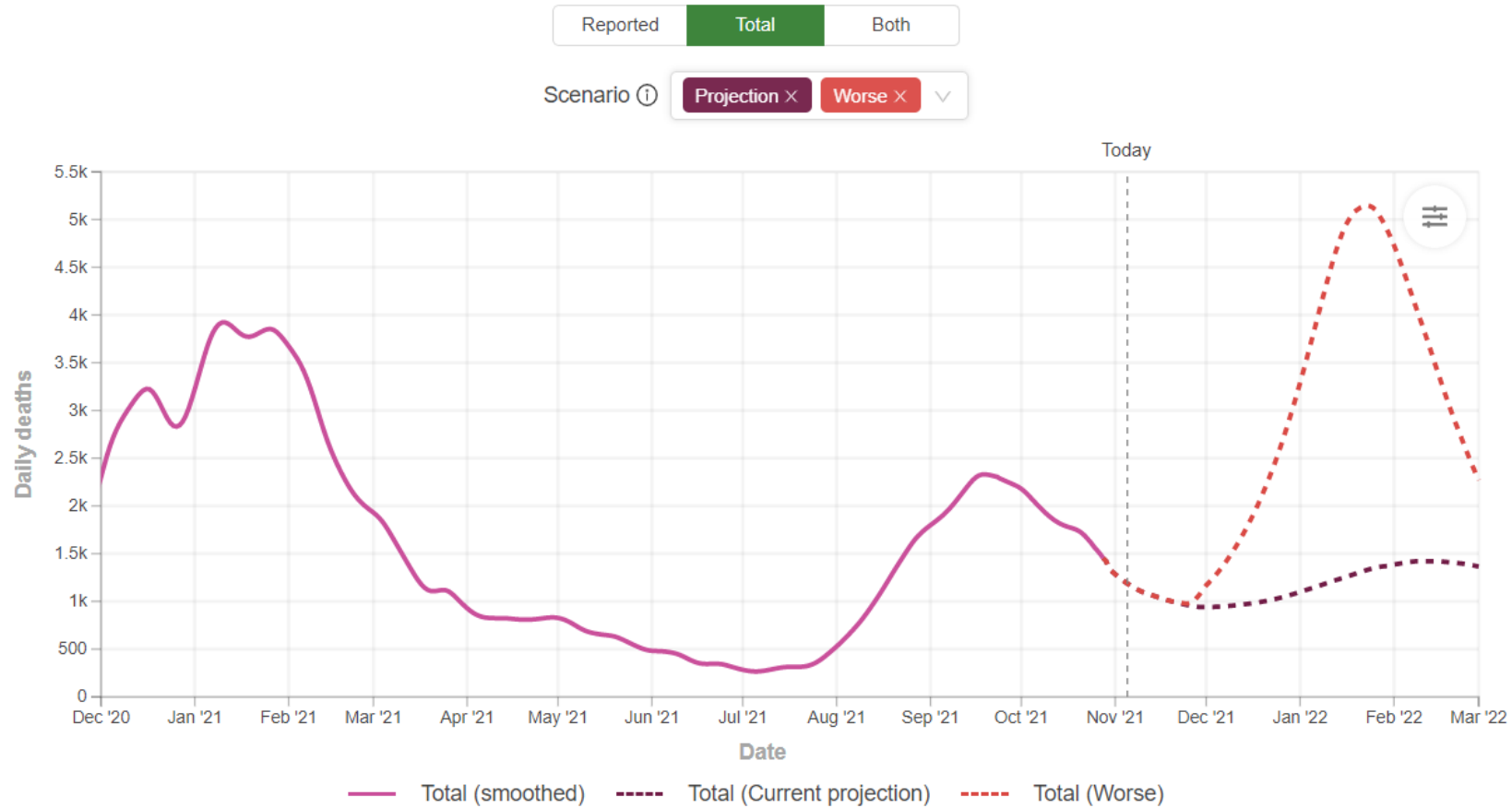
Source : Modeling and Surveillance Update (10/01/2021)

Percent change in case rates Oct. 1 – Nov. 1, 2021



Projected daily deaths – United States

Daily deaths is the best indicator of the progression of the pandemic, although there is generally a 17-21 day lag between infection and deaths.

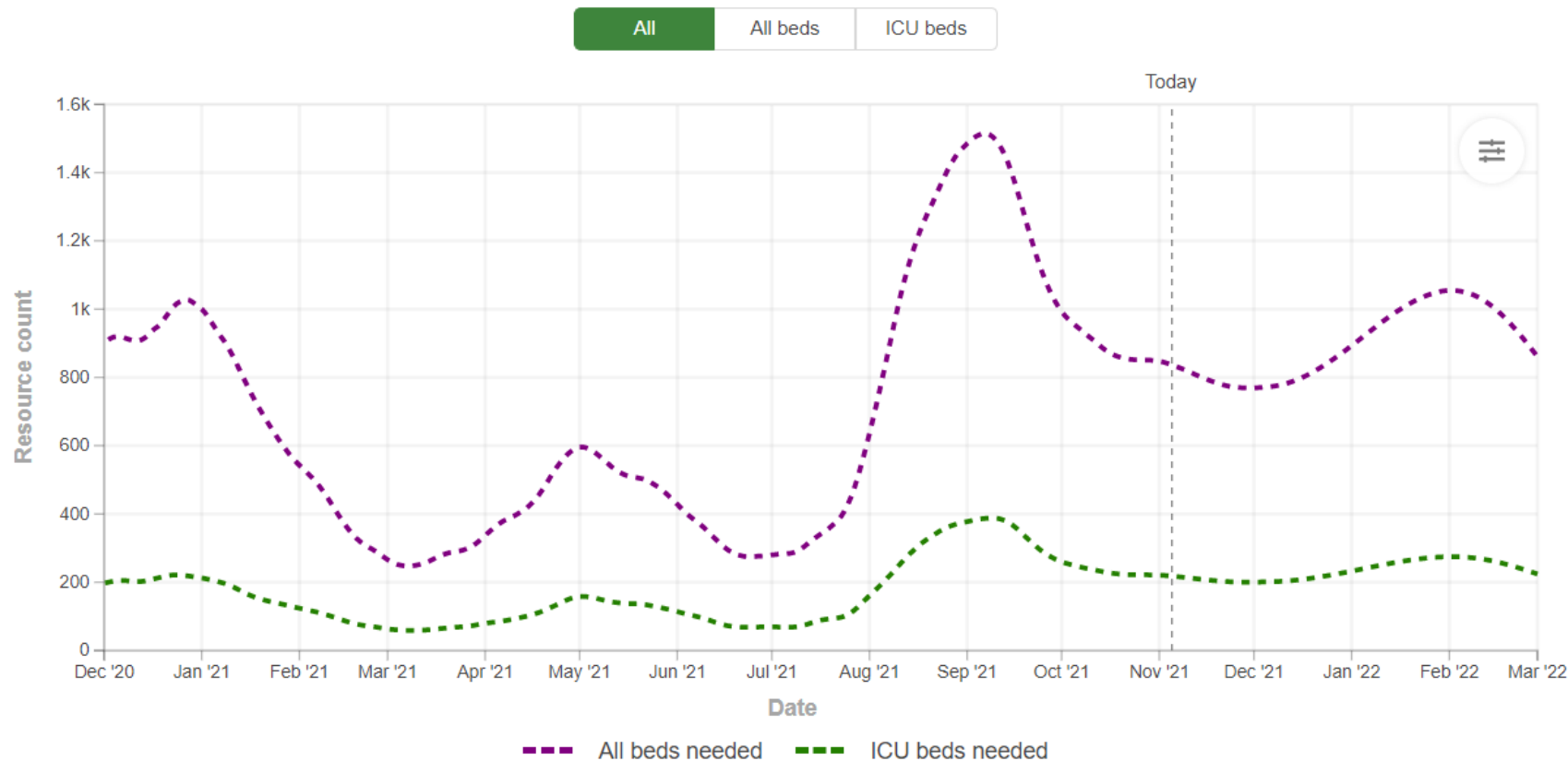


All deaths specific to COVID-19 patients.

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation COVID-19 Projections
Available at <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>

Projected hospital resource use - Washington

Hospital resource use indicates how equipped a location is to treat COVID-19 patients for the **Current projection** scenario. Select **All beds** or **ICU beds** for descriptions of each measure.

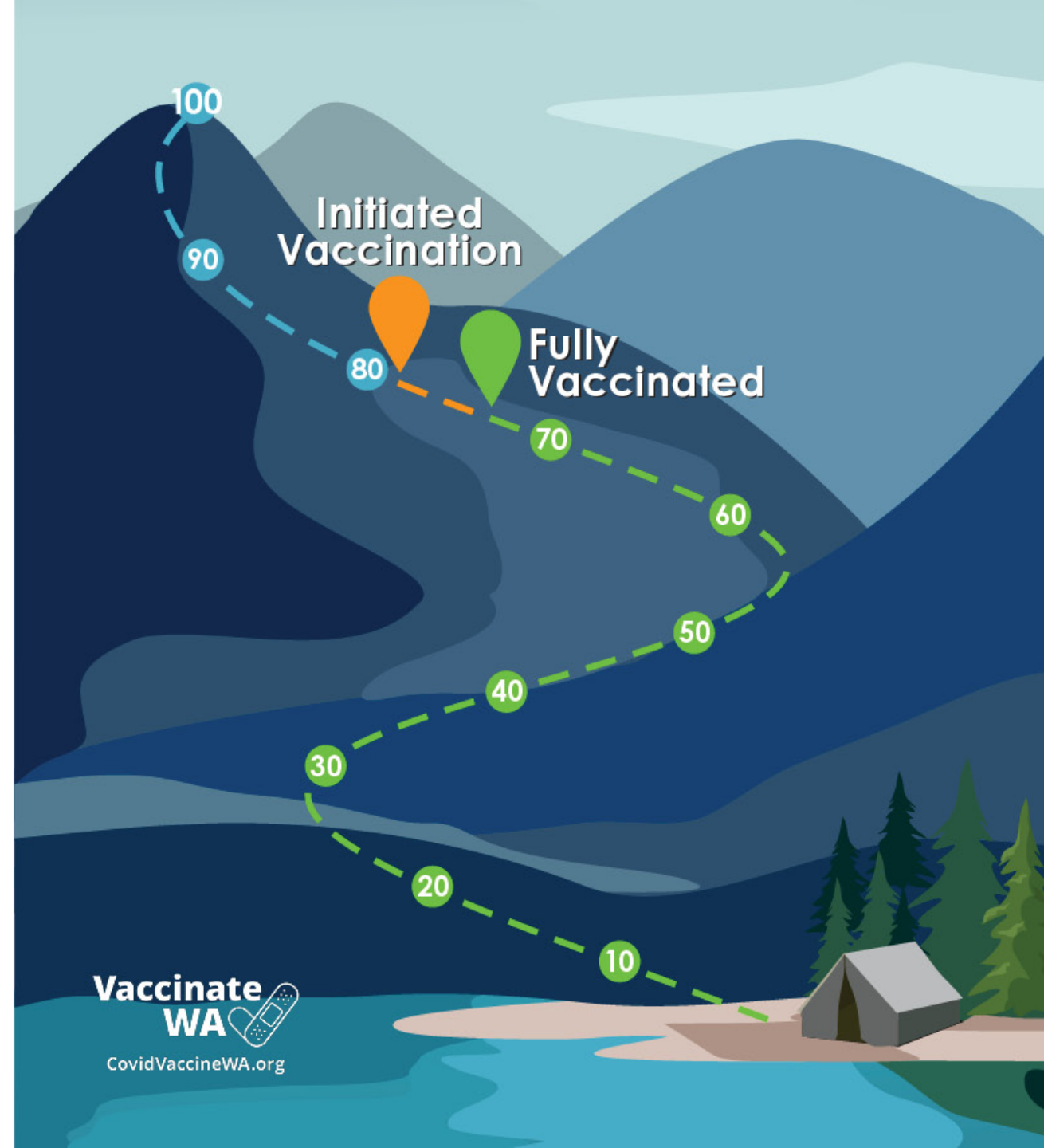


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COVID-19 Vaccines in Washington

As of November 8,
79.6%*
of the population
12 and up has
received at least one dose
and
73.5%*
is **fully vaccinated.**

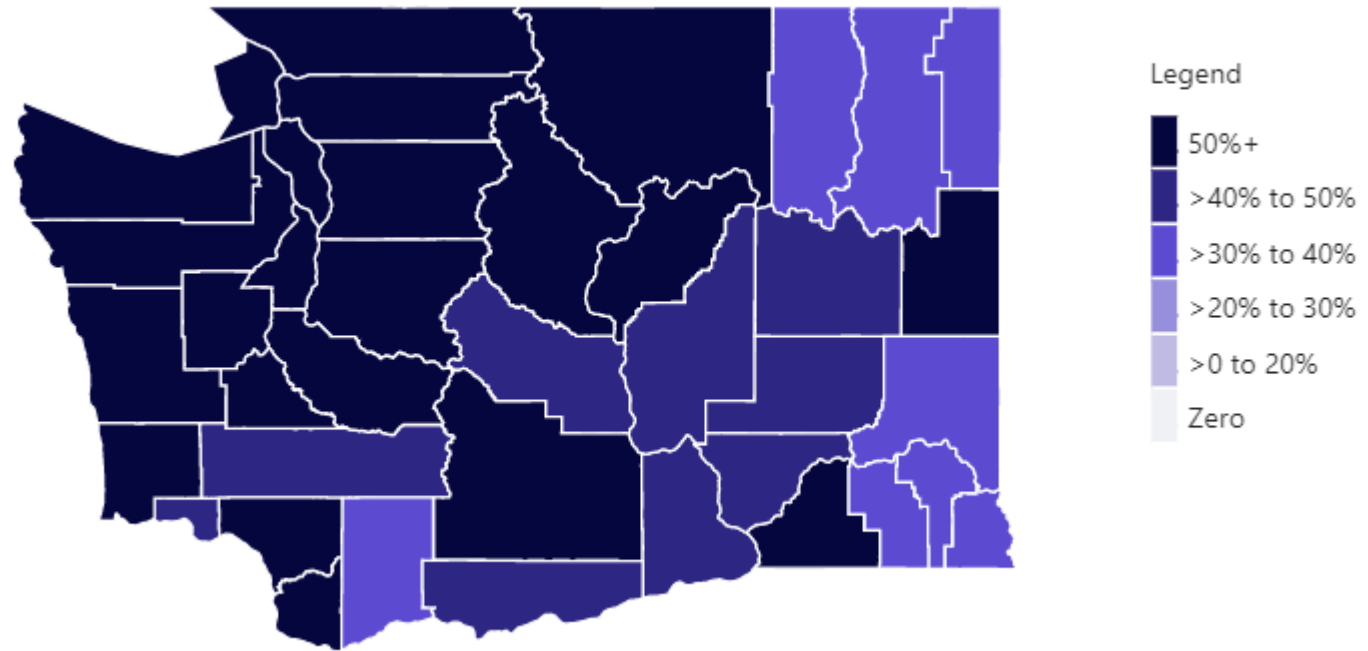
*This percent includes aggregate data from the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs and is higher than the DOH data dashboard.



Total population fully vaccinated in Washington

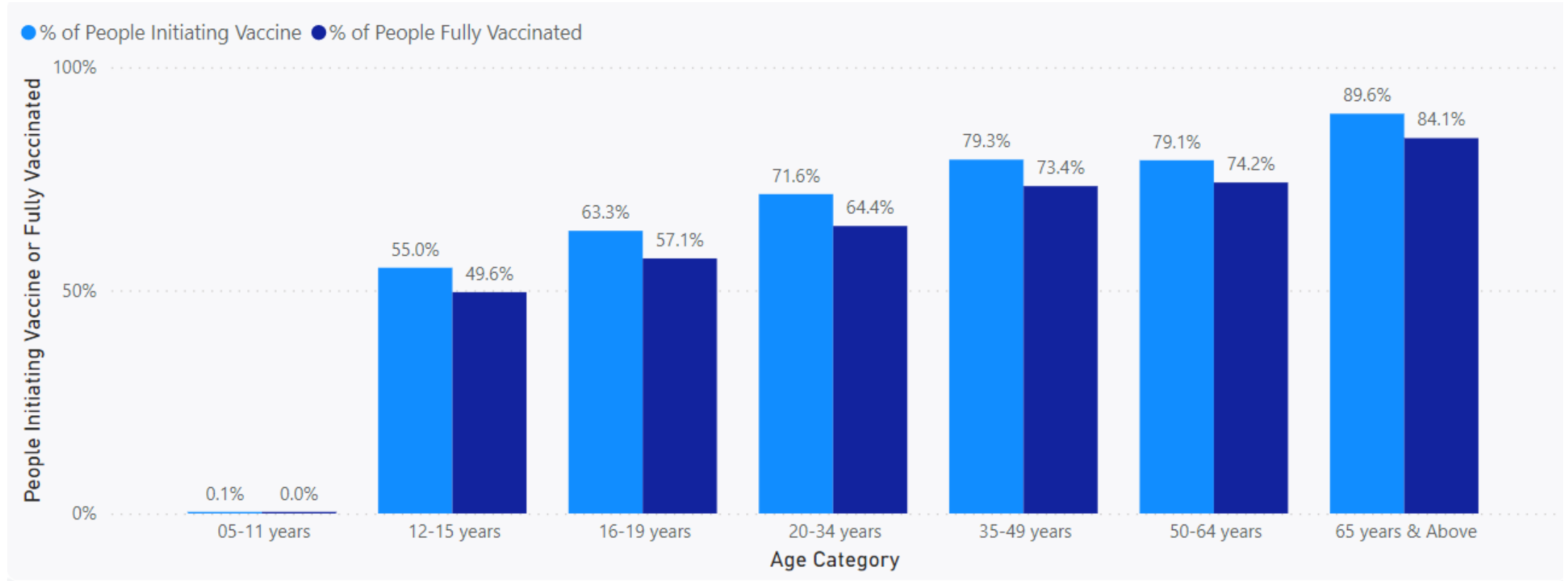
Percent of Total Population Initiating Vaccination	65.5%
Percent of Total Population Fully Vaccinated	60.5%
Percent of Population Initiating Vaccination (16+)	78.2%
Percent of Population Fully Vaccinated (16+)	72.3%
Percent of Population Initiating Vaccination (12+)	76.8%
Percent of Population Fully Vaccinated (12+)	70.9%

TOTAL POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED (COMPLETED RECOMMENDED NUMBER OF DOSES)



Source <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard> (11/7/2021)

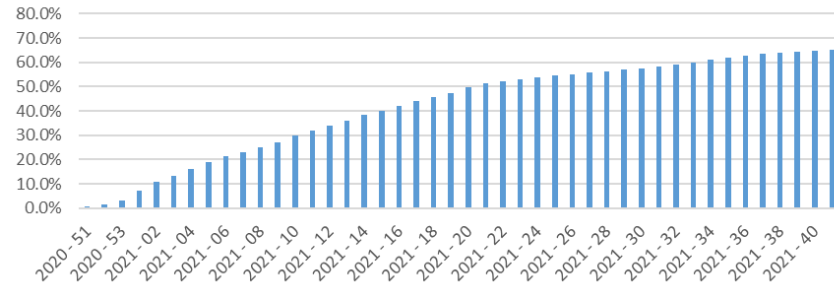
Vaccinations by age group



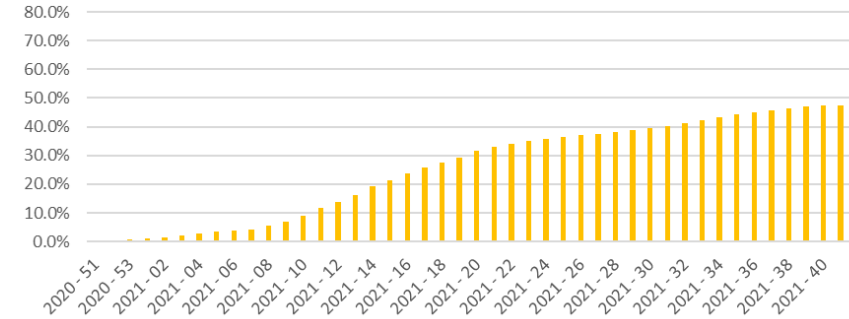
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Vaccinations by race

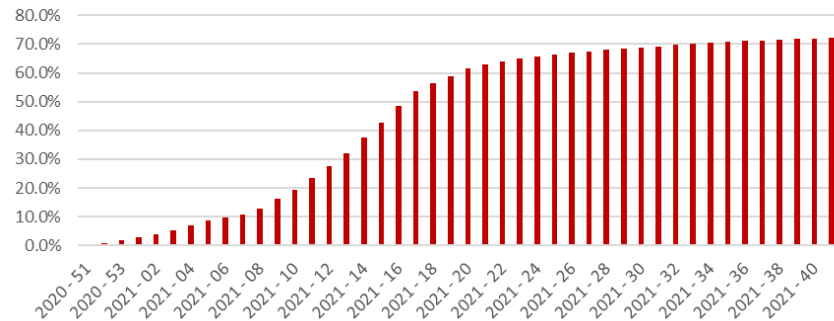
Total Percent Vaccinated by Race - American Indian or Alaskan Native



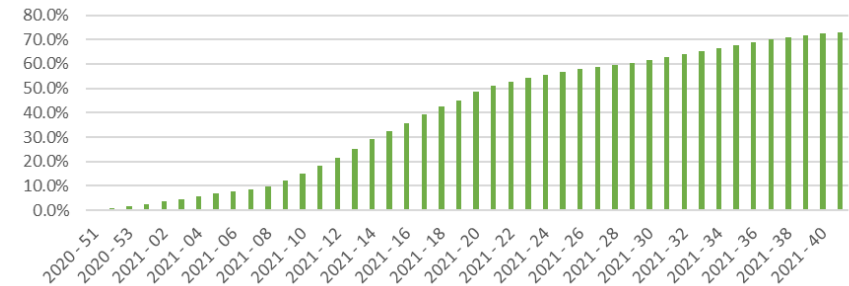
Total Percent Vaccinated by Race - Hispanic



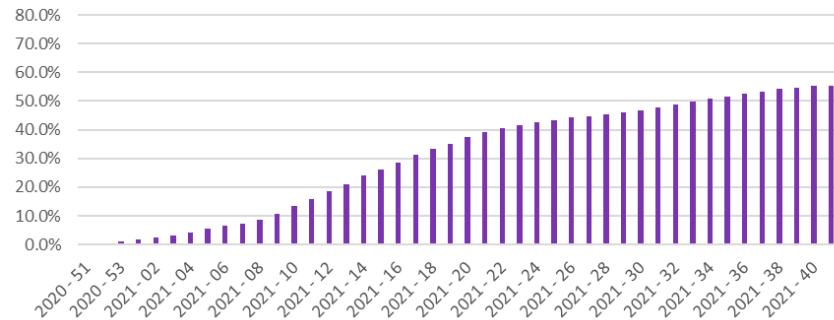
Total Percent Vaccinated by Race - Asian



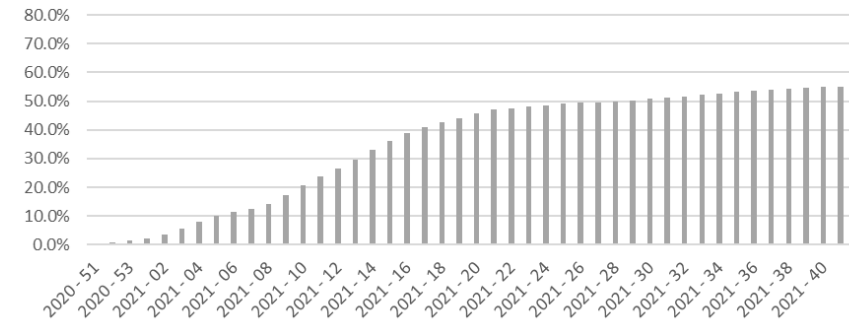
Total Percent Vaccinated by Race - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander



Total Percent Vaccinated by Race - Black



Total Percent Vaccinated by Race - White



Vaccination plan overview

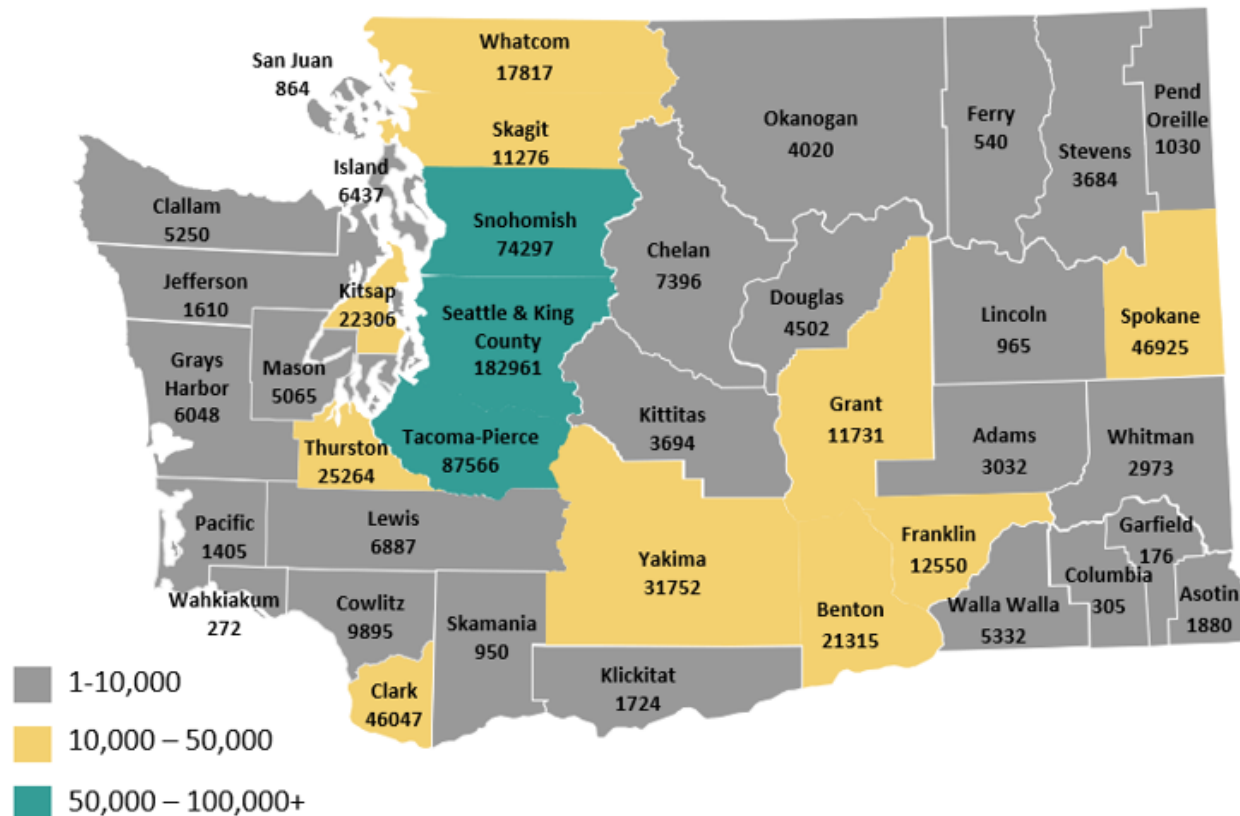
- Equity
- Allocation
- Eligibility
- Distribution
- Role of local health jurisdictions, healthcare providers, Tribes and Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHPs), schools, and community partners in assuring equitable accessibility of vaccination to pediatric patients



COVID-19 pediatric eligibility

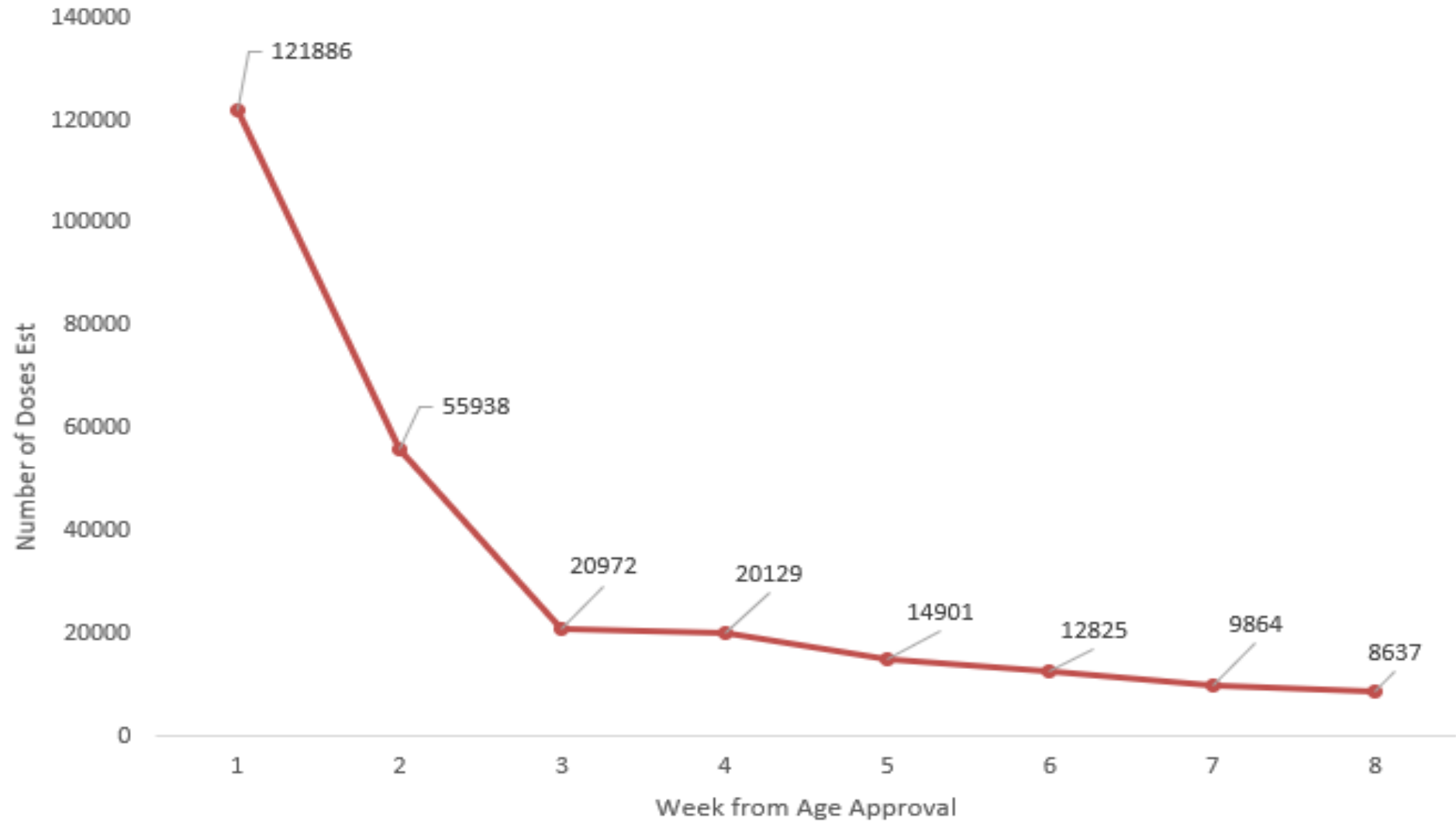
Washington State Local Health Jurisdictions

2020 Population Estimates for 5–11 year olds by county



~677,745 children
between the ages of 5
to 11 in WA.

Dose administration ages 12-15 by week



Promoting health equity

DOH is committed to addressing concerns regarding equity observed in our initial vaccine efforts.

Strategies:

- Multilingual communication and outreach
- Leveraging community partnerships
- Prioritizing equitable vaccine access in underserved communities
- Using community feedback to address barriers
- Coordinating with community partners to cover gaps in service to reach priority communities

Capacity and modalities

Normal service capacities

- Pediatric, primary care, family practice providers
- Pharmacies
- Federal vaccine program partners
- Federally qualified health centers and rural health

Secondary access sites

- Mobile vaccination sites such as Care-a-Van
- Public event vaccination sites
- School-based clinics
- LHJ operated community vaccination sites
- Community based pop-up clinics
- DOH contracted vaccination teams
- Mass vaccination sites (dependent on need)

Vaccine Locator: types and scheduling



For COVID-19 Information Hotline, dial **1-800-525-0127**, then press #. Language assistance is available.

Find appointments

(within 50 miles)

Filters (0) ^

Clear filters

Vaccine types:

Moderna

Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), ages 12 and up

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

Pfizer-BioNTech Pediatric, ages 5 - 11

Scheduling preferences:

Schedule online

Schedule by phone

Schedule by email

Walk-ins accepted

Waitlist available

Vaccine Locator: accessibility

Accessibility:

Walk up services

Waiting area available

Accessible parking

Wheelchair accessible

Vaccine communication card available

Vaccine communication card available in braille

Interpreters available

Individuals needing additional support may have family or friends accompany them

Drive-up services

Vaccine Locator: children and youth services

Children and Youth Services ^

Provide vaccines to children, ages 5-11

Provide vaccines to youth, ages 12-17

Consent allowed from a foster parent or other person authorized by a court to provide consent to medical care for a child in an out-of-home placement

Consent allowed from a person with signed authorization from parent to make health care decisions

Consent allowed from a relative responsible for health care

Consent allowed from school nurse, counselor, or homeless liaison (for a youth defined as homeless under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act)

Consent allowed from youth who are legally emancipated or married to an adult

Consent allowed from youth qualifying under the Mature Minor Doctrine

Verbal consent allowed (over the phone)

Written consent allowed

Parent/Guardian/Authorized adult does not need to be physically present

Addressing confidence

- Lead with transparent, consistent, and frequent messaging.
- Translate and transcreation of materials.
- Support community-led messaging and initiatives.
- Bring community leaders, influencers, experts, and primary audiences to the table
- Demonstrate responsiveness to community needs and concerns.

COVID-19 Vaccine Media Campaign

- Social marketing strategies (prompts, pledges, social norms)
- News, traditional, and social media
- Websites
- Influencers
- Public-private partnerships

MILE WIDE

- Community media
- Expert panels
- Cultural & linguistic relevancy
- Toolkits for partners
- Blogs & organic social
- Trusted Messengers

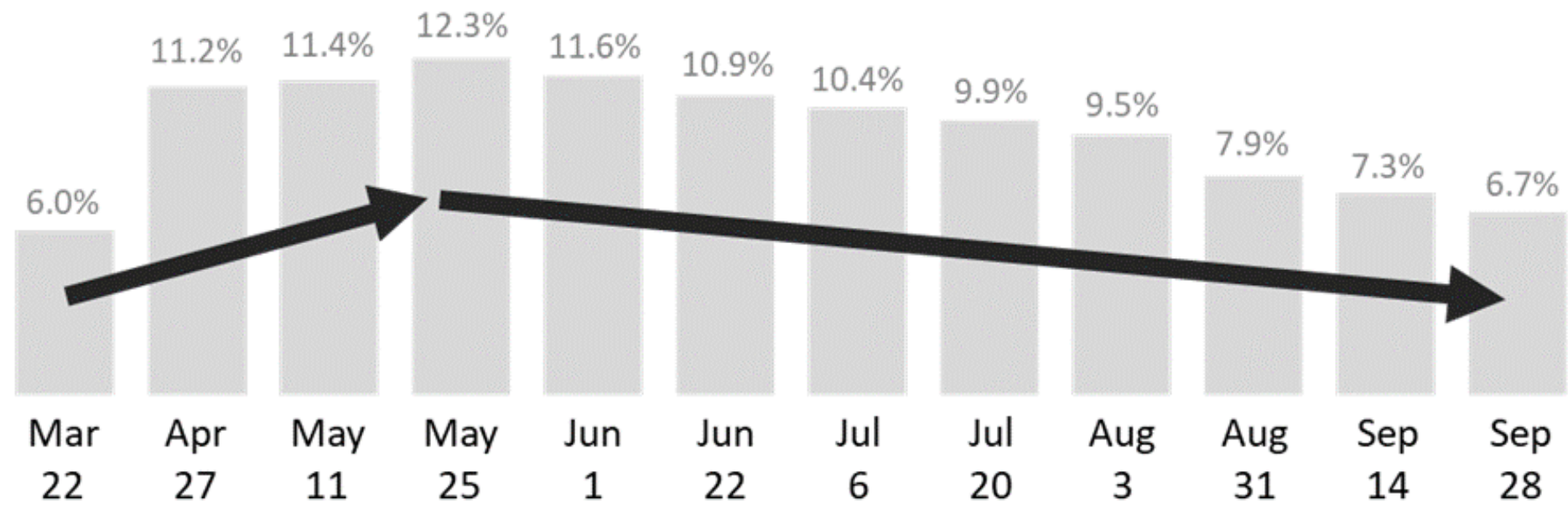
MILE DEEP

Community-driven Outreach & Communications

- Community based organizations and entities
- Direct outreach and engagement
- Collaborative

Closing the social vulnerability index (SVI) equity gap

Equity Gap: the average difference in % of population initiating vaccination in high vs low SVI census tracts



¡Washington, nuestra Caravana de salud sobre ruedas está en camino!
¡Verifique si estaremos en su área para obtener su vacuna gratuita!

*¡Las vacunas están disponibles para quienes tengan 12 años o más!

August 13
1 - 6 PM

Pasifika Food NETwork*
5700 E. 18th St.
Vancouver

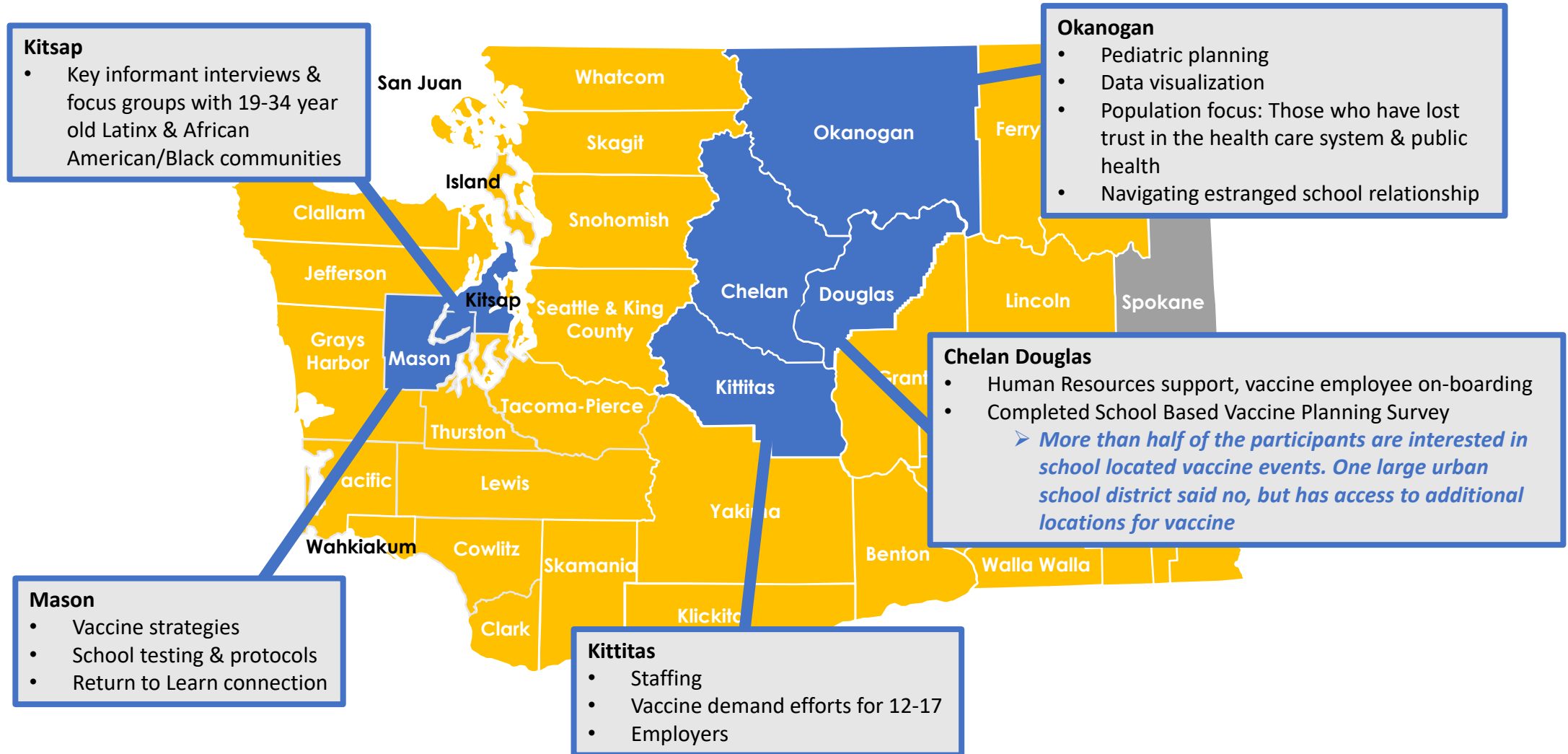
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How data can be used to prioritize health equity:

We use data from the Social Vulnerability to COVID-19 mapping tool to select sites for our Care-a-Van mobile vaccination effort.

Update: VillageReach – local support partnership



Legislative Updates

Agency request proposal summary



- **2 Agency Request Bills**
- **5 General Fund State Decision Packages**
 - Total \$28.7 million GFS
- **7 ARPA Decision Packages**
 - Total \$364 million ARPA
- **7 “Other” Fund Decision Packages**
 - Total \$7.4 million Operating Budget
 - Total \$20.4 million Capital Budget
- **5 Maintenance Level Decision Packages**
 - Total \$7 million

Agency request bills

- **Enhance Capacity and Diversity of Health Profession Boards and Commissions**

Modifies statutes to achieve consistency, allow for more diversity, and increase effectiveness of these boards and commission by:

- expanding the size of membership and number of public members,
- removing membership restrictions, modifying quorum requirements and increasing compensation so all boards and commissions are reimbursed at a Class 5 rate (\$250 a day)

- **Allowing EMTs to Provide Communicable Disease Testing and Vaccines**

Allows EMTs to provide testing and vaccines for communicable diseases outside of an emergency in collaboration with local, regional, or state public health agencies.

General Fund State (GFS) decision packages

- Young Adult Behavioral Health, \$17.8 million
- Sustain Child Profile Health System, \$1 million
- Prevent Child Lead Exposure, \$409,000
- Increase Sunrise Review Capacity, \$198,000
- Food Insecurity And Equity, \$6.2 million

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- **Approximately \$800 million discretionary ARPA available**
- **Competition with other state agencies for these funds**
- **Decision Packages**
 - Continue COVID-19 Vaccinations, \$125 million
 - Improve Credentialing Performance, \$2.5 million
 - Behavioral Health Response and Recovery, \$3.9 million
 - Climate Change Surveillance and Resiliency Program, \$3.5 million
 - Contain the Spread, \$212 million
 - Washington Medical Coordination Center, \$1.2 million
 - Maintain Core Public Health Systems, \$15.9 million, \$3.1 million GFS

“Other” fund decision packages

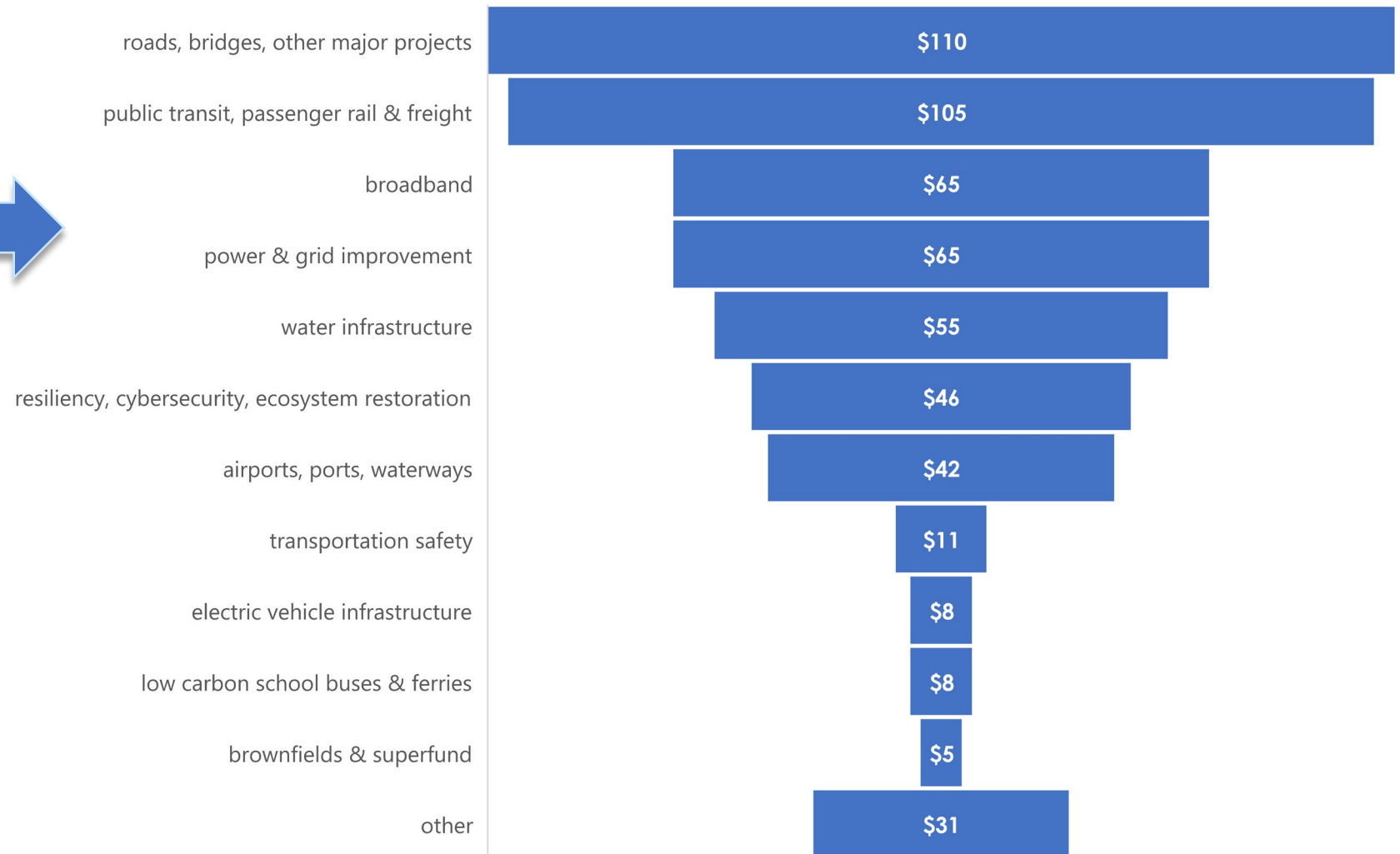
- Upgrade Drinking Water System, \$1.0 million Safe Drinking Water Account
- Address Drinking Water Backlog, \$3.5 million Drinking Water Assistance Account
- Upgrade Medical Cannabis Registry, \$2.1 million Dedicated Marijuana Account
- Cannabis Laboratory Testing, \$818,000 Dedicated Marijuana Account
- Improve Critical Water Infrastructure, \$20 million Drinking Water Assistance Account
- Increase DWSRF Preconstruction Loans, \$400,000 Drinking Water Assistance Account

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684)

**\$1.2 trillion, includes
\$550 billion in new
investments**

PROCESS

- August 10, 2021, passed the Senate with a 69-30 vote
- November 5, 2021, passed the House with a 228-206 vote
- President to sign in matter of days





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