

COVID-19 Project

Data Brief

County Rankings of Incidence in the Last Week

Polk: 18th (was 13th)

Marion: 24th (was 18th)

*Out of 36 Counties; 1st = highest incidence



Cumulative Case Numbers:

Oregon: 694,649 • Polk: 15,090 • Marion: 68,262

14 Day Change

Oregon: -65%



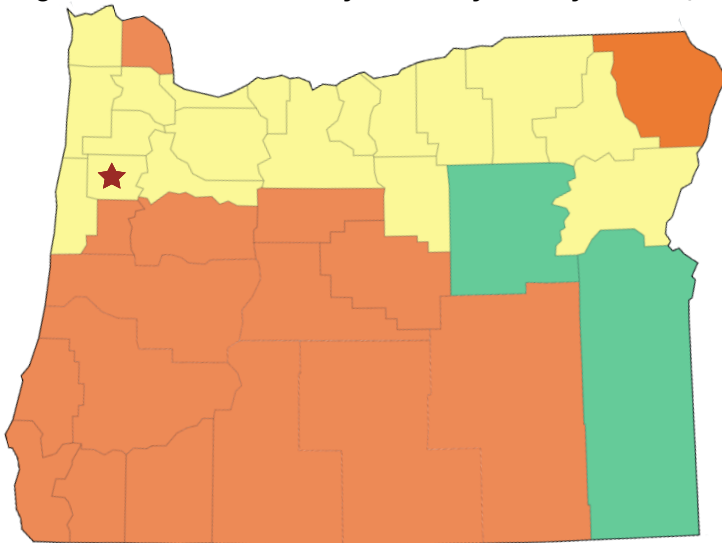
Polk: -69%



Marion: -68%



Oregon Covid-19 Community Levels by County: Feb 24, 2022



Source: CDC

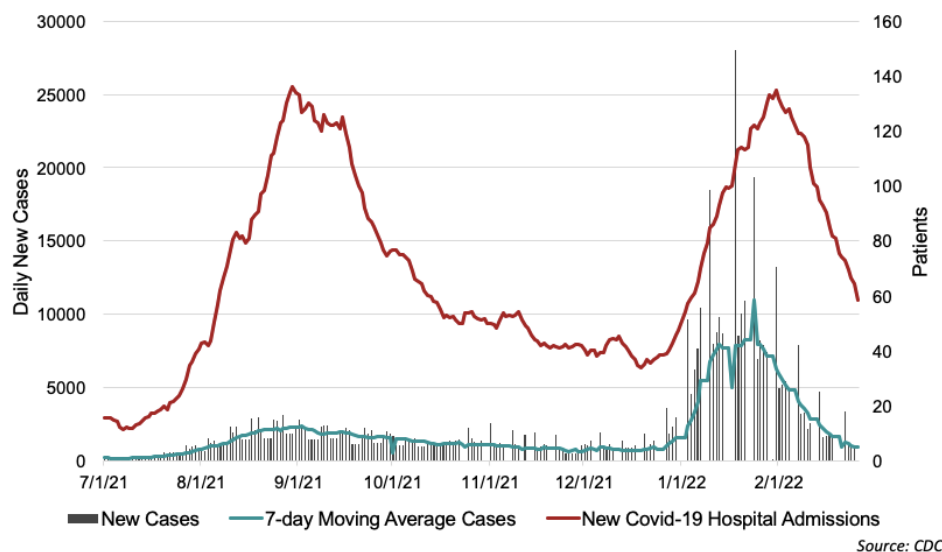
Main Takeaways:

- The CDC has developed [community risk levels](#) (high, medium, and low) based on case rates and hospital admissions.
 - Polk County's current risk level is medium (yellow). The CDC recommends we stay up-to-date on vaccines, get tested if we have symptoms, and that those at high risk for severe illness consider wearing masks indoors.
 - For counties with high risk levels (orange), the CDC recommends wearing masks indoors.
- Oregon is [lifting the mask mandate](#) for schools and most indoor settings on March 11th, but masks are still required in health care settings.
 - Visit the CDC for [mask guidance](#) based on your county's risk level.

Oregon Cases vs. Hospitalizations:

- This line graph from the [CDC Data Tracker](#) shows case and hospitalization trends over the past 8 months.
- The red line shows the number of new Covid-19 hospitalizations each day.
- The turquoise line shows weekly case averages, with the Delta surge followed by the much larger Omicron wave.
- Relative to case counts, the Delta surge resulted in much higher hospitalization rates than Omicron.
 - The Omicron variant was more infectious, but hospitalization rates were lower than those for Delta.
- Polk County case and hospitalization rates followed a similar pattern.

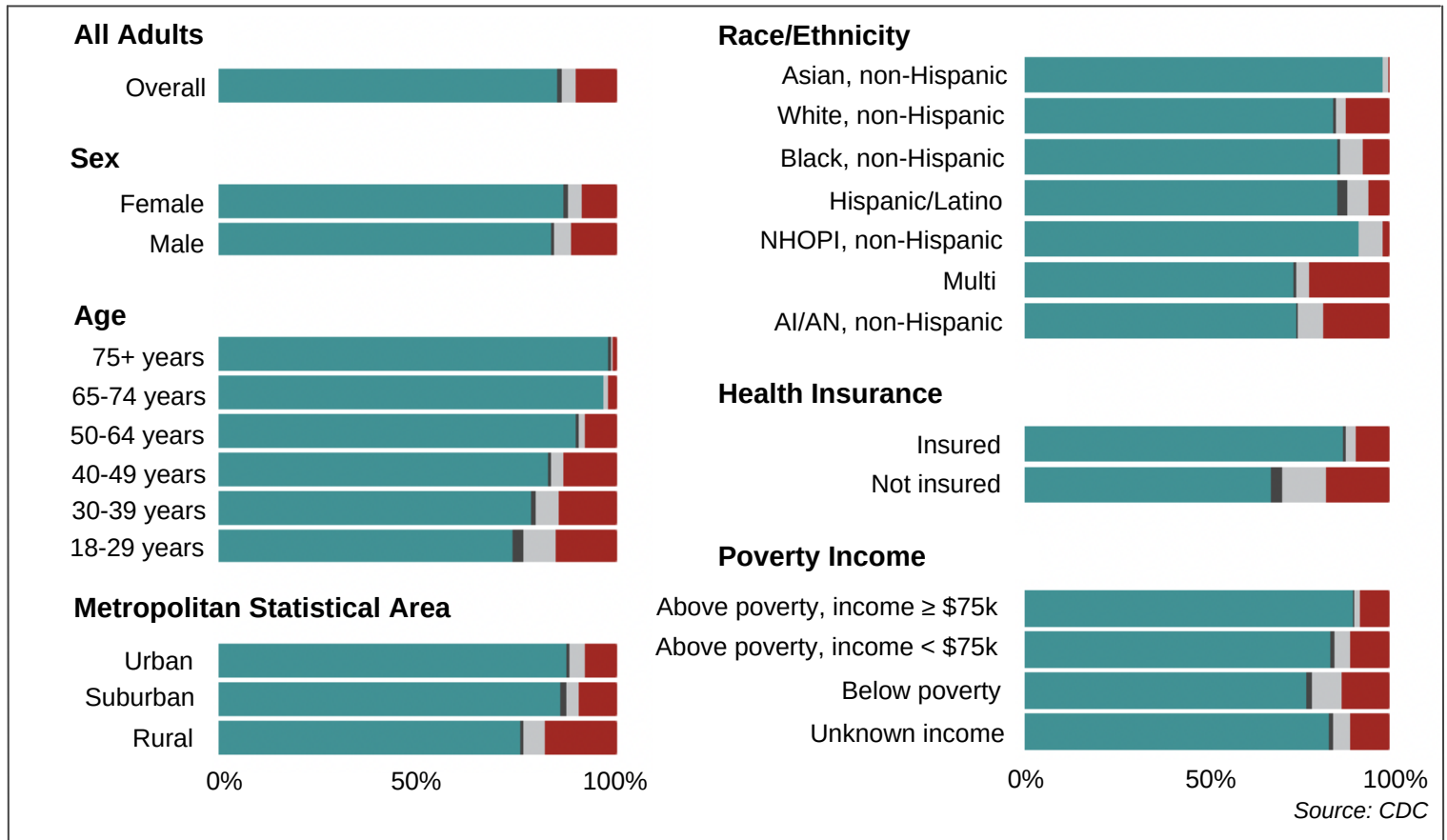
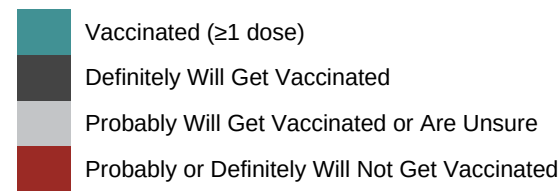
Daily Trends in Number of Cases and 7-day Average of New Patients Admitted to Hospital with Confirmed Covid-19 in Oregon: Jul 1, 2021 - Feb 27, 2022



Source: CDC

National & International News

Vaccination Status and Intent Among Adults Ages 18+, by Demographic in the United States, February 19, 2022



In the United States, individuals most likely to be vaccinated are older in age, above the poverty line, insured, and living in urban areas. Vaccine hesitancy is highest among younger ages, the uninsured, and in rural areas. For more information, and to look at Oregon's numbers (which follow the national trends very closely), visit the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov).

International Good News

- According to the [WHO](https://www.who.int), new cases of Covid-19 have decreased by approximately 16 percent globally in the past week. This is the fourth consecutive weekly decline in global Covid-19 cases.
- [New studies](#) suggest that vaccines and boosters for the Covid-19 virus could protect most people from serious illness or death for many months, perhaps even many years.
- [Australia](#) has reopened borders for business and tourism to vaccinated people for the first time in two years.
- Of 66,937 Covid-19 tests administered to participants and associated parties in the [Olympics](#) "bubble," only one test came back positive on the final day, despite a surge in cases of the Omicron variant around the world.
- The [Rwandan](#) government has decided to shift primary focus to improving access to health services and offering universal health care to its people, especially for districts with a higher risk level for Covid-19.