



Washington State School Immunization Rates School Year 2013-2014

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School Immunization Data

Data source:

These data come from public and private school immunization reports that are submitted to the Washington Department of Health, Office of Immunization and Child Profile. Every school in Washington State (except home schools) is required to report immunization data for kindergartners, 6th graders and all students in grades K-12 by November 1st each school year.

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School immunization reporting, 2013-2014

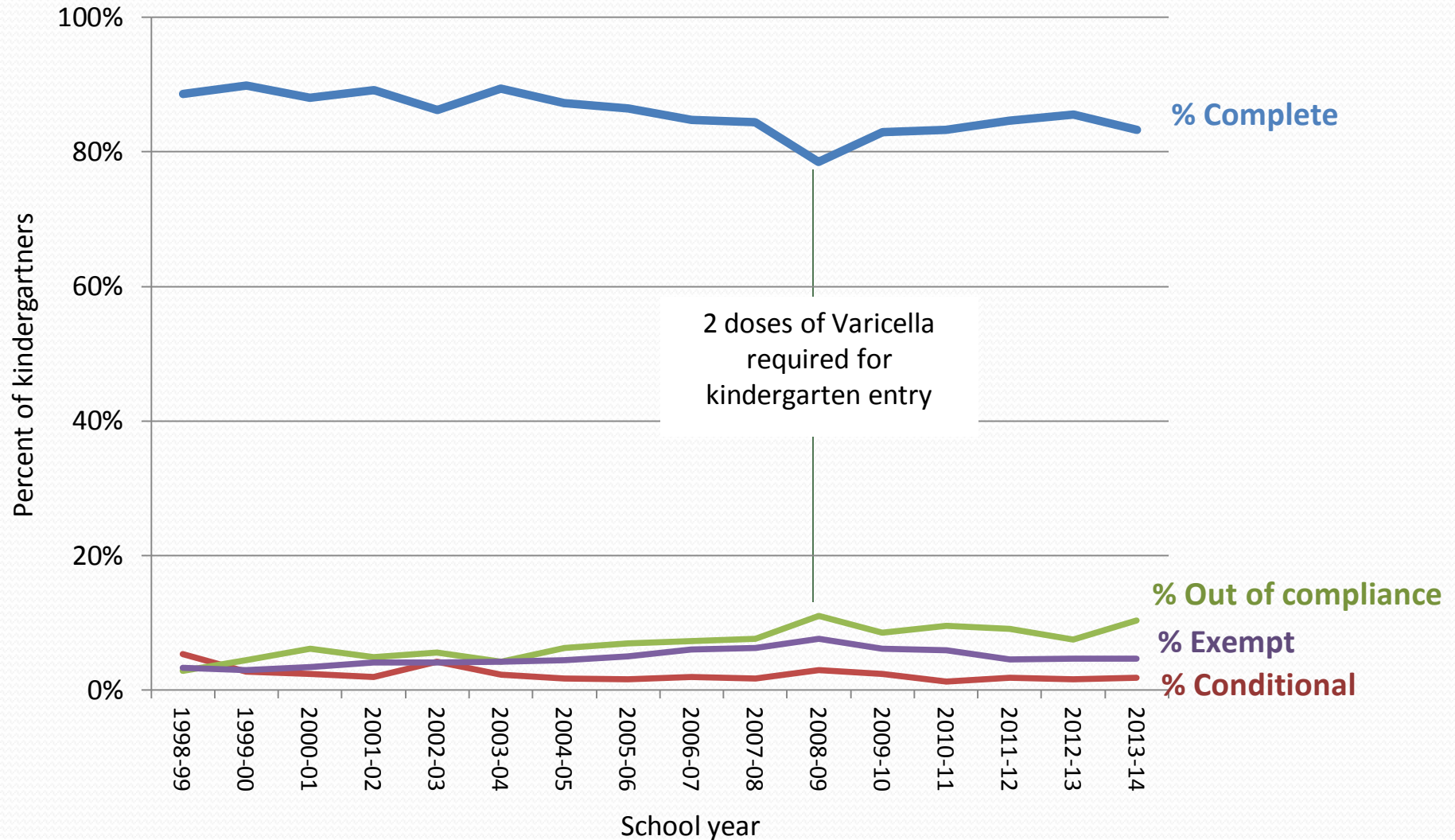
There were 2,635 public and private schools in Washington State during school year 2013-2014.

Of these, 88% (N=2,327) submitted immunization data to the Department of Health.

- 64% of private schools reported data (N=346 out of 392)
- 95% of public schools reported (N=1,981 out of 2,094)

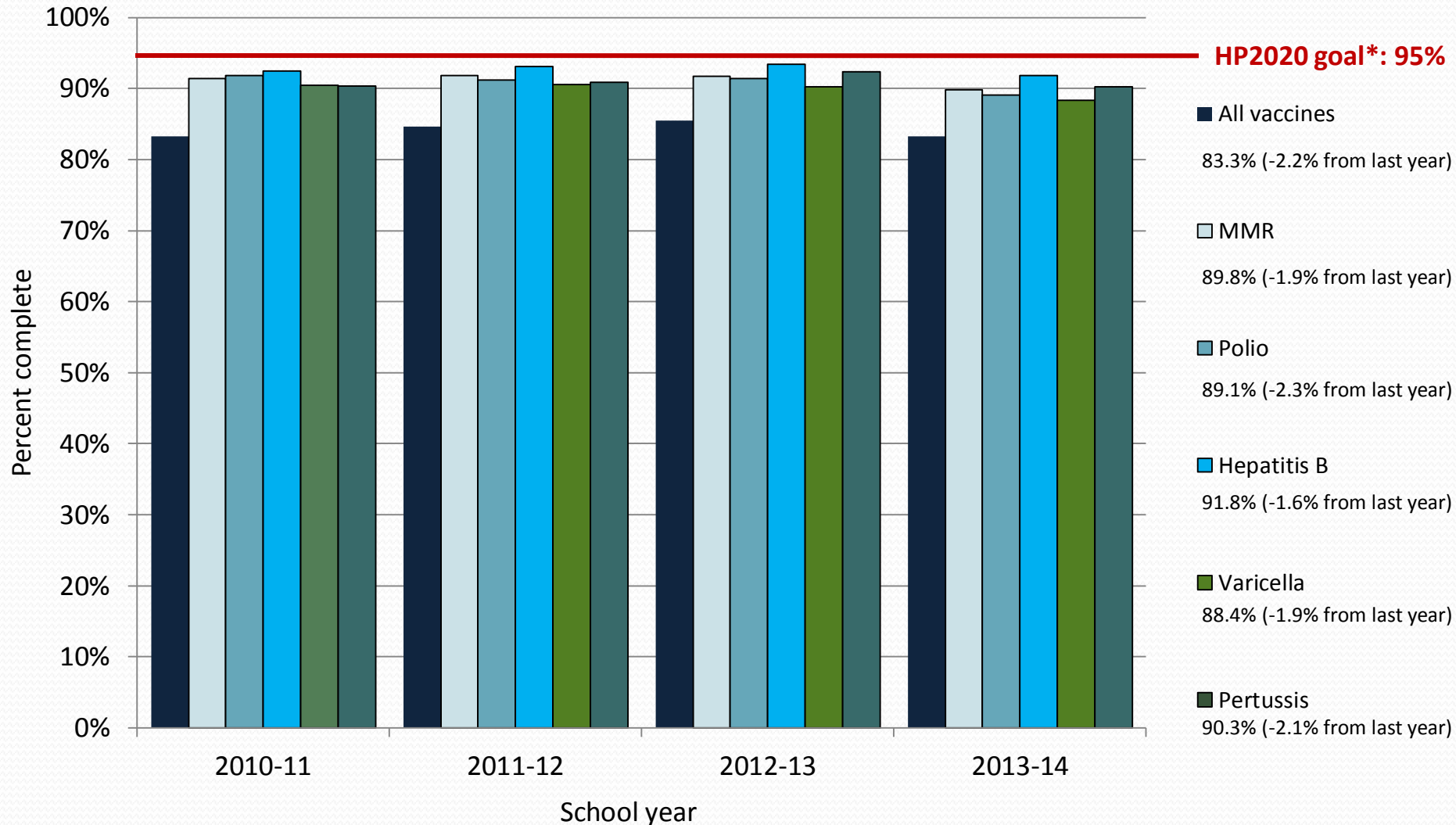
Immunization status of kindergartners, 1998 - 2014

The percentage of kindergartners complete for required immunizations dropped during the past year. Students with completed immunizations are better protected from getting and spreading vaccine-preventable diseases.



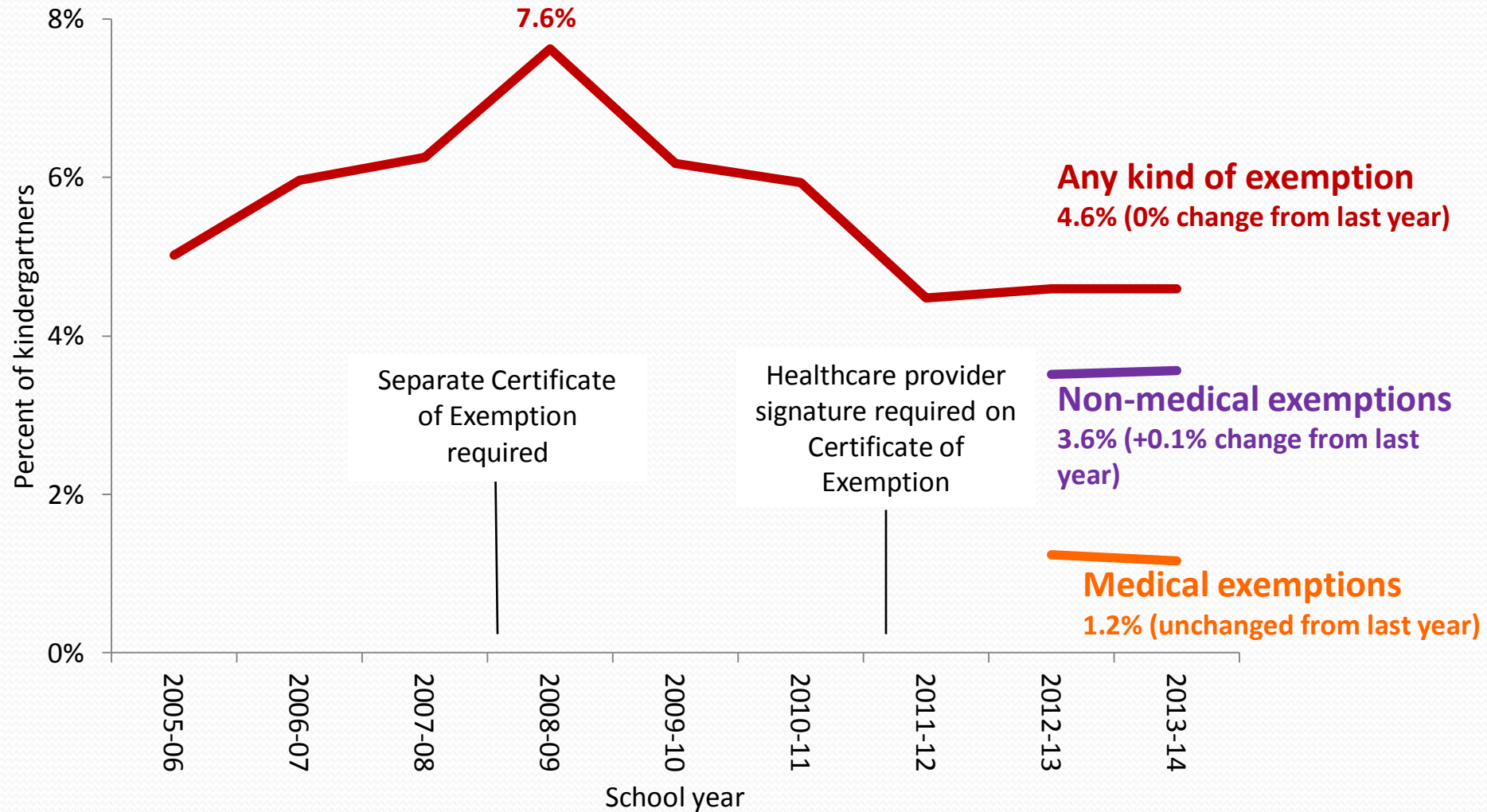
Percent of kindergartners complete for required immunizations

Coverage for each of the required immunizations fell last year and the percentage of kindergartners complete for all required immunizations dropped by 2.2%. Washington immunization rates remain well below the national HP2020* goal of 95%.



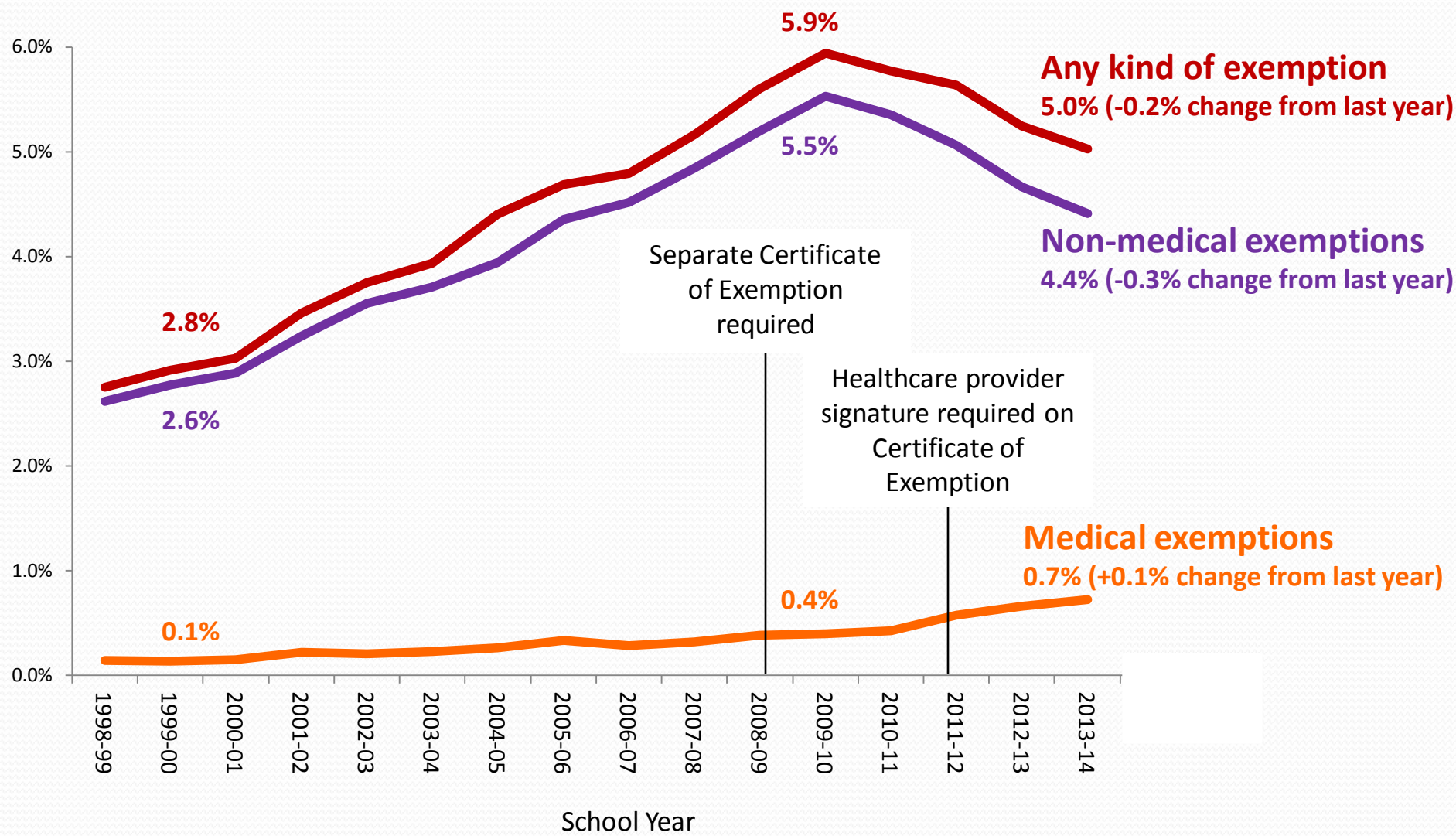
School immunization exemptions among kindergartners, 2005 - 2014

Exemption rates have remained stable over the last three school years. Washington State still has one of the highest exemption rates in the country. While most exemptions are for personal and religious reasons, Washington's medical exemption rate is 6 times higher than the national median rate of 0.2%



School immunization exemptions for students in grades K-12, 1998 - 2014

While the overall number of exemptions has decreased since 2009-10, the percentage of students with medical exemptions to required immunizations is slowly increasing.



Technical notes

Data notes:

- This report is based on total counts of students by immunization status as reported by public and private schools to DOH.
- The student immunization status is based on parent reports to the school and may not be verified by a healthcare provider.
- Only schools that reported data are included in this slide set.
- DOH makes no other claims about the accuracy of the data as reported by schools.

Immunization status definitions:

- Complete: The student meets all the school-entry requirements for their age and grade.
- Exempt: The student has a signed Certificate of Exemption on file at the school excusing the student from one or more vaccinations due to medical, personal, or religious beliefs.
- Conditional: The student lacks appropriate documentation or is missing one or more of the required immunizations.
- Out-of-compliance: Conditional status has ended, but the student has not been fully immunized, does not have an exemption on file, or lacks appropriate documentation.

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