



The New York State Department of Health conducts an annual survey, the Chronic Disease Public Opinion Poll, to understand public beliefs about health topics and assess support for public health policies to address chronic disease and promote health.

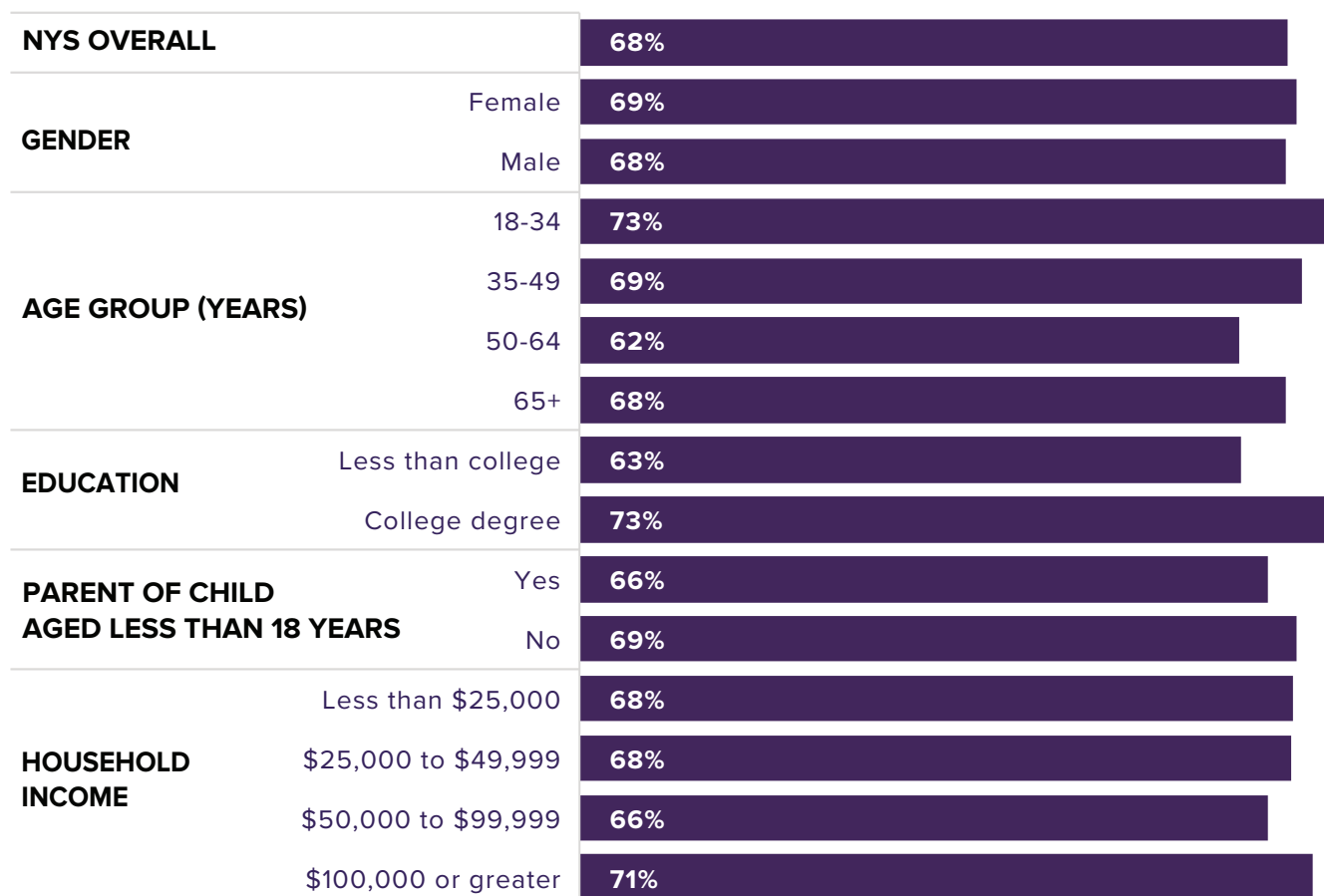
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) can lead to the development of 6 types of cancer and is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States.¹ Vaccination is a safe and effective tool for preventing HPV infections and HPV-related cancers.²⁻⁴ The HPV vaccine has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for people who are 9 to 45 years of age.⁵

Pharmacists in New York State (NYS) are legally allowed to administer select vaccines to children, including flu (to patients 2 years and older) and COVID-19 vaccines (to patients 3 years and older). They are only allowed to administer the HPV vaccine to adults 18 years and older.⁶⁻⁸ In 2024, only 25.7% of NYS adolescents had a complete HPV vaccine series by age 13.⁹ Allowing pharmacists to provide HPV vaccines to children starting at age 9 could improve immunization rates and successful completion of the series.

Poll Findings

In 2025, two-thirds (68%) of NYS adults supported allowing pharmacists to provide HPV vaccine to adolescents 17 years and younger. Support was higher among younger adults, adults with a college degree, and adults with higher household income compared with other groups.

FIGURE 1. Support for Allowing Pharmacists to Provide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine to Adolescents 17 Years and Younger, by Demographics, New York State Adults, New York State Chronic Disease Public Opinion Poll, 2025.



PERCENT IN FAVOR OR STRONGLY IN FAVOR

Public Health Opportunity

To reduce the number of HPV-related cancers across NYS

Health care providers can:

- Become an active member of the [NYS Cancer Consortium HPV Coalition](#)
- Inform patients and community members about the benefits of the HPV vaccine for cancer prevention

Public health professionals can:

- Become an active member of the [NYS Cancer Consortium HPV Coalition](#)
- Educate and inform community members and decision makers about the safety and effectiveness of HPV vaccine and its importance in cancer prevention
- Build community support for adoption and implementation of policies that increase access to and uptake of HPV vaccine

Wording of Survey Question, New York State Public Opinion Poll, 2025

Question: Currently, New York State pharmacists are only authorized to give the seasonal flu vaccine to children and adolescents. Would you be in favor of or opposed to a policy change that would allow New York State pharmacists to give the HPV vaccine to adolescents 17 and under? Response options: Strongly in favor, in favor, opposed, strongly opposed, don't know/refused

For more information about this report or other cancer-related data and resources in NYS, visit the NYS Department of Health Cancer Data and Reports website <https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/cancer/> or contact BCDER@health.ny.gov with IFA #2026-16 in the Subject Line.

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