

Expenditure incurred by the Government for
(i) procuring seasonal influenza (SI) vaccines
under various vaccination schemes and
(ii) subsidising vaccination provided by private doctors
under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

Year	(i) Procuring SI vaccines (\$ million)	(ii) Subsidising vaccination provided by private doctors (\$ million)
2015/16	21.0	31.2
2016/17	23.3	54.8
2017/18	28.0	64.1
2018/19	30.1 ^(Note)	134.9
2019/20	41.3	57.3 <i>(as at November 24, 2019)</i>

Note: When tendering for the procurement of vaccines in accordance with the established requirements and procedures, the Government normally includes in the tender conditions a flexible clause to ensure that the quantities to be ordered can be appropriately adjusted after the signing of the contract. The figure represents the amount of expenditure for the year after adjustment.

**Number of persons in each eligible group who received seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV)
under various government vaccination schemes and their uptake rates**

Year	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19		2019/20 (as at November 24, 2019)	
Eligible group	Number of persons vaccinated	Uptake rate of the group	Number of persons vaccinated	Uptake rate of the group	Number of persons vaccinated	Uptake rate of the group	Number of persons vaccinated	Uptake rate of the group	Number of persons vaccinated	Uptake rate of the group
Children aged between 6 months and under 6	47 600	15.1%	60 200	19.2%	80 700	25.8%	106 900	34.5%	92 100 ²	28.8%
Children aged between 6 and under 12	ineligible		52 000	15.7%	70 700	20.5%	201 300	55.4%	139 600 ¹	37.5%
Persons aged between 50 and 64 ²	6 700	^	6 700	^	7 400	^	156 800	8.8%	88 000	4.9%
Persons aged 65 or above	457 800	40.8%	478 000	40.8%	531 400	43.5%	555 000	43.6%	326 000	24.5%
Pregnant women ³	22	#	1 100	#	1 800	#	3 000	#	1 800	#
Persons with chronic health problems ⁴	11 500	#	14 800	#	17 900	#	17 100	#	7 400	#
Others ⁵	52 800	#	64 000	#	72 000	#	82 100	#	50 400	#

^ The number of eligible persons in this group at the time was too small for meaningful projection to be made for the uptake rate of the population concerned.

No accurate population statistics for this group for meaningful projection to be made for the uptake rate of the population concerned.

¹ Children joining the School Outreach Vaccination Programme are eligible for SIV under the School Outreach (Free of Charge) or the School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed).

² In 2017/18 and previous years, only Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or holders of a valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges (Certificate) issued by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) were eligible for SIV under the Government Vaccination Programme (GVP). Since 2018/19, persons aged between 50 and 64 have been included in one of the eligible groups under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS).

³ In 2015/16 and previous years, only CSSA recipients or holders of a valid Certificate issued by the SWD were eligible for SIV under the GVP. Since 2016/17, pregnant women have been included in one of the eligible groups under the VSS.

⁴ Persons aged under 50 attending public clinics who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate holders with high-risk conditions; in-patients (including paediatric patients) of the Hospital Authority (HA) with high-risk conditions (e.g. those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards); paediatric out-patients with high-risk conditions or on long-term aspirin; persons with intellectual disability (since 2015/16) or Disability Allowance recipients (since 2016/17) who are existing clients of the HA, clinics of the Department of Health, designated day centres, sheltered workshops or special schools are eligible for the GVP, while persons with intellectual disability (since 2015/16) or Disability Allowance recipients (since 2016/17), regardless of the types of disabilities (i.e. physical, mental, intellectual or other conditions), are eligible for the VSS.

⁵ Other eligible groups include healthcare workers, poultry workers, pig farmers and workers in the pig-slaughtering industry.

**(i) Quantities of seasonal influenza (SI) vaccines procured and
(ii) number of doses of unused but expired or damaged vaccines**

Year	Quantities of SI vaccines procured (doses)	Unused but expired or damaged vaccines (doses)
2015/16	400 000	7 000
2016/17	430 000	10 000
2017/18	527 000	45 000
2018/19	654 000 ^(Note)	41 000
2019/20	814 000	No available information yet

Note: When tendering for the procurement of vaccines in accordance with the established requirements and procedures, the Government normally includes in the tender conditions a flexible clause to ensure that the quantities to be ordered can be appropriately adjusted after the signing of the contract. The figure represents the quantities of SI vaccines procured for the year after adjustment.