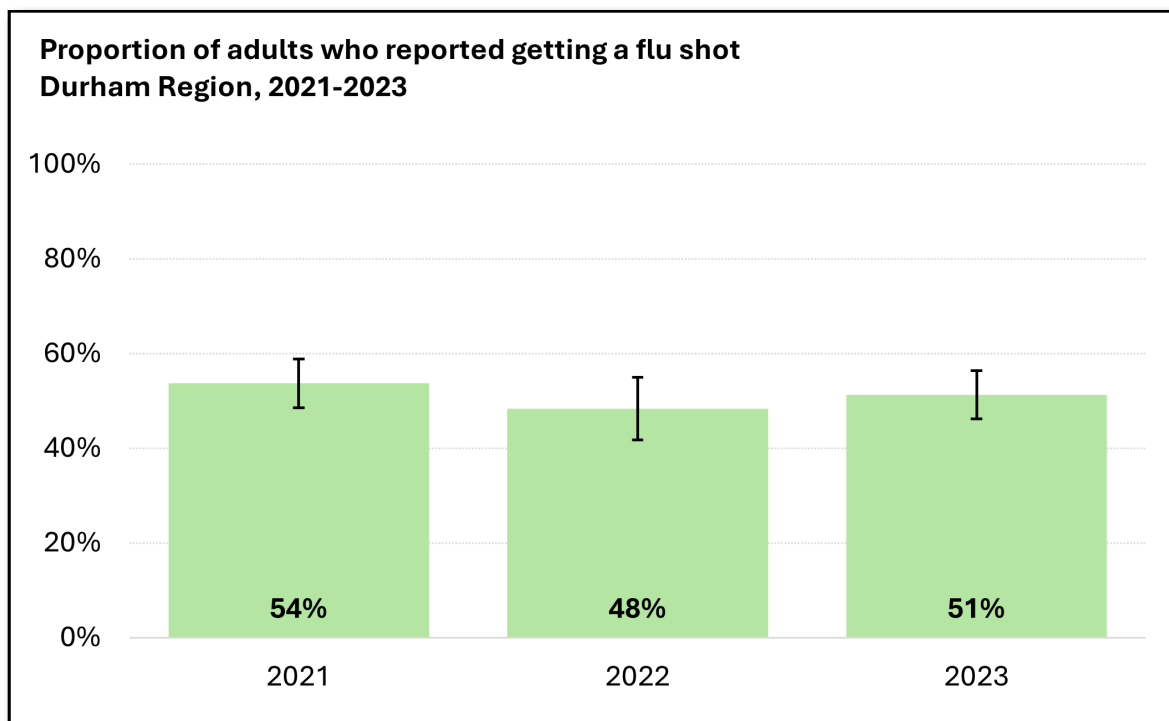


Who's getting the flu shot in Durham Region? (2021-2023)



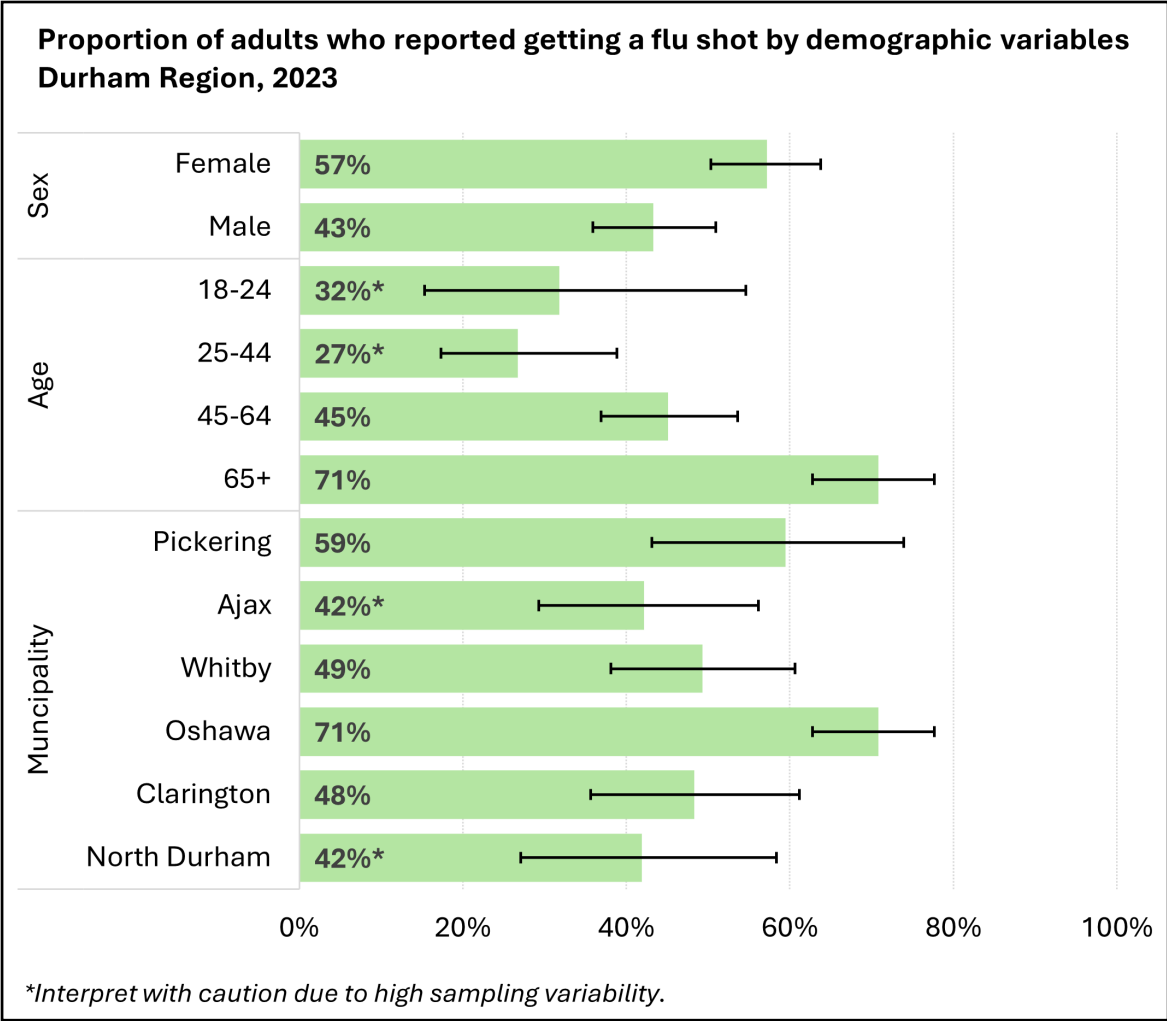
Half of Durham Region adults reported getting a flu shot in the past flu season and this has remained stable over the past three years.



KEY STATISTICS:

- In 2023, 51 per cent of Durham Region adults 18 years and older reported getting a flu shot in the past flu season.
- The proportion of adults who got a flu shot in the past flu season was stable between 2021 and 2023.

The likelihood of getting a flu shot varies by sex, age, and municipality.



KEY STATISTICS:

- Women were more likely to report getting a flu shot (57%) than men (43%).
- Adults 65 years and older were more likely to report getting a flu shot (71%) than younger residents, ages 45 to 64 (45%), 25 to 44 (27%*) and 18 to 24 (32%*).
- Oshawa residents were more likely to report getting a flu shot (71%) than Ajax (42%*), Whitby (49%), Clarington (48%) and North Durham (42%*) residents.
- There were no differences between income groups (data not shown).



DATA NOTES

Definitions:

Flu shot indicates influenza vaccine and includes “Flu-Mist” or nasal-spray vaccine. Respondents were asked “Since September 20XX (previous year), have you had a flu shot?”

North Durham consists of three northern municipalities: Scugog, Brock and Uxbridge. These three municipalities do not have a large enough survey sample size to run separate analyses and have been combined into an analysis group.

Income Groups are based on respondent’s adjusted household income which is divided into 10 equal deciles and grouped into three categories: low-income (deciles 1-3), middle-income (deciles 4-7), and high-income (deciles 8-10).

Data Source:

Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS), Durham Region Health Department and Institute for Social Research, York University, 2021 – 2023.

- The Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS) is an ongoing telephone survey, conducted via landline and cell phone, to gather information on health-related attitudes, behaviors, knowledge, and awareness in Durham Region. Managed by the Institute of Social Research and York University
- RRFSS surveys around 1,500 randomly selected adults aged 18 and over each year in Durham Region.
- For more information, visit <https://www.rrfss.ca>.