



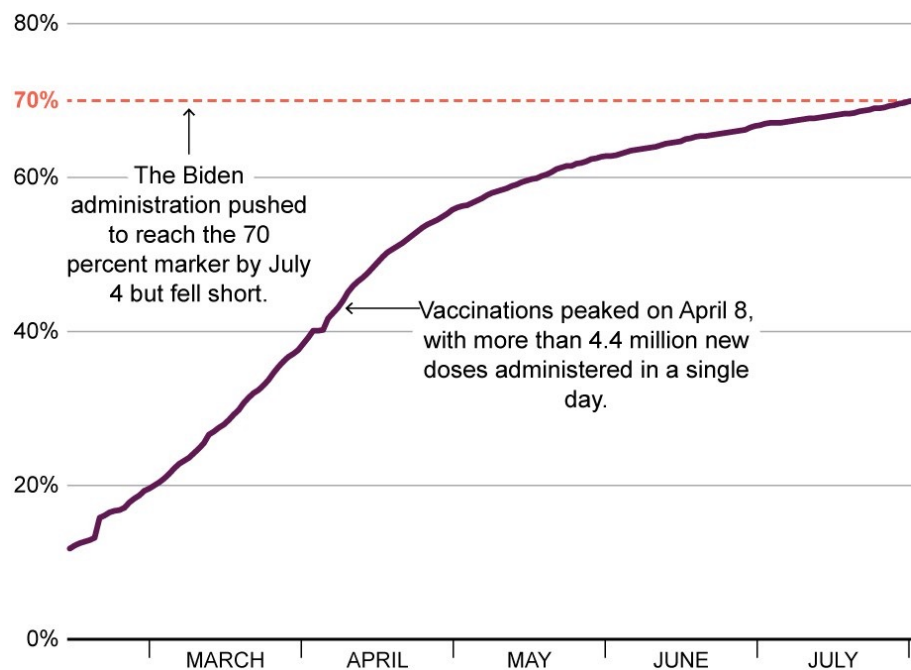
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Vaccine tracker: U.S. finally reaches Biden’s 70% goal, as vaccination rates tick back up

More than 70% of American adults have now received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose, according to CDC data released this week. The rates are higher for the 65-and-older group: more than 90% have received at least one dose. Experts say at least 70% of the total population — not just adults — must be immune to reach herd immunity and keep transmission rates low.

The path to 70 percent vaccination goal

CUMULATIVE SHARE OF 18+ POPULATION THAT RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE



The Biden administration pushed to reach the 70 percent marker by July 4 but fell short.

Vaccinations peaked on April 8, with more than 4.4 million new doses administered in a single day.

More than 70 percent of U.S. adults have received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine — finally reaching the point Biden said he aimed to be at by July 4. As the pace of vaccinations slowed, the Biden administration moved away from mass vaccination sites and instead focused on communities with low vaccination rates, many in rural areas. As part of those efforts, the Biden administration was pushing new incentives, such as free child care for individuals getting vaccinated and extended pharmacy hours, to reach the 70 percent marker by Independence Day.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, POLITICO staff reports



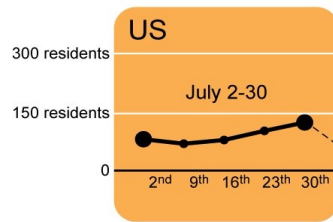
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48 states reported increases in daily vaccinated residents last month

In the past month, the average daily count of vaccinated Americans has been on an uphill climb. Vaccination rates have jumped most notably in Southern states – which have recently reported some of the highest rates of infection. In the last two weeks, states with high rates of Covid-19 cases have in turn reported some of the most significant increases in vaccination rates.

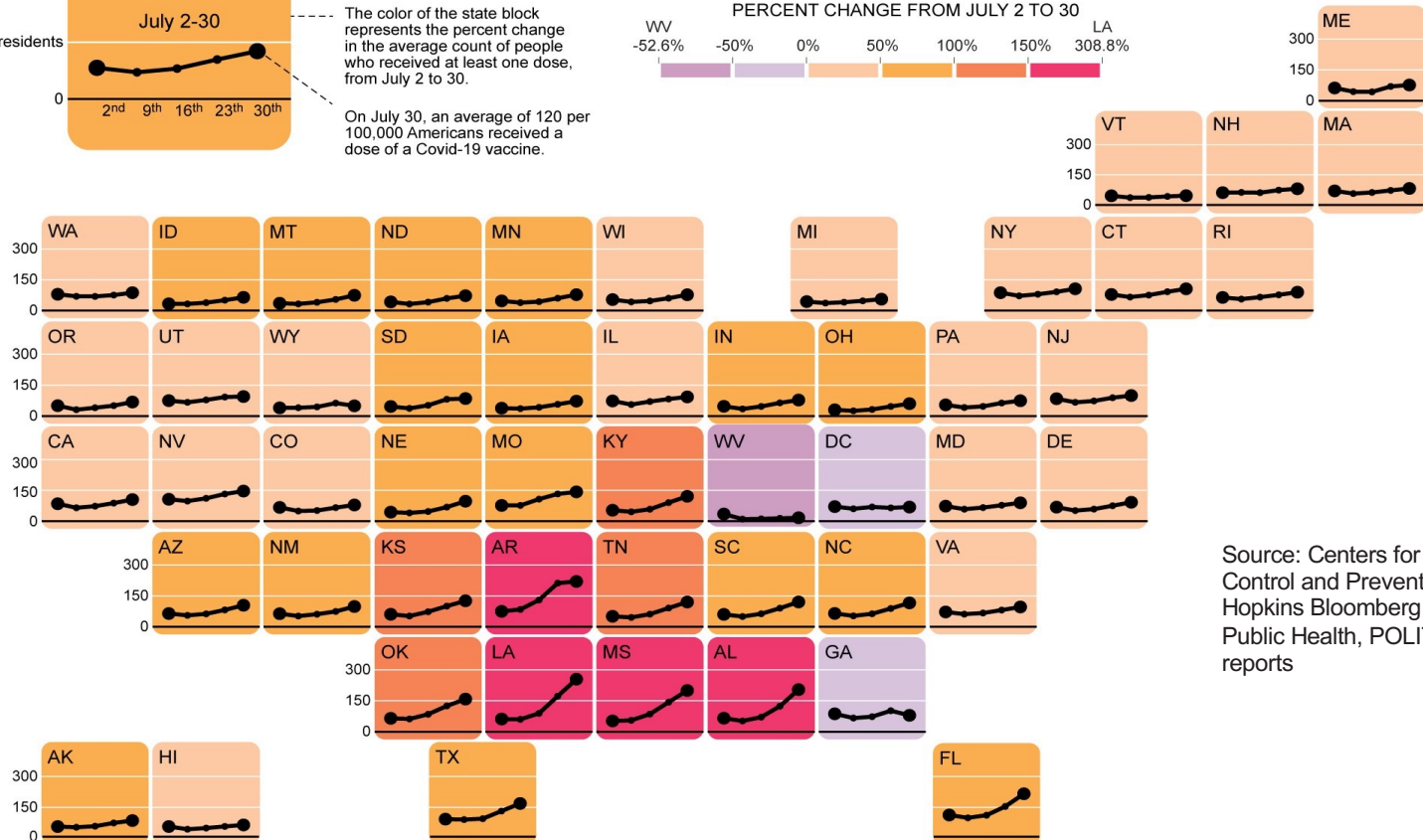
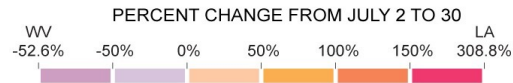
7-day average daily count of doses administered, per 100,000 residents



The color of the state block represents the percent change in the average count of people who received at least one dose, from July 2 to 30.

On July 30, an average of 120 per 100,000 Americans received a dose of a Covid-19 vaccine.

Take Louisiana, for example. In early July, an average of 90 in every 100,000 residents a day were getting vaccinated. By the end of the month, however, that number had nearly tripled to an average of 256 residents per 100,000. Similarly in Mississippi, an average of 54 per 100,000 residents were getting vaccinated in the beginning of the month. By the end of the month, over 200 in every 100,000 people were.



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