Child immunization rates have been increasing over the years, but disparities still exist.\textsuperscript{1,2} The WIC population as well as other low-income mothers and young children are all at higher risk of underimmunization.\textsuperscript{3}

Risk factors for not getting vaccinated on time—or at all—include having more than one child in the household; being a single mother; having an income below 50% of the federal poverty level; having less than a high school education; being black; not being insured; and being eligible for, but not participating in, WIC.\textsuperscript{4,5}

Studies have shown that children who were enrolled in WIC were more likely to be immunized, compared with those who had dropped out of the program.\textsuperscript{6,7}

References


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