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WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC), 2025 revision

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This slide deck presents the latest WUENIC estimates (published 15 July 2026), using UNPD World Population Prospects (WPP 2024) for population-weighted averages and to derive absolute numbers of vaccinated and unvaccinated/zero-dose children.

Methods: • [Burton et al. 2009. WHO and UNICEF estimates of national infant immunization coverage: methods and processes.](#)

- [Burton et al. 2012. A formal representation of the WHO and UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage: a computational logic approach.](#)
- [Brown et al. 2013. An introduction to the grade of confidence used to characterize uncertainty around the WHO and UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage.](#)
- [Danovaro-Holliday et al. 2021. Compliance of WUENIC with Guidelines for Accurate and Transparent Health Estimates Reporting \(GATHER\) criteria.](#)

Definitions of immunization terms

Vaccine coverage

Percentage of infants (children under one year of age) who received certain vaccine-doses. For example, coverage of DTP3 is the percentage of infants who received all three doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTP) vaccine.

Unvaccinated

An infant that did not receive the first dose of a vaccine series. The term zero-dose is used to describe children unvaccinated with DTP1.

Under-vaccinated

An infant who received some but not all the recommended vaccine-doses in the national schedule.

Vaccine-Doses

- Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG): vaccine against tuberculosis
- Hepatitis B birth dose, given within 24 hours after birth (HepBB)
- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccine, first dose (DTP1) and third dose (DTP3)
- Hepatitis B vaccine, third dose (HepB3)
- Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine, third dose (Hib3)
- Inactivated polio vaccine, first dose (IPV1) and last dose (IPVC)
- Measles containing vaccine, first dose (MCV1) and second dose (MCV2)
- Rotavirus vaccine, last dose (RotaC)
- Pneumococcal vaccine, last dose (PCVC)
- Yellow Fever vaccine (YFV)
- Meningococcal A vaccine (MengA)
- Human papillomavirus vaccine, first dose (HPV1) and last dose (HPVc): vaccine to protect against certain types of human papillomavirus that can lead to cancer or genital warts

The Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030)

The IA2030 is a global strategy endorsed by the World Health Assembly aiming to ensure everyone, everywhere, at every age benefits from vaccines for improved health and well-being by 2030. It focuses on increasing vaccine coverage, equity, sustainability and pandemic preparedness while promoting life-course immunization and integrating immunization with other health services.

Key concepts

- The World Health Organization (WHO) provides global vaccine recommendations, which are adapted by countries based on local needs. Only DTP, polio and measles-containing vaccines are used in all countries.
- DTP1 is a marker of access to routine immunization services, and when not received, serves as a proxy for identifying children who have not received any vaccinations, also known as "zero-dose" children. High DTP1 coverage indicates good access to immunization services, while low coverage suggests challenges in reaching children with essential vaccines.
- DTP3 is a widely used indicator of immunization programme performance. It reflects a country's ability to deliver routine immunization services and ensures children are protected against serious disease. DTP3 is tracked globally and serves as a key measure of a nation's vaccination efforts.
- DTP1-DTP3 drop-out measures the percentage of children who received DTP1 but not DTP3, and highlights where children are lost along the vaccination pathway, highlighting potential weaknesses in service delivery and follow-up.
- MCV1 (usually recommended between 9-12 months) assesses the ability to deliver vaccines later in infancy. It serves as a tracer for protection against measles and is a good indicator of health system performance.
- HPV vaccine protects against specific types of human papilloma virus (HPV), and is used to measure life cycle vaccination.
- Other key indicators include PCVC and MCV2, which are used to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Together, these indicators provide a consistent and comparable way to track immunization progress, identify missed communities and monitor global targets, including those under the Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Key messages

- DTP1 coverage increased 1 percentage point from 96% in 2024 to 97% in 2025.
- DTP3 coverage declined 2 percentage points from 94% in 2024 to 92% in 2025.
- There were there were approximately the same number of zero-dose children in 2025. This leaves 2,000 children without vaccination, vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases and a further 3,000 with incomplete protection.
- Bulgaria accounted for 0.5% of zero-dose children in Europe and Central Asia (ECAR) and <0.1% of zero-dose children globally.
- MCV1 coverage declined 6 percentage points from 94% in 2024 to 88% in 2025. There were 7,000 children who missed out on the first measles vaccination.
- MCV2 coverage declined 9 percentage points from 91% in 2024 to 82% in 2025.
- Last dose coverage of HPV vaccination (HPVc) among girls remained constant at 9% in 2025.

Vaccination schedule, 2025

Level	Vaccine	Dose number and age administered			
		1	2	3	4
National	BCG	Birth	7 years		
National	DTAP				
National	DTAPHIBHEPBIPV	6 weeks	10 weeks	14 weeks	
National	DTAPHIBIPV (booster)				16 months
National	HEPB (pediatric)	Birth	1 months	6 months	
National	HPV (females and males)	10-14 years	10-15 years		
National	MMR	13 months	12 years		
National	PCV	6 weeks	14 weeks	12 months	
National	Rotavirus	6 weeks	10-24 weeks	20-32 weeks	

This table shows the 2025 national immunization schedule for routine services in Bulgaria, reported through the WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form on Immunization (JRF).

Each row corresponds to a vaccine or combination vaccine, indicating whether it is delivered at the national or subnational level. The schedule outlines the number of doses and the recommended ages for administration. Only childhood and adolescent vaccines relevant to WUENIC are included.

Vaccine introduction years

Vaccine	National introduction
HPV (Human papillomavirus) vaccine	2017
HepB birth dose	1998
Hepatitis B vaccine	1991
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B) vaccine	2010
IPV (Inactivated polio vaccine)	2007
IPV (Inactivated polio vaccine) 2nd dose	2007
Malaria vaccine	Not introduced
Measles-containing vaccine 2nd dose	1983
Meningococcal meningitis vaccines (any strain)	Not introduced
Mumps vaccine	1995
PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)	2010
RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) immunization strategy	Not introduced
Rotavirus vaccine	2018
Rubella vaccine	1992
Typhoid conjugate vaccine	Not introduced

This table displays the year each vaccine was introduced in Bulgaria. If a vaccine has been suspended, no introduction year is shown, but if it was suspended and later reintroduced, the year of reintroduction is provided. The introduction years can reflect nationwide rollout, partial (subnational) rollout, or introduction targeted to specific risk groups or high-risk areas, as indicated in the column headers.

In 2025, coverage increased for three antigens, remained unchanged for one, and declined for 10, indicating limited improvement in routine immunization performance; five achieved at least 90% coverage.

Vaccine coverage, Bulgaria, 2000-2025

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BCG	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	97	97	97	96	96	96	96	96	97	97	96	97	97	86
HepBB	98	99	96	98	98	99	99	98	98	98	98	99	98	98	98*	97	96*	97	96	98	98	97	97	97	98	87
DTP1	95	95	97	96	95	97	97	96	97	96	96	96	96	96	90*	93*	94	96	95	96	94	92	94	95	96	97
DTP3	93	94	93	96	95	96	95	95	95	94	94	95	95	95	88*	91*	92	92	92	93	91	89	91	92	94	92
Hib3											91	95	95	95	83*	87*	92	92	92	92	91	89	91	92	94	90
HepB3	94	93	88	96	94	96	96	95	96	96	95	96	95	95	95*	92*	91*	92	85	93	91	89	91	92	94	89
PCVC											69	94	94	94	92	90	90	91	89	88	85	86	87	87	91	86
RotaC																			31	39	45	46	48	49	50	61
IPV1																93*	94	96	95	96	94	92	94	95	96	97
IPVC																						89	91	92	94	92
MCV1	89	90	92	96	95	96	96	96	96	96	97	95	94	95	93	92	92	94	93	95	88	89	91	92	94	88
RCV1	89	90	92	96	95	96	96	96	96	96	97	95	94	95	93	92	92	94	93	95	88	89	91	92	94	88
MCV2	83	85	79	89	91	92	93	94	94	93	96	94	94	94	89	87	88	92	87	95	84	86	87	87	91	82
HPVc														21	14	4	3	3	5	4	2	2	3	4	9	9



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision.
Note: Stock information available from 2003.
An asterisk (*) indicates where there was a vaccine stockout at the national or subnational level.

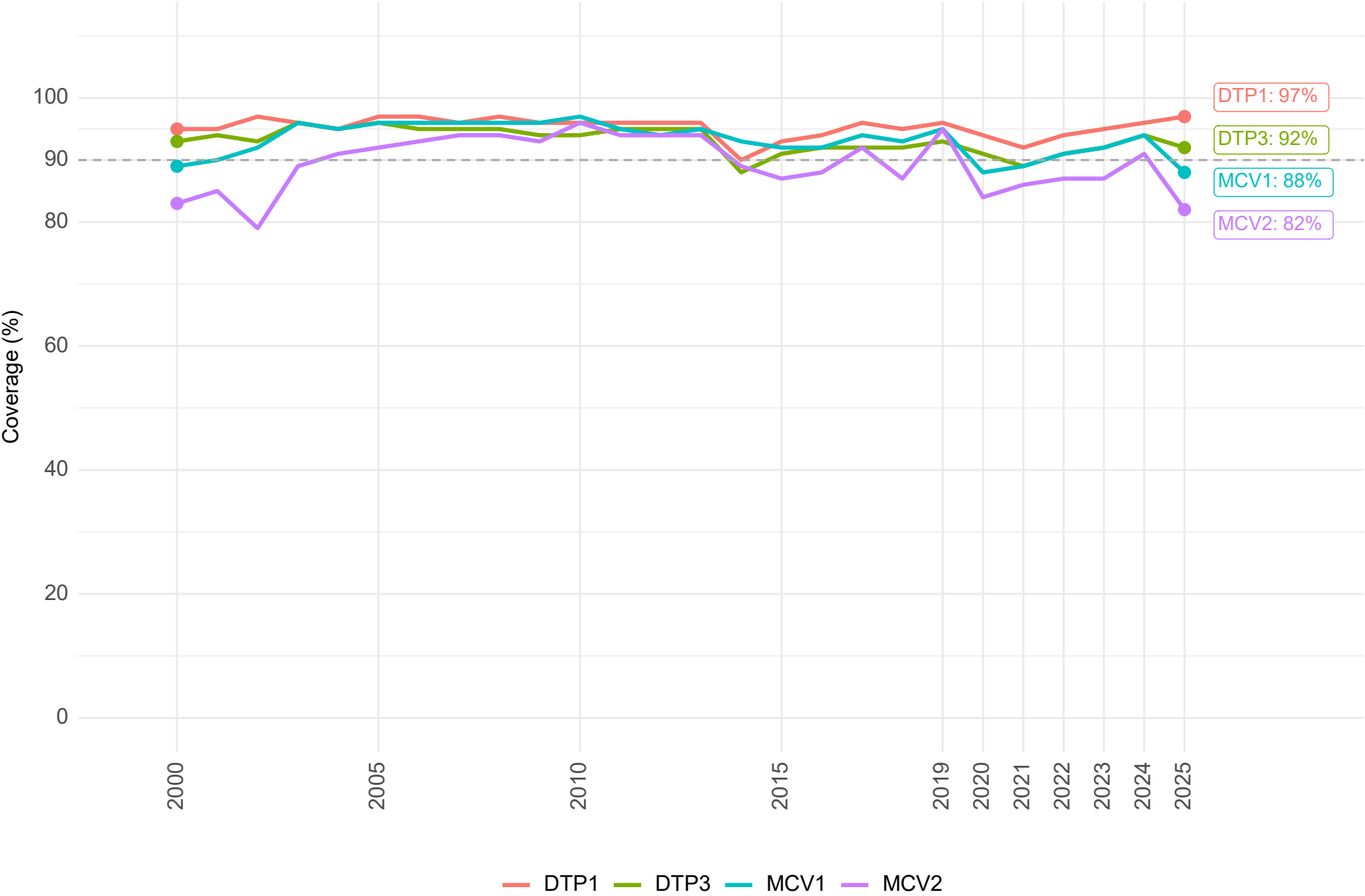
This heatmap shows trends in vaccine coverage since 2000, with green cells indicating coverage of 90% or more.

In 2025, 5 out of 14 (36%) vaccines in the schedule achieved coverage of 90% or more. Vaccine coverage ranged from 61% to 97%.

Since 2010, estimates have been made for 6 new vaccines. IPVc is the newest vaccine reported (2021), which achieved 92% coverage in 2025.

In 2025, Bulgaria did not report any stockouts of vaccines or supplies.

Coverage of key childhood vaccines (%), Bulgaria, 2000-2025



This chart shows coverage trends for the DTP and measles vaccines. These are key antigens for assessing national immunization programmes.

In 2025, DTP1 coverage (a proxy for access to immunization services) was 88%.

DTP3 coverage - a marker of how well countries are delivering immunization services to children - exceeded the 90% target set for 2030.

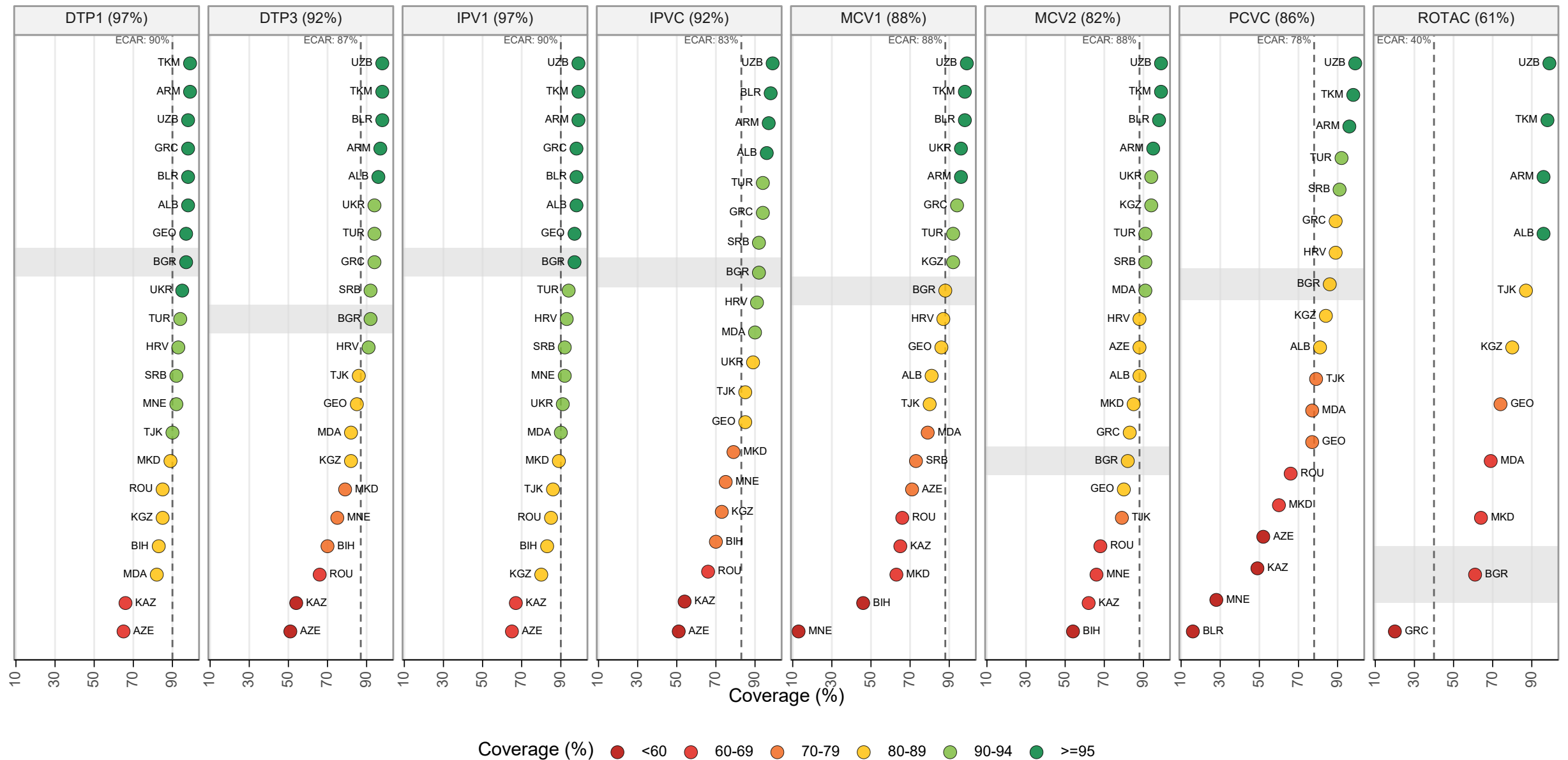
WHO recommends that countries achieve at least 95% coverage with both the first (MCV1) and second (MCV2) doses of measles-containing vaccine. MCV1 provides initial protection and MCV2 ensures long-term immunity and closes gaps in coverage.

In 2025, MCV1 coverage was below the 95% target and MCV2 coverage was below the 95% target.

Between 2024 and 2025, 1 vaccines increased coverage, 3 declined and 0 remained the same.

Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision

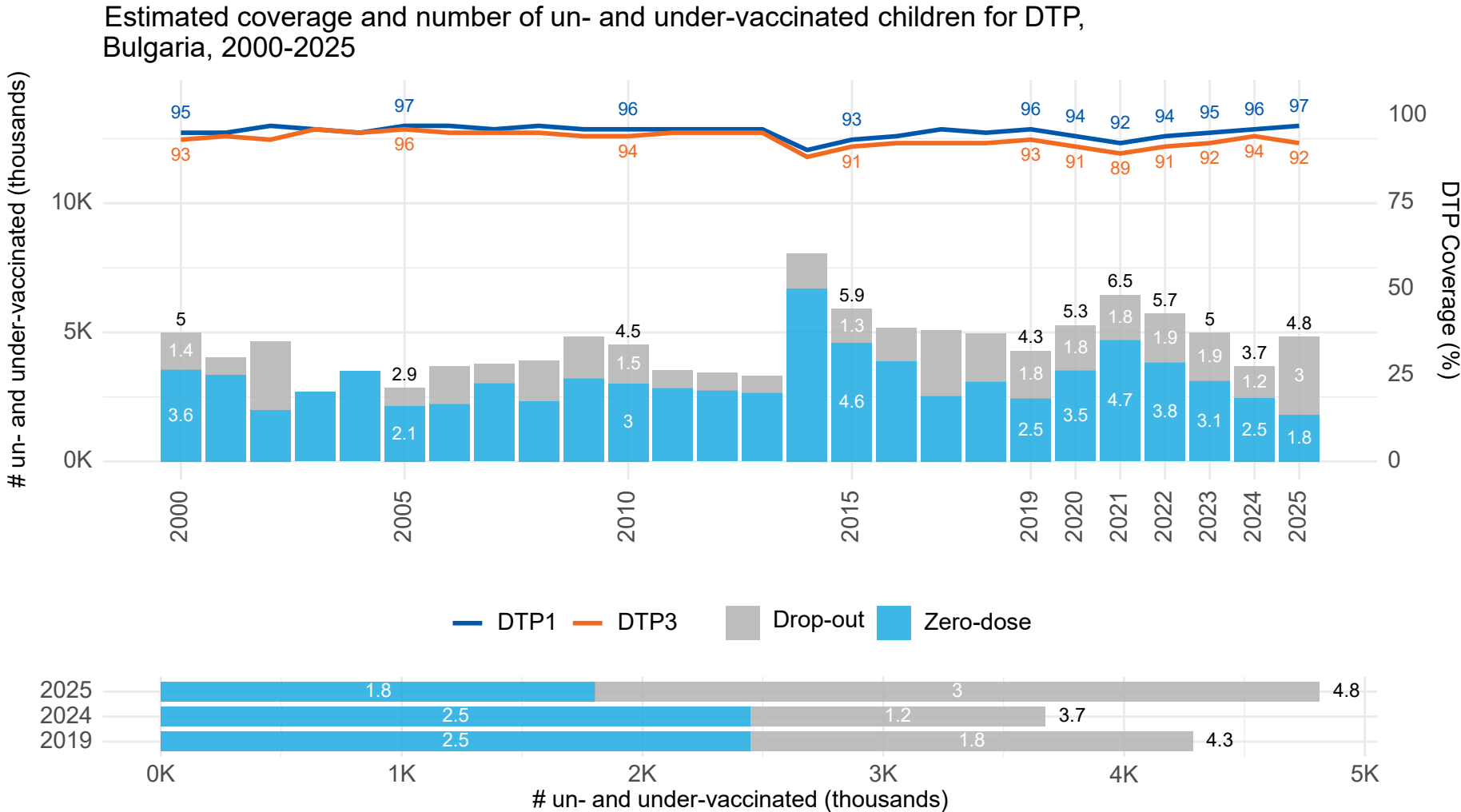
Vaccine coverage compared with other countries in the region, ECAR, 2025



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Country ISO codes displayed. Coverage in bgr shown in the headers. Regional average coverage shown by the dashed line.

DTP1

In 2025, DTP1 coverage was 97% and DTP3 was 92%, leaving 5,000 children un- or under-vaccinated, including 2,000 zero-dose and 3,000 with only partial protection.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Lines show vaccine coverage and bars show number of children.
Zero-dose children are those who did not receive DTP1.

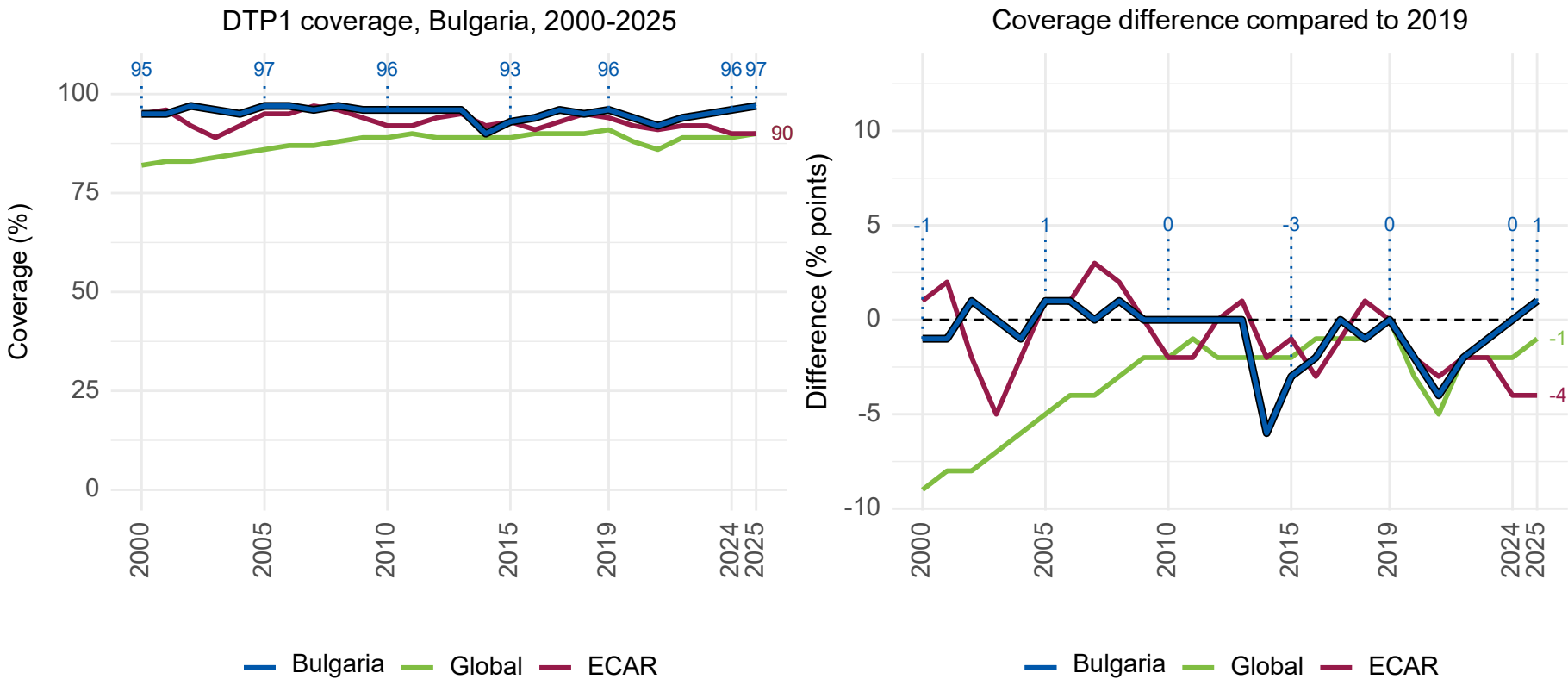
The key goal of the Immunization Agenda 2030 is to make vaccination available to everyone, everywhere, by 2030.

This chart shows diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis-containing vaccine first (DTP1) and third dose (DTP3) coverage trends, the number of zero-dose children and DTP drop-out in Bulgaria.

In 2025, DTP1 coverage in Bulgaria remained relatively constant within 1% at 97%. The number of children missing out on any DTP vaccination (zero-dose children) remained constant at from 2,000 in 2024 to 2,000 in 2025.

DTP3 coverage declined at 92% in 2025, leaving 5,000 children vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases.

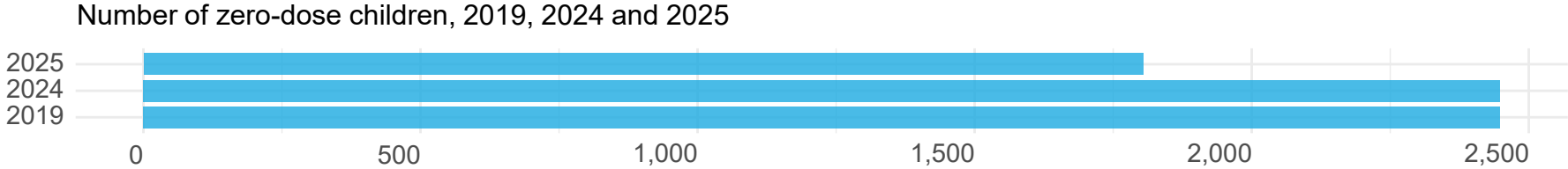
In 2025, Bulgaria DTP1 coverage was 97% - this is 1 percentage point higher than in 2019 and higher than both the global and regional averages.



In 2025, DTP1 coverage in Bulgaria (97%) was 7 percentage points higher than the global average (90%) and 7 percentage points higher than the average across all ECAR countries (90%).

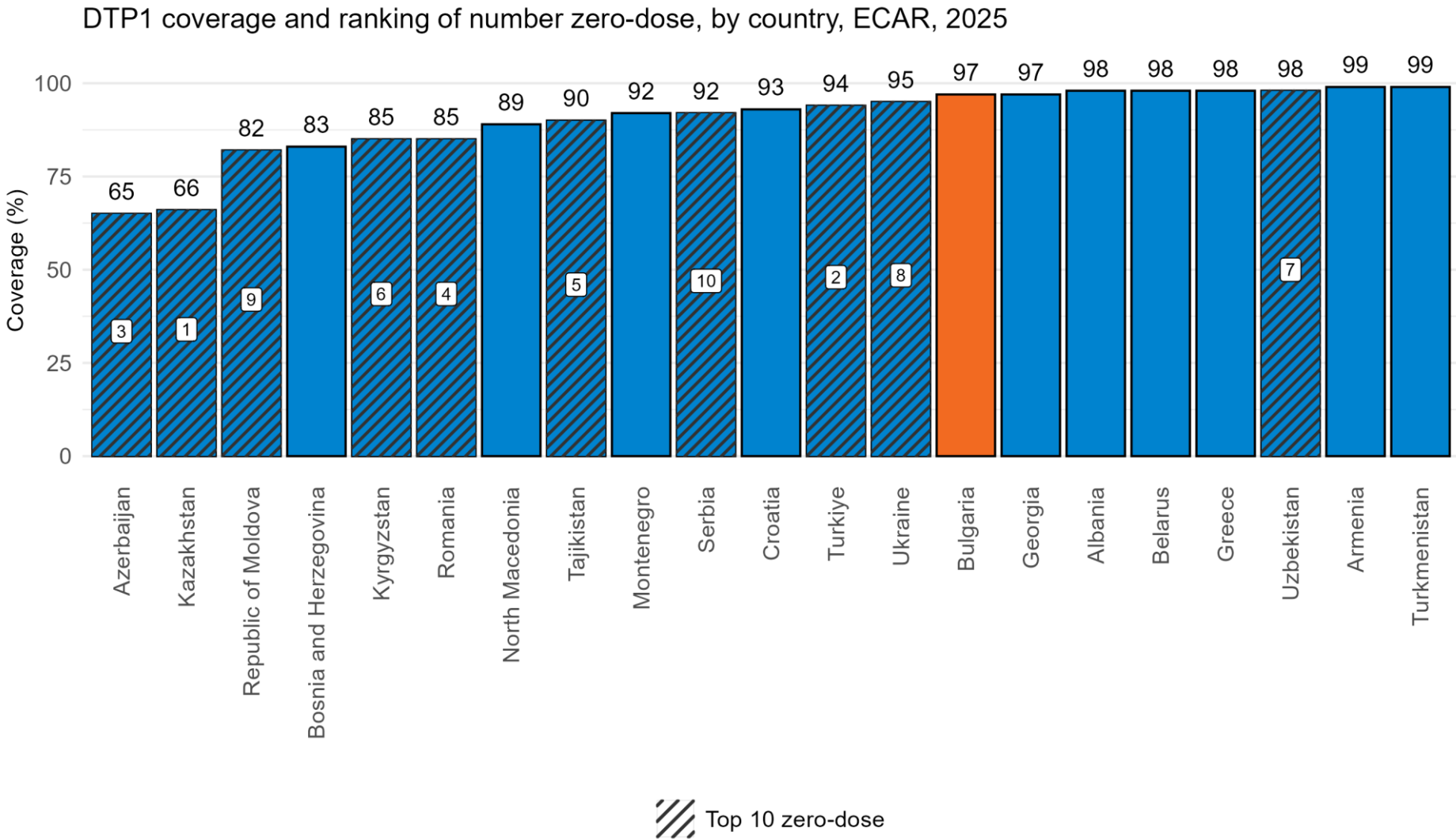
National DTP1 coverage was 1 percentage point higher than in 2019 (96%).

This equates to 2,000 zero-dose children in 2025 - the same number of zero-dose children as in 2019.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Coverage difference compared to 2019 - values above zero indicate coverage higher than in 2019 and values below zero indicate coverage lower than in 2019

In 2025, Bulgaria was among the countries with the highest coverage and was not among the top 10 countries with the highest number of zero-dose children in the region.



This chart shows DTP1 coverage in countries in ECAR from lowest to highest coverage, and the rank of the top 10 countries with the most zero-dose children, based on absolute numbers.

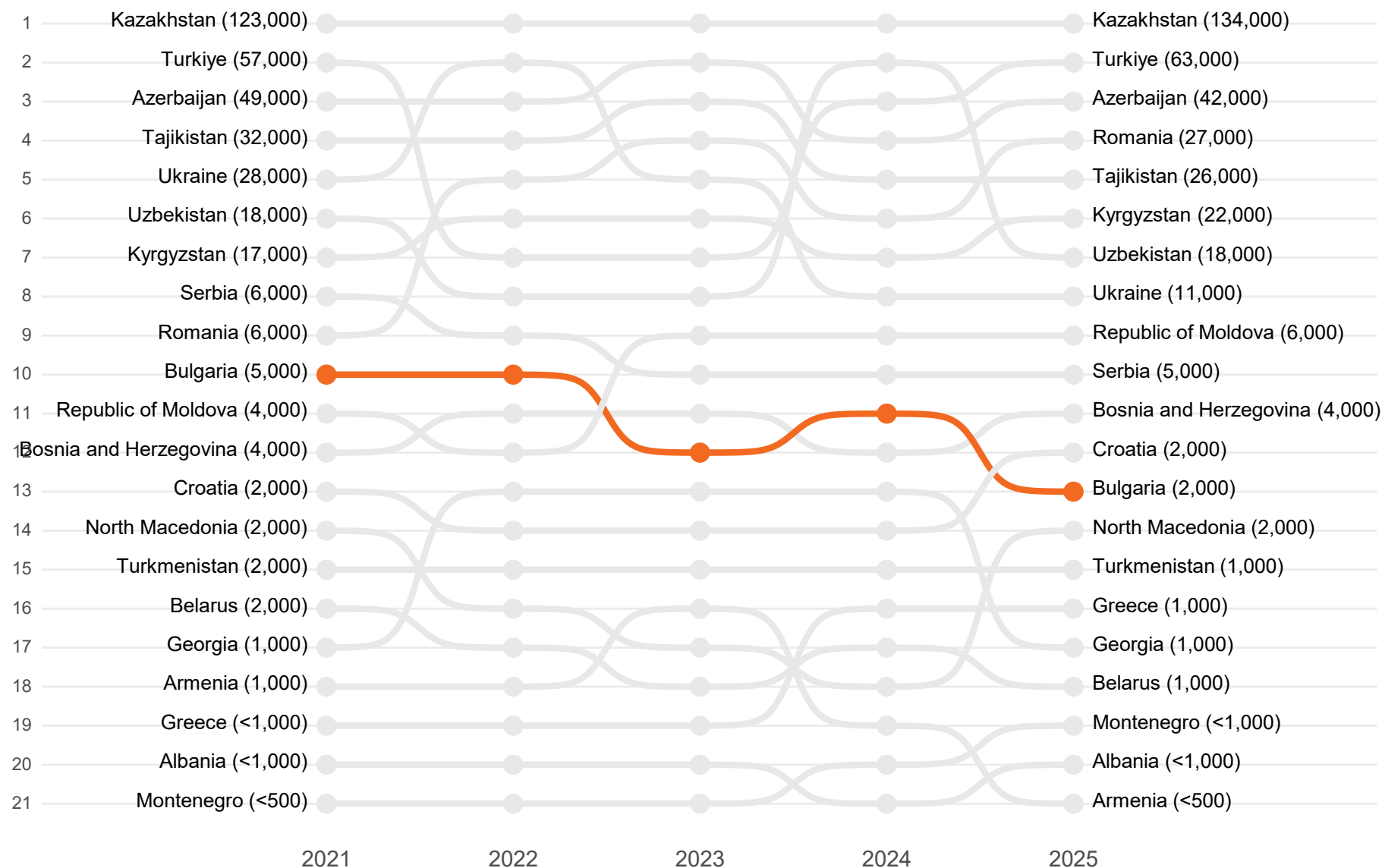
In 2025, Bulgaria ranked number 14 out of 21 countries for lowest DTP1 coverage (based on tied ranks).

Bulgaria was not in the top 10 countries with the most zero-dose children.

Note: Large cohort countries may have high numbers of zero-dose children despite high vaccine coverage. It is important to consider both coverage and absolute numbers of unvaccinated children to ensure vulnerable countries with small birth cohorts are not overlooked.

Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Bars are ranked by ascending coverage. Numbers in bubbles display top 10 rank based on absolute number of zero-dose children.

Countries ranked by number of zero-dose children, ECAR, 2021-2025



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
 Note: Number in parentheses is the number of zero-dose children.

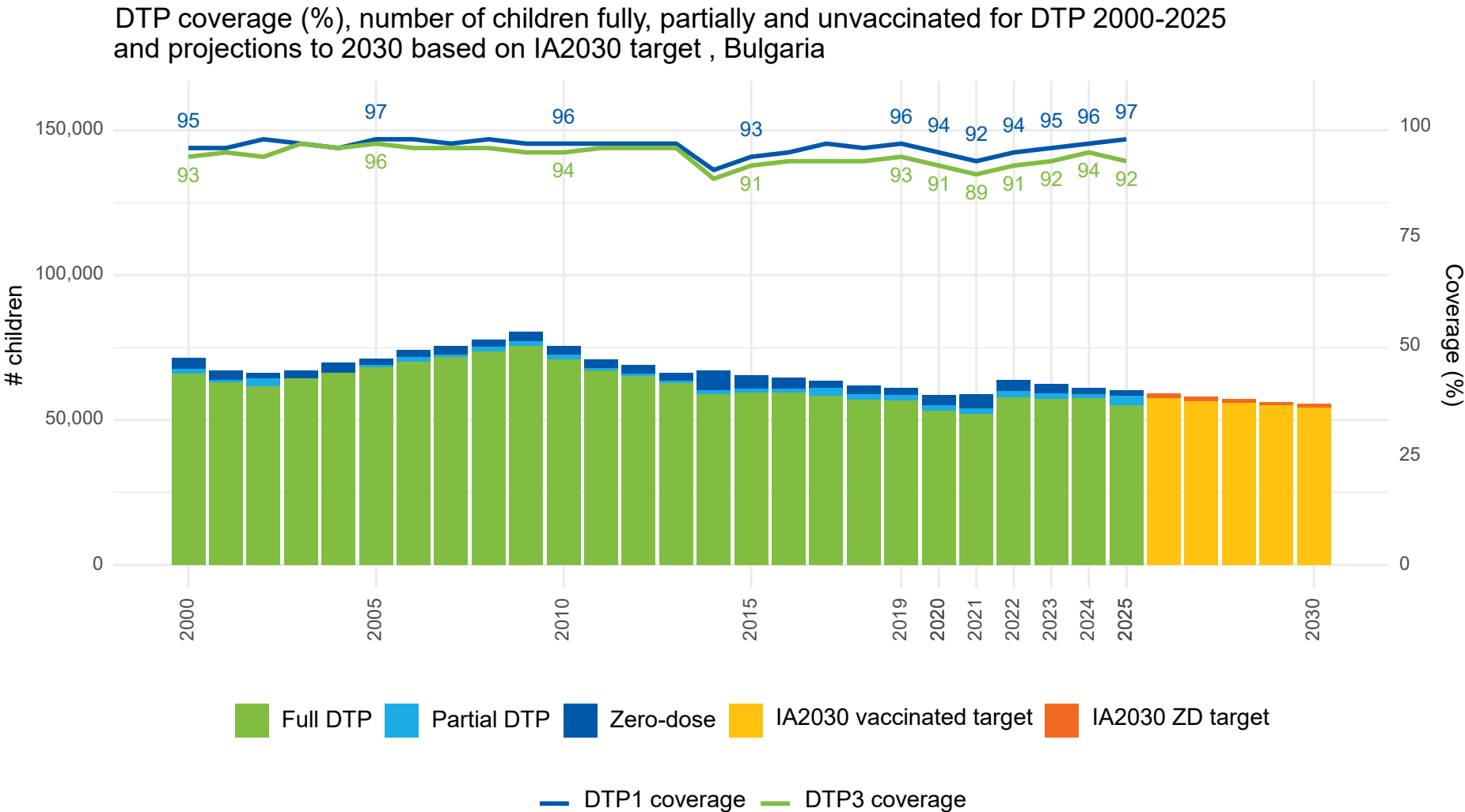
This chart compares the ranking of countries in the region based on the absolute number of zero-dose children, with rank 1 representing the country with the most zero-dose children.

In 2021, Bulgaria ranked number 10 out of 21 countries with 5,000 zero-dose children.

In 2025, Bulgaria ranked number 13 out of 21 countries with 2,000 zero-dose children.

Note: Absolute numbers of zero-dose children is based on a combination of programme performance and surviving infant target population size. Countries may climb to a higher rank despite a decline in number of zero-dose children as the ranking also depends on performance of other countries in the region.

Bulgaria is on track to halve zero-dose children by 2030, but sustaining progress will require continued strengthening of immunization systems.



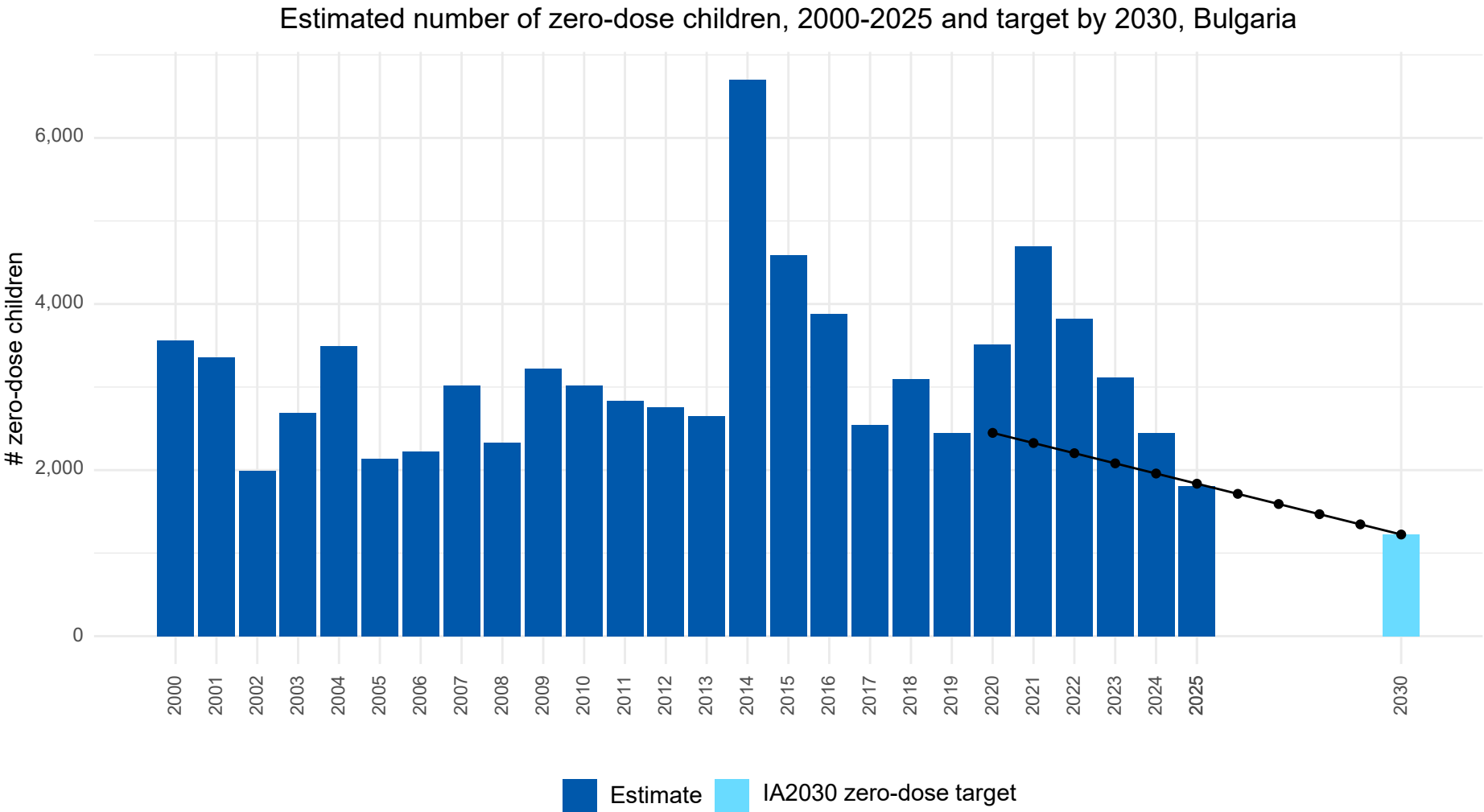
Sources: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision; United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2024). World Population Prospects 2024, Online Edition. Note: The Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) calls on all countries to reduce the number of zero dose children in 2019 by half by 2030.

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Bulgaria is projected to have a decline in the number of surviving infants by 2030. To achieve the IA2030 ZD target, current efforts would be sufficient, however, countries must strengthen beyond the targets.

In 2025, the number of zero-dose children was 2% below the annual IA2030 goal, bringing the 2030 goal within reach if progress is sustained.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision

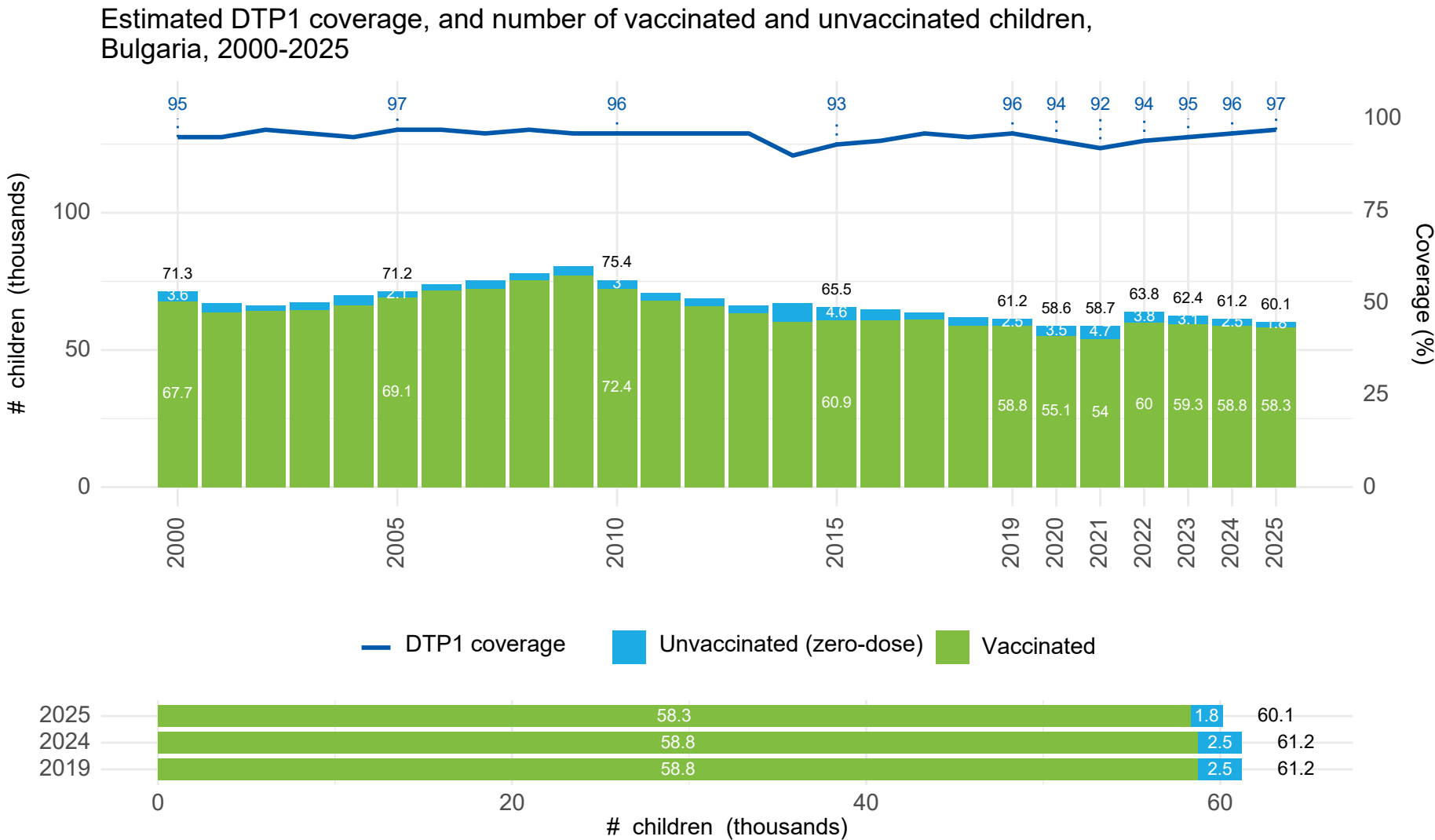
Note: The Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) calls on all countries to reduce the number of zero dose children in 2019 by half by 2030. Dark blue bars are the estimated number of zero-dose children in 2000-2025, light blue bar is the target number of zero-dose children by 2030. The line and points show the yearly progress and trajectory to meet the target by 2030, based on a linear decline.

IA2030 aims to leave no one behind with immunization and calls on all countries to reduce the number of zero dose children by half by 2030.

- This chart shows:
- Estimated number of zero-dose children in 2000-2025 (dark blue bars)
 - Zero-dose target by 2030 (light blue bar)
 - Trajectory to reach the 2030 target based on a linear decline (points)

In 2025, the number of zero-dose children was approximately 2% lower than (ie. the country had achieved) the annual number proposed to reach the target, based on a linear trajectory of decline.

For vaccine coverage to increase, the number of children vaccinated needs to either increase or decline at a slower rate than the decline in surviving infant target population.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision

DTP1 coverage in 2025 (97%) was relatively constant within 1% compared to 2019 (96%).

The number of children vaccinated with DTP1 decreased 1% compared to in 2019.

The number of surviving infants decreased approximately 2% compared to in 2019.

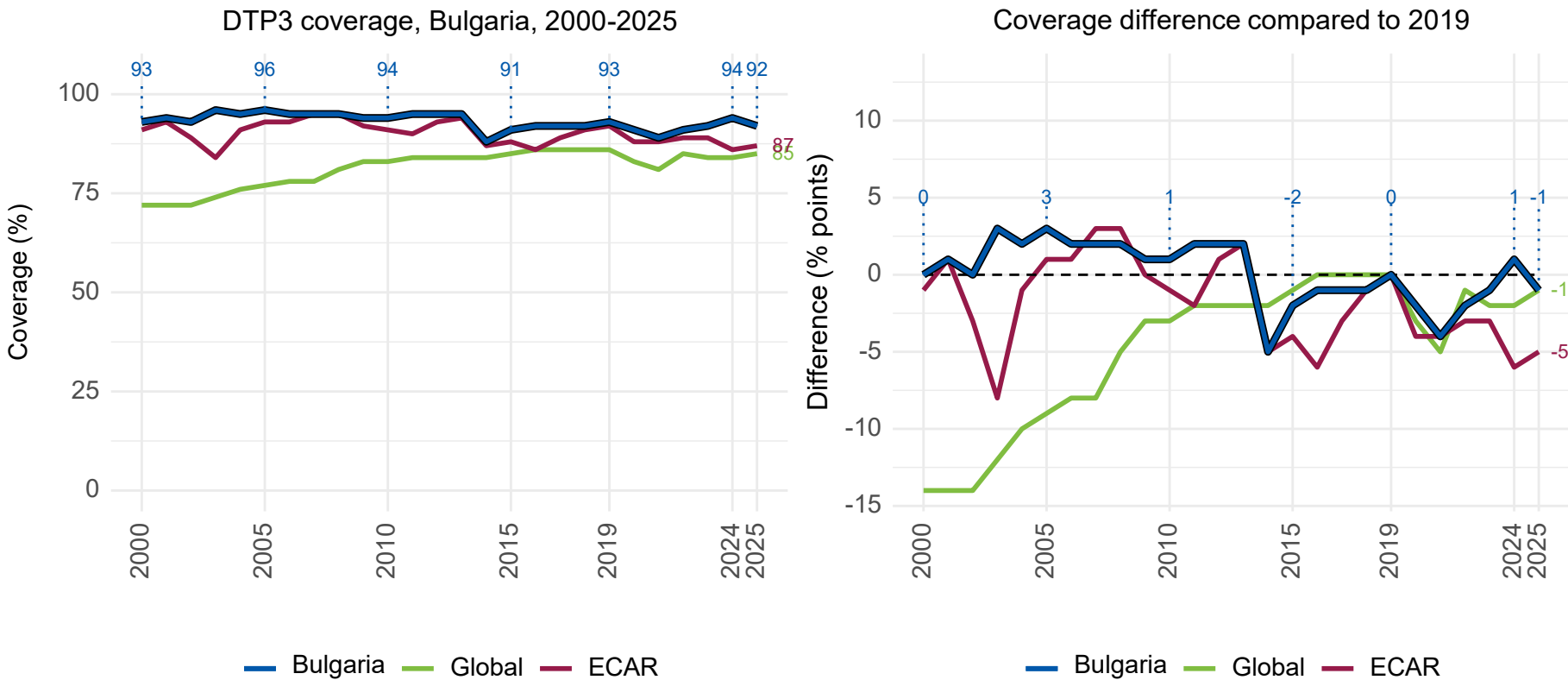
In 2025, fewer children were vaccinated than in 2019.

In 2025, there were fewer surviving infants (target population) than in 2019.

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DTP3

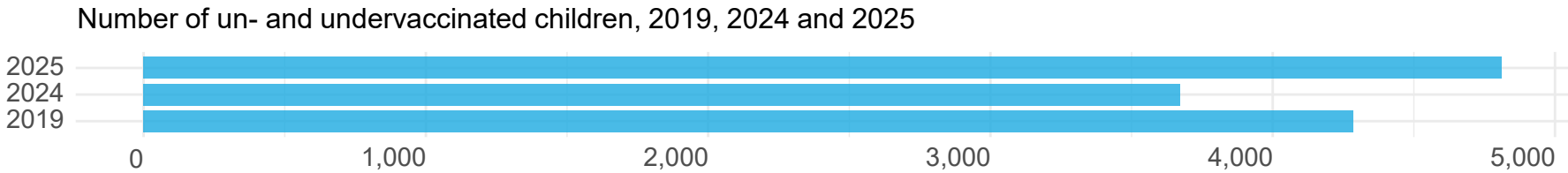
In 2025, Bulgaria DTP3 coverage was 92% - this is 1 percentage point lower than in 2019 and higher than both the global and regional averages.



In 2025, DTP3 coverage in Bulgaria (92%) was 7 percentage points higher than the global average (85%) and 5 percentage points higher than the average across all ECAR countries (87%).

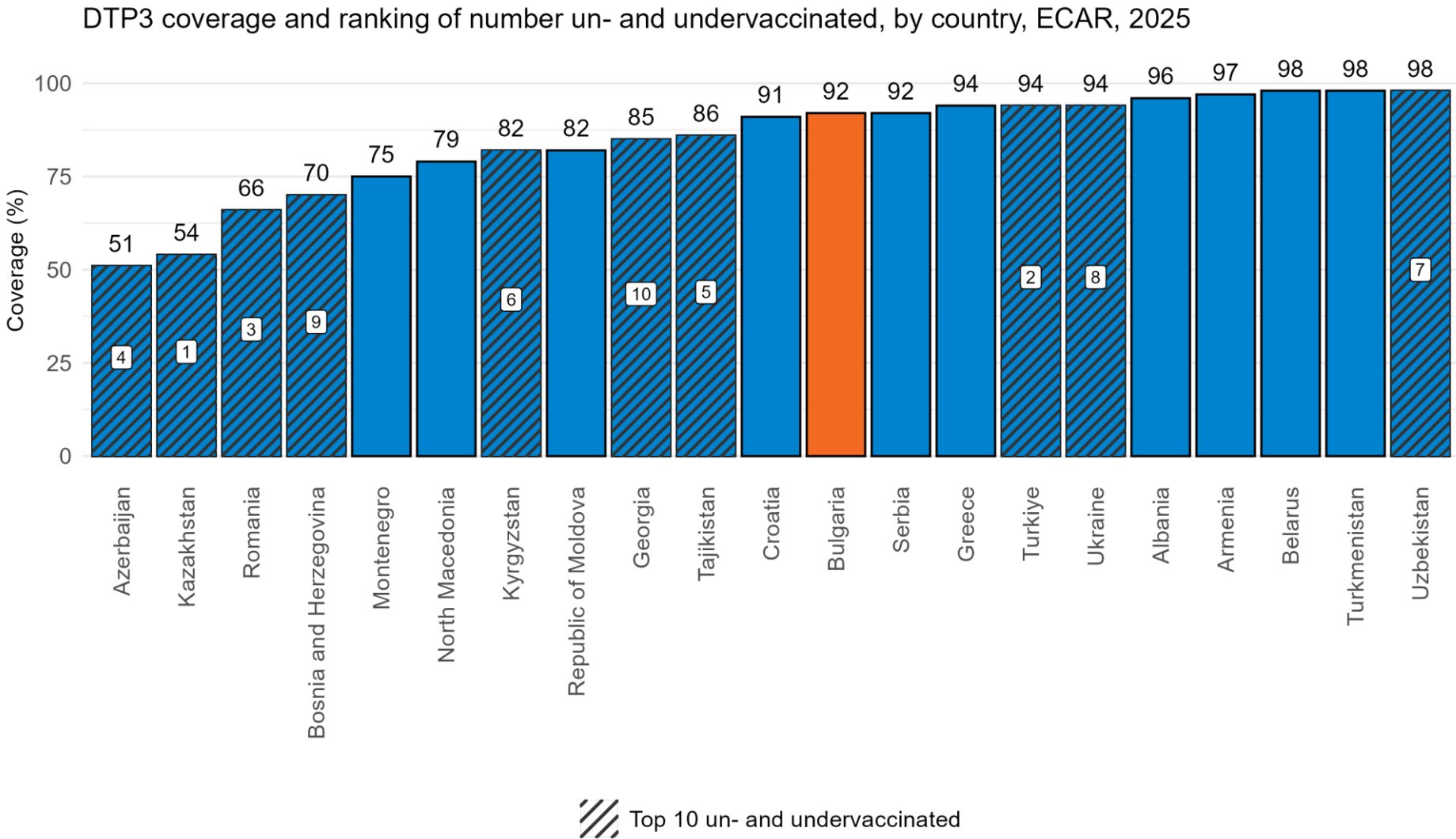
National DTP3 coverage was 1 percentage point lower than in 2019 (93%).

This equates to 5,000 un- and undervaccinated children in 2025 compared to 4,000 un- and undervaccinated children in 2019.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Coverage difference compared to 2019 - values above zero indicate coverage higher than in 2019 and values below zero indicate coverage lower than in 2019

In 2025, Bulgaria was among the countries with the highest coverage and was not among the top 10 countries with the highest number of un- and undervaccinated children in the region.



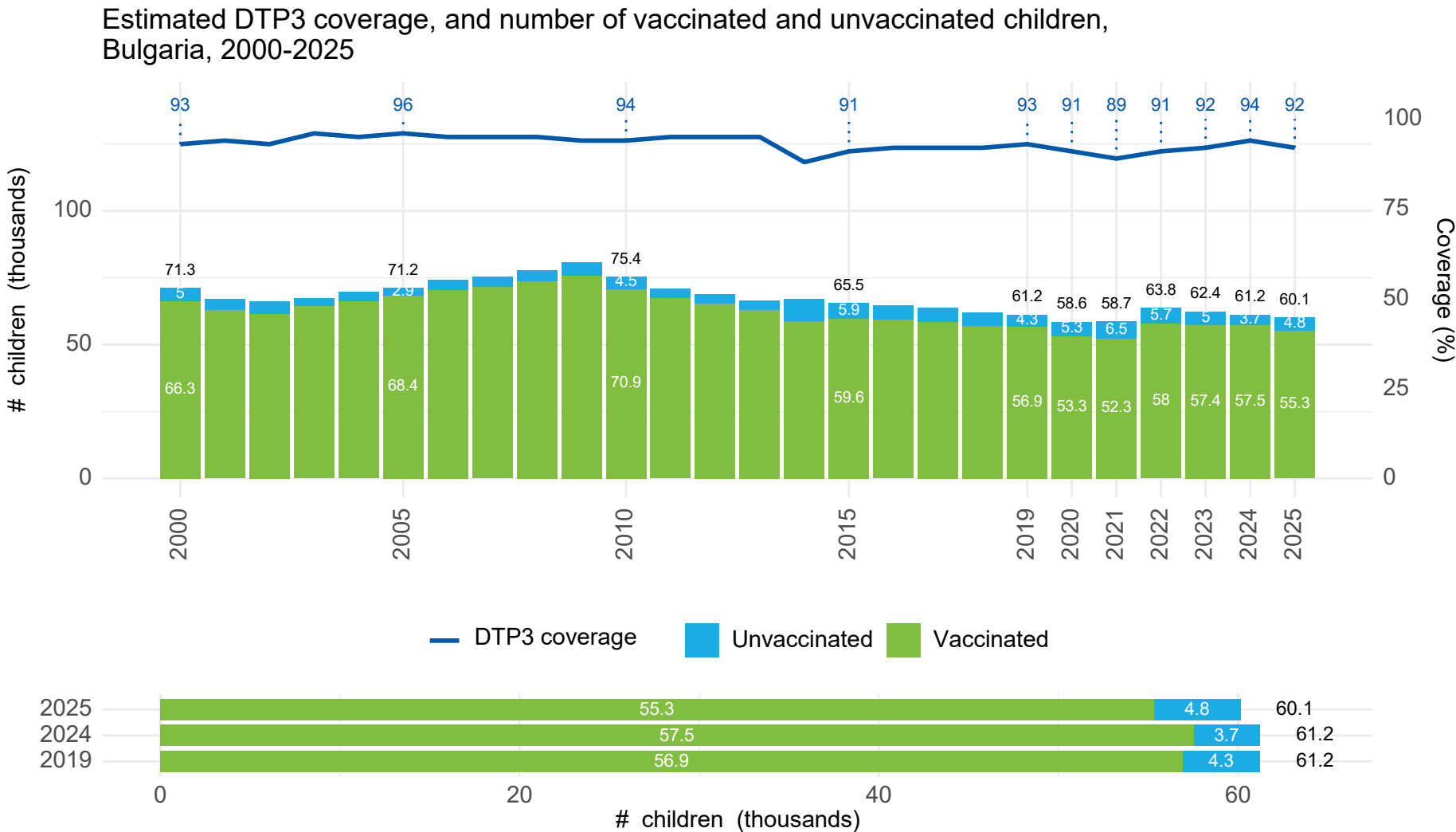
This chart shows DTP3 coverage in countries in ECAR from lowest to highest coverage, and the rank of the top 10 countries with the most un- and undervaccinated children, based on absolute numbers.

In 2025, Bulgaria ranked number 12 out of 21 countries for lowest DTP3 coverage (based on tied ranks).

Bulgaria was not in the top 10 countries with the most un- and undervaccinated children.

Note: Large cohort countries may have high numbers of un- and undervaccinated children despite high vaccine coverage. It is important to consider both coverage and absolute numbers of unvaccinated children to ensure vulnerable countries with small birth cohorts are not overlooked.

For vaccine coverage to increase, the number of children vaccinated needs to either increase or decline at a slower rate than the decline in surviving infant target population.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Unvaccinated includes zero-dose and undervaccinated children

DTP3 coverage in 2025 (92%) was relatively constant within 1% compared to 2019 (93%).

The number of children vaccinated with DTP3 decreased 3% compared to in 2019.

The number of surviving infants decreased approximately 2% compared to in 2019.

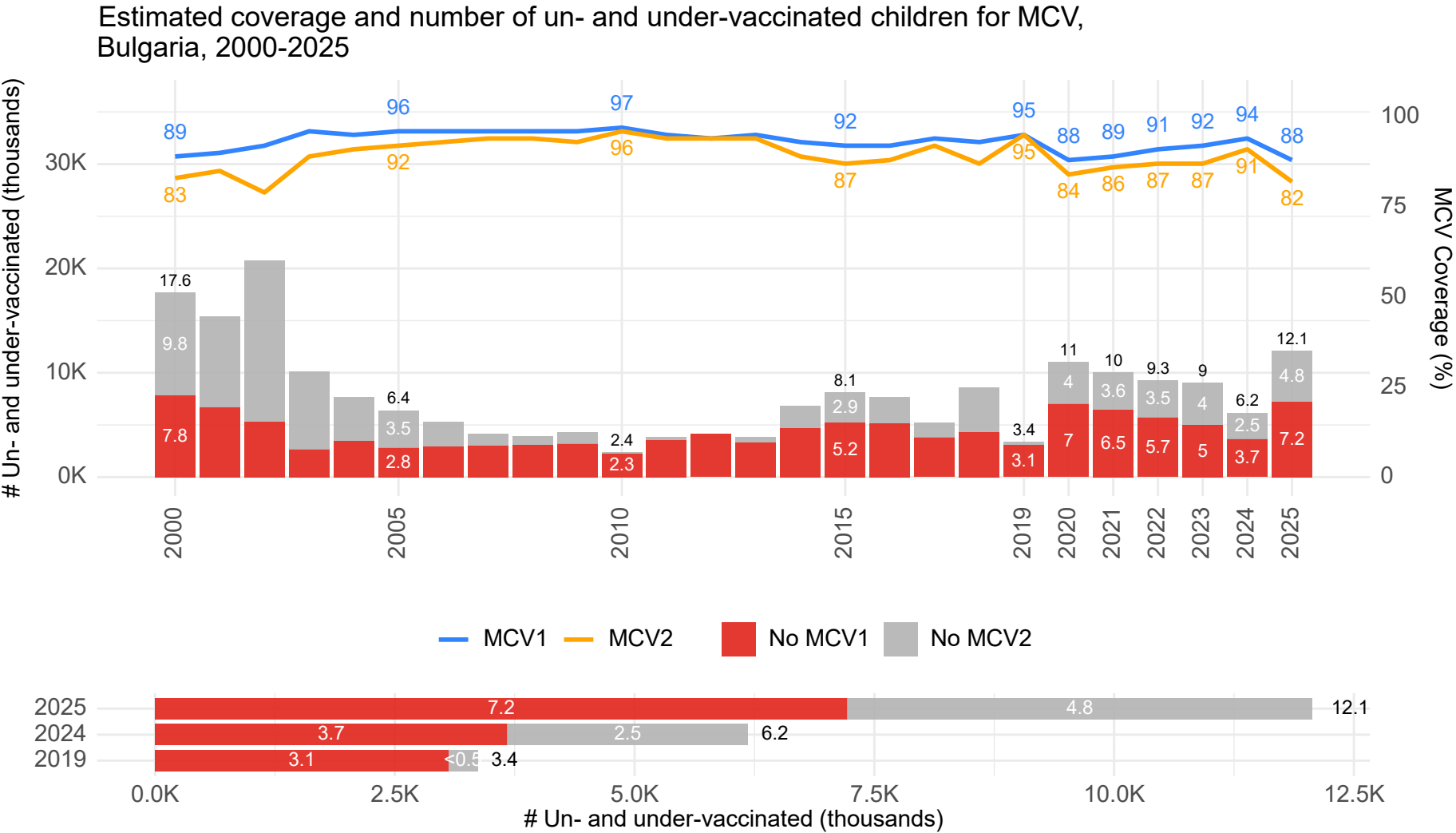
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MCV1

MCV1 coverage declined at from 94% in 2024 to 88% in 2025 - below the 95% level needed to prevent outbreaks and, leaving 7,000 children without any protection against measles. MCV2 coverage declined at from 91% in 2024 to 82% in 2025 - below the IA2030 target of 90%.



Measles, because of its high transmissibility, acts as a 'canary in the coalmine', quickly exposing any immunity gaps in the population. The coverage of measles containing vaccine (MCV) is thus often used as a tracer for protection.

The percentage of children receiving MCV1 – typically at 9 or 12 months depending on the national vaccination schedule – declined at 88%. This is lower than in 2019, where coverage was 95%.

7,000 children missed their routine first dose of measles vaccine.

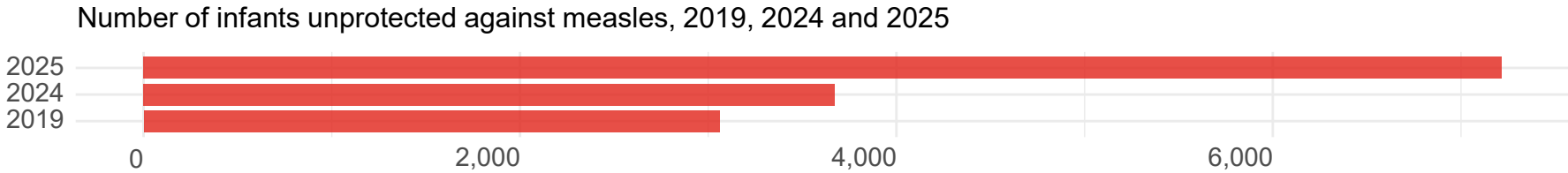
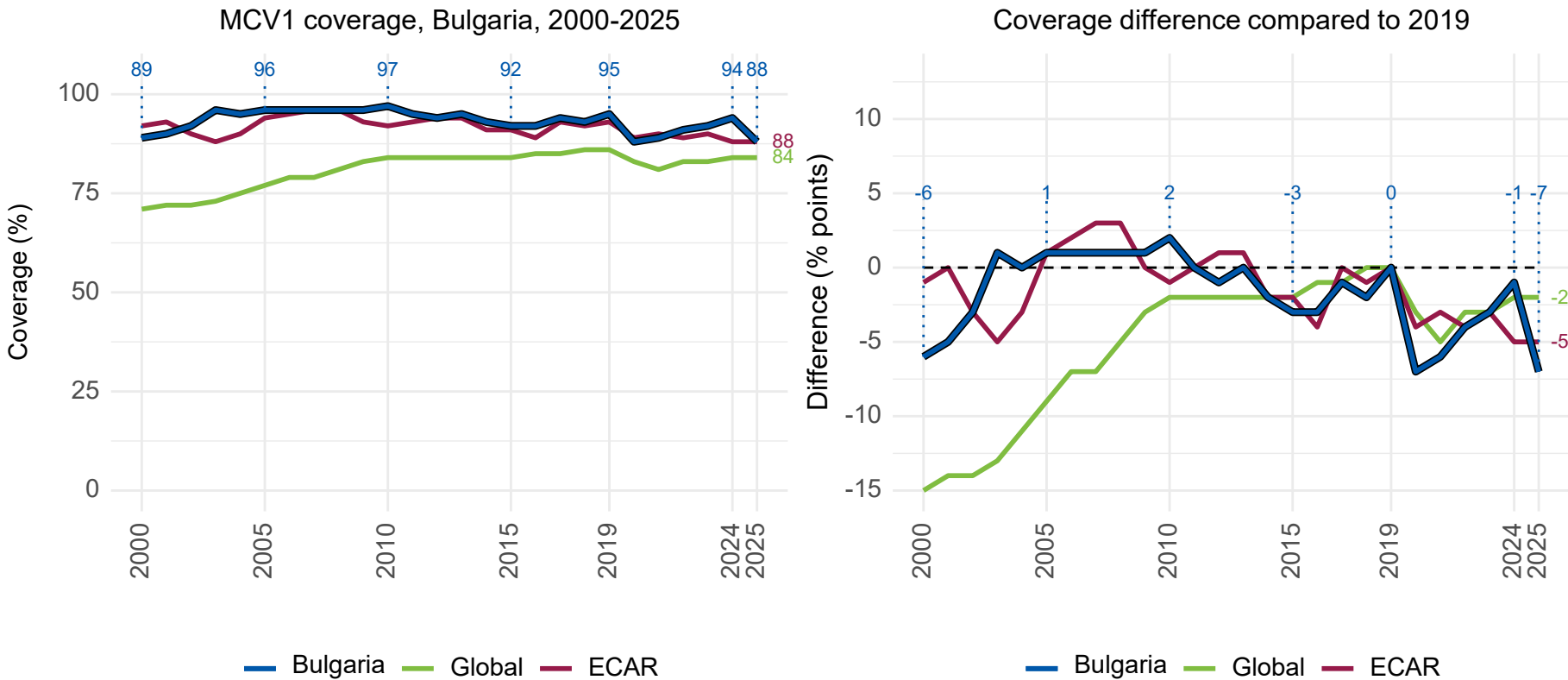
MCV2 is typically administered to children between 18 months and five years old. MCV2 coverage declined at 82% in 2025.

In 2025, Bulgaria MCV1 coverage was 88% - this is 7 percentage points lower than in 2019, but 4 percentage points higher than the global average (84%).

In 2025, MCV1 coverage in Bulgaria (88%) was 4 percentage points higher than the global average (84%) and the same the average across all {regn_txt} countries.

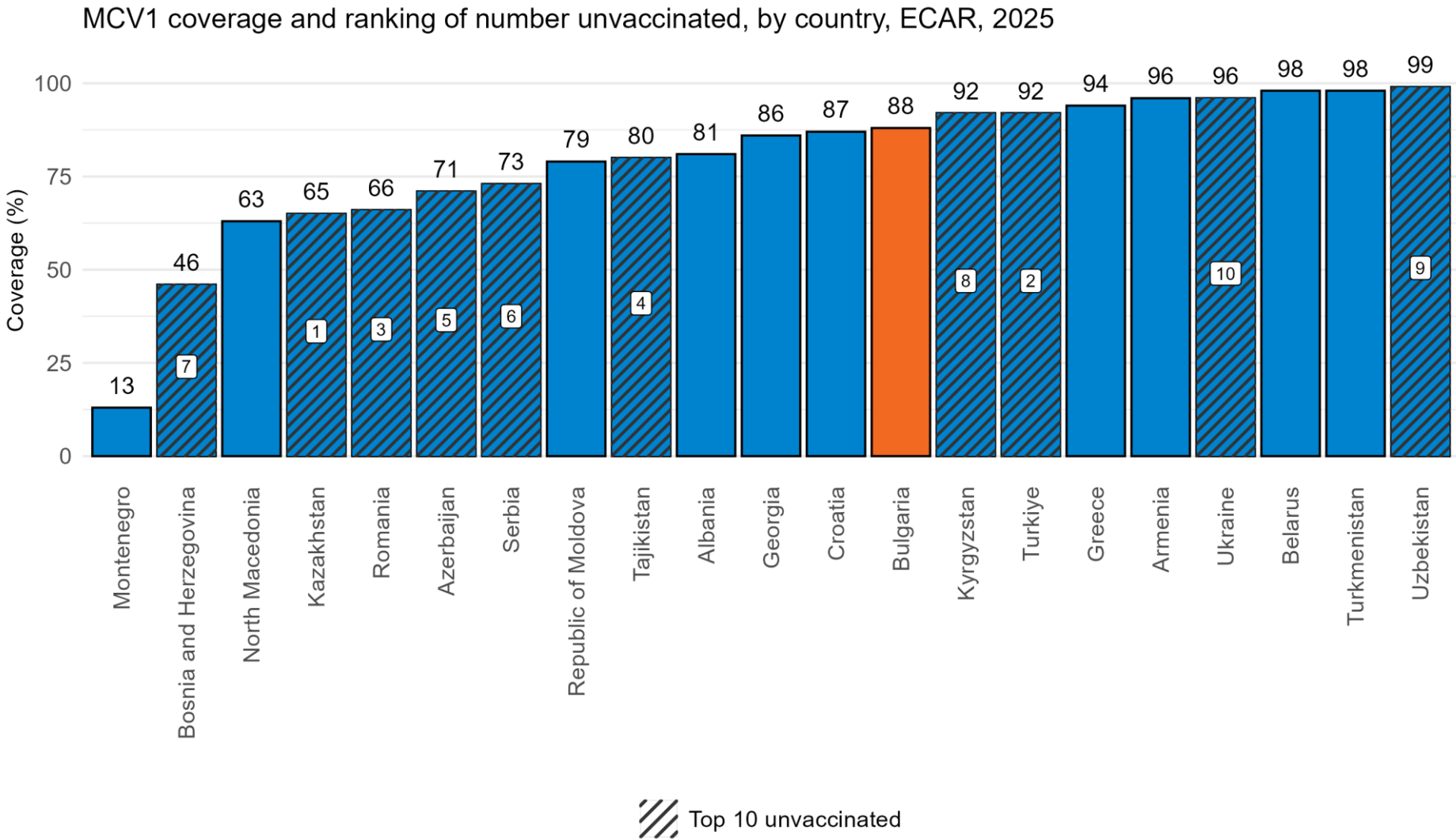
National MCV1 coverage was 7 percentage points lower than in 2019 (95%).

This equates to 7,000 unvaccinated children in 2025 compared to 3,000 unvaccinated children in 2019.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Coverage difference compared to 2019 - values above zero indicate coverage higher than in 2019 and values below zero indicate coverage lower than in 2019

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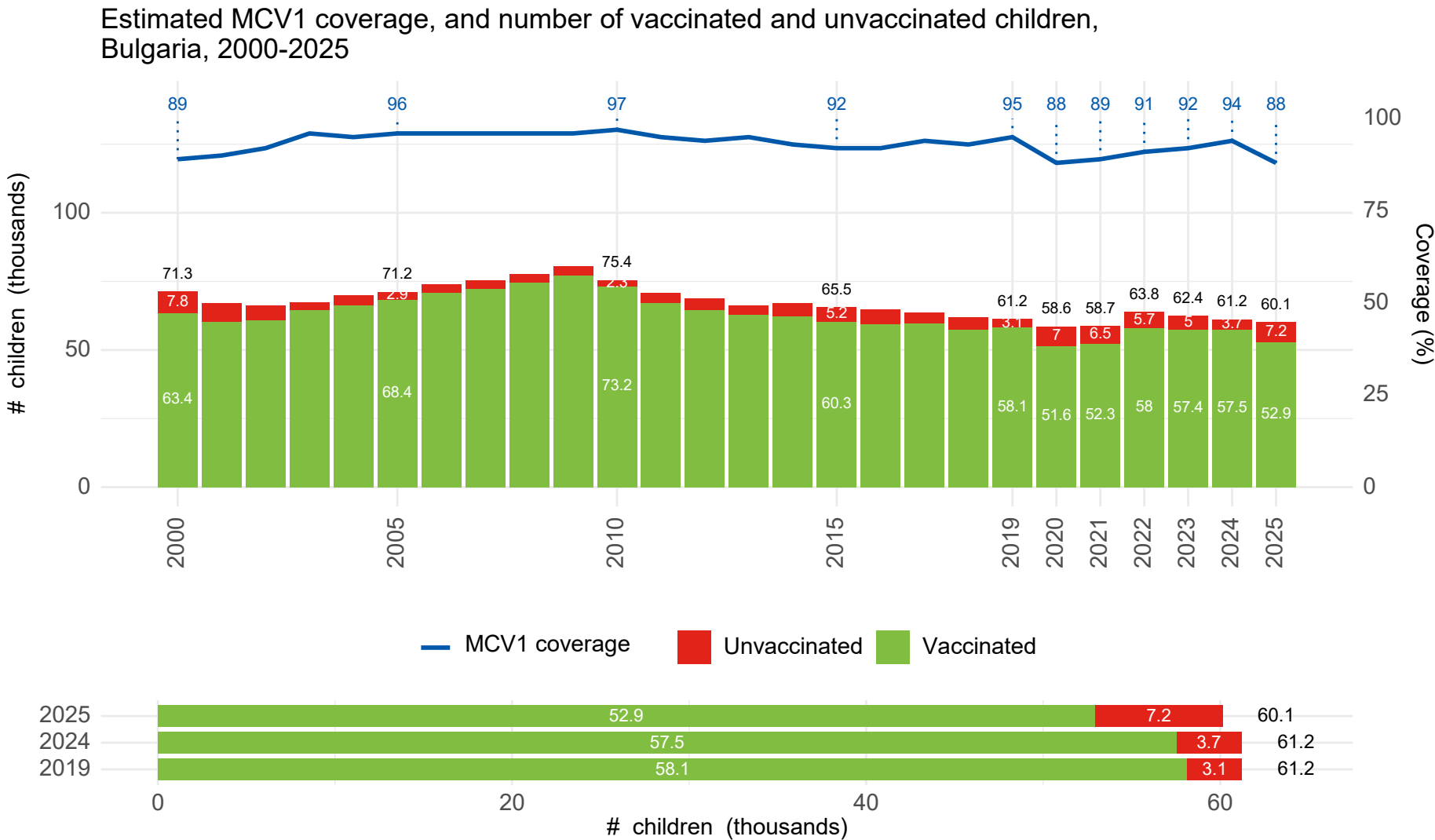
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Note: Bars are ranked by ascending coverage. Numbers in bubbles display top 10 rank based on absolute number of unvaccinated children.

For vaccine coverage to increase, the number of children vaccinated needs to either increase or decline at a slower rate than the decline in surviving infant target population.



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MCV1 coverage in 2025 (88%) was lower than in 2019 (95%).

The number of children vaccinated with MCV1 decreased 9% compared to in 2019.

The number of surviving infants decreased approximately 2% compared to in 2019.

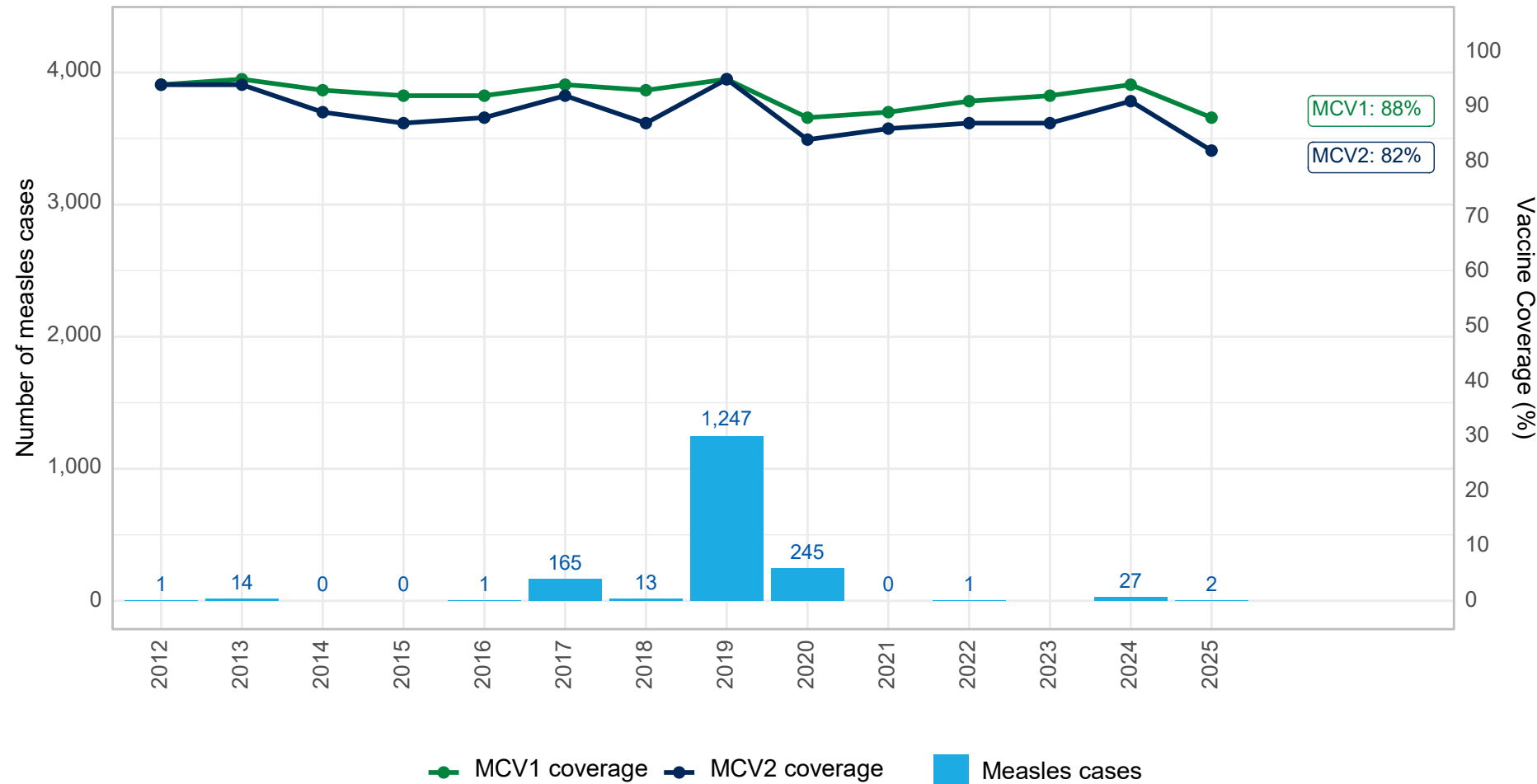
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In 2025, there were fewer surviving infants (target population) than in 2019.

For vaccine coverage to increase, the number of children vaccinated needs to either increase or decline at a slower rate than the decline in surviving infant target population.

In 2025, Bulgaria saw a decrease in measles cases compared with 2024, while MCV1 coverage was 88% and MCV2 coverage was 82%.

Trends in the number of measles cases and MCV coverage, Bulgaria, 2012-2025



In 2025, there was a total of 2 confirmed measles cases in Bulgaria. In the same year, MCV1 coverage was 88% and MCV2 coverage was 82%.

The number of cases in 2025 was 93% lower than in 2024 (n=27).

The highest number of measles cases was reported in 2019 (n=1,247). In this year, MCV1 coverage was 95%.

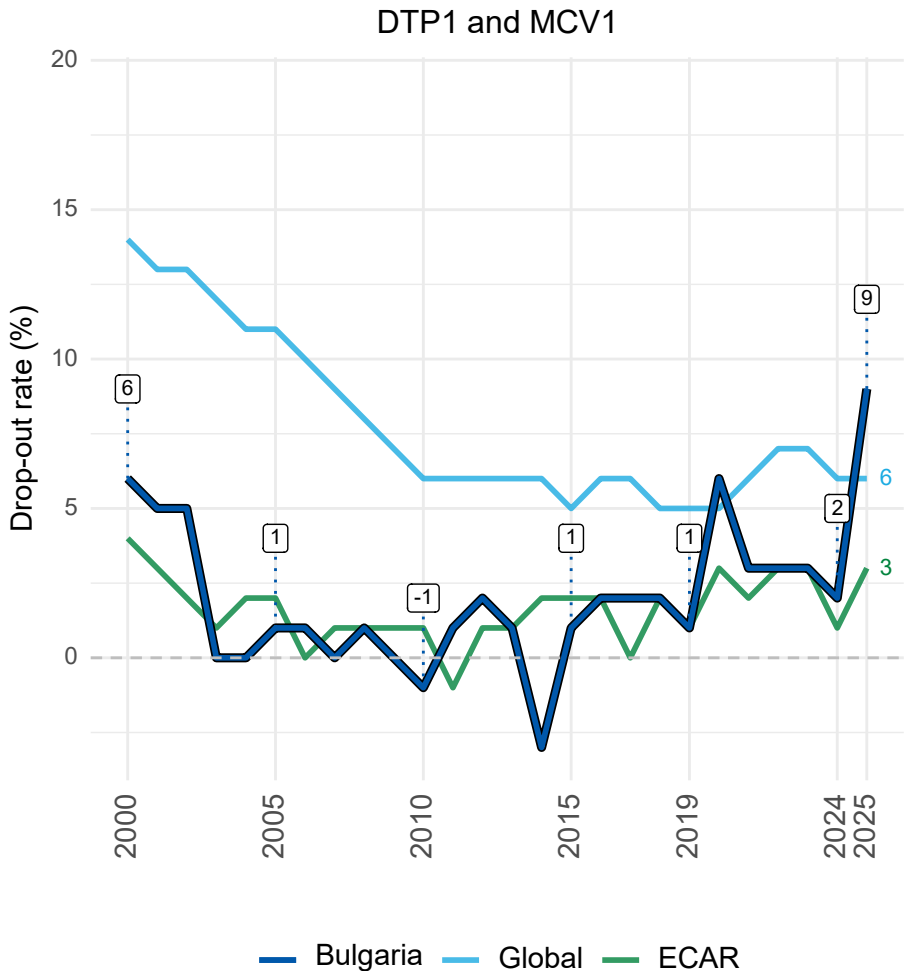
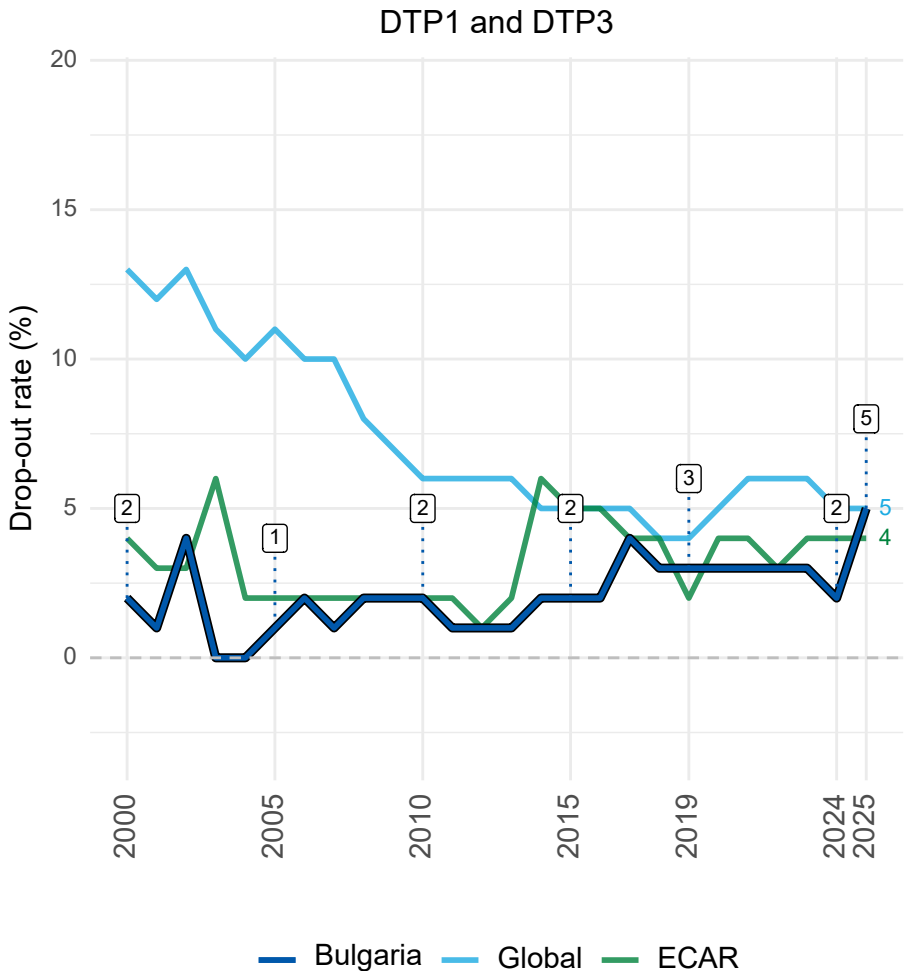
Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision; Reported measles and rubella cases and incidence rates by WHO Member States, as of 12 June 2026. Provisional data based on monthly data reported to WHO (Geneva) as of 12 June 2026.

Note: Asterisks (*) indicate years with measles vaccine stockouts and carets (^) indicates years with measles vaccination campaigns (national or subnational).

Childhood immunization: Additional charts

In 2025, DTP1 and DTP3/MCV1 drop-out was moderate in Bulgaria, indicating moderate retention of children in immunization programmes; additional efforts are needed to further reduce drop-out and ensure all children are reached during infancy.

Zero-dose children are those who did not receive DTP1.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Drop-out classification: <5% = low, 5-10% = medium, >10% = high

Drop-out rates show the percentage of children who received DTP1, but not DTP3/MCV1. Low drop-out rates indicate high retention of children in immunization programmes.

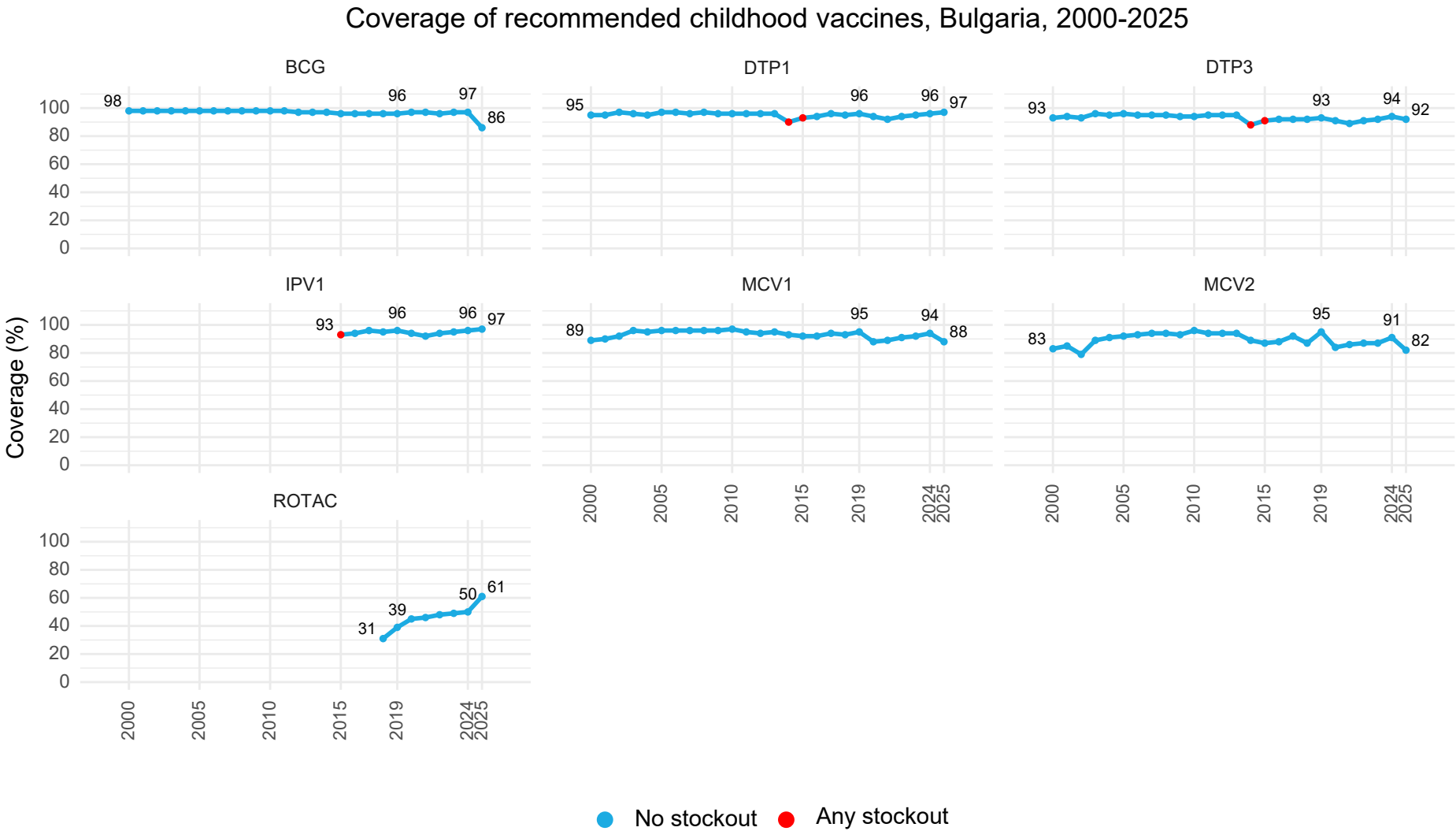
This chart shows trends in drop-out rates between DTP1 and DTP3, and DTP1 and MCV1.

In 2025, 5% of children who received DTP1 did not receive DTP3 (left), and 9% of children who received DTP1 did not receive MCV1 (right).

The medium DTP drop-out rate implies moderate ability to provide a complete series of vaccines early in life. The medium DTP-MCV drop-out rate implies moderate retention in immunization programmes and ability to provide a full course of vaccines in infancy (up to one year).

In 2025, Bulgaria DTP drop-out was the same as the global rate, while DTP-MCV drop-out was higher than the global rate.

In 2025, Bulgaria had its lowest coverage in ROTAC (61%), while most other routine vaccines clustered around 82-97%; 4 antigens decreased since 2019, and 4 antigens decreased since 2024.



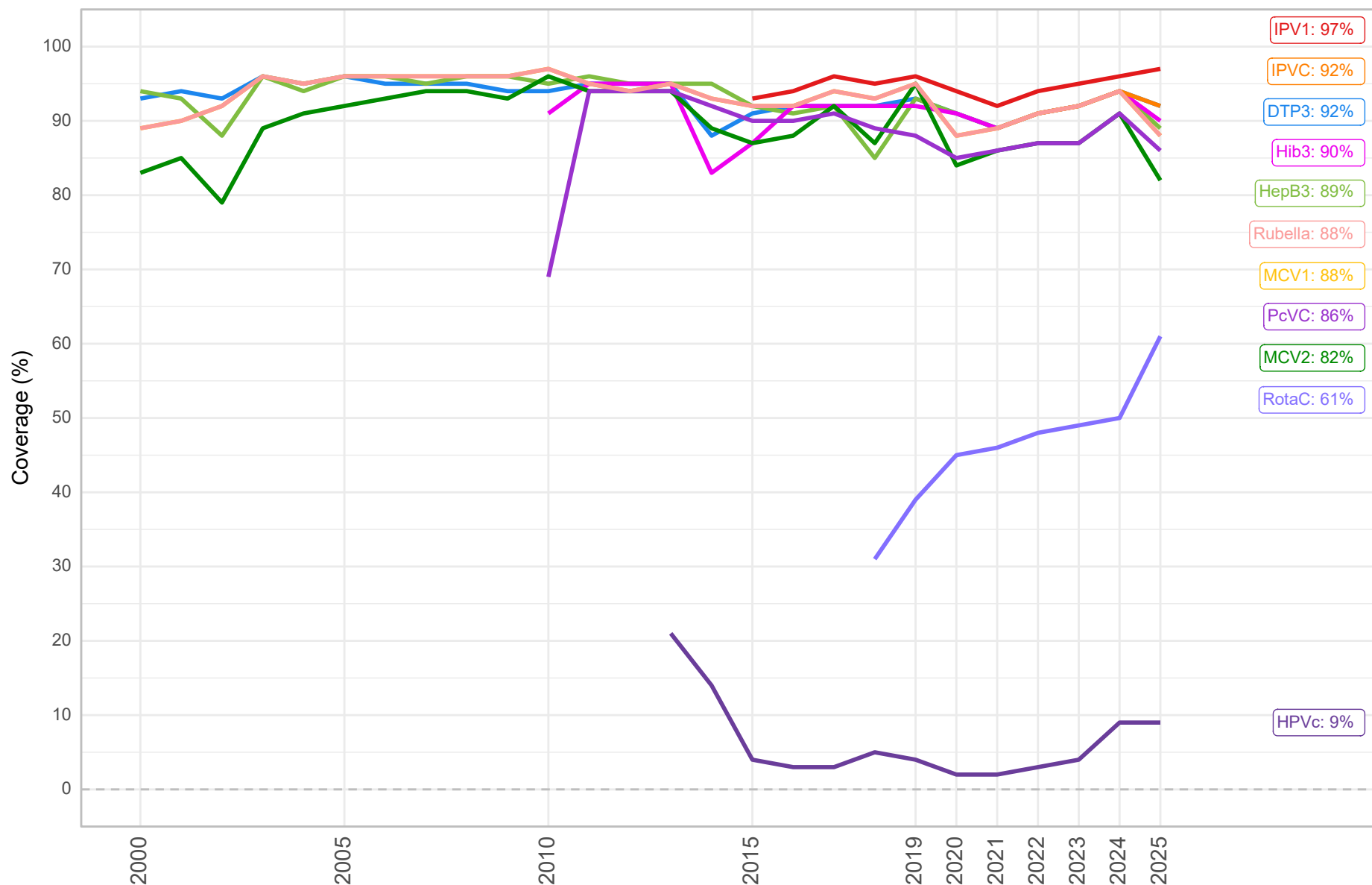
This chart shows trends in coverage of selected core routine vaccines recommended in childhood.

In 2025, ROTAC had the lowest coverage (61%), followed by MCV2 (82%).

Compared to 2019, coverage of 4 vaccines decreased (BCG, DTP3, MCV1 and MCV2) and 3 vaccines increased (DTP1, IPV1 and ROTAC).

Compared to 2024, coverage of 4 vaccines decreased (BCG, DTP3, MCV1 and MCV2) and 3 vaccines increased (DTP1, IPV1 and ROTAC).

Vaccine coverage (%), Bulgaria, 2000-2025



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Numbers in the data label bubbles refer to vaccine coverage in the latest year estimates are available.

This chart shows trends in coverage of 10 vaccines (complete series).

In 2025, HPVc had the lowest coverage of all vaccines (9%), followed by RotaC (61%).

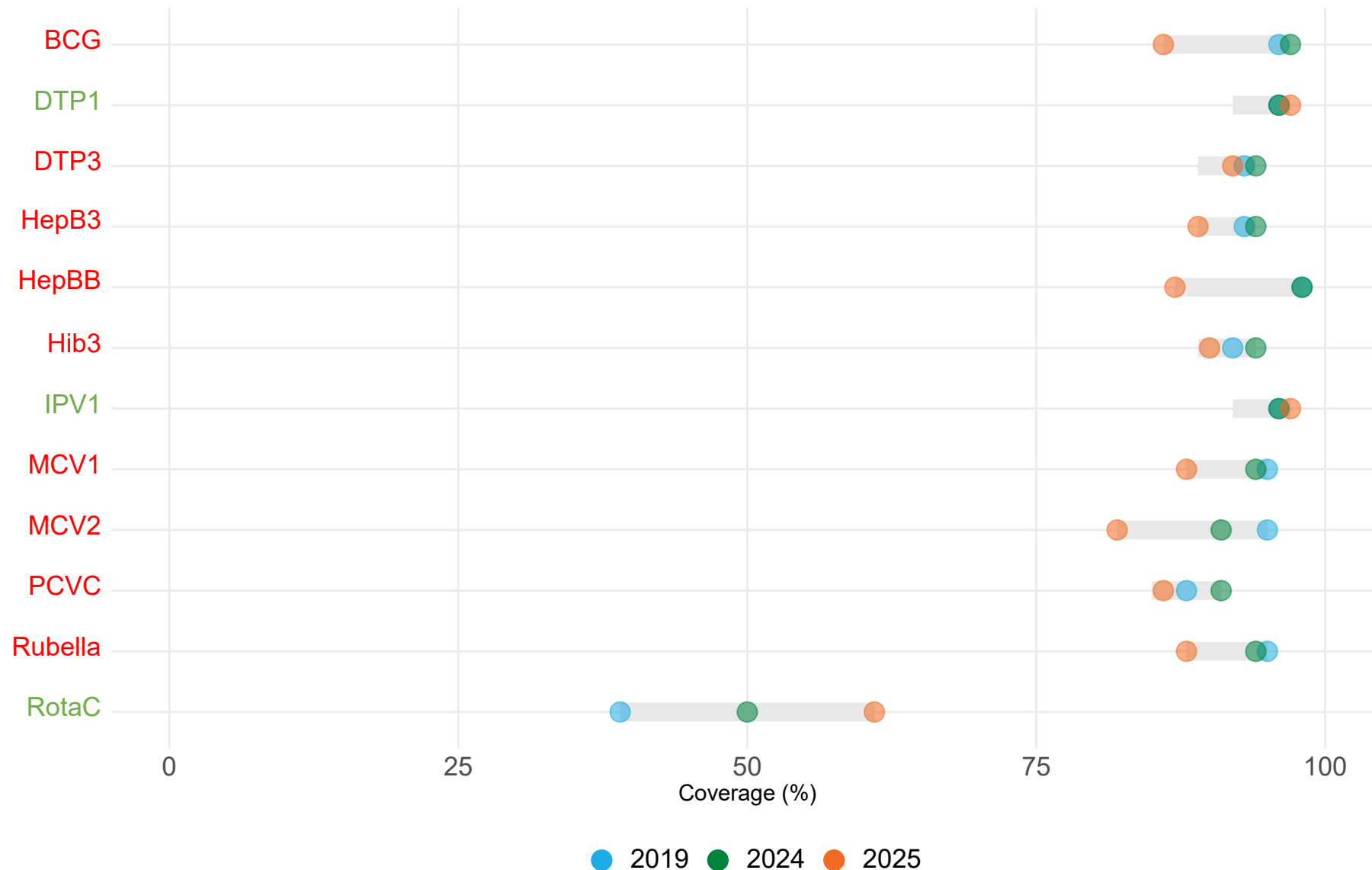
Coverage of 6 vaccines decreased (DTP3, HEPB3, HIB3, MCV1, MCV2 and RUBELLA) and 3 vaccines increased (HPVC, IPV1 and ROTAC) compared to respective coverage in 2019.

Coverage of 7 vaccines decreased (DTP3, HEPB3, HIB3, IPVC, MCV1, MCV2 and RUBELLA), 1 vaccine was the same (HPVC), and 2 vaccines increased (IPV1 and ROTAC) compared to respective coverage in 2024.



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Vaccine coverage (%), Bulgaria, 2019-2025



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
 Note: The grey bar spans vaccine coverage across all years 2019-2025 and the dots represent coverage in specific years.
 Coverage is shown for vaccines with data all years 2019-2025.
 Vaccine names are coloured based on if coverage is lower (red), the same as (blue) or higher (green) than in 2019

This chart shows the range of coverage across all years 2019 to 2025 (grey bars), and coverage in specific years (dots), by vaccine. The chart can be used for assessing recovery to pre-pandemic levels.

DTP1 coverage remained the same between 2019 (96%) and 2024 (96%). DTP1 coverage increased in 2025 (97%) compared to 2024, and was higher than in 2019. In 2019-2025, DTP1 coverage was at it's lowest level in 2021 (92%).

In 2024, 3 vaccines had lower coverage than in 2019.

In 2025, 9 vaccines had lower coverage than in 2019.

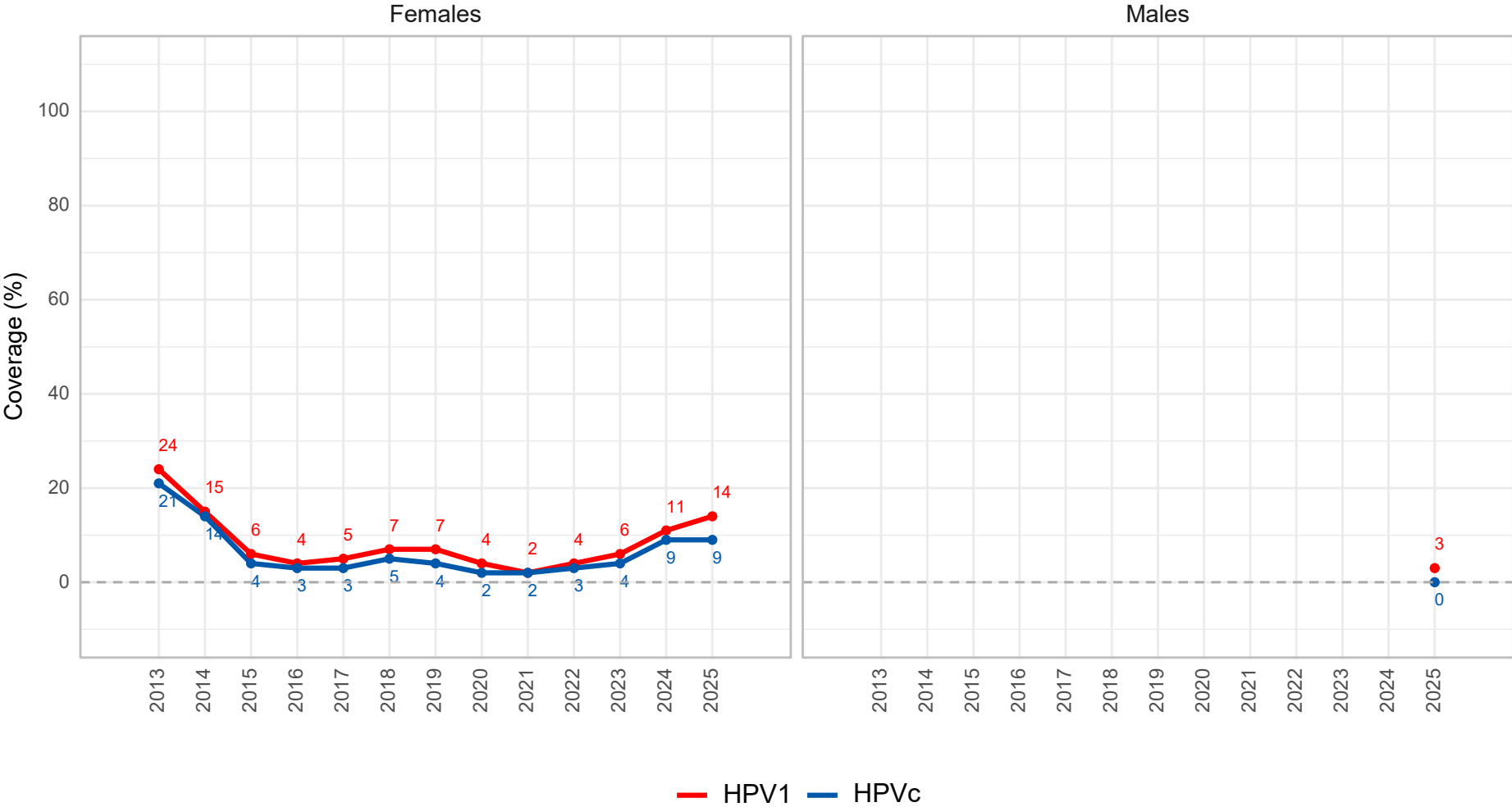
In 2025, 9 vaccines had lower coverage than in 2024.

HPV vaccination

Methods: • [Bruni et al. 2021, HPV vaccination introduction worldwide and WHO and UNICEF estimates of national HPV immunization coverage 2010–2019 \(supplementary materials\).](#)

In 2025, HPV last dose coverage among girls remained at 9% and coverage among boys stood at 0%.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine coverage (%), Bulgaria, 2013-2025



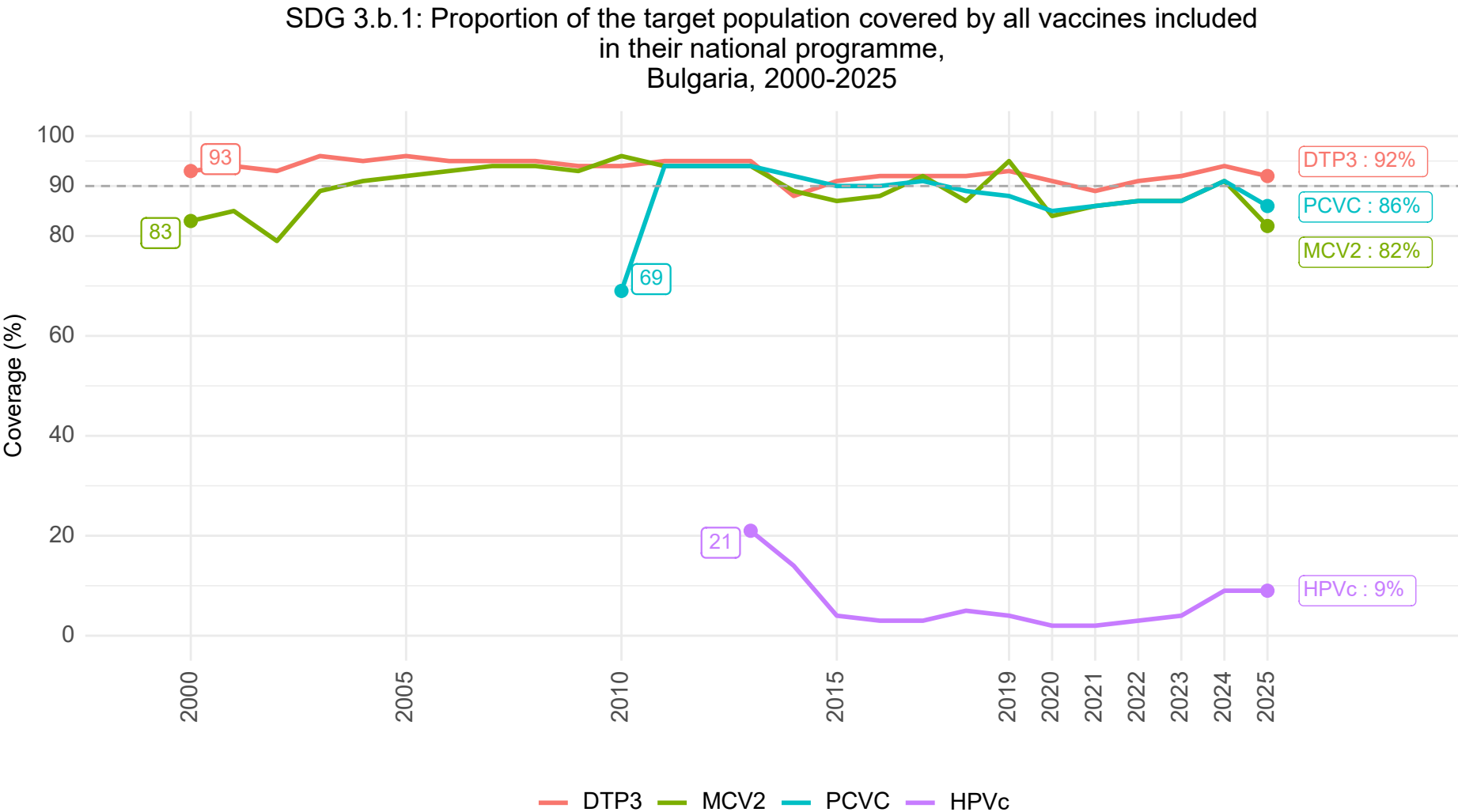
The first year of HPV programme coverage estimates in Bulgaria was 2013.

In 2025, first dose (HPV1) programme coverage among girls was 14%. In 2025, last dose (HPVc) programme coverage among girls was 9%.

Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision.
For some countries, if HPV vaccine is in the schedule, but the country did not report data in a given year, HPV programme coverage estimates are not produced.

SDG 3.b.1

In 2025, Bulgaria met the 90% SDG coverage target for DTP3, but not for the remaining vaccines.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: The four vaccination coverage indicators contribute to SDG indicator 3.b.1 are: DTP3, MCV2, PCVC and HPVc
The Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) global target is 90% coverage of all four antigens by 2030.

Four vaccination coverage indicators contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 3, indicator b.1: DTP3, PCV3, MCV2 and HPV.

The IA2030 global target is 90% coverage of all four antigens by 2030.

Bulgaria has all 4 of the SDG vaccines.

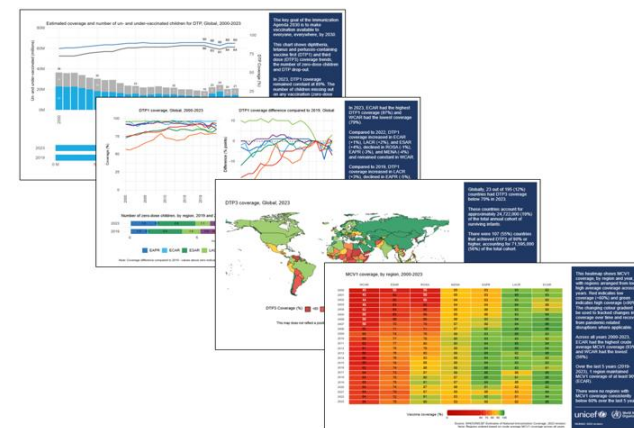
In 2025, Bulgaria had achieved at least 90% coverage of 1 out of the 4 vaccines.

Additional resources

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1	unicef_regioniso3c	country	vaccine	year	target_grp	coverage	vaccinated	unvaccinated	target	
2	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1982 births		10	57,000	514,000	571,000
3	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1983 births		10	56,000	503,000	559,000
4	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1984 births		11	62,000	501,000	563,000
5	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1985 births		17	100,000	490,000	591,000
6	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1986 births		18	107,000	489,000	596,000
7	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1987 births		27	161,000	434,000	595,000
8	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1988 births		40	238,000	358,000	596,000
9	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1989 births		38	233,000	380,000	614,000
10	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1990 births		30	191,000	446,000	637,000
11	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1991 births		21	134,000	505,000	640,000
12	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1992 births		19	127,000	541,000	668,000
13	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1993 births		17			760,000
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19	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		1999 births					1,013,000
20	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		2000 births					1,037,000
21	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		2001 births		43	455,000	574,000	1,007,000
22	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bbg		2002 births		46	467,000	548,000	1,015,000

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Additional immunization data resources can be found at:

<https://data.unicef.org/resources/immunization/>

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Interactive
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country profiles
can be found at:

<https://worldhealth.org.shinyapps.io/wuenic-trends/>

Short feedback questionnaire

(5 minutes)

We are seeking your feedback on the global groupings (GAVI, African Union, World Bank Income, WHO and UNICEF) and country-level PowerPoint slides developed for the release of global immunization estimates. Your input will help us understand their usefulness and identify areas for improvement.

Please take a few moments to complete this short survey and have your voice heard:

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