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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 remained constant at 92% between 2024 and 2025.
- DTP3 coverage remained constant at 91% between 2024 and 2025.
- There were there were approximately the same number of zero-dose children in 2025. This leaves 20,000 children without vaccination, vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases and a further 2,000 with incomplete protection.
- Sierra Leone accounted for 0.5% of zero-dose children in West and Central Africa (WCAR) and 0.1% of zero-dose children globally.
- MCV1 coverage remained constant at 90% between 2024 and 2025. There were 25,000 children who missed out on the first measles vaccination.
- MCV2 coverage remained constant at 73% between 2024 and 2025.
- Last dose coverage of HPV vaccination (HPVc) among girls increased from 61% to 77% in 2025 due to improved programme performance.

Vaccination schedule, 2025

Level	Vaccine	Dose number and age administered			
		1	2	3	4
National	BCG	Birth			
National	DTWPHIBHEPB	6 weeks	10 weeks	14 weeks	
National	HPV (females)	10 years			
National	IPV	14 weeks	9 months		
Subnational	MALARIA	6-11 months	7 months	8 months	18-24 months
National	MR	9 months	15 months		
National	OPV	Birth	6 weeks	10 weeks	14 weeks
National	PCV	6 weeks	10 weeks	14 weeks	
National	Rotavirus	6 weeks	10 weeks		
National	YF	9 months			

This table shows the 2025 national immunization schedule for routine services in Sierra Leone, 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	Partial introduction
HPV (Human papillomavirus) vaccine	2022	
HepB birth dose	Not introduced	
Hepatitis B vaccine	2007	
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B) vaccine	2007	
IPV (Inactivated polio vaccine)	2018	
IPV (Inactivated polio vaccine) 2nd dose	2021	
Malaria vaccine	Not introduced	2024
Measles-containing vaccine 2nd dose	2015	
Meningococcal meningitis vaccines (any strain)	Not introduced	
Mumps vaccine	Not introduced	
PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)	2011	
RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) immunization strategy	Not introduced	
Rotavirus vaccine	2014	
Rubella vaccine	2019	
Typhoid conjugate vaccine	Not introduced	

This table displays the year each vaccine was introduced in Sierra Leone. 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.

Vaccine stockouts

Vaccines / supplies	2021	2022
Rotavirus	Subnational	
YFV		National (2m) and subnational

This table presents reported vaccine stockouts of childhood vaccines relevant to WUENIC at the national and subnational levels over the last 5 years (2021 to 2025). Where available, the duration of national-level stockouts is indicated in months. Subnational stockouts are noted without specifying duration. Only vaccines that had a stockout during the specified time period are displayed.

A stockout refers to a period when vaccine storage and distribution points (e.g., national or district stores) are fully depleted, including buffer stock, and are unable to supply vaccines to lower-level stores or facilities. It is important to note that facility-level stockouts can still occur even when upper-level stores have inventory. Stockouts, especially prolonged ones, can negatively impact immunization coverage.

In 2025, coverage increased for one antigens, remained unchanged for 13, and declined for none, indicating overall progress in routine immunization performance; nine achieved at least 90% coverage.

Vaccine coverage, Sierra Leone, 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	74	63	76	89	86	85	83*	82	91	96	97	97	98	99	90	90	92	90	94	98	90	98	97	97	97	97
DTP1	64	58	89	90	82	80	79	77	84	94	95	97	98	98	88	95	97	98	97	95	93	94	92	92	92	92
DTP3	44	38	53	73	65	65	64	64	77	84	86	89	91	92	83	86	84	90	93	95	91	92	91	91	91	91
Hib3								63	77	84	86	89	91	92	83	86	84	90	93	95	91	92	91	91	91	91
HepB3								63	77	84	86	89	91	92	83	86	84	90	93	95	91	92	91	91	91	91
PCVC												75	92	92	83	86	84	90	92	94	91	90	93	93	93	93
RotaC															53	85	95	92	92	92	90*	75*	88	88	88	88
IPV1																			60*	86	89	93	91	91	91	91
IPVC																						4	35	75	75	75
MCV1	37	50	62	73	76	71*	65	60	73	80	82	84	86	85	80	78	85	80	87	93	87	87	90	90	90	90
RCV1																					87	87	90	90	90	90
MCV2																60	50	55	64	72	67	67	73	73	73	73
YFV			71	73	75	70	65*	60*	64	80	82	83	85	85	80	78	80*	80*	85*	90	86	85	73*	85	85	85
HPVc																								24	61	77



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.

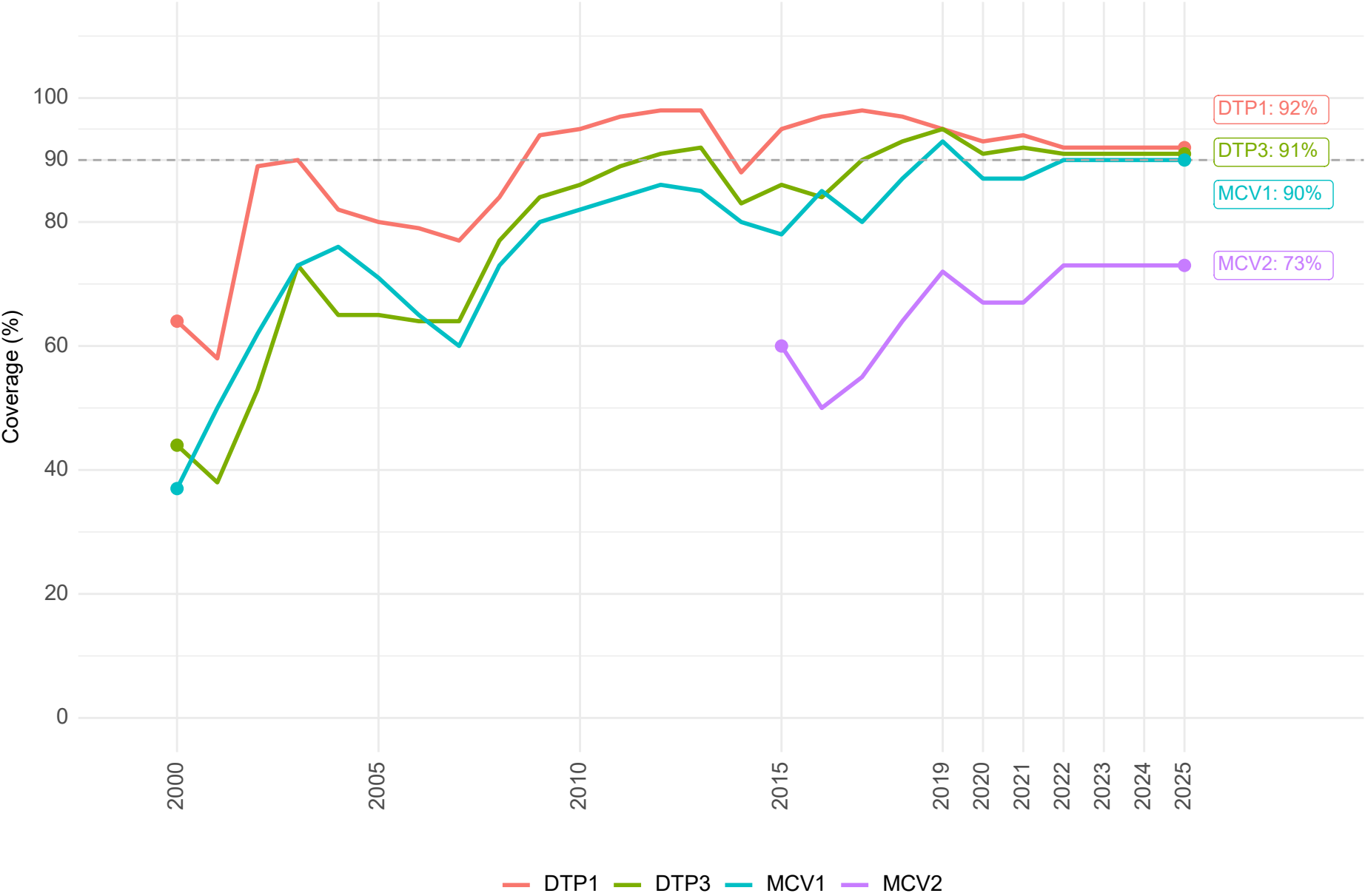
This heatmap shows trends in vaccine coverage since 2000, with green cells indicating coverage of 90% or more.

In 2025, 9 out of 14 (64%) vaccines in the schedule achieved coverage of 90% or more. Vaccine coverage ranged from 73% to 97%.

Since 2002, estimates have been made for 10 new vaccines. HPVc is the newest vaccine reported (2023), which achieved 77% coverage in 2025.

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

Coverage of key childhood vaccines (%), Sierra Leone, 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 90%.

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

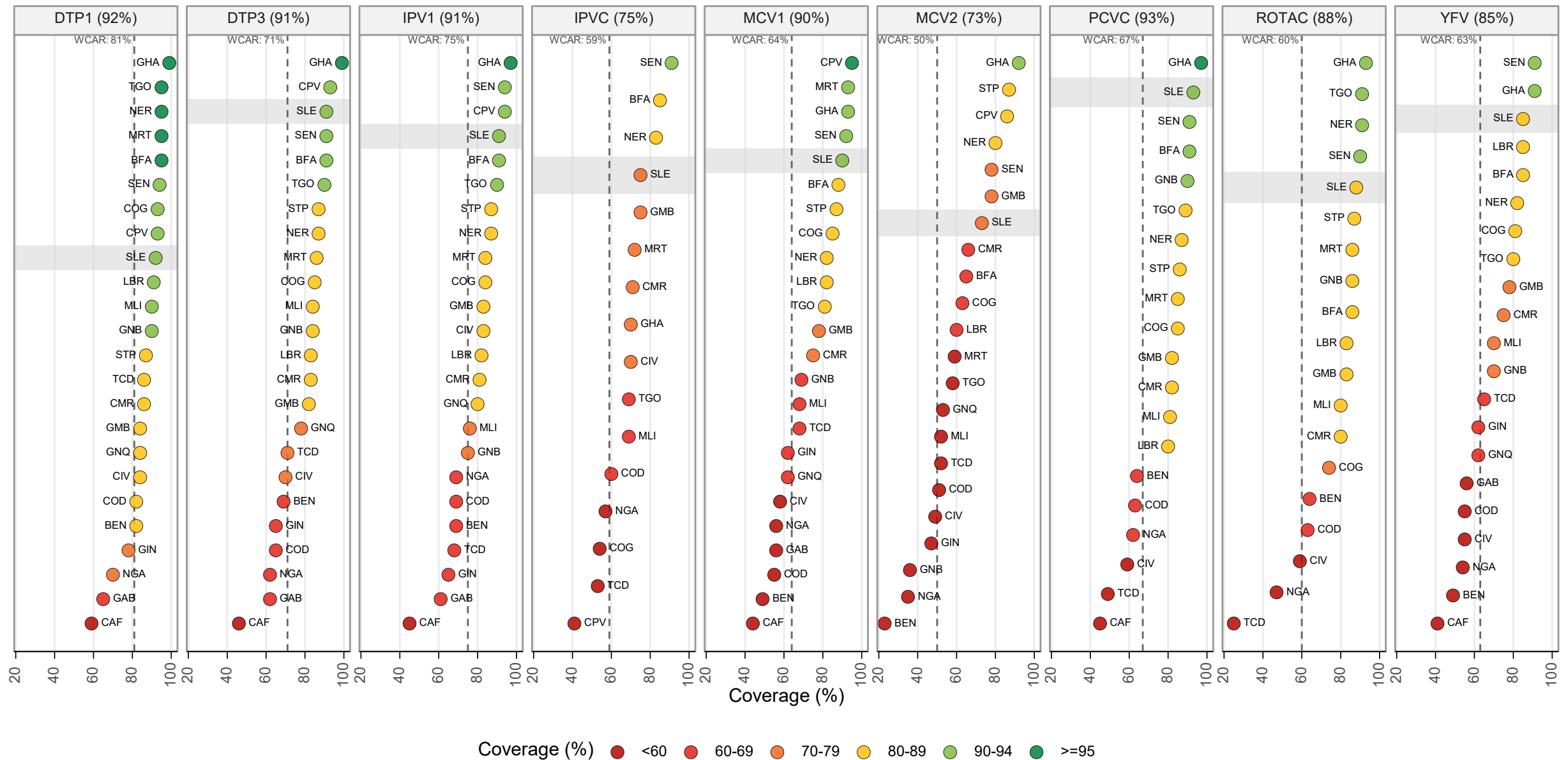
WHO recommends that countries achieve at least 95% coverage with both the first (MCV1) and second (MCV2) doses of measles-containing vaccine. MCV1 provides initial protection and MCV2 ensures long-term immunity and closes gaps in coverage.

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

Between 2024 and 2025, 0 vaccines increased coverage, 0 declined and 4 remained the same.

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

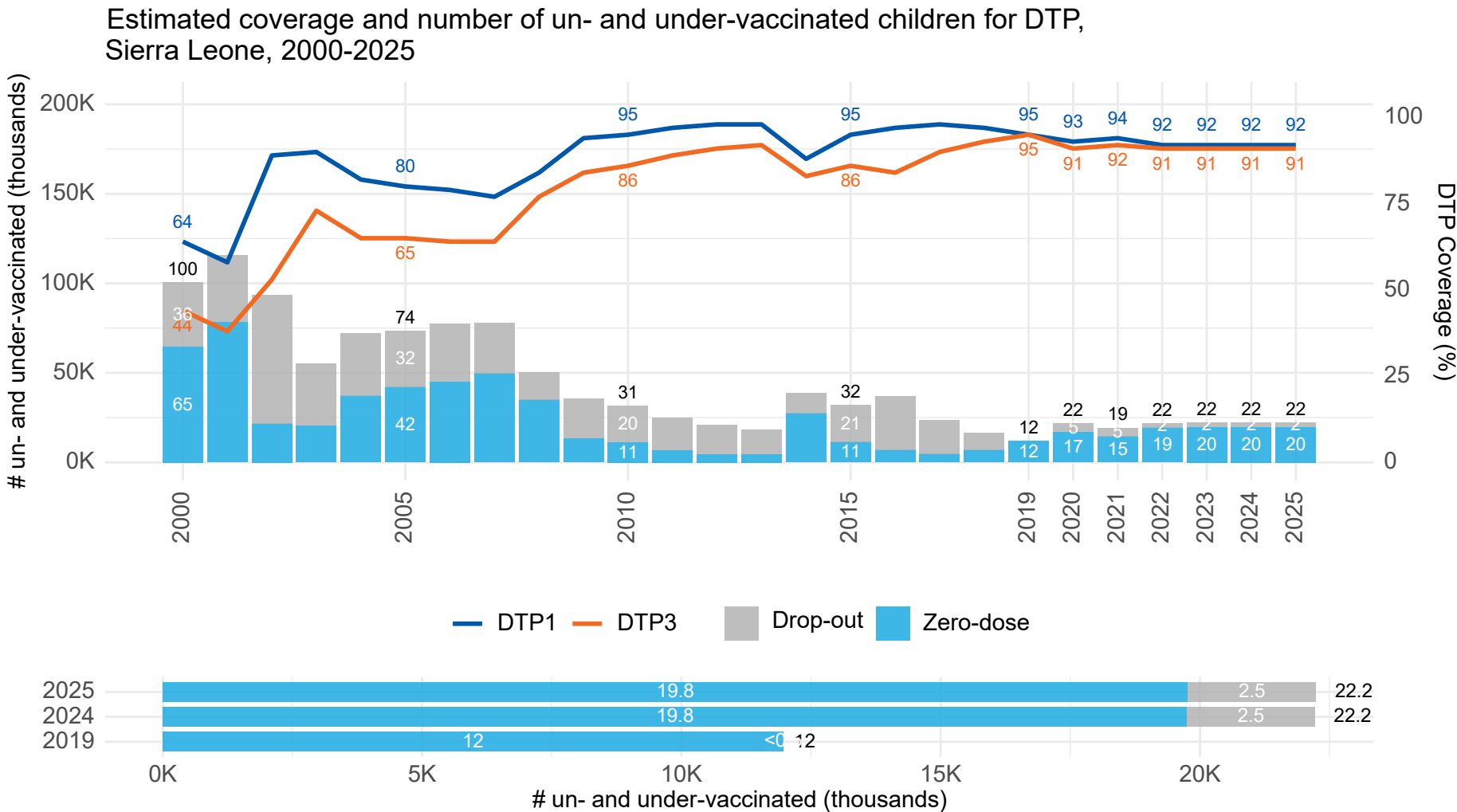
Vaccine coverage compared with other countries in the region, WCAR, 2025



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

DTP1

In 2025, DTP1 coverage was 92% and DTP3 was 91%, leaving 22,000 children un- or under-vaccinated, including 20,000 zero-dose and 2,000 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.

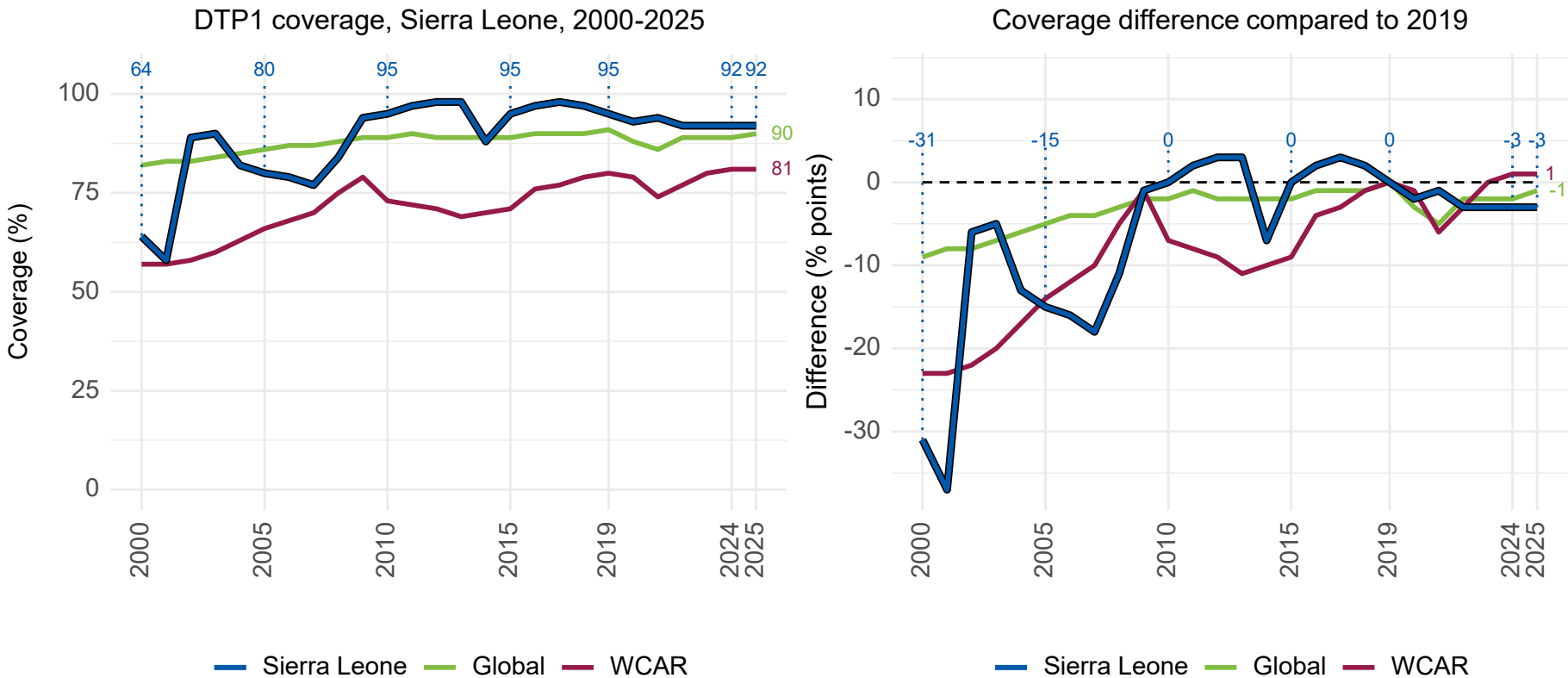
The key goal of the Immunization Agenda 2030 is to make vaccination available to everyone, everywhere, by 2030.

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 Sierra Leone.

In 2025, DTP1 coverage in Sierra Leone remained constant 92%. The number of children missing out on any DTP vaccination (zero-dose children) remained constant at from 20,000 in 2024 to 20,000 in 2025.

DTP3 coverage remained constant 91% in 2025, leaving 22,000 children vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases.

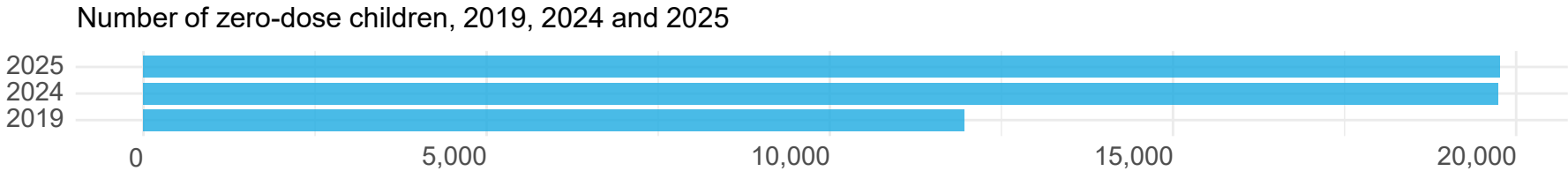
In 2025, Sierra Leone DTP1 coverage was 92% - this is 3 percentage points lower than in 2019 and higher than both the global and regional averages.



In 2025, DTP1 coverage in Sierra Leone (92%) was 2 percentage points higher than the global average (90%) and 11 percentage points higher than the average across all WCAR countries (81%).

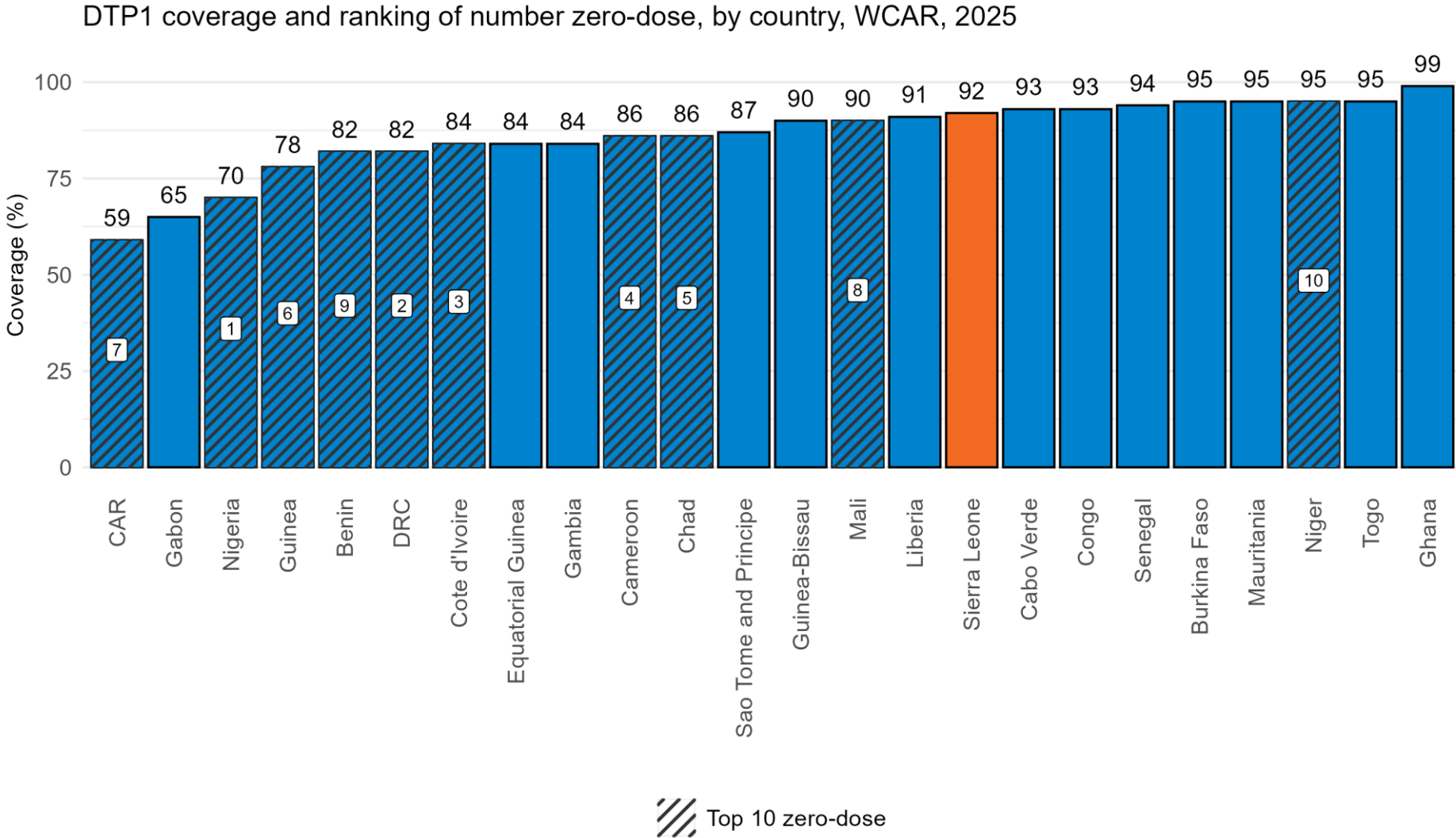
National DTP1 coverage was 3 percentage points lower than in 2019 (95%).

This equates to 20,000 zero-dose children in 2025 compared to 12,000 zero-dose 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, Sierra Leone 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 WCAR from lowest to highest coverage, and the rank of the top 10 countries with the most zero-dose children, based on absolute numbers.

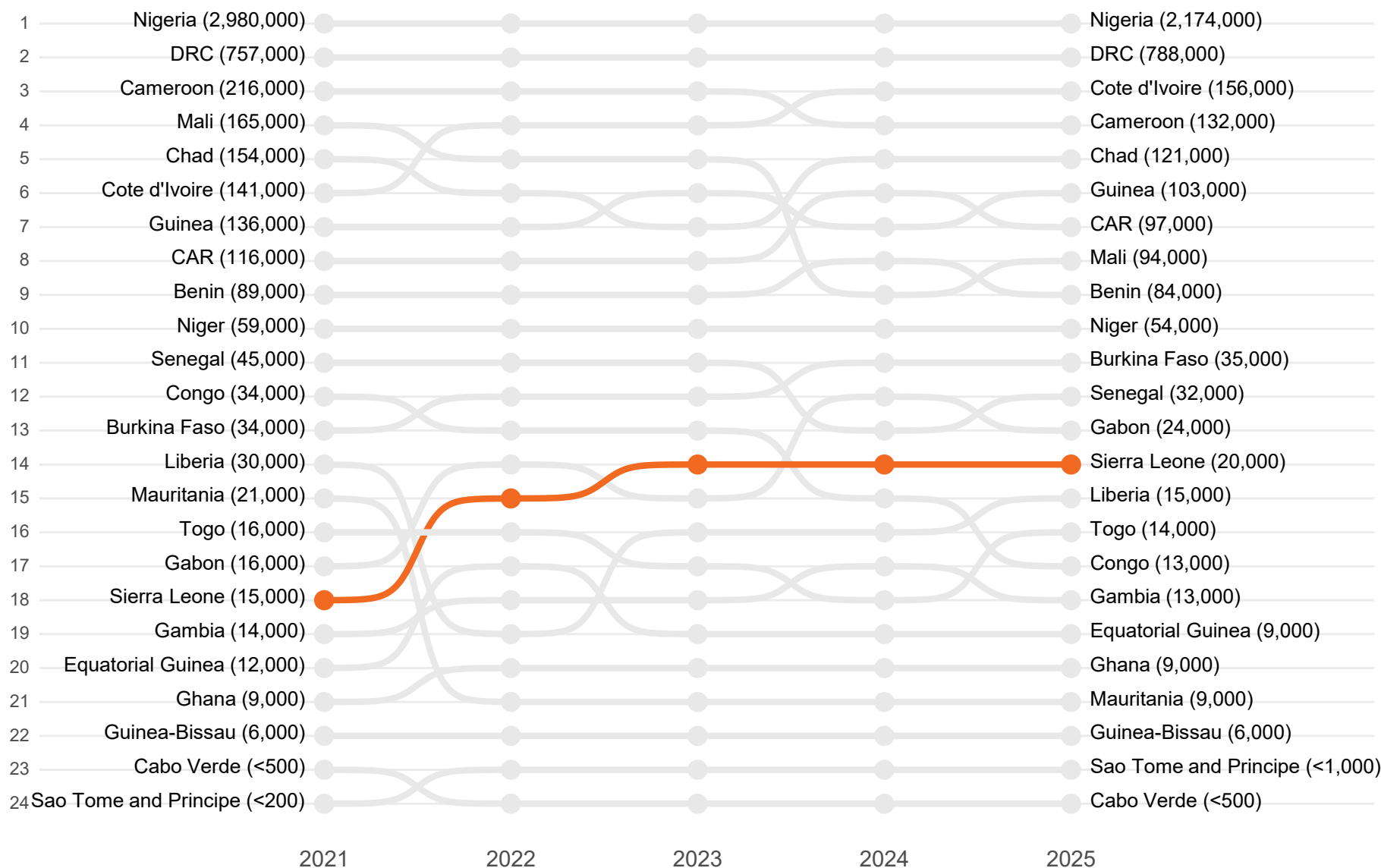
In 2025, Sierra Leone ranked number 16 out of 24 countries for lowest DTP1 coverage (based on tied ranks).

Sierra Leone 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, WCAR, 2021-2025



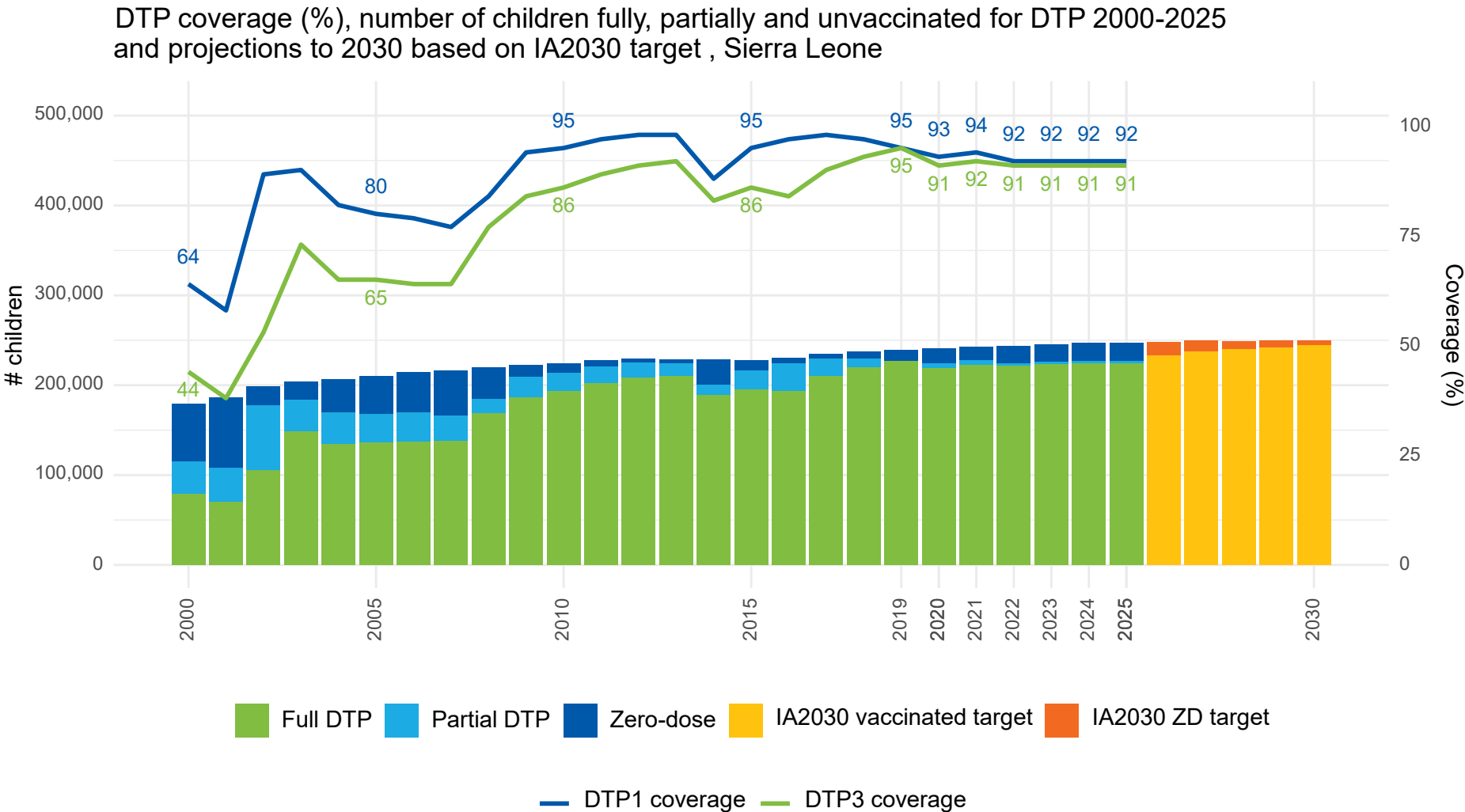
This chart compares the ranking of countries in the region based on the absolute number of zero-dose children, with rank 1 representing the country with the most zero-dose children.

In 2021, Sierra Leone ranked number 18 out of 24 countries with 15,000 zero-dose children.

In 2025, Sierra Leone ranked number 14 out of 24 countries with 20,000 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.

More children need to be vaccinated each year to achieve the IA2030 goal of halving the number of zero-dose children by 2030, with a projected small increase in surviving infants.



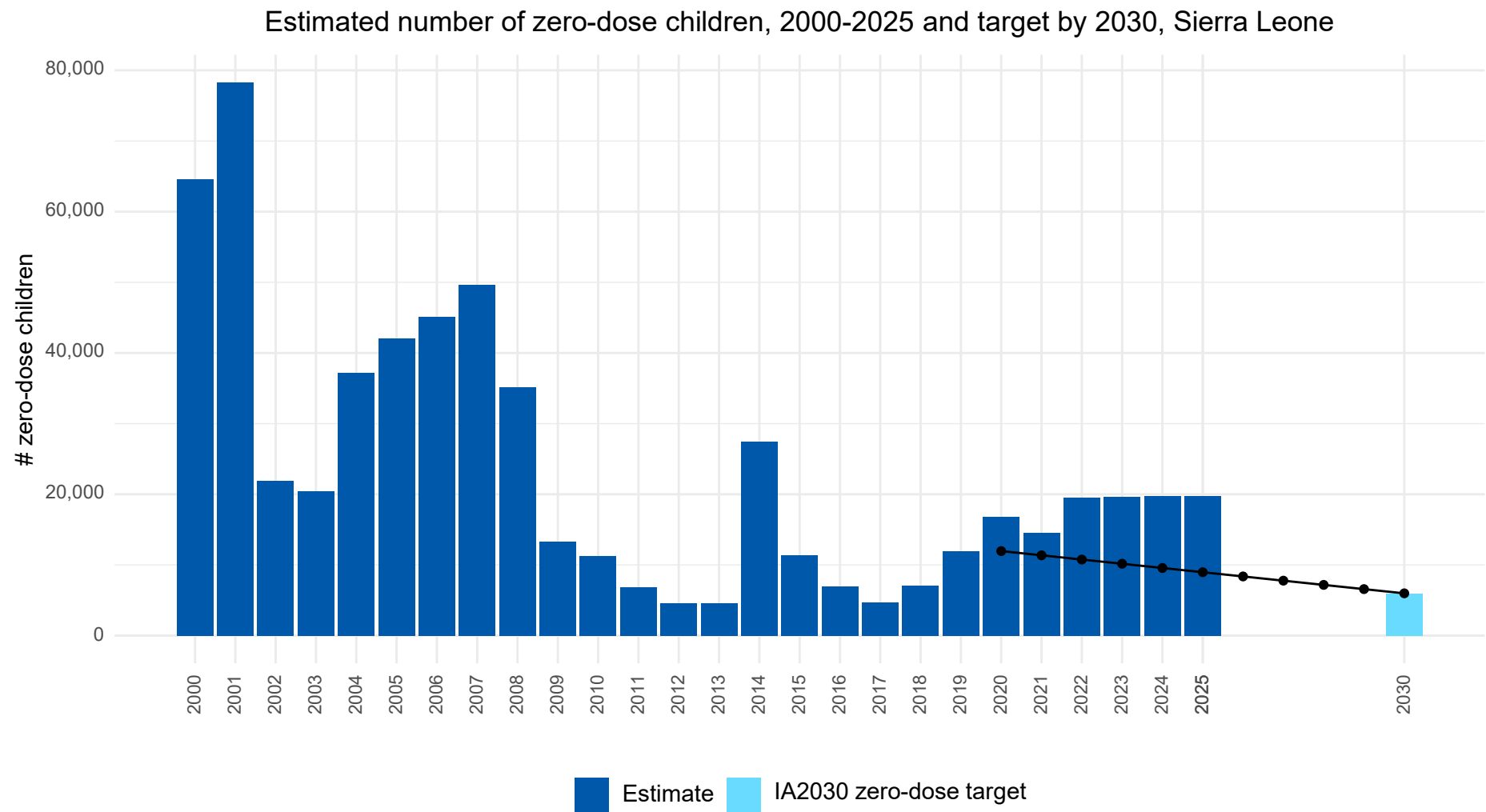
Sources: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision; United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2024). World Population Prospects 2024, Online Edition. Note: The Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) calls on all countries to reduce the number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

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Sierra Leone is projected to have a small increase (<10,000) in the number of surviving infants by 2030. Therefore, to achieve the IA2030 ZD target, more (~1.44%) children need to be vaccinated with DTP1 each year.

In 2025, the number of zero-dose children was 120% above the annual IA2030 goal, putting the 2030 goal at serious risk without accelerated action.



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 120% higher than the annual number proposed to reach the target, based on a linear trajectory of decline.

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DTP1 coverage in 2025 (92%) was lower than in 2019 (95%).

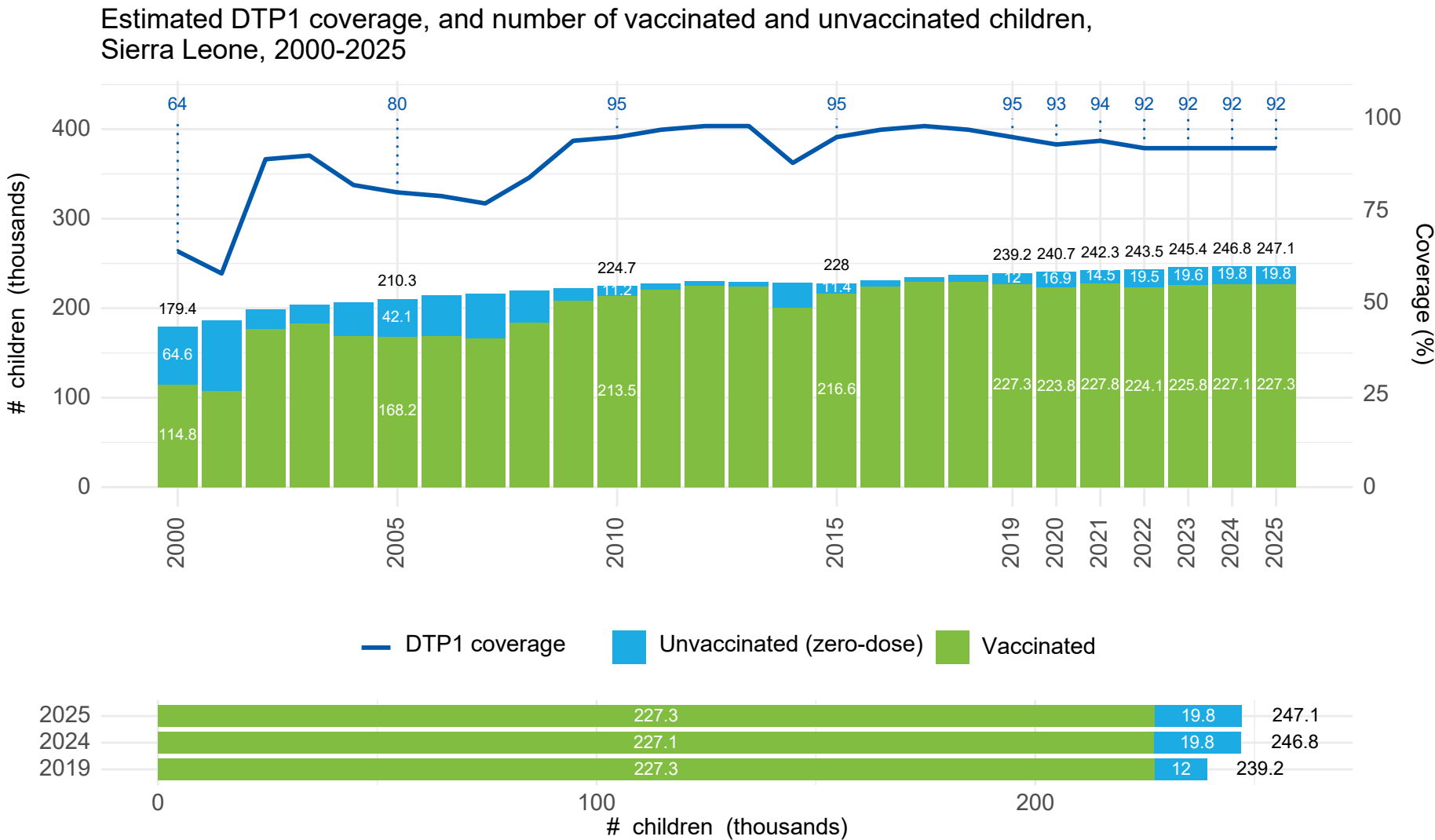
The number of children vaccinated with DTP1 remained constant 0% compared to in 2019.

The number of surviving infants increased approximately 3% compared to in 2019.

In 2025, approximately the same number of children were vaccinated than in 2019.

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

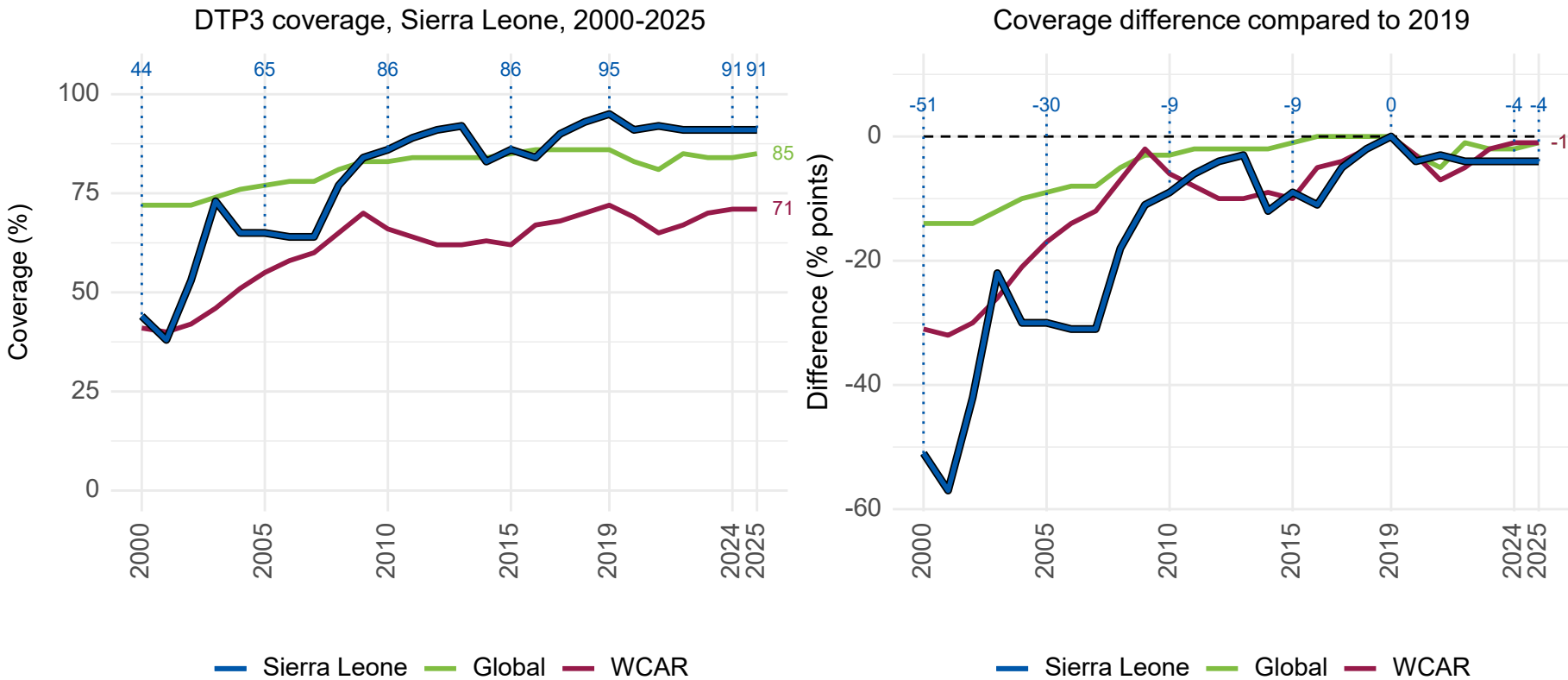
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DTP3

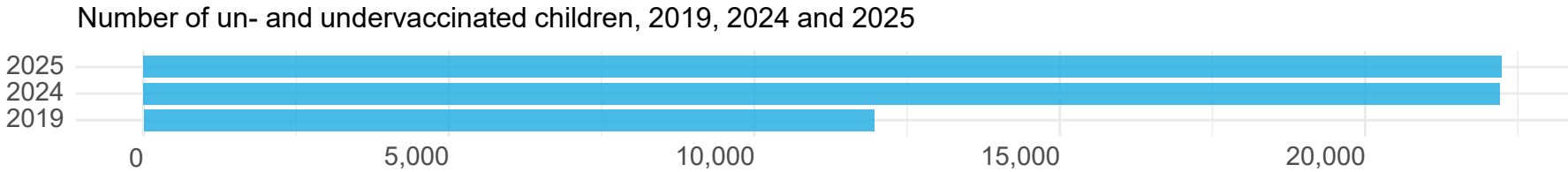
In 2025, Sierra Leone DTP3 coverage was 91% - this is 4 percentage points lower than in 2019 and higher than both the global and regional averages.



In 2025, DTP3 coverage in Sierra Leone (91%) was 6 percentage points higher than the global average (85%) and 20 percentage points higher than the average across all WCAR countries (71%).

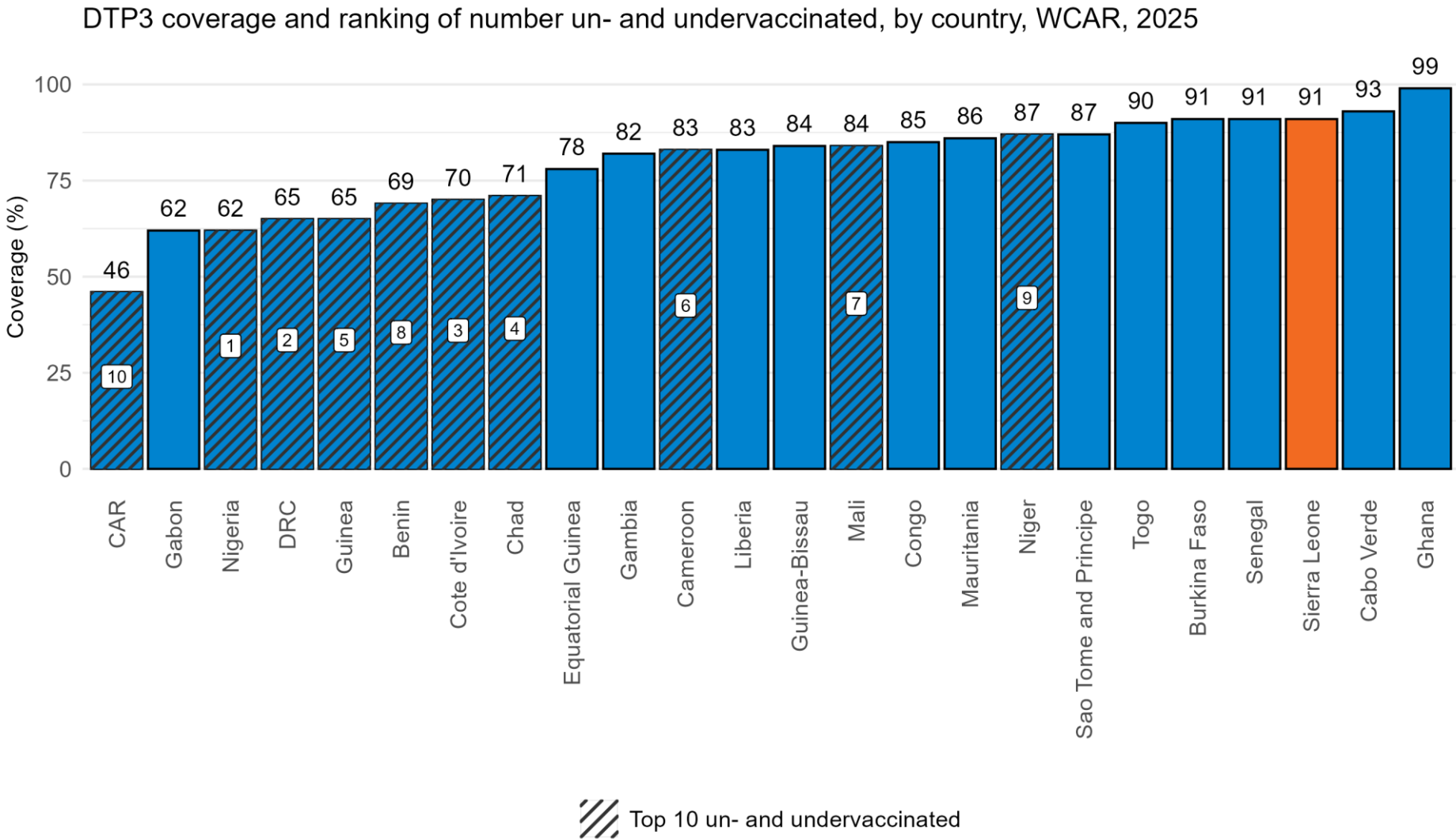
National DTP3 coverage was 4 percentage points lower than in 2019 (95%).

This equates to 22,000 un- and undervaccinated children in 2025 compared to 12,000 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, Sierra Leone 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 WCAR 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, Sierra Leone ranked number 20 out of 24 countries for lowest DTP3 coverage (based on tied ranks).

Sierra Leone 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.

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DTP3 coverage in 2025 (91%) was lower than in 2019 (95%).

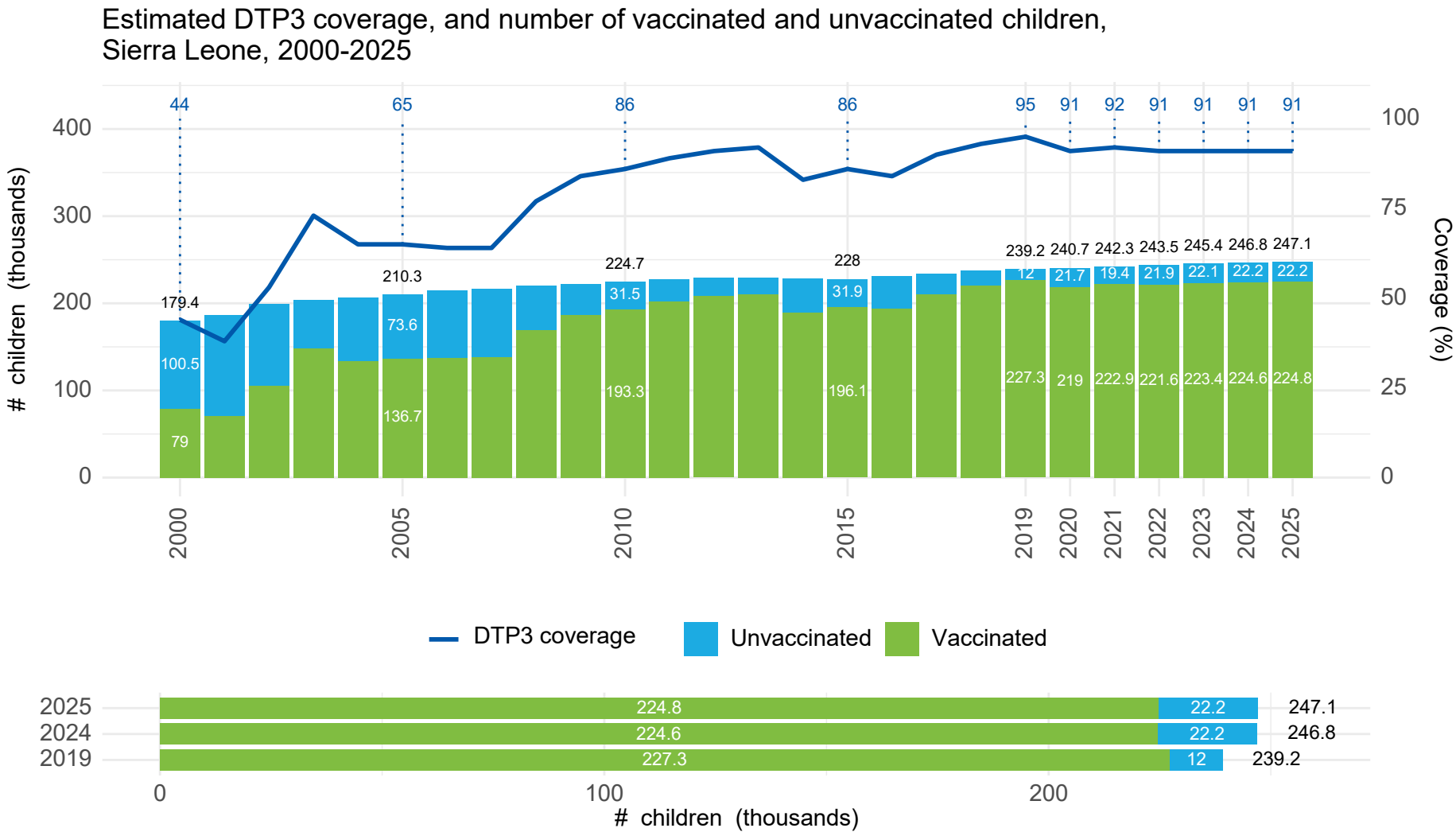
The number of children vaccinated with DTP3 decreased 1% compared to in 2019.

The number of surviving infants increased approximately 3% compared to in 2019.

In 2025, fewer children were vaccinated than in 2019.

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

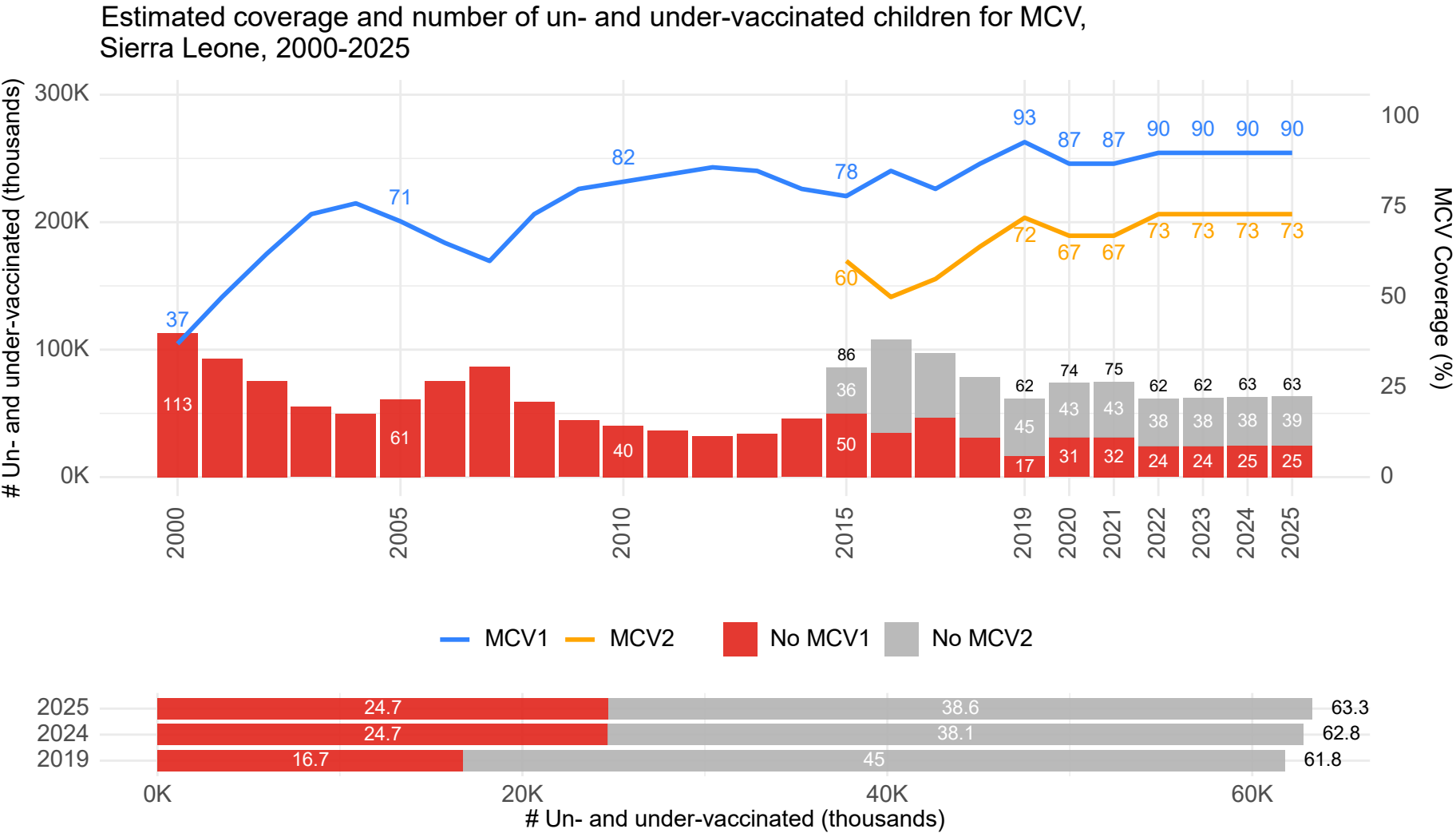
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Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Unvaccinated includes zero-dose and undervaccinated children

MCV1

MCV1 coverage remained constant at 90% in 2025 - below the 95% level needed to prevent outbreaks and, leaving 25,000 children without any protection against measles. MCV2 coverage also remained constant at 73% - below the IA2030 target of 90%.



Source: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, 2025 revision
Note: Lines show vaccine coverage and bars show number of children.

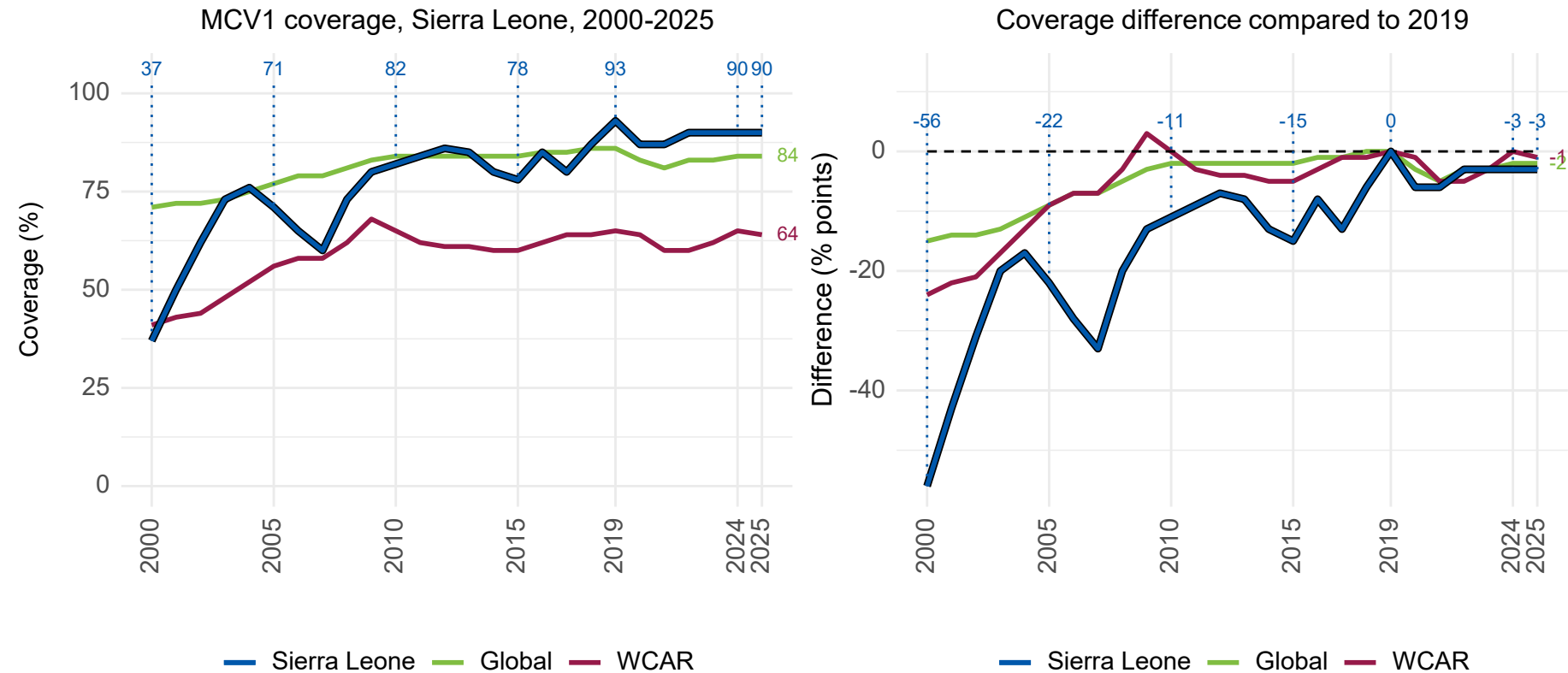
Measles, because of its high transmissibility, acts as a 'canary in the coalmine', quickly exposing any immunity gaps in the population. The coverage of measles containing vaccine (MCV) is thus often used as a tracer for protection.

The percentage of children receiving MCV1 – typically at 9 or 12 months depending on the national vaccination schedule – remained constant at 90%. This is lower than in 2019, where coverage was 93%.

25,000 children missed their routine first dose of measles vaccine.

MCV2 is typically administered to children between 18 months and five years old. MCV2 coverage remained constant at 73% in 2025.

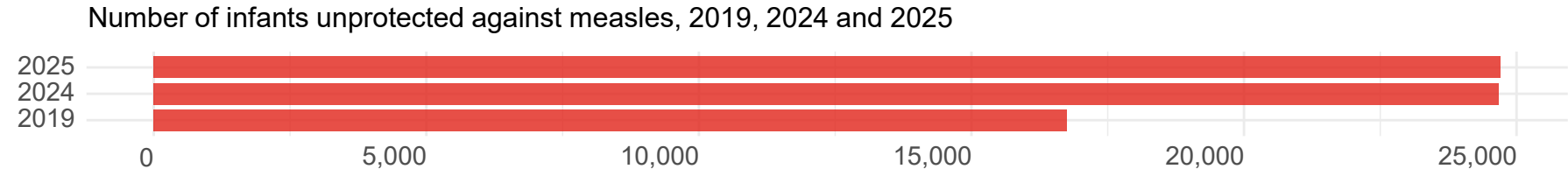
In 2025, Sierra Leone MCV1 coverage was 90% - this is 3 percentage points lower than in 2019 and higher than both the global and regional averages.



In 2025, MCV1 coverage in Sierra Leone (90%) was 6 percentage points higher than the global average (84%) and 26 percentage points higher than the average across all WCAR countries (64%).

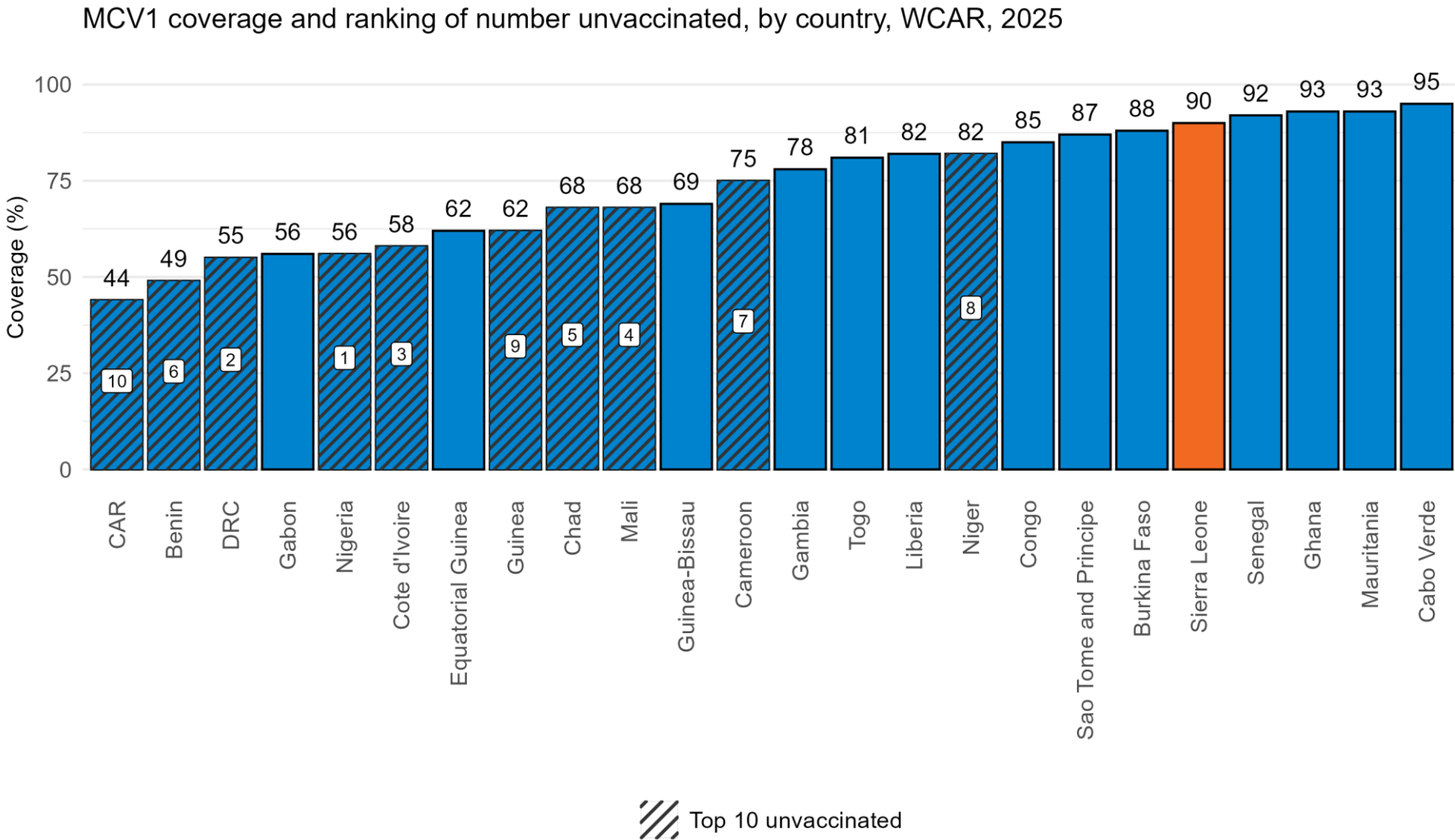
National MCV1 coverage was 3 percentage points lower than in 2019 (93%).

This equates to 25,000 unvaccinated children in 2025 compared to 17,000 unvaccinated children in 2019.



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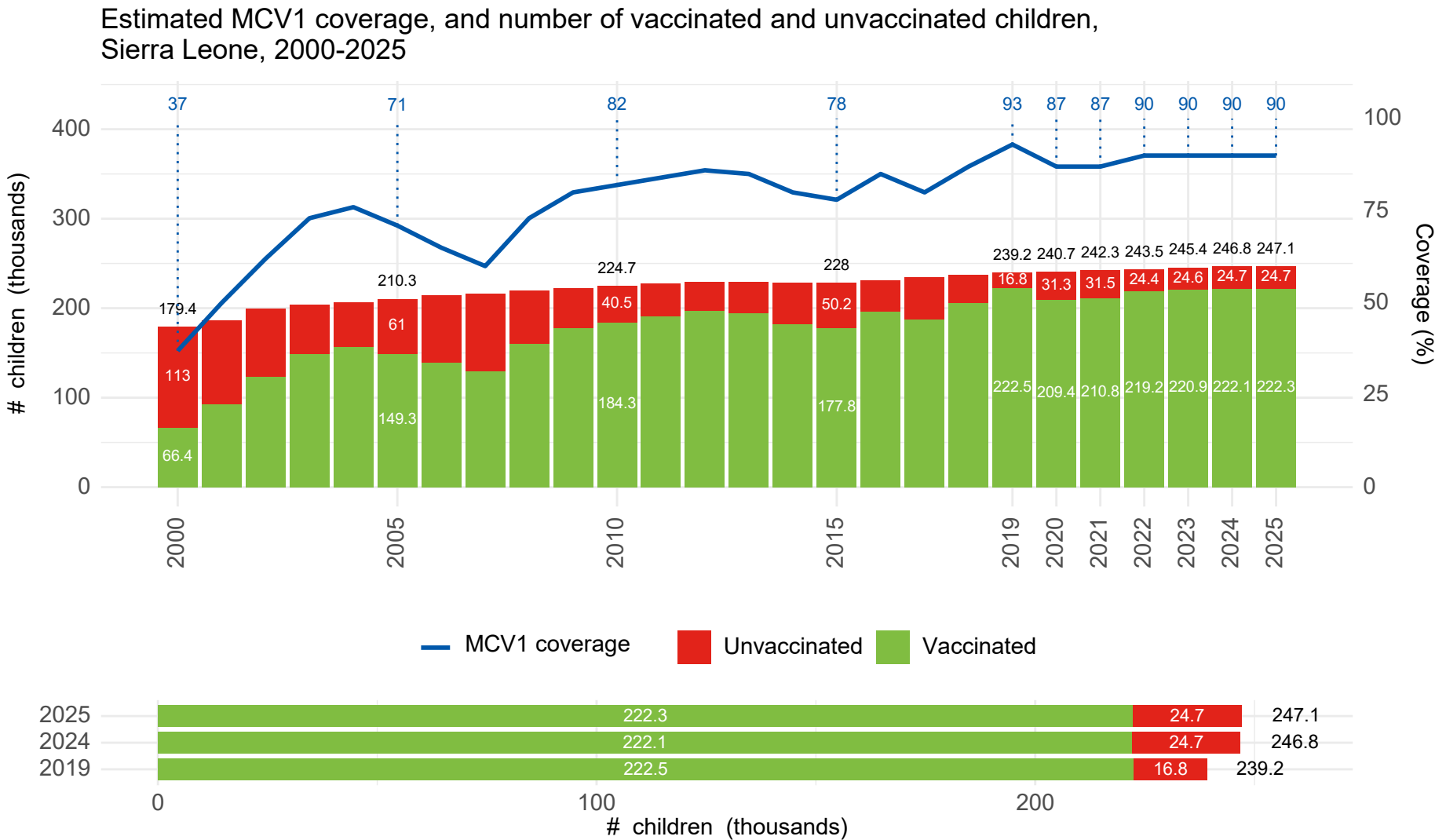
The number of children vaccinated with MCV1 remained constant 0% compared to in 2019.

The number of surviving infants increased approximately 3% compared to in 2019.

In 2025, approximately the same number of children were vaccinated than in 2019.

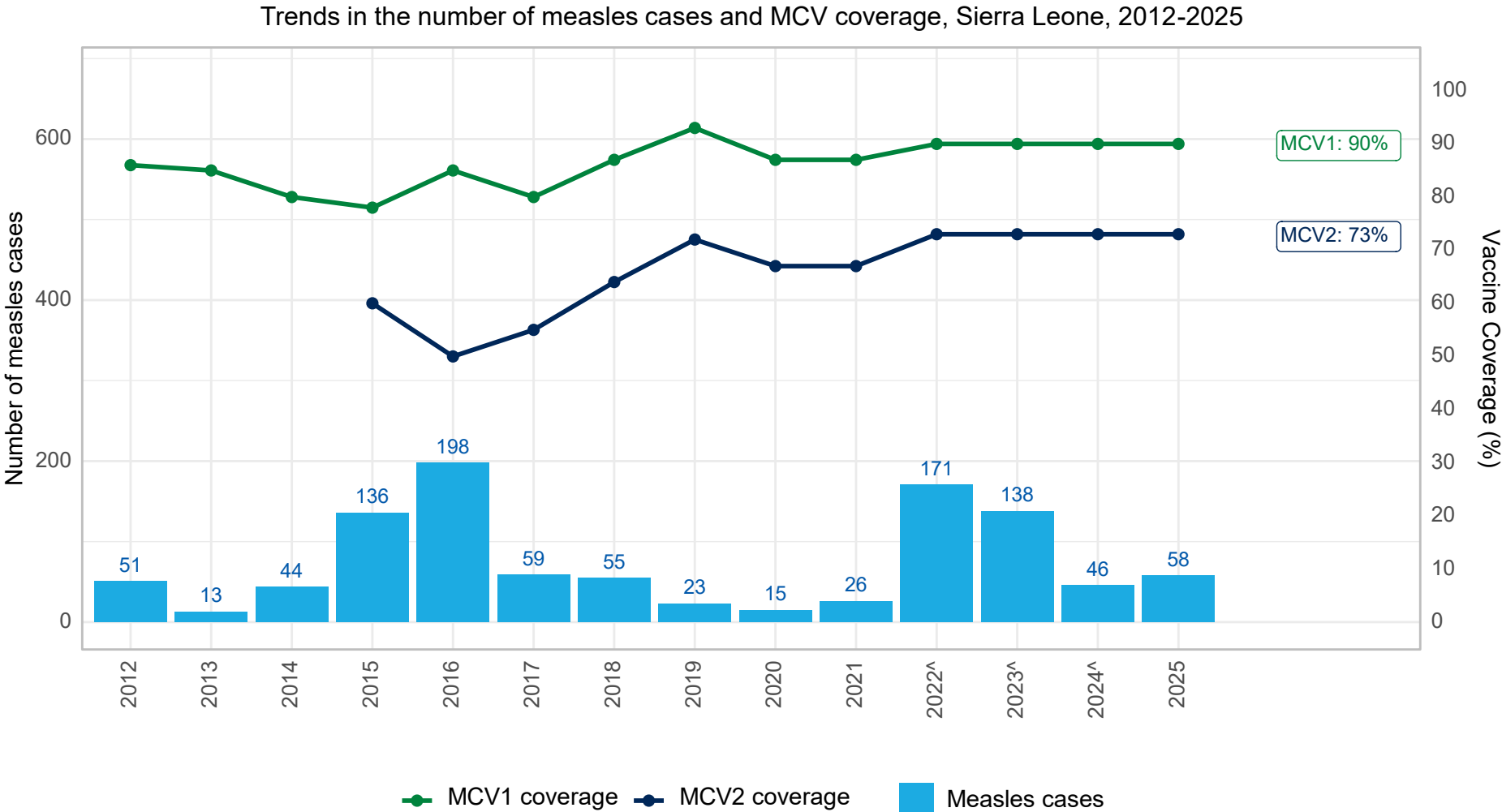
In 2025, there were more surviving infants (target population) than in 2019.

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

In 2025, Sierra Leone experienced an increase in measles cases compared with 2024, while MCV1 coverage was 90% and MCV2 coverage was 73%.



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).

In 2025, there was a total of 58 confirmed measles cases in Sierra Leone. In the same year, MCV1 coverage was 90% and MCV2 coverage was 73%.

The number of cases in 2025 was 26% more than in 2024 (n=46).

The highest number of measles cases was reported in 2016 (n=198). In this year, MCV1 coverage was 85%.

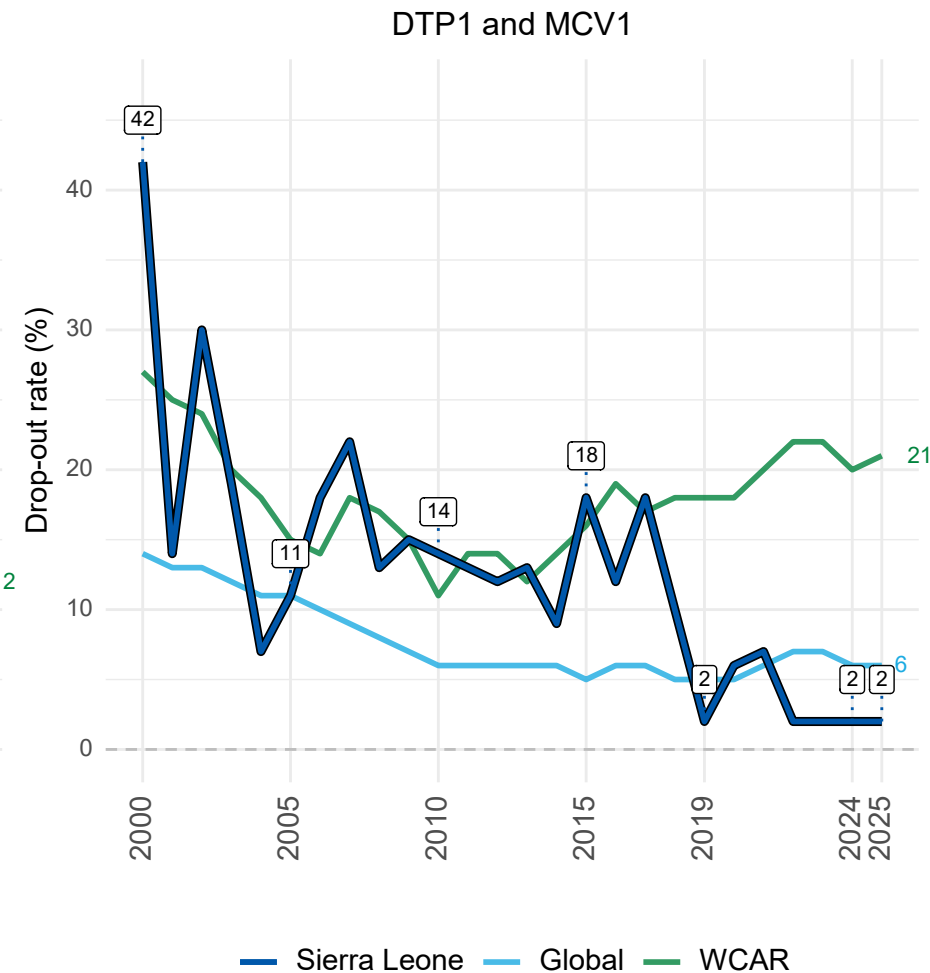
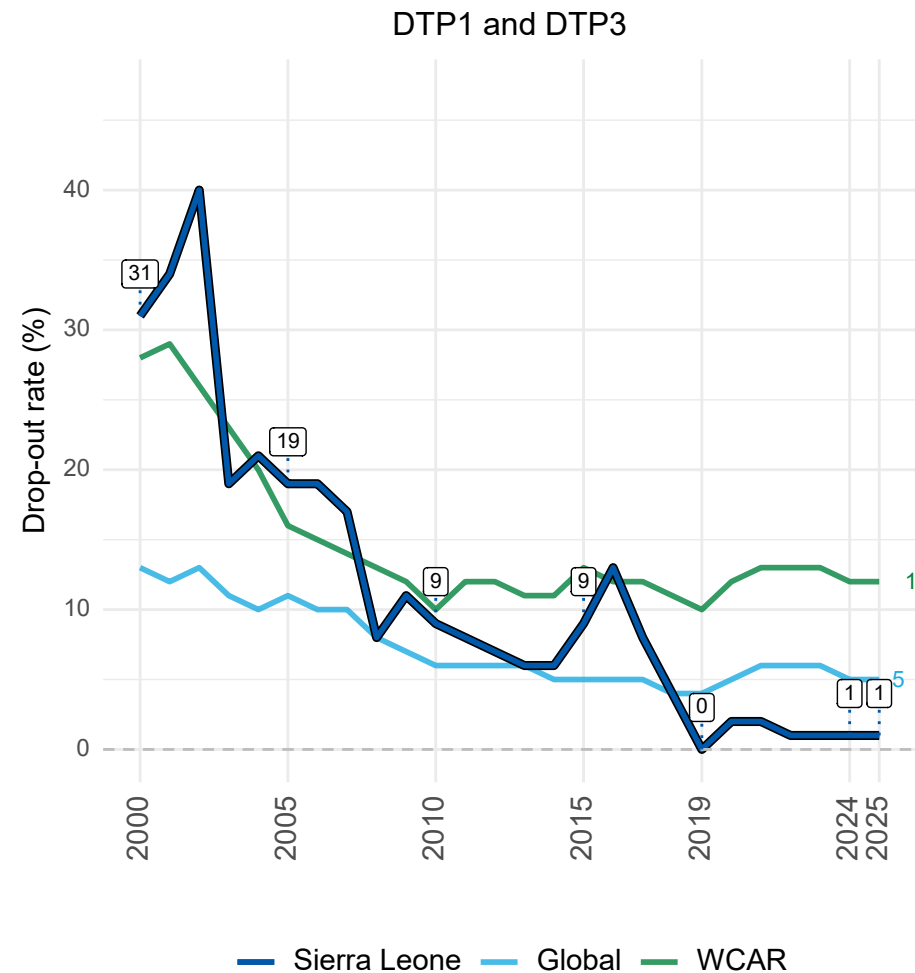
Sierra Leone reported measles vaccine stockouts in 2005.

There were measles-containing vaccine supplementary immunization activities/campaigns in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Childhood immunization: Additional charts

In 2025, DTP1 and DTP3/MCV1 drop-out was low in Sierra Leone, indicating good retention of children in immunization programmes, and current efforts to ensure follow up are successful.

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.

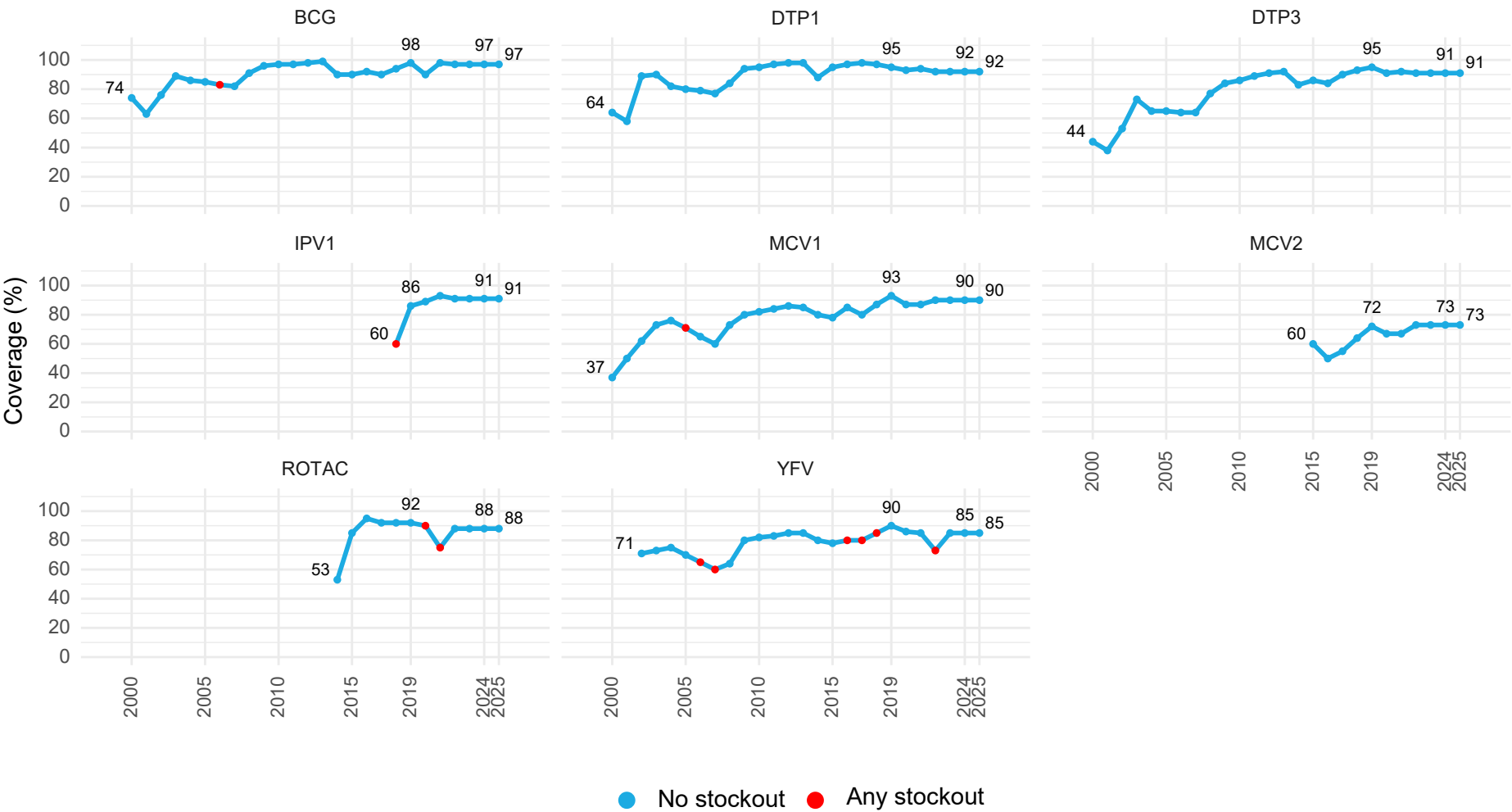
In 2025, 1% of children who received DTP1 did not receive DTP3 (left), and 2% of children who received DTP1 did not receive MCV1 (right).

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

In 2025, Sierra Leone DTP drop-out was lower than the global rate, while DTP-MCV drop-out was lower than the global rate.

In 2025, Sierra Leone had its lowest coverage in MCV2 (73%), while most other routine vaccines clustered around 85-97%; 6 antigens decreased since 2019, and 8 antigens remained constant since 2024.

Coverage of recommended childhood vaccines, Sierra Leone, 2000-2025



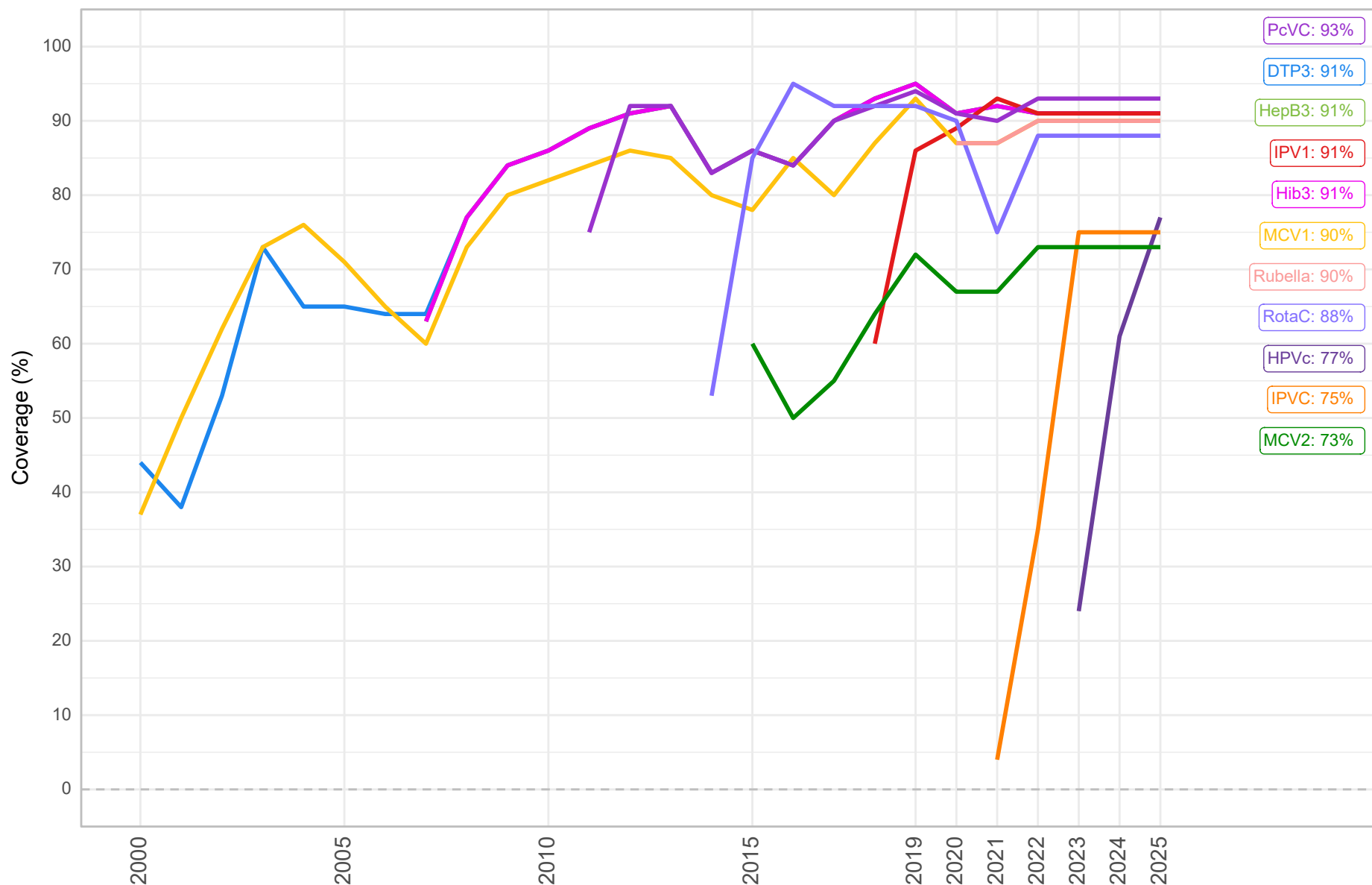
This chart shows trends in coverage of selected core routine vaccines recommended in childhood.

In 2025, MCV2 had the lowest coverage (73%), followed by YFV (85%).

Compared to 2019, coverage of 6 vaccines decreased (BCG, DTP1, DTP3, MCV1, ROTAC and YFV) and 2 vaccines increased (IPV1 and MCV2).

Compared to 2024, coverage of 8 vaccines remained constant (BCG, DTP1, DTP3, IPV1, MCV1, MCV2, ROTAC and YFV).

Vaccine coverage (%), Sierra Leone, 2000-2025



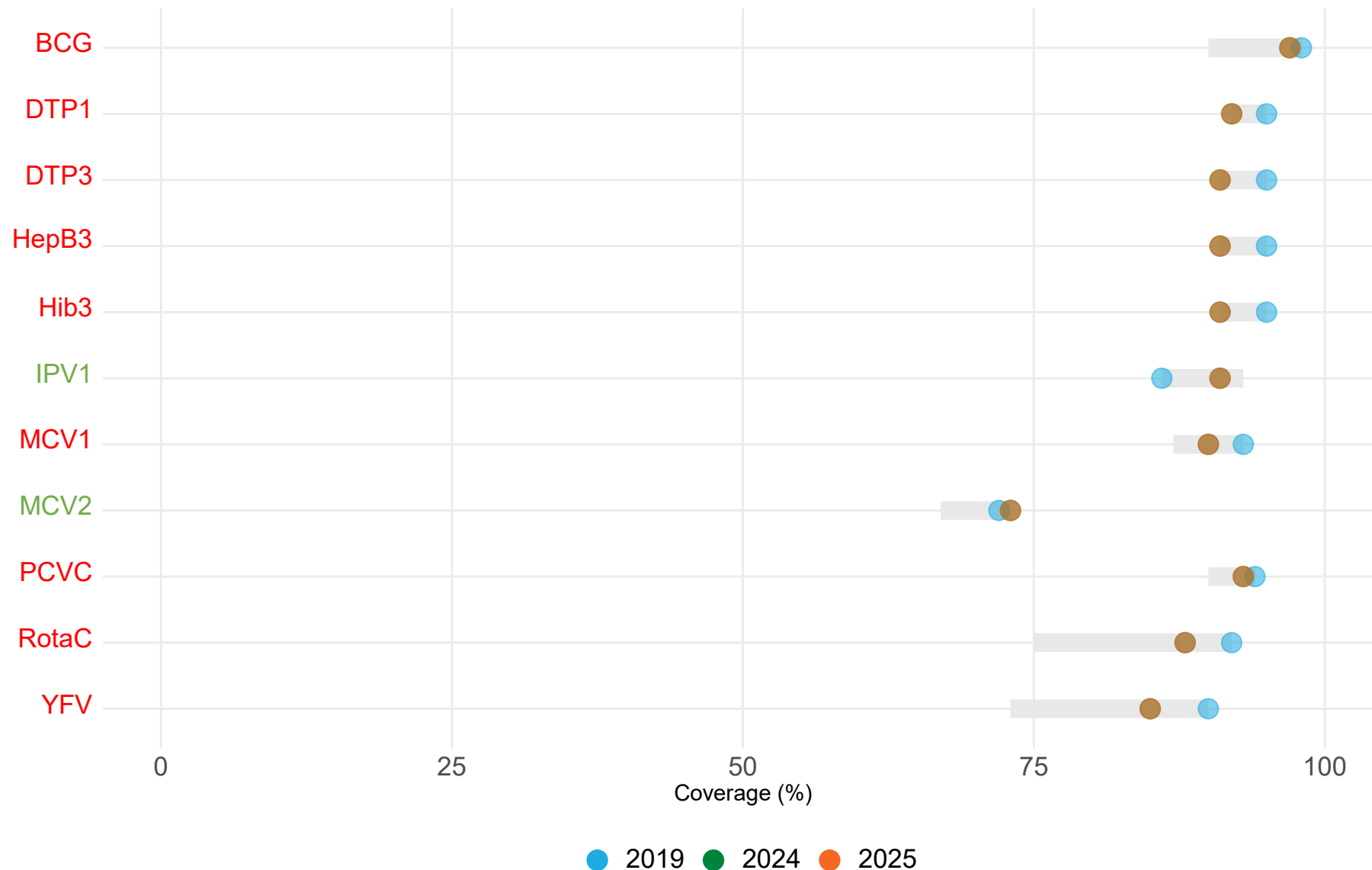
This chart shows trends in coverage of 10 vaccines (complete series).

In 2025, MCV2 had the lowest coverage of all vaccines (73%), followed by IPVC (75%).

Coverage of 5 vaccines decreased (DTP3, HEPB3, HIB3, MCV1 and ROTAC) and 2 vaccines increased (IPV1 and MCV2) compared to respective coverage in 2019.

Coverage of 9 vaccines were the same (DTP3, HEPB3, HIB3, IPV1, IPVC, MCV1, MCV2, ROTAC and RUBELLA) and 1 vaccine increased (HPVC) compared to respective coverage in 2024.

Vaccine coverage (%), Sierra Leone, 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 declined between 2019 (95%) and 2024 (92%). DTP1 coverage remained the same in 2025 (92%) compared to 2024, and was lower than in 2019. In 2019-2025, DTP1 coverage was at it's lowest level in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (92%).

In 2024, 9 vaccines had lower coverage than in 2019.

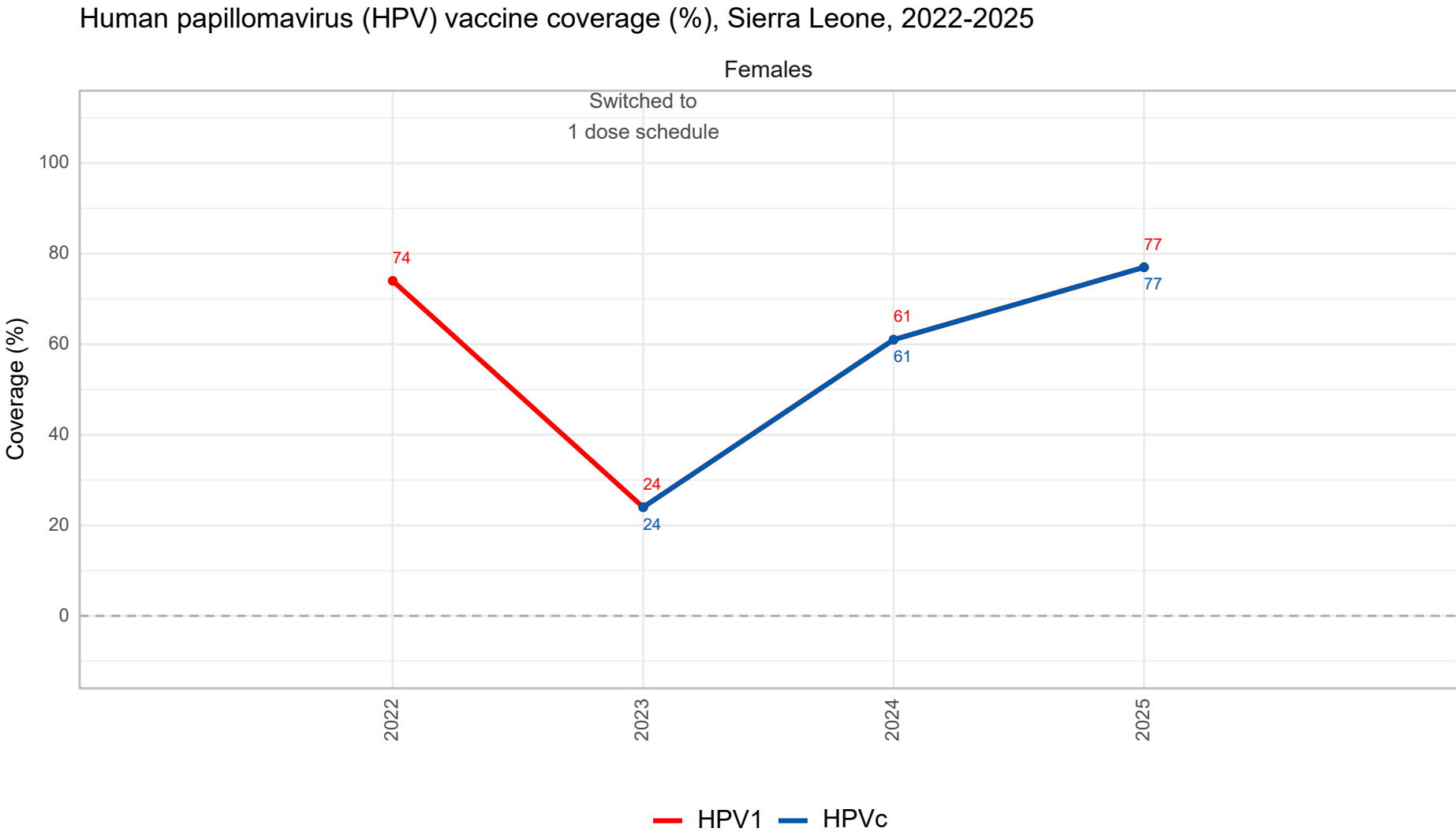
In 2025, 9 vaccines had lower coverage than in 2019.

In 2025, 0 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 increased to 77%, following switch to single dose in 2023.



The first year of HPV programme coverage estimates in Sierra Leone was 2022.

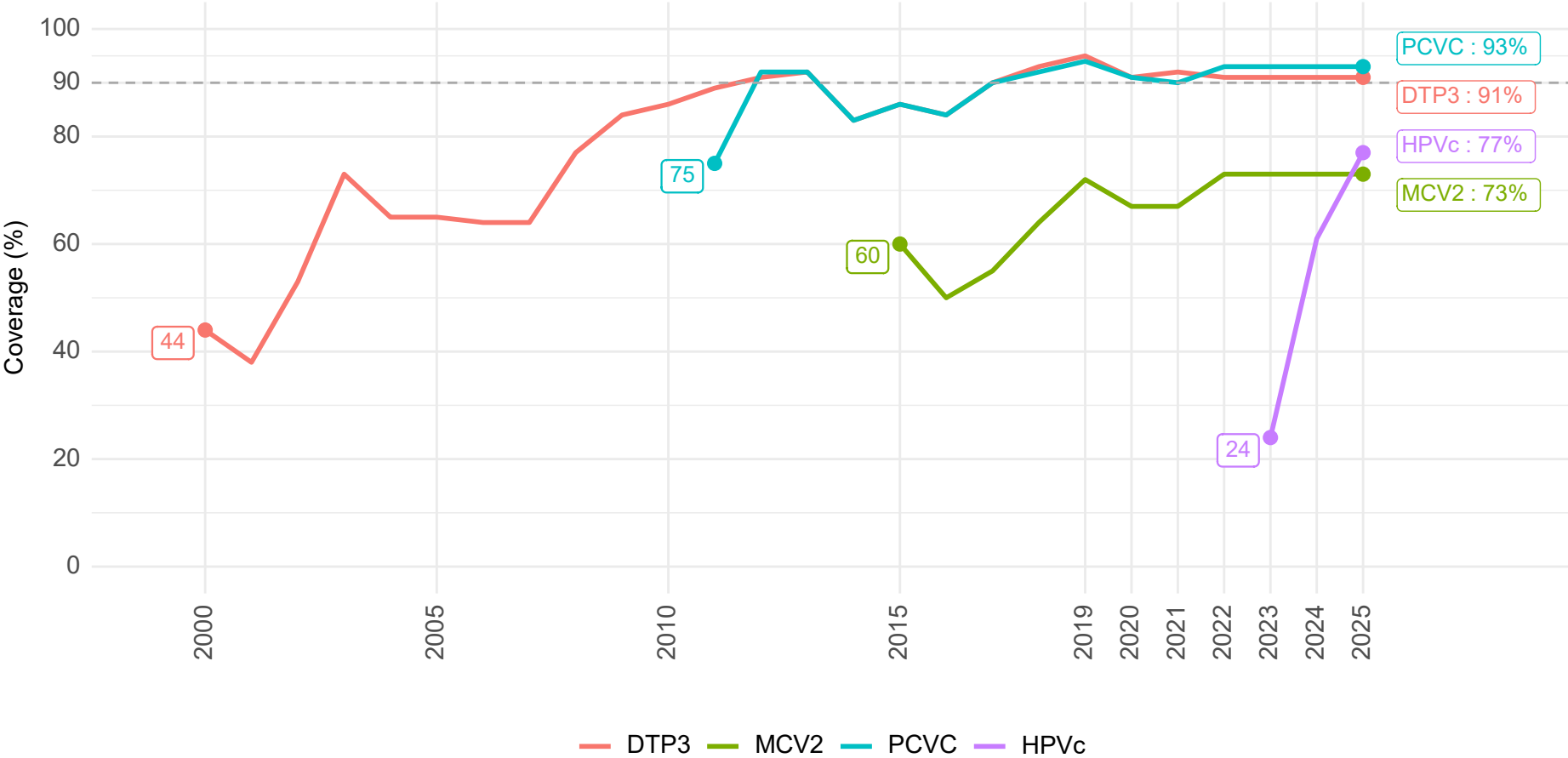
In 2025, first dose (HPV1) programme coverage among girls was 77%. In 2025, last dose (HPVc) programme coverage among girls was 77%.

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, Sierra Leone met the 90% SDG coverage target for DTP3 and PCVC, but not for the remaining vaccines.

SDG 3.b.1: Proportion of the target population covered by all vaccines included in their national programme, Sierra Leone, 2000-2025



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.

Sierra Leone has all 4 of the SDG vaccines.

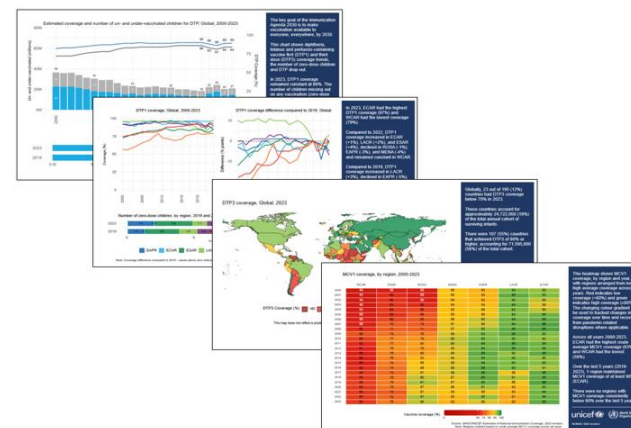
In 2025, Sierra Leone had achieved at least 90% coverage of 2 out of the 4 vaccines.

Additional resources

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1	unicef_regio	isoc3	country	vaccine	year	target_grp	coverage	vaccinated	unvaccinated	target
2	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1982	births	10	57,000	514,000	571,000
3	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1983	births	10	56,000	503,000	539,000
4	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1984	births	11	62,000	501,000	563,000
5	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1985	births	17	100,000	490,000	591,000
6	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1986	births	18	107,000	489,000	596,000
7	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1987	births	27	161,000	434,000	595,000
8	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1988	births	40	238,000	358,000	596,000
9	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1989	births	38	233,000	380,000	614,000
10	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1990	births	30	191,000	446,000	637,000
11	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1991	births	21	134,000	505,000	640,000
12	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1992	births	19	127,000	541,000	668,000
13	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1993	births	17			760,000
14	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1994	births	15			852,000
15	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1995	births				899,000
16	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1996	births				932,000
17	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1997	births				962,000
18	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1998	births				986,000
19	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		1999	births				1,013,000
20	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		2000	births	30			1,037,000
21	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		2001	births	43	455,000	576,000	1,007,000
22	ROSA	AFG	Afghanistan bcg		2002	births	46	467,000	548,000	1,015,000

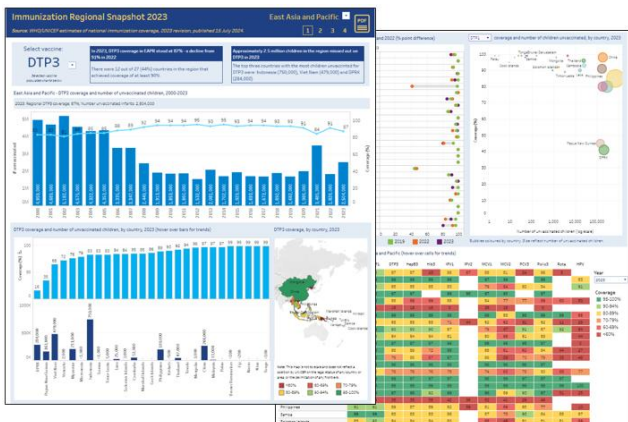
UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, Gavi and
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Additional immunization data resources can be found at:

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

*UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, Gavi and
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The collage features several distinct data visualizations:

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(5 minutes)

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