



Sweden

Administrative Data Quality Review Report, 2025



Administrative Data Quality Review

This report presents a systematic review of immunization administrative data quality. It is designed to support country-level data review discussions. Administrative (“admin”) data can be affected by reporting errors, denominator inconsistencies, and supply disruptions. This report helps identify where data quality issues may exist and why admin coverage may diverge from the WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC), survey, and official government estimates.

This report covers the following data quality components:

Schedule & Supply Context

Vaccine schedule, introduction years, and recorded stockouts

Coverage Overview

WUENIC, admin, official government, and survey coverage across all vaccines and years.

Admin Coverage Flags

Years where admin coverage exceeds 100% or changes by more than ± 10 percentage points.

Admin vs. Estimates

Gaps between admin and WUENIC estimates; gaps between admin and official government estimates.

Numerator Checks

Percent change from the previous year in the number of children vaccinated; co-administration consistency checks.

Denominator Checks

Percent change from the previous year in target population size; live births vs. surviving infants over time.

Admin Data Availability Heatmap

Heatmap showing which vaccines have missing or present administrative data by year.

Admin Data Comments

Country-reported explanations for numerator accuracy, denominator source, and denominator accuracy.

Flags in this report indicate areas that warrant further review — they do not necessarily indicate errors. Country context, schedule changes, and reporting system updates should be considered alongside these findings.

The electronic Joint Reporting Form (eJRF)

Since 1998, in an effort to strengthen collaboration and minimize the reporting burden of countries, WHO and UNICEF have jointly collected immunization system and related information through a standard questionnaire (the Joint Reporting Form) sent to all Member States. In 2021, the form was updated to a cloud-based solution known as the electronic Joint Reporting Form (eJRF).

The eJRF serves three core functions:

Mission-Critical Data

Serves as the primary data source for tracking the **Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030)** and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Strategic Utility

Informs WUENIC estimates, guides global funding decisions, and populates the UNICEF *State of the World's Children* reports.

Comprehensive Scope

Captures national and subnational coverage, vaccination schedules, vaccine stockouts, and disease trends.

All data in this presentation is sourced from the eJRF.

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.

Data Sources Presented

This report presents data from the following sources:

WUENIC

WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC) provides annual country-level immunization coverage estimates produced jointly by WHO and UNICEF. These estimates are derived from a systematic review of all available data sources and are adjusted to account for data quality issues.

Administrative ("Admin")

Reported by national authorities and based on aggregated administrative reports from health service providers on the number of vaccinations administered during a given period (numerator) and reported target population data (denominator).

Official

Estimated coverage reported by national authorities that reflects their assessment of the most likely coverage based on any combination of administrative coverage, survey-based estimates, or other data sources or adjustments.

Survey

Based on estimated coverage from population-based household surveys among children aged 12–23 months or 24–35 months. Survey results are considered for the appropriate birth cohort based on the period of data collection. Coverage information is based on the combination of vaccination history from documented evidence or caregiver recall.

Vaccine Schedule

Level	Vaccine	Dose number and age administered		
		1	2	3
National	DTP	3 months	5 months	12 months
National	HPV (females and males)	10 to 11 years	11 to 12 years	
National	MCV	18 months	6 to 8 years	
National	PCV	3 months	5 months	12 months
National	RotaC	6 weeks	3 months	5 months

This table shows the 2025 national immunization schedule for routine services in Sweden, reported through the WUENIC 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.

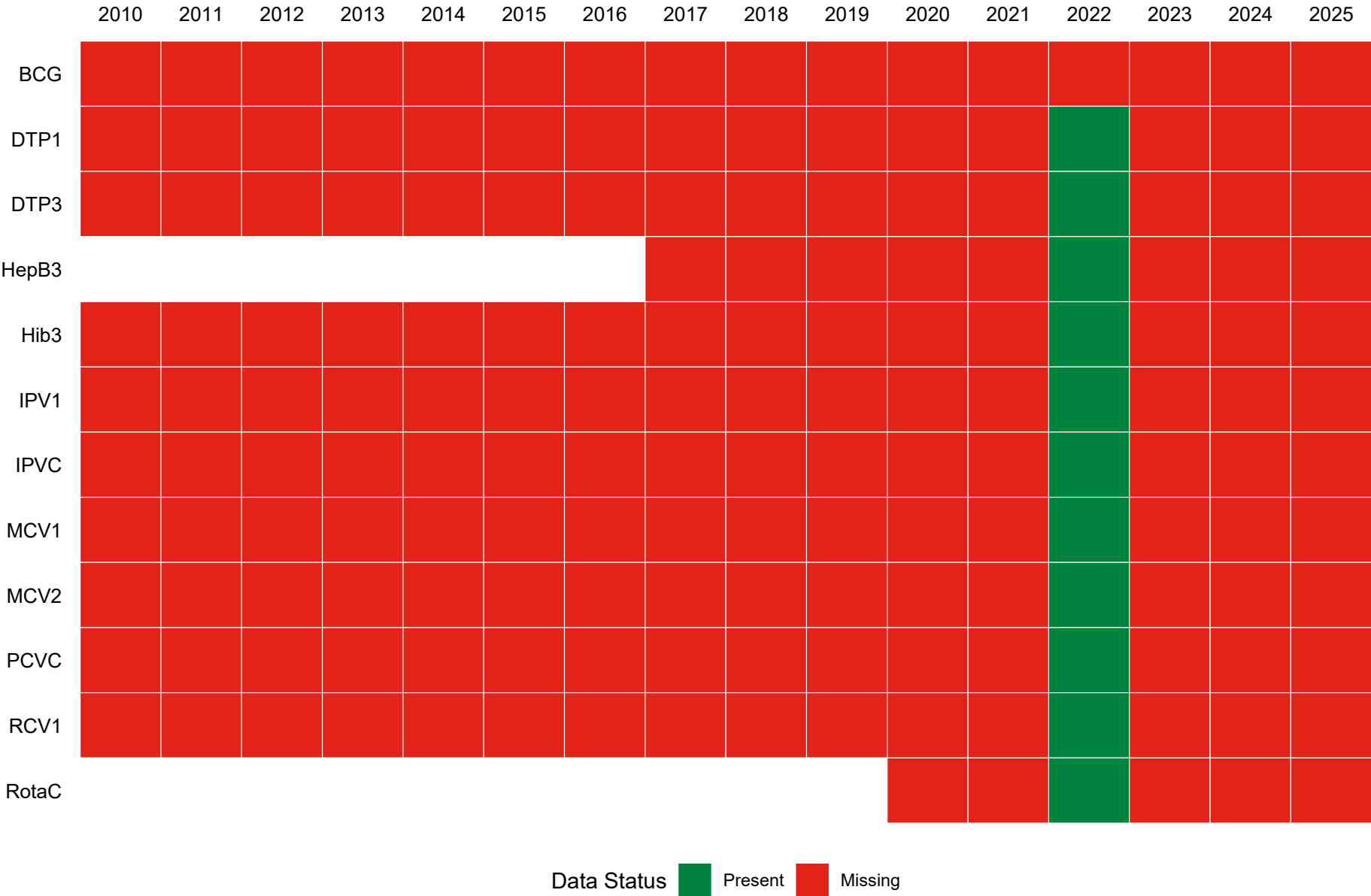
Vaccine Introductions

Vaccine	National introduction	Partial introduction	Risk groups
HPV (Human papillomavirus) vaccine	2010		
HepB birth dose	Not introduced		2010
Hepatitis B vaccine	2016	2014	
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B) vaccine	1992		
IPV (Inactivated polio vaccine)	1982		
IPV (Inactivated polio vaccine) 2nd dose	2002		
Malaria vaccine	Not introduced		
Measles-containing vaccine 2nd dose	1982		
Meningococcal meningitis vaccines (any strain)	Not introduced		
Mumps vaccine	1995		
PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)	2009	2007	2006
RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) immunization strategy	2025		
Rotavirus vaccine	2019	2014	
Rubella vaccine	1982	1974	
Typhoid conjugate vaccine	Not introduced		
YF (Yellow fever) vaccine	Not introduced		

Year in which each vaccine was introduced nationally, partially, for risk groups, or risk areas.

We present the vaccination introductions table here to contextualize the data availability heatmap on the following slide.

Admin Data Availability Heatmap by Vaccine,
Sweden, 2010–2025

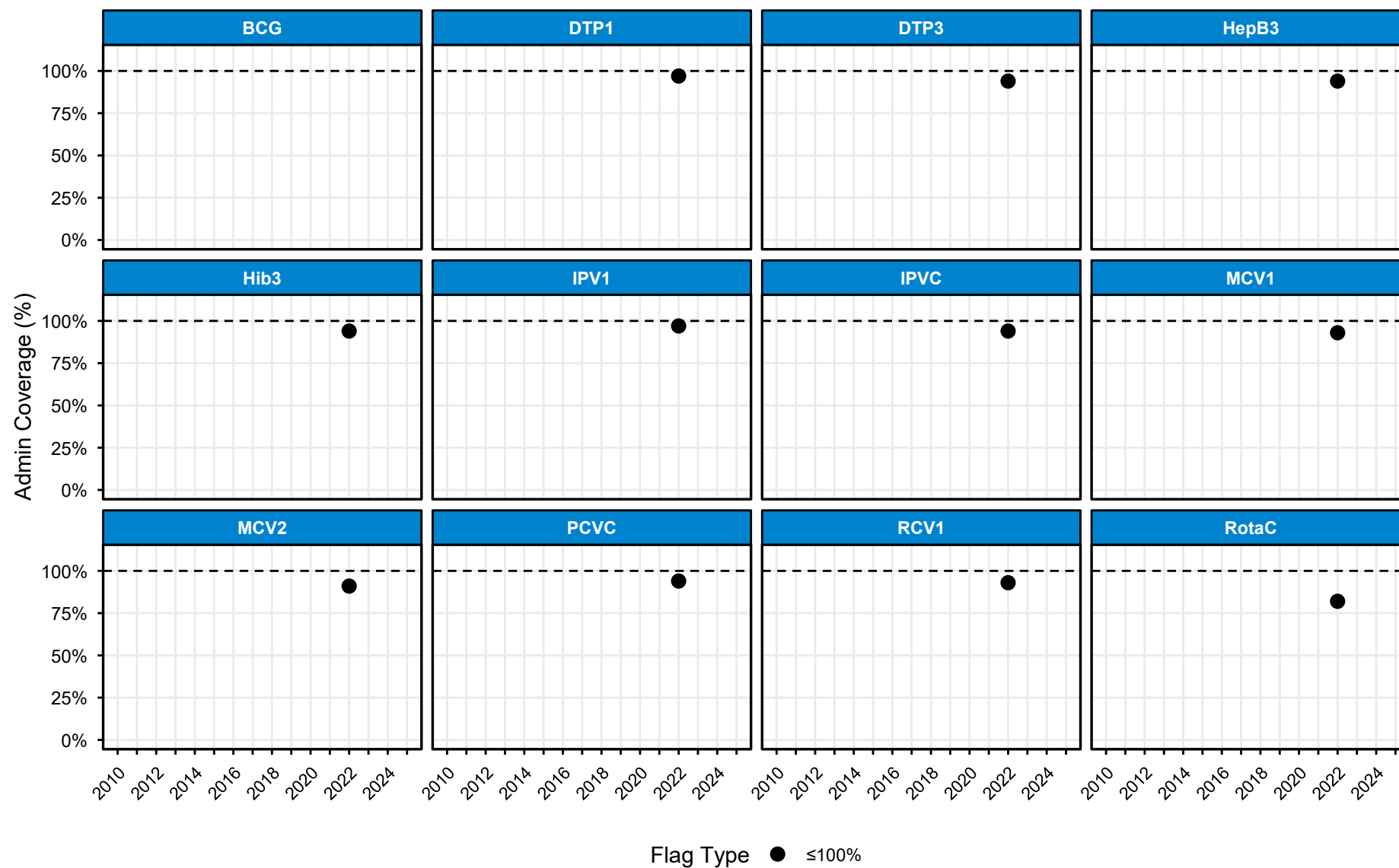


Heatmap showing whether admin data are present (green), missing (red), or not applicable because the vaccine had not yet been introduced or reporting had not started (white), by vaccine and year.

Admin Coverage Flags

Admin Coverage Flags by Vaccine and Year, Sweden, 2010–2025

Orange = coverage > 100% | Red = ± 10 pp

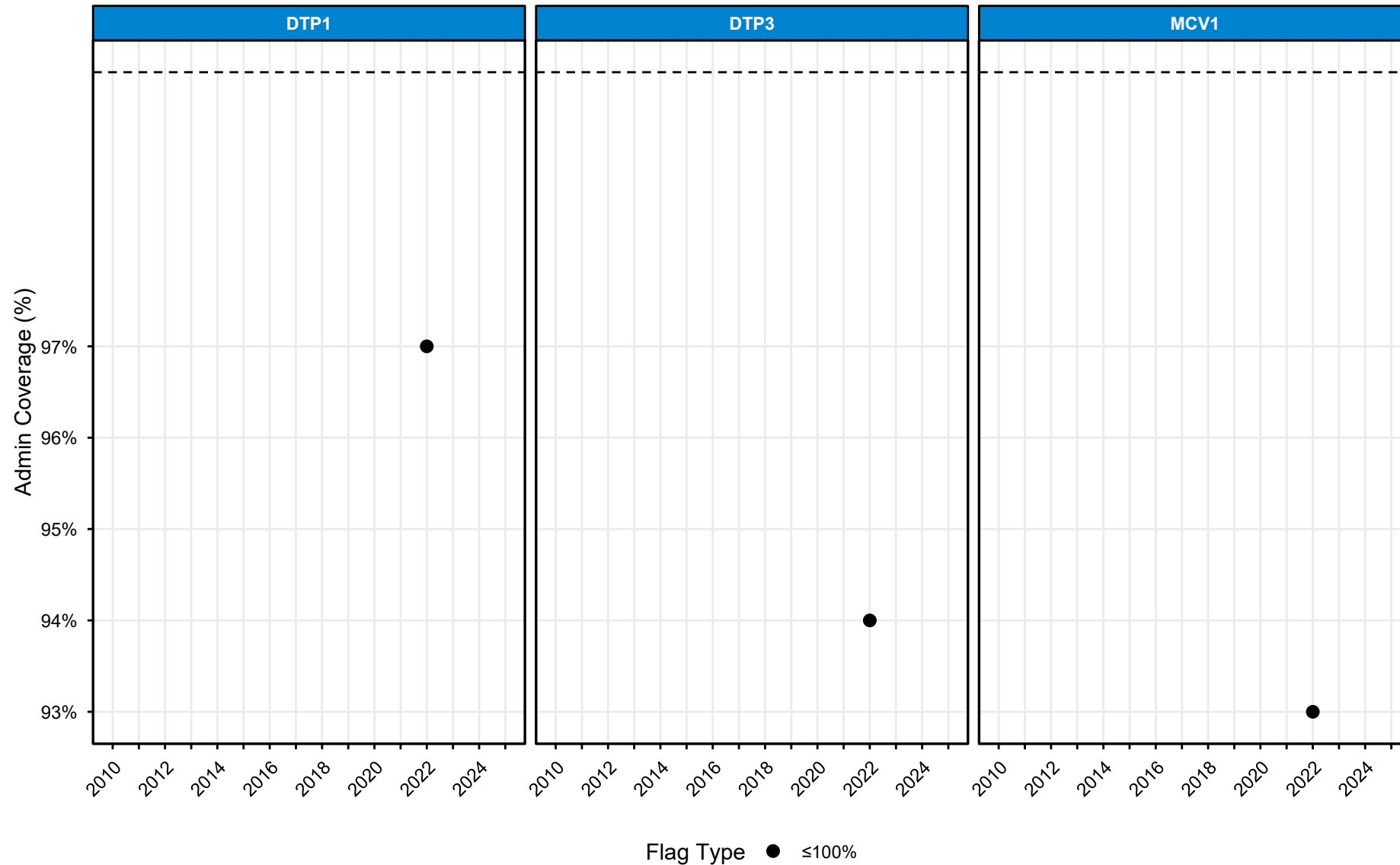


Admin coverage flagged where values exceed 100% (orange) or change by more than ± 10 percentage points from the previous year (red), 2010–2025.

Two types of data quality issues are highlighted: coverage values above 100%, which suggest errors in the reported number of vaccinations or the denominator used, and year-on-year changes greater than 10 percentage points, which may reflect inconsistent reporting rather than true changes in vaccination coverage.

DTP1, DTP3, and MCV1 Admin Coverage Flags by Year, Sweden, 2010–2025

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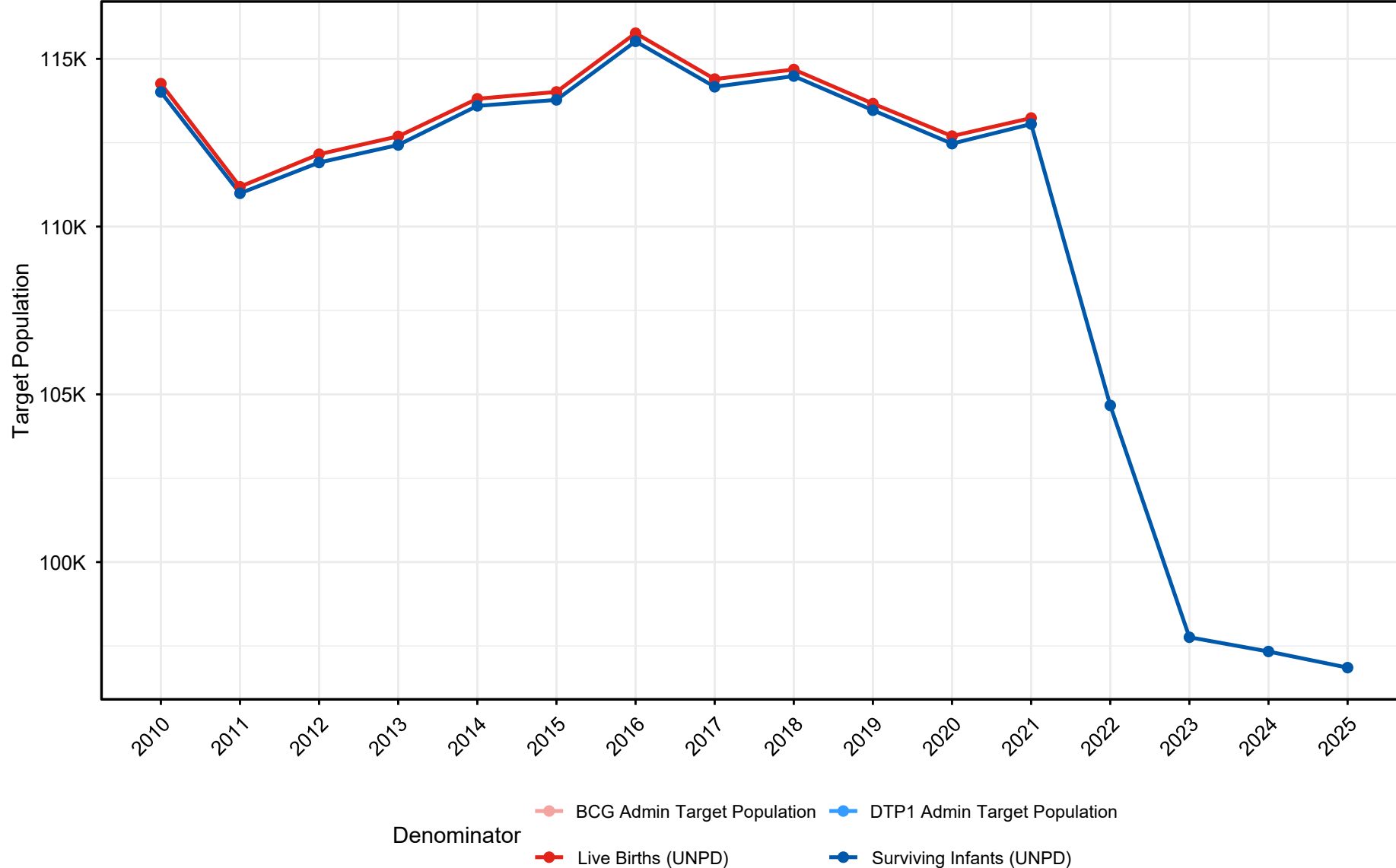
Gaps in line indicate missing admin data for that year.

Same flag logic applied to DTP1, DTP3, and MCV1 only, 2010–2025.

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Denominator Checks

Live Births & Surviving Infants (UNPD) vs. Admin Denominators,
Sweden, 2010–2025



Data from 2024 World Population Prospects (WPP) revision.

Comparison of trends in live births and surviving infants, 2010–2025.

Live births is used as the denominator for BCG and HepBB.

Surviving infants is used as the denominator for other vaccines given in the first year of life.

Admin target populations are reported by the country, while the United Nations Population Division (UNPD) produces the World Population Prospects (WPP) data.

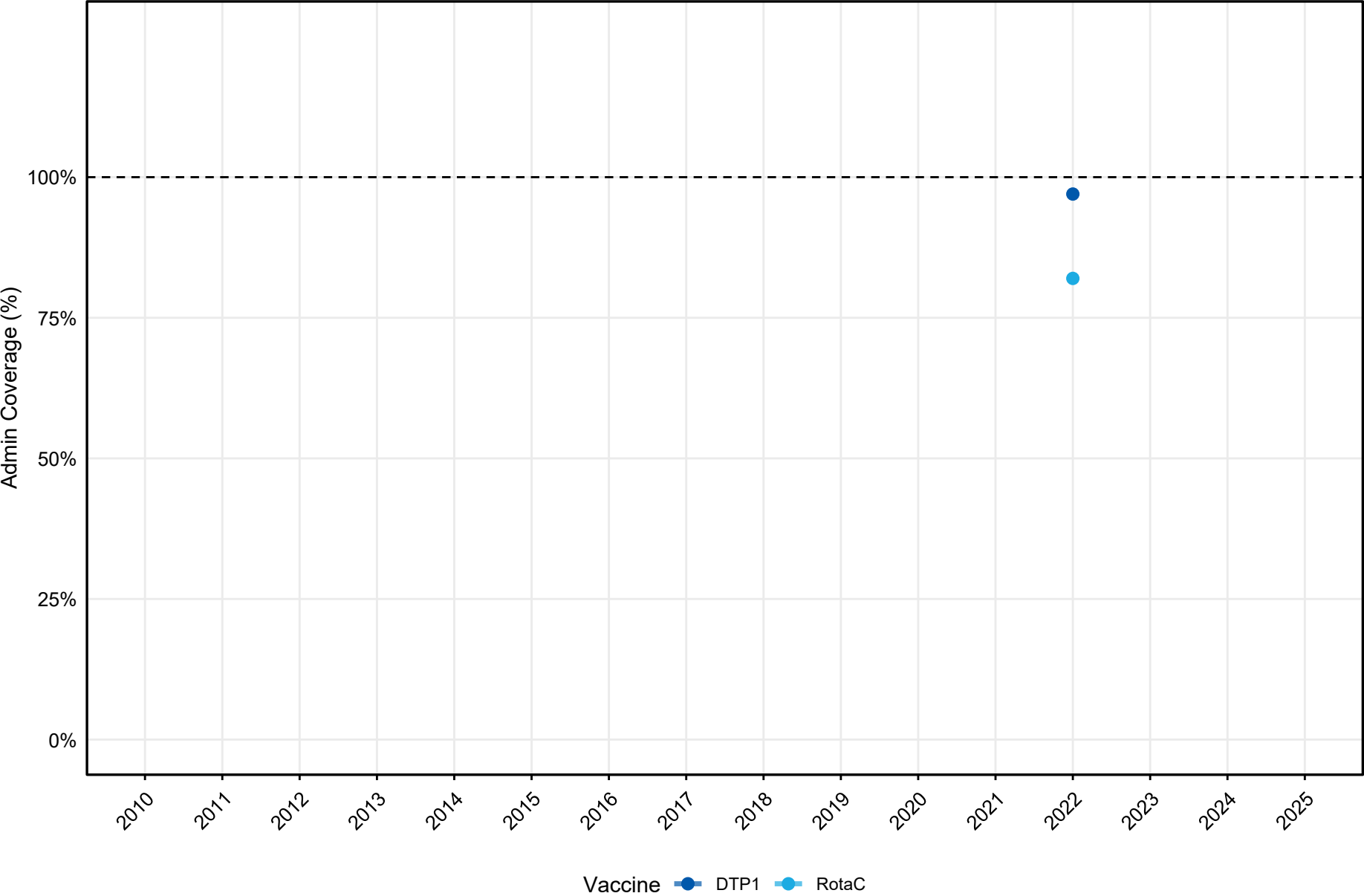
UNPD is the United Nations Population Division.



WUENIC 2025 revision

Coverage of Vaccines Recommended at the Same Age

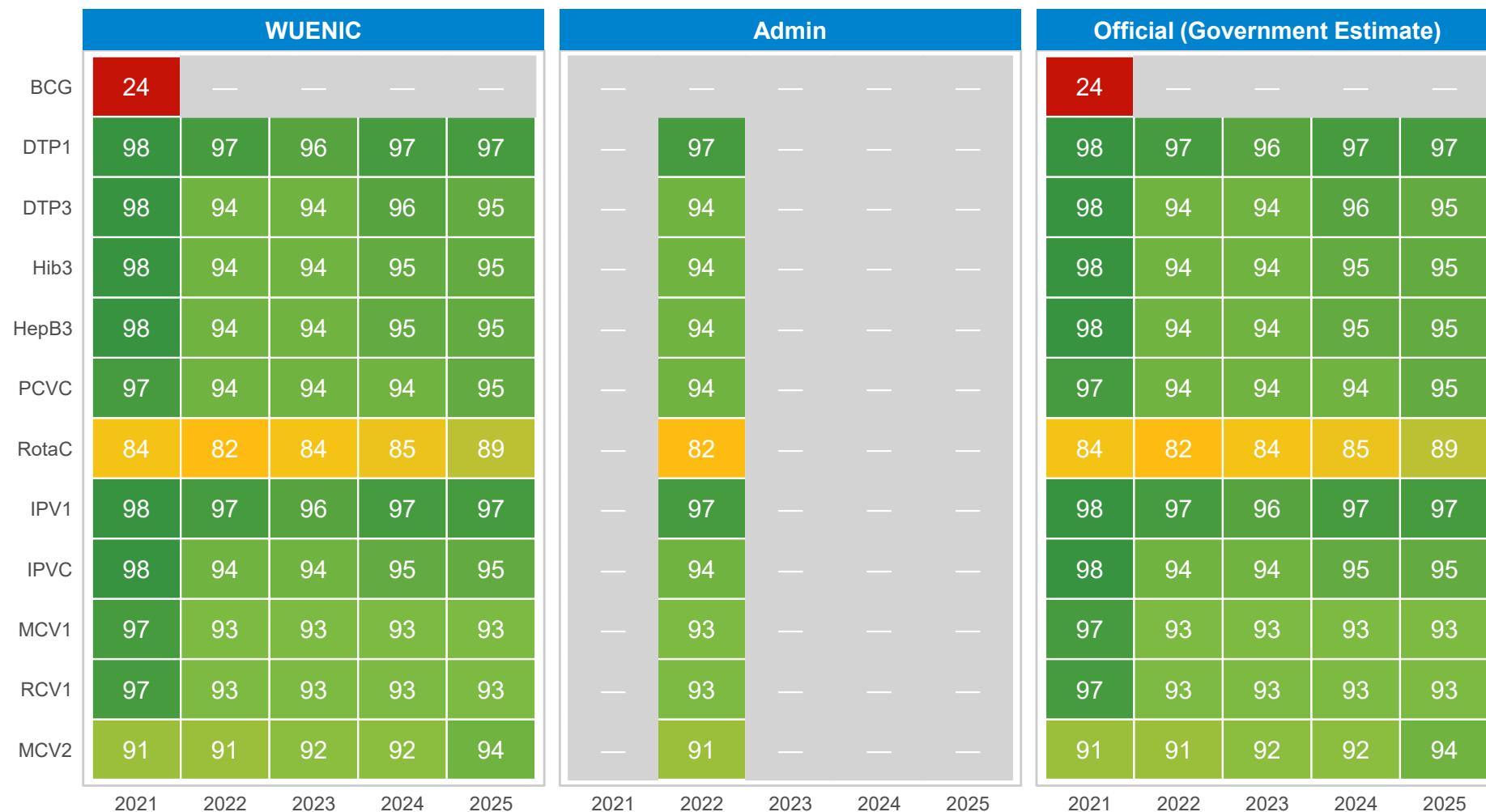
Admin Coverage of Vaccines Administered at 3 months,
Sweden, 2010–2025



Admin coverage of WUENIC vaccines co-administered at the 3 months visit per the national schedule.

Coverage Comparison Between WUENIC, Admin, and Official Estimates

Coverage Trends by Vaccine and Source, Sweden, 2010–2025

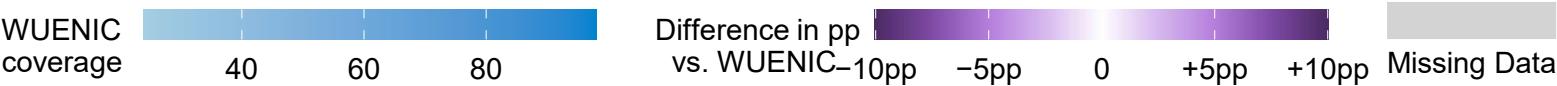


WUENIC HPV coverage estimates not included.
 White = not yet introduced or not reported. Grey = missing data.
 Survey panel not presented as Sweden reported no survey data.

Coverage by vaccine and data source (WUENIC, Admin, Official, Survey) for the most recent 5 years.

Coverage vs. WUENIC Estimates by Source, Sweden, 2021–2025

	WUENIC					Admin					Official (Government Estimate)				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BCG	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+0	—	—	—	—
DTP1	98	97	96	97	97	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
DTP3	98	94	94	96	95	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
Hib3	98	94	94	95	95	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
HepB3	98	94	94	95	95	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
PCVC	97	94	94	94	95	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
RotaC	84	82	84	85	89	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
IPV1	98	97	96	97	97	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
IPVC	98	94	94	95	95	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
MCV1	97	93	93	93	93	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
RCV1	97	93	93	93	93	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
MCV2	91	91	92	92	94	—	+0	—	—	—	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0



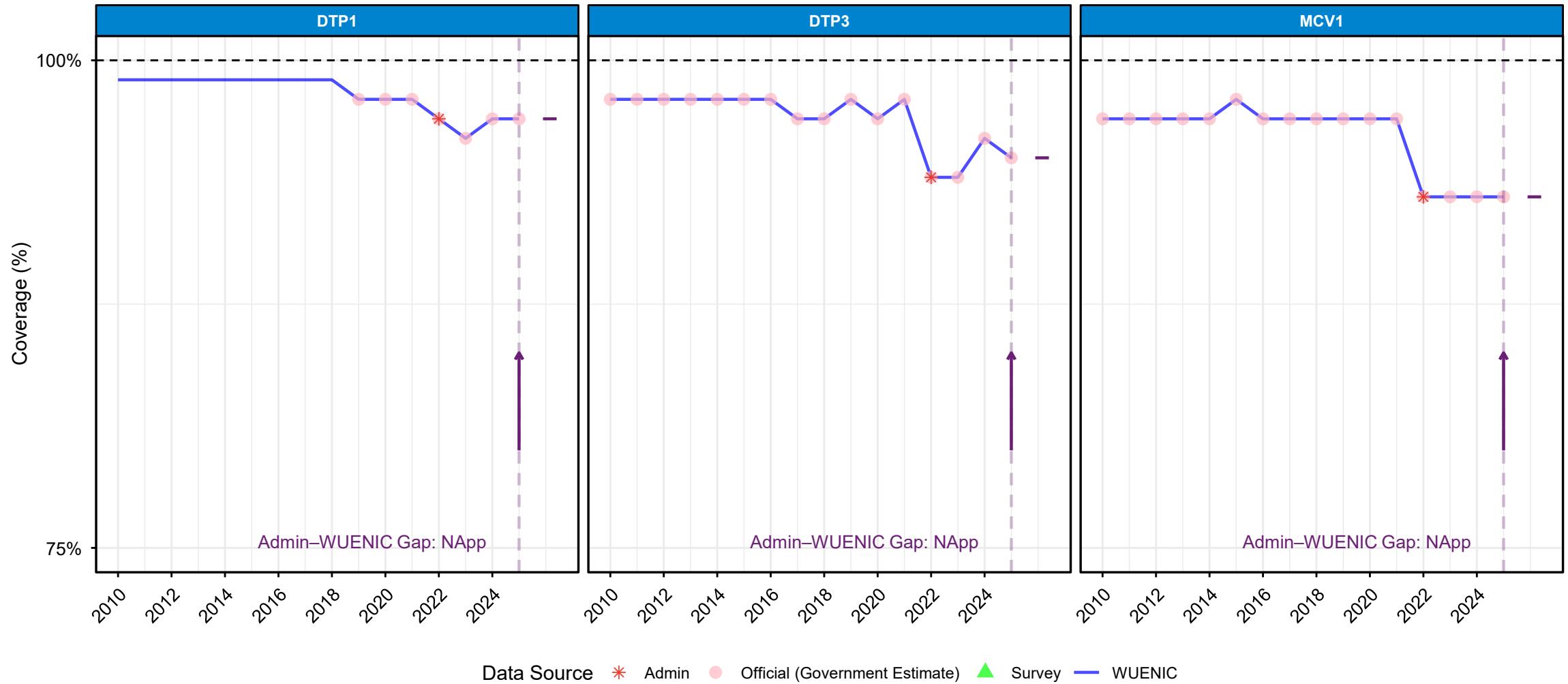
WUENIC panel shows absolute coverage. All other panels show percentage point difference vs. WUENIC estimate.

White = not yet introduced or not reported. Grey = missing data.
Survey panel not presented as Sweden reported no survey data.

Difference in percentage points between administrative, official, and survey coverage and WUENIC estimates (e.g., Admin - WUENIC) for the most recent 5 years.

A difference of zero indicates that the coverage source and WUENIC estimate are identical, usually indicating that source informed the WUENIC estimate.

Coverage Trends by Vaccine and Source, Sweden, 2010–2025



Coverage trends for DTP1, DTP3, and MCV1 by data source, 2010–2025.

Actionable Health Analytics for Decision-making (AHEAD)

AHEAD is a UNICEF initiative that strengthens the quality and use of routine immunization data by working closely with Ministries of Health and national Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) teams.

AHEAD begins with a systematic review of routine immunization data to identify and address data quality issues, including missing or inconsistent reporting, internal inconsistencies, implausible year-to-year fluctuations, and inaccuracies in target population denominators. Through a collaborative process with national teams, reported data are reviewed, cleaned, and validated, while alternative denominator sources are assessed to improve the accuracy and interpretation of vaccination coverage estimates.

Building on these strengthened data, AHEAD produces timely subnational immunization analytics at regional, district, and health facility levels to identify priority areas, monitor trends, and support evidence-based planning and targeted interventions.

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