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Granularity matters – measles first- and second-dose vaccination coverage in Poland, 2014–2018

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■ Abstract

Introduction and Objective. Vaccination coverage of ≥95% is essential to interrupt measles transmission. Accurate measurement of vaccine uptake is critical for identifying vulnerable populations and guiding public health interventions. The aim of the study is to: present differences in the sufficient measles vaccination (MCV) coverage in Poland, measured at different granularity level, and to identify clusters with sufficient/insufficient MCV coverage.

Materials and Method. Data on MCV coverage was extracted from annual reports collected by sanitary-epidemiological stations in Poland between 2014–2018. Spatial analysis using Local Moran's I was performed to identify neighbouring poviats with similar MCV rates and outlier areas with markedly dissimilar values.

Results. MCV coverage in Poland exhibited substantial spatial and temporal variability. The first dose of measles vaccination (MCV1) coverage ranged from 89% – 99% at the voivodeship level and from 80% to 100% at the poviat level, while the second dose measles vaccination (MCV2) coverage ranged from 84% – 99% and from 32.3% – 100%, respectively. Spatial disparities were particularly pronounced in several voivodeships, with Mazowieckie consistently demonstrating both the highest positive and negative deviations between poviat-level and voivodeship-level coverage. Statistically significant local spatial autocorrelation was observed in an increasing number of poviats for MCV1, rising from 14 in 2014 to 47 in 2018. For MCV2, the number of poviats with significant clustering fluctuated, peaking at 27 in 2015.

Conclusions. The use of fine-grained poviat-level data revealed disparities in MCV coverage and localized gaps that would be obscured at the voivodeship level, underscoring the importance of high-resolution spatial analysis for guiding targeted vaccination efforts and improving public health equity.

■ Key words

vaccination coverage, MMR vaccine, childhood immunization, measles, vaccine uptake.

INTRODUCTION

Achieving high vaccination coverage remains one of the most effective strategies for mitigating both the spread and impact of infectious diseases [1–3]. As a commonly available method of preventing infectious diseases, vaccinations contribute to shaping not only individual but also collective prevention [4–6]. A decline in vaccination coverage along with an increased number of vaccine-preventable disease cases have been observed in recent years [7, 8]. According to estimates of the World Health Organization (WHO), 23 million children did not receive the complete age-appropriate vaccination course in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and associated disruptions. Global estimates of coverage with the first dose of measles-containing vaccine (MCV1) dropped from 86% in 2019 to 81% in 2021 [8].

Due to the highly contagious nature of the measles virus, a very high level of herd immunity is required, with vaccination

coverage of at least 95% needed to interrupt transmission [9]. As of July 2025, surveillance data from the WHO reported 239,816 suspected measles cases and 108,074 confirmed cases across all WHO regions. The Eastern Mediterranean Region accounted for the largest proportion (35%), followed by the African (21%) and the European Region (21%) [10]. From 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025, 30 EU/EEA Member States reported a total of 14,401 cases of measles and 8 deaths. 84.3% of cases with a known age and vaccination status were unvaccinated [11]. Reliable calculation of the vaccination uptake is vital in assessing the success of the vaccination program, identifying susceptible populations for further interventions, and informing future health policy decisions [12, 13]. Following significant outbreaks that underscored gaps in vaccine coverage, in recent years, several European countries (e.g. Italy, France and Germany) have introduced mandatory measles vaccination, while in Poland, measles vaccination has been a compulsory component of the national immunization program since 1975 [14 - 16].

The childhood immunization data reporting in Poland (described below) does not allow for easy identification of smaller territorial areas (such as poviats) to target actions of public health authorities in the case of lower than expected

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vaccination coverage on their territory. The analysis of data at the poviat level will allow to identify areas with insufficient vaccination coverage to achieve herd immunity and direct targeted public health activities aimed at increasing the vaccination uptake. This study aimed to: 1) present the differences in the sufficient MCV1 and MCV2 coverage measured at different granularity levels (voivodeship vs. poviat), and 2) identify clusters with sufficient/insufficient MCV1 and MCV2 coverage.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

Childhood immunization data reporting in Poland. Data on childhood routine vaccines administered in Poland in the studied period was recorded by the entities conducting medical activity providing outpatient and stationary health services participating in preventive vaccinations, which were obliged to send the individual data in a paper form to the poviat sanitary-epidemiological stations (PSSE) once a year (since 2024 the data is sent quarterly in an electronic form) [17,18]. PSSE sent the aggregated data using MZ-54 form to respective voivodeship sanitary-epidemiological stations (WSSE). There are 318 PSSE and 16 WSSE in Poland [19]. Aggregated data from WSSE is sent to the Chief Sanitary Inspectorate and the National Institute of Public Health National Institute of Hygiene-National Research Institute [20]. Each year, both institutions publish a document entitled Vaccination in Poland, in which the voivodeship is the smallest territorial unit assessed [21].

Data collection. Measles vaccination coverage data used in the study was collected with granularity at the poviat level. Data was collected from 2014-2018 when the second dose of the MCV vaccine was administered to children at age 10. This analysis does not cover the period following the 2019 revision of the immunization schedule, which moved MCV2 administration to age 6 [22]. Due to the aggregated nature of the data received from sanitary-epidemiological stations, it was not possible to identify individual patients who received the vaccination. The vaccination coverage rate for each calendar year was calculated as the proportion of the vaccinated children in a birth cohort targeted for immunization. The numerator represented the number of children who received the specific vaccine during the observed calendar year. The measles-containing vaccines (MCV1 in the 3rd year of life, MCV2 in the 11th year of life) were chosen as indicators. The threshold was defined at 95% to divide territory units into those with sufficient (≥95%) and insufficient (<95%) measles vaccination coverage. Data from the voivodeship level was compared with the data from the poviat level.

Data integration and analysis. Microsoft Excel and SAS programme version 9.4 were used for data integration and analysis. Descriptive statistics was used to present the MCV1 and MCV2 coverage at the voivodeship and at the poviat levels. Spatial analysis using Local Moran's I was performed to identify neighbouring poviats with similar MCV (MCV1 and MCV2) rates and outlier areas with markedly dissimilar values. The level of significance was set at .05. Poviats with sufficient MCV vaccination coverage surrounded by poviats with similarly high values were in category called 'high-high'

(HH). Poviats with insufficient MCV vaccination coverage surrounded by poviats with similar values were included in the 'low-low' (LL) category. An outlier 'high-low' (HL) area described a poviat with sufficient MCV vaccination coverage surrounded by poviats with insufficient MCV vaccination coverage. An outlier 'low-high' (LH) area described a poviat with insufficient MCV vaccination coverage surrounded by poviats with sufficient MCV vaccination coverage. The proximity of poviats was determined using the shared boundary criterion.

RESULTS

Between 2014-2018, MCV1 coverage ranged from 89% -99% on the voivodeship level, and from 80% - 100% on the poviat level (Tab. 1), while MCV2 coverage in the same period ranged from 84% – 99% on the voivodeship level, and from 32.3% – 100% on the poviat level (Tab. 2). Figures 1 and 2 depict differences in the areas of Poland with sufficient (≥95%) and insufficient MCV1 (Fig. 1) and MCV2 (Fig. 2) vaccination coverage measured at the poviat and at the voivodeship levels. The voivodeships exhibiting the greatest variation in MCV1 coverage across constituent poviats were as follows: Mazowieckie, Łódzkie, and Małopolskie in 2014; Mazowieckie, Łódzkie, and Pomorskie in 2015; Łódzkie, Pomorskie, and Mazowieckie in 2016; Mazowieckie, Małopolskie, and Podlaskie in 2017; and Lubelskie, Mazowieckie, and Łódzkie in 2018. The voivodeships demonstrating the highest levels of disparity in MCV2 coverage across poviats in their area were as follows: Warmińsko-Mazurskie, Mazowieckie, and Lubuskie in 2014; Podkarpackie, Mazowieckie, and Pomorskie in 2015; Mazowieckie, Podkarpackie, and Łódzkie in 2016; Podkarpackie, Mazowieckie, and Małopolskie in 2017; and Mazowieckie, Małopolskie, and Podkarpackie in 2018.

The greatest positive deviation between the poviat with the highest MCV1 coverage and the corresponding voivodeshiplevel coverage was observed in the Mazowieckie voivodeship in 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018, and in the Małopolskie Voivodeship in 2015. Conversely, the largest negative deviation between the poviat with the lowest MCV1 and the voivodeship-level coverage was recorded in Mazowieckie in 2014, in Łódzkie during the period 2015-2017, and in Lubelskie in 2018. The greatest positive deviation between MCV2 coverage in the poviat with the highest coverage and the corresponding voivodeship-level coverage was consistently observed in Mazowieckie Voivodeship across all years analyzed. In contrast, the largest negative deviation between the poviat with the lowest MCV2 coverage and the voivodeship-level coverage was recorded in Warmińsko-Mazurskie in 2014, in Podkarpackie in 2015 and 2017, and in Mazowieckie in 2016 and 2018.

For MCV1, statistically significant local spatial autocorrelation (based on Local Moran's I) was observed for 14 poviats in 2014 year, 26 in 2015, 27 in 2016, 44 in 2017 and 47 in 2018. The proportion of poviats forming spatial clusters with similar MCV1 coverage increased over time, accounting for 4.1% in 2014, 7.5% in 2015, 7.2% in 2016, 11.9% in 2017, and 13.4% in 2018. Additionally, a subset of poviats exhibited statistically significant negative local spatial autocorrelation, indicating spatial outliers: 1 poviat in 2014, 2 in 2015, 4 in 2016, 6 in 2017, and 4 in 2018 (Tab. 3).

Table 1. MCV1 vaccination coverage at the voivodeship and the poviat level 2014–2018

									МС	V1										
		201	14			20	15			20	16			20	17			201	8	
Voivodeship	Voi#	mi	Pov⁵ in. – ma	ax.	Voi#	mi	Pov [§] in. – m	ax.	Voi#	m	Pov [§] in. – m	ax.	Voi#	m	Pov [§] in. – m	ax.	Voi#	mi	Pov⁵ n. – ma	ax.
DOLNa	97.7	93.6	-	99.8	96.5	93.9	-	100	96.1	93.4	-	99.6	95.1	91.5	-	100	92.9	88.3	-	99.3
KUJA ^b	99	98.3	-	100	98.7	97.6	-	99.7	98.3	96.7	-	99.7	97.5	95.2	-	100	96.6	94	-	99.7
ŁÓDŻ ^c	96.8	91.6	-	100	95.1	90	-	99.7	94.6	81	-	99.7	93.9	86	-	100	92.0	83.6	-	98.7
LUBU ^d	98.8	97.2	-	99.8	97	94.7	-	99.5	96.6	94.3	-	99.1	95.8	93	-	99.2	94.4	90.3	-	97.8
LUBEe	97	93.3	-	100	96.4	93.5	-	99.5	95.3	90.7	-	99.7	93.1	86.7	-	97.9	91.3	80.1	-	97.1
MAŁOf	96.2	91.6	-	100	94.9	93.8	-	99.9	93.9	88.4	-	98.7	92.7	86.7	-	98.9	92.2	86	-	99.6
MAZO ^g	94.5	83	-	99.9	93.0	88.5	-	100	91.6	88.3	-	99.7	89.6	83.9	-	99.5	89.7	82.9	-	99.7
OPOL ^h	98.1	97.1	-	100	97.3	94.9	-	100	97.1	95.6	-	99.7	96.4	94.4	-	98.9	95.6	93.3	-	98.7
PODKi	97.7	93.9	-	99.7	97.2	94.3	-	99.7	96.3	89.1	-	100	94.5	88.8	_	99.1	93.5	88.9	-	99.5
PODL ^j	96.4	94.4	-	99.5	95.5	92.7	-	98.5	93.6	90.3	-	98.5	91.9	85.8	-	97.9	89.0	83.4	-	98
POMO ^k	96.6	93.9	-	99.4	96.4	92.3	-	99.9	94.9	82.8	-	99.3	94.4	90.3	-	99.4	93.5	88.7	-	99.1
ŚLĄSKI	96.6	95.2	-	98.9	96.0	93.7	-	98.8	95.4	92.3	-	98.3	93.8	89.9	-	97	92.4	88.8	-	96.4
ŚWIĘ ^m	98.4	94.9	-/	99.8	98.1	94.3	-	99.8	99	97.9	-	100	97.1	95	-	99.5	96.2	94	-	99.1
WARM ⁿ	95.7	99.1	- /	100	99	98	-	100	98.7	97.3	-	100	98.3	95.9	-	100	98.2	96.3	-	99.8
WIEL°	97.9	95.7	7-	100	97.4	95	-	99.7	96.5	92.9	-	100	95.9	92.6	-	99.1	94.5	90.9	-	99
ZACH ^p	98.2	98.16	-	100	98	95.1	-	100	97.5	92.7	-	100	97.1	94.7	-	99.8	95.4	91.9	-	99.5

"MCV1 (measles-containing vaccine, 1st dose) vaccination coverage at the voivodeship level [%]; strange (min.-max.) of MCV1 vaccination coverage at the poviat level [%]; Dolnośląskie; Majowieckie; Maj

Table 2. MCV2 vaccination coverage at the voivodeship and the poviat level 2014–2018

									MC	V2										
		20	14			20	15			20	16			20	17			201	8	
Voivodeship	Voi#	m	Pov [§] nin. – ma	ax.	Voi*	m	Pov [§] nin. – m	ax.	Voi*	m	Pov [§] in. – m	ax.	Voi#	m	Pov⁵ in. – m	ax.	Voi#	mi	Pov⁵ n. – ma	ax.
DOLNa	95.4	89.8	- (99.8	94.3	85.9	4	99.8	93.5	83.5	-	100	94.1	89.0	-	100	92.3	85.5	-	99.4
KUJA ^b	99.3	98.8	-	100	99.1	98.4	-	100	99.0	97.9	-	100	98.7	97.7	-	99.8	98.2	95.9	-	100
ŁÓDŻ ^c	94.4	85.1	-	99.3	93.4	82.0	-	99.4	92.8	79.6	-	99.5	92.7	83.6	-	99.5	92.9	84.1	-	99.7
LUBUd	97.2	82.7	-	99.6	96.9	92.8	-	100	96.8	90.1	-	99.4	95.3	88.0	-	99.1	95.7	91.4	-	99.2
LUBE ^e	97.3	94.0	-	100	96.5	89.2	-	100	96.0	86.9	-	100	95.8	89.6	-	99.8	94.3	88.4	-	99.8
MAŁO ^f	95.1	88.0	-	99.8	94.4	87.6	-	98.8	92.8	82.8	-	98.8	92.3	82.1	-	98.4	91.5	80.8	-	98.4
MAZOg	86.4	72.4	-	99.7	85.9	72.6	-	99.5	83.7	67.3	-	99.5	85.4	72.4	-	100	84.7	65.2	-	100
OPOL ^h	95.9	91.0	-	99.5	96.6	91.4	-	99.1	96.7	91.2	-	99.5	95.7	93.9	-	99.2	95.2	93.2	-	99
PODKi	92.0	82.4	-	99.1	90.1	71.2	-	99.5	89.7	75.8	-	98.8	85.1	32.3	-	98.7	89.2	82.3	-	98.8
PODL ^j	96.5	94.2	-	99.8	96.6	94.3	-	99.4	95.4	89.8	-	99.7	93.6	86.5	-	99.7	93.4	89.2	-	99.1
POMO ^k	94.0	93.4	-	99.3	93.3	81.5	-	99.8	92.0	80.7	-	99.2	92.8	84.6	-	99.6	91.5	84.4	-	99.1
ŚLĄSI	95.1	83.7	-	98.7	95.1	84.5	-	98.9	94.6	84.3	-	99.6	93.8	82.6	-	98.6	92.9	85.5	-	97.4
ŚWIĘ ^m	97.4	94.7	-	100	96.6	93.1	-	99.6	96.2	88.9	-	99.7	96.5	92.8	-	99.9	96.0	92.5	-	99.4
WARM ⁿ	97.4	46.3	-	100	99.4	98.8	-	100	99.3	98.7	-	100	99.1	97.9	-	100	98.8	97.1	-	100
WIEL°	98.0	95.9	-	100	97.4	95.1	-	100	96.3	92.4	-	99.8	95.4	88.3	-	99.5	95.2	91.1	-	99.5
ZACH ^p	96.7	91.3	-	100	96.3	90.0	-	100	95.4	89.4	-	99.8	95.4	87.6	-	99.6	95.1	88.1	-	99.8

*MCV2 (measles-containing vaccine, 2nd dose) vaccination coverage at the voivodeship level [%]; *range (min.-max.) of MCV2 vaccination coverage at the poviat level [%]; *Dolnośląskie; b Kujawsko-Pomorskie; b Kujawsko-P

For MCV2, statistically significant local spatial autocorrelation was observed for 23 poviats in 2014, 27 in 2015, 22 in 2016, 16 in 2017 and 25 in 2018. The percentage of poviats forming spatial clusters with similar MCV2 coverage was 5.9% in 2014, 7.8% in 2015, 6.6% in 2016, 4.7% in 2017,

and 7.2% in 2018. Statistically significant negative local spatial autocorrelation was identified for 4 poviats in 2014, 2 in 2015, 1 in 2016, 1 in 2017, and 2 in 2018 (Tab. 4).

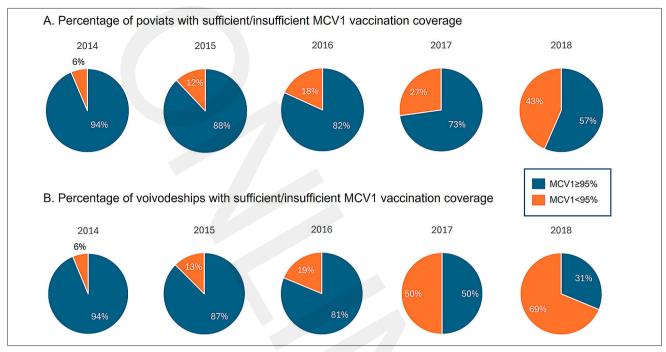


Figure 1. Areas of Poland with sufficient (≥95%) and insufficient (<95%) MCV1 vaccination coverage, poviat and voivodeship perspective (2014-2018)

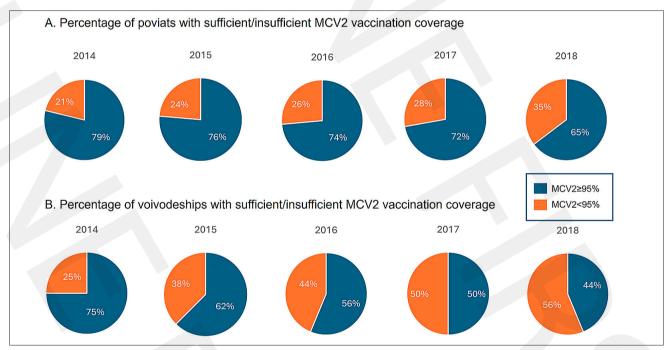


Figure 2. Areas of Poland with sufficient (≥95%) and insufficient (<95%) MCV2 vaccination coverage, poviat and voivodeship perspective (2014-2018)

DISCUSSION

The European Immunization Agenda 2030, a strategic framework developed by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, seeks to reduce disparities in immunization coverage through the local-level interventions, based on a comprehensive monitoring systems at regional, national, and subnational levels. One of the strategic priorities is to enhance subnational capacity to interpret and analyze immunization

surveillance data in order to identify critical gaps and populations at elevated risk of VPD outbreaks [23]. Previous studies have shown that the under-immunization and vaccine refusal cluster geographically [24 – 28]. Masters et al. found that, when non-vaccination was locally clustered, reporting aggregated data at the state- or county-level could result in substantial underestimates of outbreak risk. The authors suggested collecting vaccination data of higher granularity to prevent a return to endemic measles transmission in the USA

[28]. Leveraging digital technologies and data triangulation is needed to improve immunization monitoring and VPD surveillance and strengthen the quality of the reported data [23].

Main findings and analysis of results. The comparison of MCV1 and MCV2 vaccination coverage across voivodeship and poviat levels between 2014 - 2018 reveals important insights into the spatial dynamics of immunization in Poland. At the voivodeship level, 5 regions: Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Opolskie, Świętokrzyskie, Warmińsko-Mazurskie and Zachodniopomorskie, consistently achieved sufficient coverage for both MCV doses. Lubuskie and Wielkopolskie voivodeships also demonstrated stable and generally sufficient coverage, though in 2018 both fell marginally (less than 1%) below the 95% threshold. However, when examining the data at the poviat level, substantial internal disparities become evident. While MCV1 coverage remained relatively stable, with minimum values generally above 80%, MCV2 coverage exhibited significantly greater variability. In some poviats, coverage for the second dose dropped below 70%. The divergence between MCV1 and MCV2 coverage at the poviat level suggests challenges in ensuring both doses completion. This pattern may reflect insufficient reporting systems, logistical barriers to follow-up, or localized vaccine hesitancy. The Mazowieckie voivodeship consistently exhibited the greatest internal variability in both MCV1 and MCV2 coverage, appearing repeatedly among the regions with the largest differences between poviats. This may reflect the socio-economic and demographic heterogeneity within the voivodeship, which encompasses both the metropolitan area of the capital of Poland and more rural districts. Similar patterns are observed in eastern and southeastern regions, including Lubelskie and Podkarpackie, where broader coverage ranges and lower minimums highlight barriers to full immunization.

Both MCV1 and MCV2 show recurring LL clusters in central and eastern Poland, especially in the poviats of Łódź, Pabianice, Zgierz, Pruszków, Warsaw and Warsaw West. These areas consistently exhibit insufficient coverage surrounded by similarly underperforming neighbours.

Studies performed in OECD and European countries show that urban settings are associated with higher vaccination coverage [29–31]. Surprisingly, urban and peri-urban areas, such as Kraków, Warsaw and Łódź, frequently appear in LL clusters for both MCV doses, suggesting systemic issues in vaccine uptake even in well-resourced regions. LL clusters identified in Mazowieckie, Łódzkie, and Małopolskie voivodeships warrant focused investigation by sanitary inspection authorities to elucidate the underlying determinants of persistently insufficient MCV coverage.

Furthermore, HL and LH outliers offer valuable case studies to understand what drives success or failure in specific contexts. These areas could inform best practices or reveal structural weaknesses. Communication strategies and operational practices employed by PSSE in HL outlier areas (e.g. Piaseczno, Sanok, Grójec), where high coverage was achieved despite being surrounded by LL areas, should be systematically evaluated and considered for adaptation in LL and LH areas to enhance immunization uptake.

In conclusion, while vaccination coverage reported at the national and regional level presents general immunization performance, local-level analysis reveals significant

disparities that must be addressed to achieve comprehensive and equitable vaccine coverage. Granular surveillance is therefore indispensable for guiding effective public health strategies and ensuring that no population is left behind in the pursuit of measles elimination. These observations underscore the critical importance of data granularity in vaccination reporting.

Limitations of the study. While the study had several strengths, including using data from the territory of the entire country on the lowest available granularity, some limitations must be acknowledged when evaluating these findings. Firstly, vaccination coverage data was provided by sanitary-epidemiological stations in multiple formats, including handwritten documents, scanned images, and digital files. To enable standardized analysis, one of the authors manually digitized the data, ensuring consistency and interoperability across all formats. Secondly, the data was provided in a pre-aggregated format, which precluded analysis of vaccine uptake at the individual level. Thirdly, the analysis did not cover the period following the 2019 revision of the immunization schedule, which moved MCV2 administration to age 6.

Future research. Lack of the access to the individual level vaccination data should not be viewed as a barrier to conducting more granular research. It is imperative to maximize the utility of existing data sources and to develop more robust data collection and analytical frameworks capable of accurately monitoring and improving vaccine coverage at both the voivodeship and poviat levels. The use of cluster analysis proves effective in identifying priority regions. Future surveillance should integrate spatial methods to dynamically monitor and respond to emerging immunization patterns. Urban centres should not be assumed to have high coverage, data shows they may be hotspots of insufficient immunization. Future studies should also investigate barriers to completing the vaccination schedule, from the perspective of both the health system and the parent.

CONCLUSIONS

This study underscores the value of granular, spatial analysis in revealing disparities in measles vaccination coverage across Poland. While voivodeship-level data presents general immunization, poviat-level findings expose significant gaps particularly in MCV2 uptake, with some areas falling below 70%. Notably, urban centres like Warsaw, Łódź, and Kraków frequently appear in low-coverage clusters, challenging assumptions about urban vaccine performance. Analysis of higher-granularity data with early identification of vulnerable areas enables local public health and medical professionals to design and implement more precise interventions aimed at enhancing vaccine uptake within their communities, supporting a shift from reactive to pro-active public health strategies. Recognizing and addressing spatial disparities in vaccine coverage is essential for achieving equitable immunization.

Table 3. Neighbouring poviats with similar MCV1 coverage rates (HH, LL) and outlier areas with dissimilar MCV coverage rates (LH, HL) with significant Local Moran's I values (p<0.05), 2014–2018

	LMd	0.91	1.92	1.93	1.52	3.24	1.35	1.18	3.09	0.83	1.20	2.35	4.20	0.86	3.34	2.23	2.41	1.52	2.55	1.00	1.92	0.98	0.99	1.25	1.36	1.21	0.86	1.15	0.81	1.29	1.17	0.99	1.14
	MCV1°	9.88	88.2	83.6	87.2	80.1	89.9	91.8	87.8	93	89.1	98	82.9	91.2	82.8	85	88.4	85.2	83.4	91.4	06	88.8	89.2	8.86	99.4	8.66	86	9.66	98.4	8.66	66	98.6	99.4
	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	П	岀	岀	=	岀	1	Ⅎ	1	П	П	П	岀	岀	=	Ⅎ	П	П	П	П	П	П	П	壬	壬	壬	壬	王	壬	壬	壬	壬	壬
2016 2017 2018	Poviat	Środa Śląska	Łódż	Pabianice	Zgierz	Łuków	Ryki	Garwolin	Łosice	Mińsk Mazowiecki	Ostrów Mazowiecka	Pruszków	Siedlce	Sochaczew	Warsaw Zachodnia	Wołomin	Warsaw	Białystok	Łomża	Siemiatycze	Sopot	Rybnik	Wodzisław Śląski	Bartoszyce	Braniewo	Działdowo	Elbląg	Giżycko	lława	Kętrzyn	Lidzbark Warmiński	Nidzica	Nowe Miasto Lubawskie
	rWd	1.46	2.42	1.20	3.00	0.87	2.20	1.18	0.91	2.26	3.55	2.66	3.72	3.78	7.31	0.94	2.07	0.93	1.31	2.84	0.74	0.87	1.34	1.05	1.38	1.22	0.95	0.92	0.97	1.18	0.97	0.85	1.02
	MCV1 ^c	68	86.7	93.4	86.7	94.3	6.06	94.5	91.6	83.9	06	86.8	88.2	86.1	84.4	89.1	82.8	91.1	90.3	91.2	92.4	92.1	6.68	66	2.66	8.66	8.86	99.4	8.66	100	99.3	98.7	99.1
	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	П	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	П	77	П	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	1	11	TI	П	П	П	П	⊣	Ŧ	Ŧ	Ξ	Ŧ	Ŧ	Ŧ	壬	壬	壬	壬
2017	Poviat ^a (Łódż	Luków	Wieliczka	Kraków	Garwolin	Łosice	Mińsk Mazowiecki	Ostrów Mazowiecka	Otwock	Pruszków	Siedlce	Warsaw West	Wołomin	Warsaw	Białystok	Łomża	Gdańsk	Gdynia	Sopot	Lubliniec	Rybnik	Jaworzno	Bartoszyce	Braniewo	Działdowo	Elbląg	lława	Kętrzyn	Lidzbark Warmiński	Nowe Miasto Lubawskie	Ostroda	Piła
	ΓM ^d	2.87	1.73	1.11	1.88	4.25	1.53	1.05	4.31	1.06	5.16	2.28	4.49	1.03	1.03	1.11	1.03	1.00	1.53	0.95	0.64	0.83	0.81	0.80	-0.65	-2.13	-1.52	-2.08					
	MCV1	91.7	81	90.7	93.8	88.4	94.5	88.8	89.3	93	88.3	89.9	8.06	8.06	91.3	90.3	92.3	92.2	94.6	92.3	99.4	99.2	99.5	95.4	92.9	2.66	91.9	82.8					
2016	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	┧	╛	╛	Ⅎ	╛	=	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	┧	┧	╛	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	=	П	П	П	П	HH	₹	壬	Ŧ	H	로	크	Н					
2	Poviat	Łódż	Pabianice	Luków	Wieliczka	Kraków	Mińsk Mazowiecki	Otwock	Pruszków	Siedlce	Warsaw West	Wołomin	Warsaw	Białystok	Bielsk Podlaski	Lomza	Gdańsk	Gdynia	Sopot	Jaworzno	Kielce	Działdowo	Brodnica	Zgierz	Poznań	Piaseczno	Tarnobrzeg	Kwidzyń					
	ΓMα	3.24	3.48	3.18	1.35	2.03	6.03	1.63	5.46	1.13	5.39	2.10	5.20	1.32	2.12	4.24	1.15	06.0	0.97	1.26	0.88	0.99	08.0	0.87	2.11	-0.80	-3.13						
	MCV1°	92.3	90.3	06	93.5	94	89.2	89.4	89.3	93.3	91.3	93	92.4	93.8	92.3	93.3	94	95.4	99.5	100	100	100	95.8	96.1	95.1	94.7	100						
2015	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	11	ㅂ	ᆿ	П	-	=	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	Ⅎ	П	П	ᆿ	ᆿ	ᆸ	Ⅎ	П	Ŧ	壬	Ŧ	Ŧ	壬	Ħ	Ŧ	Ŧ	로	로						
2	Poviat	Łódż	Pabianice	Zgierz	Łuków	Wieliczka	Kraków	Otwock	Pruszków	Siedlce	Warsaw West	Wołomin	Warsaw	Gdańsk	Gdynia	Sopot	Rybnik	Ruda Śląska	Bartoszyce	Braniewo	Kętrzyn	Lidzbark Warmiński	Sochaczew	Garwolin	Mińsk Mazowiecki	Źielona Góra	Piaseczno						
	ΓΜ ^α	3.46	16.52	14.11	2.47	7.48	0.79	1.92	3.78	1.18	1.36	0.88	0.79	1.35	-3.28																		
	MCV1°	91.6	83	89.1	97.6	92.9	94.7	94.2	93.9	95.3	95	100	95.2	95	6.66																		
2014	Cluster/ I Outlier Type ^b	П	ᆸ	П	H	П	П	H	П	픞	풒	壬	壬	壬	로																		
2014 2015	Poviat CI	Kraków	Pruszków	Warsaw West	Wołomin	Warsaw	Łomza	Gdynia	Sopot	Rybnik	Ruda Śląska	Giżycko	Sochaczew	Gdańsk	Piaseczno																		

ΓWd	0.98	1.08	0.97	1.17	0.85	1.02	0.89	1.02	1.07	0.87	0.89	-1.72	-1.77	-0.93	-1.18
MCV1°	98.6	66	98.8	99.5	6.86	2.66	98.4	99.5	99.5	9.66	99.1	2.66	85.7	6.68	86
Cluster/ MCV1 ^c Outlier Type ^b	壬	壬	圭	壬	圭	圭	圭	圭	圭	壬	圭	로	프	프	爿
Poviata	Ostroda	Płła	Drawsko Pomorskie	Swidwin	Wałcz	Gołub Dobrzyn	Nakło-nad- Notecia	Rypin	Sepolno Krajenskie	Tuchola	Człuchów	Piaseczno	Radom	Tarnobrzeg	Wysokie Mazowieckie
PW⊓	0.94	0.82	0.83	0.84	1.18	0.82	-1.03	-0.73	-1.02	-2.86	-1.12	-1.40			
Cluster/ MCV1° LM ^d Outlier Type ^b	6.86	99.1	66	99.1	100	99.4	99.2	93	98.1	99.5	87.8	88.8			
Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	王	₹	壬	₹	Ŧ	壬	로	Ⅎ	크	로	로	크			
Poviat	Złotów	Walcz	Golub Dobrzyn	Nakło-nad- Notecia	Rypin	Sepolno Krajeńskie	Zgierz	Źielona Góra	Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki	Piaseczno	Węgrów	Tarnobrzeg			
Poviat ^a Cluster/ MCV1 ^c LM ^d Outlier Type ^b															
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Table 4. Neighbouring poviats with similar MCV2 coverage rates (HH, LL) and outlier areas with dissimilar MCV2 coverage rates (LH, HL) with significant Local Moran's I values (p<0.05), 2014–2018

	2014				2015				7016				2017				2018		
Poviat ^a O	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	MCV2 ^c	ΓW _α	Poviat ^a	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	MCV2 ^c	ГМ	Poviat ^a	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	MCV2 ^c	ΓM ^d	Poviatª	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	MCV2°	ΓMα	Poviata	Cluster/ Outlier Type ^b	MCV2 ^c	ΓM ^d
Łódż	П	90.4	0.82	Łódż	П	88.8	1.76	Łódż	H	87.5	1.80	Łódż	П	87	0.97	Łódż	П	87.9	1.19
Zgierz	Н	85.1	0.76	Pabianice	П	91.9	0.75	Pabianice	H	87	1.12	Kraków	П	82.1	1.96	Zgierz	П	87.6	0.91
Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki	TI .	868	1.32	Zgierz	П	82	1.67	Zgierz	н	79.6	1.57	Piaseczno	Ⅎ	86.8	2.56	Kraków	ᆲ	80.8	3.12
Otwock	TI	91.1	1.10	Kraków	П	87.6	1.61	Kraków	TT	82.8	2.41	Pruszków	П	7.97	8.41	Garwolin	П	92	0.73
Piaseczno	11	89.1	3.18	Garwolin	П	89.7	0.93	Otwock	П	89.4	1.90	Warsaw West	П	84.1	4.59	Otwock	11	66.7	5.74
Pruszków	77	83.5	8.02	Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki	ᆸ	92.8	1.36	Piaseczno	11	79.8	7.27		Ⅎ	80.1	2.45	Piaseczno	11	88.5	4.63
Warsaw West	11	84.4	6.15	Otwock	ᆸ	90.5	2.05	Pruszków	П	80	11.73	Warsaw	1	72.4	6.37	Pruszków	11	9/	11.46
Wołomin	11	86.3	2.30	Piaseczno	П	87.4	5.24	Sochaczew	11	88.6	1.19	Brzozów	Π	868	3.17	Sochaczew	77	86.4	1.69
Warsaw	П	72.4	8.10	Pruszków	П	80.3	14.83	Warsaw West	П	82.8	6.63	Dębica	TT	88.7	0.89	Warsaw West	717	80.9	7.95
Brzozów	П	6.68	1.48	Sochaczew	П	89.4	1.41	Wołomin	Π	82.9	2.91	Krosno	П	32.3	3.47	Wołomin	TI	81.7	2.69
Dębica	Π	89.5	0.78	Warsaw West	п	77.6	12.71	Warsaw	717	73.1	10.46	Mielec	71	82	1.54	Warsaw	717	73.2	12.61
Przemyśl	П	82.4	1.85	Wołomin	П	85.8	2.76	Brzozów	Π	92.3	0.95	Przemyśl	П	83.4	1.07	Brzozów	П	87.4	1.84
Przeworsk	П	9.88	1.22	Warsaw	П	72.6	12.68	Dębica	TI	83.5	2.56	Ropczyce	77	87.9	1.78	Dębica	LL	90.1	1.02
Rzeszów	1	8.68	1.14	Brzozów	=	91.6	1.81	Łancut	11	86.1	1.20	Rzeszów	∃	84.4	1.39	Łańcut		85.2	1.83
Strzyzów	LL	2.06	0.822	Dębica	П	87.6	1.58	Mielec	TI	75.8	2.95	Strzyzów	LL	89.4	2.90	Mielec	П	82.3	1.51
Pruszcz Gdański	岀	83.4	0.988	Jaroslaw	크	91.5	2.23	Przemyśl	1	85.1	96.0	Sanok	로	98.7	-2.01	Przemyśl	ᆸ	85.6	1.13
Tczew	77	87.9	0.862	Mielec	П	80.1	2.31	Rzeszów	711	85.9	1.58					Ropczyce	TT	88.8	1.77
Lubliniec	П	83.7	1.26	Przemyśl	⊣	71.2	3.80	Strzyzów	П	85.1	2.21					Rzeszów	П	83.4	2.05
Myszków	П	84.5	1.766	Rzeszów	П	87.2	2.07	Tarnobrzeg	ᆲ	80	1.96					Strzyzów	П	88	1.45
Bartoszyce	=	46.3	-6.745	Tarnobrzeg	П	82.3	1.25	Tczew	Н	81.5	1.19					Gdańsk		84.4	2.02
Braniewo	로	99.4	-1.774	Pruszcz Gdański	1	9.68	0.82	Gdańsk	ㅂ	88.4	0.89					Gdynia	1	9.98	1.56
Kętrzyn	로	100	-1.147	Tczew	П	81.5	1.26	Grójec	爿	98.6	-0.65					Sopot	П	86.7	3.38
Lidzbark Warmiński	로	100	-1.144		П	06	0.98									Giżycko	П	99.5	0.73
				Sopot	П	89.7	1.93									Skierniewice	H	98.9	-0.91
				Lubliniec	П	84.5	0.88									Grójec	로	7.76	-0.68
				Wrocław	H	85.9	-0.72												

" reporting area covered by the Poviat Sanitary-Epidemiological Station. ^a cluster or outlier type: HH – high-high, poviats with sufficient MCV2 coverage, surrounded by poviats with insufficient vaccination coverage; LL – low-low, poviats with sufficient MCV2 coverage, surrounded by poviats with insufficient vaccination coverage; LH – low-high, poviats with insufficient MCV2 coverage at the poviat level [96]. ⁴ Local Moran's I (p<0.05)

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