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So far, vaccine recipients have been mostly female and white

In December, two Covid-19 vaccines were authorized by the Food and Drug Administration to be used to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Due to limited supply, health care personnel and residents and staff of long-term care facilities were prioritized. So far, roughly 13 million Americans have received at least one dose of a vaccine. Of the vaccine recipients that provided information on sex, age and race or ethnicity, 63 percent have been women, 60.4 percent have been white and 55 percent were 50 years or older, according to a new report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC indicated that these findings were reflective of the health care workforce and nursing home residents — who are predominantly white. Race or ethnicity data was not reported for about half of those who were vaccinated.

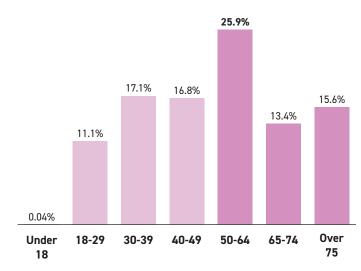
Nearly two-thirds of vaccine recipients were women

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Black Americans trail behind in Covid-19 vaccinations

Among those for whom race or ethnicity data was collected, 60.4 percent were white. This is illustrative of the U.S. population, which is 60.1 percent white. Despite the fact that Black and Hispanic Americans are 2.8 times more likely to die from Covid-19 than their white counterparts, according to the CDC, they have been vaccinated at much lower rates. Black Americans accounted for 5.4 percent of those who have been vaccinated so far, which is less than half of the 12.5 percent of the U.S. population they comprise. Hispanic Americans similarly accounted for 11.5 percent of vaccine recipients, but represent 18.5 percent of the U.S. population.

