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2024-2025 Post-Secondary School Immunization Assessment Report

The Maine Immunization Program conducts an annual immunization assessment of State of Maine Post-Secondary Schools. Rules pursuant to [22 M.R.S. § 6359](#) requires each designated **Post-Secondary School** (public or private, including but not limited to colleges, universities, vocational technical colleges, institutes, schools for the health professions and trade schools; or any other schools that issue certificates or degrees, after completion of requisite studies, apprenticeships, professional certificate programs and trade certificate programs) in the State of Maine to require proof of immunization or documented immunity against **measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus and diphtheria** from all **students** (any person born after 1956 who attends school full- or part-time who is a candidate for a degree or a diploma or graduate certificate). It also requires the chief administrative officer to submit a summary report on the immunization status of their students to the Maine Center for Disease Control.

The 2024-2025 Post-Secondary School Immunization Survey was conducted online from October 2024 to January 2025. The vaccination data reported by all schools was analyzed and a summary table was generated (Table 1). Graphical representations of these results by vaccine type can be found on the following pages (Figures 1-6).

Vaccination is the most effective and efficient way to ensure that students and their family members, particularly those who are immunocompromised, are protected against these vaccine preventable diseases. This is perhaps one of the most important reasons why it would be advantageous for these educational institutions to meet all requirements of the Maine Immunization Post-Secondary School law and to help reach the goal of the Maine Immunization Program to bring the state vaccine coverage rate for each of these vaccines to 100%.

Table 1: Exemption and Immunization Rates by Individual Vaccine

2024-2025 Post Secondary School Exemption and Immunization Rates by Individual Vaccine, Statewide				
Vaccine	Vaccinated/Laboratory Evidence of Immunity	Medical Exemptions	Distance Education Students	Incomplete Records/ Non-Compliant
Diphtheria	77.1%	0.1%	21.4%	1.4%
Tetanus	77.1%	0.1%	21.4%	1.4%
Measles	77.4%	0.1%	21.4%	1.1%
Mumps	77.3%	0.1%	21.4%	1.1%
Rubella	77.4%	0.1%	21.4%	1.1%

Figure 1: Exemption and Immunization Rates by Individual Vaccine

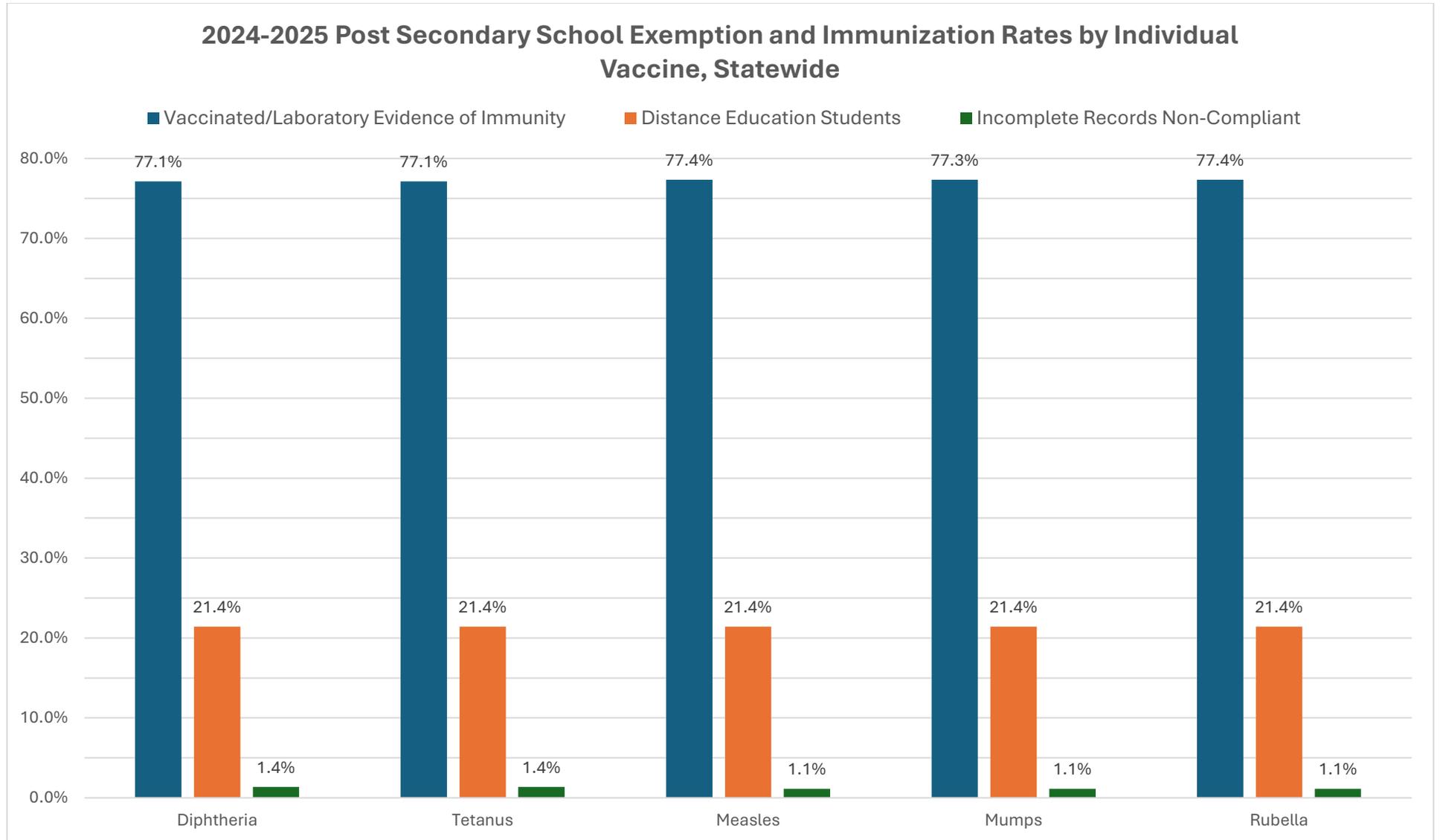
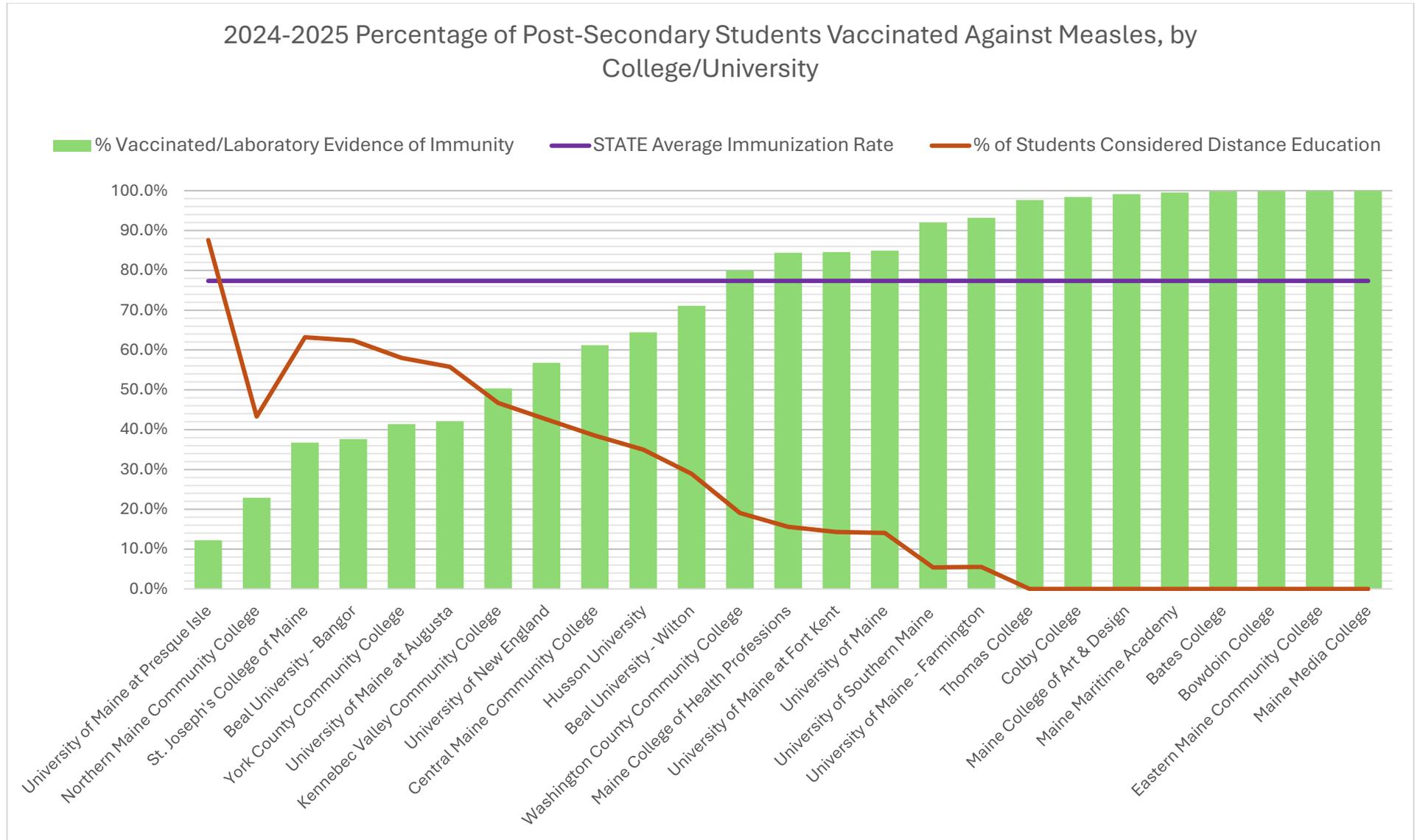
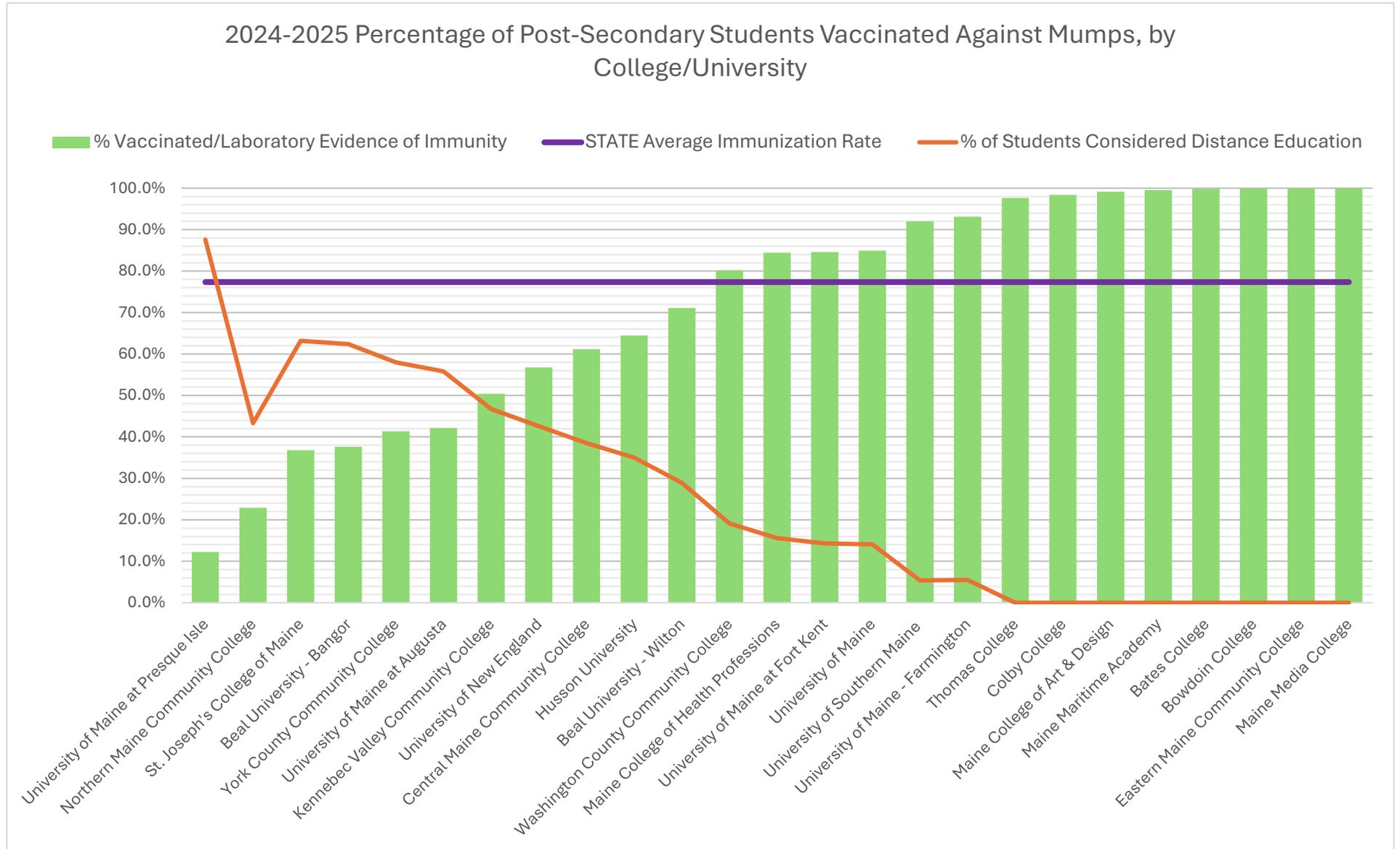


Figure 2: Measles Vaccination Rate by College/University



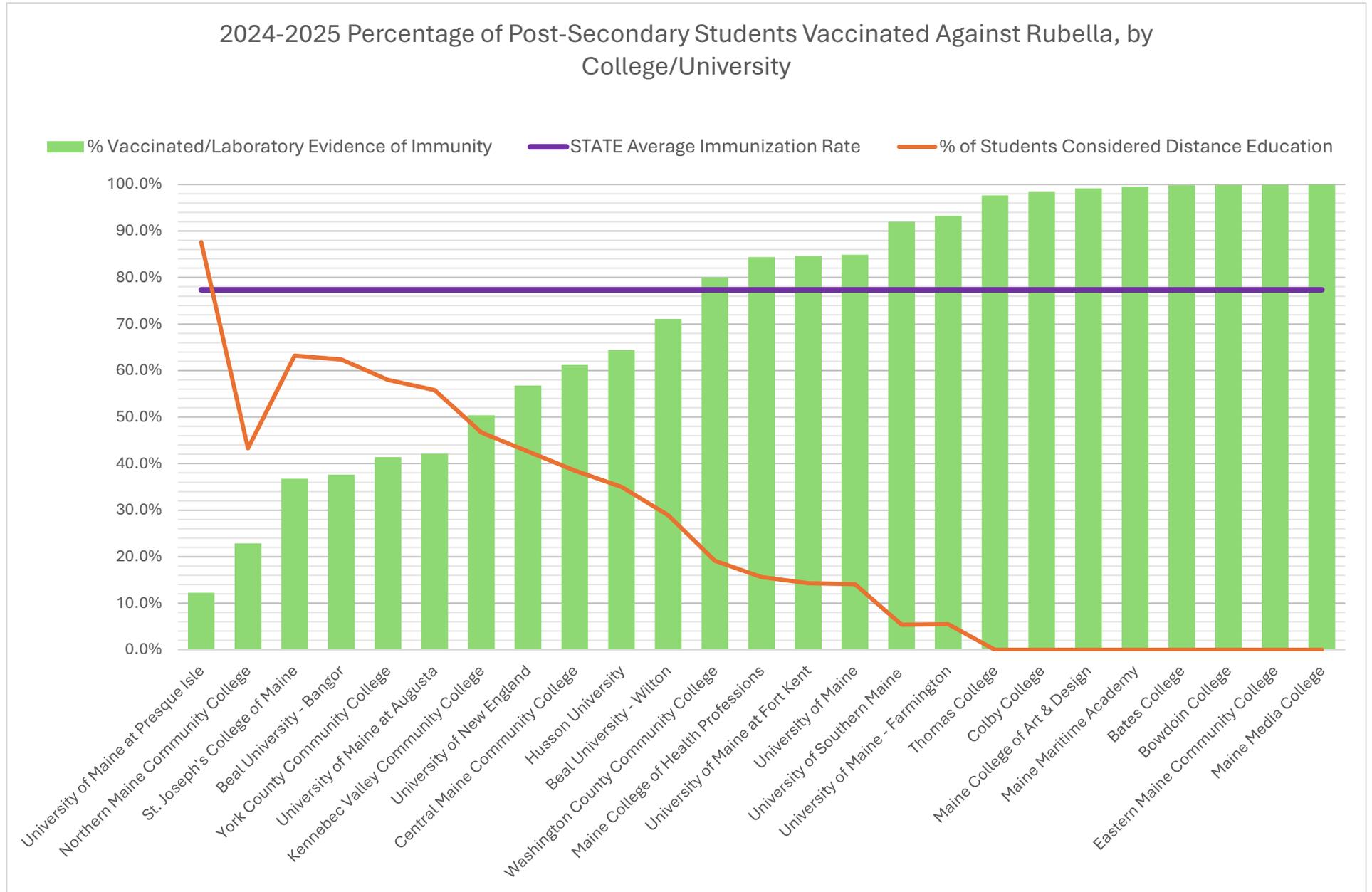
The bars in the graph above represent the percent of post-secondary students who are immune to measles by vaccination or have laboratory evidence of immunity.

Figure 3: Mumps Vaccination Rate by College/University



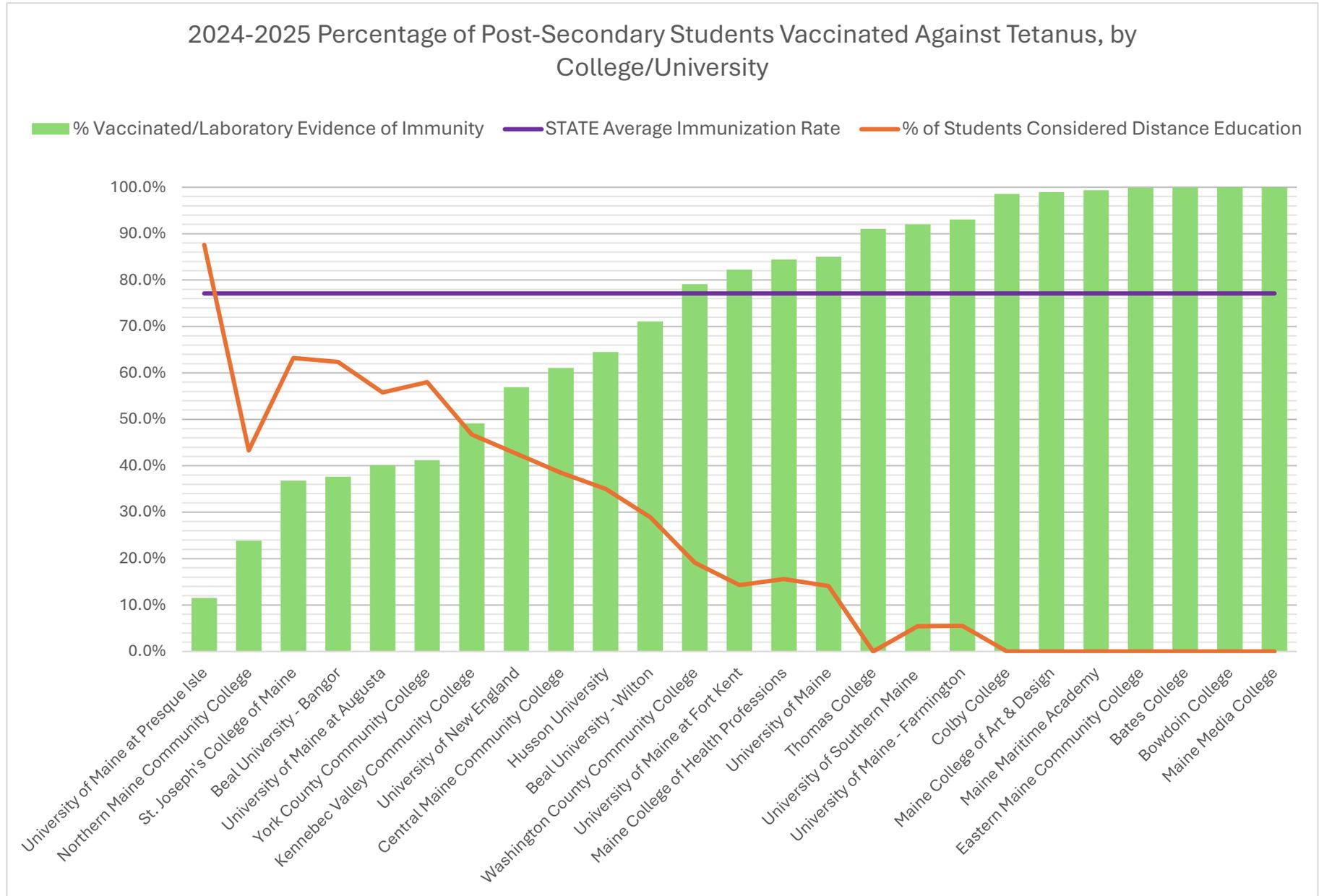
The bars in the graph above represent the percent of post-secondary students who are immune to mumps by vaccination or have laboratory evidence of immunity.

Figure 4: Rubella Vaccination Rate by College/University



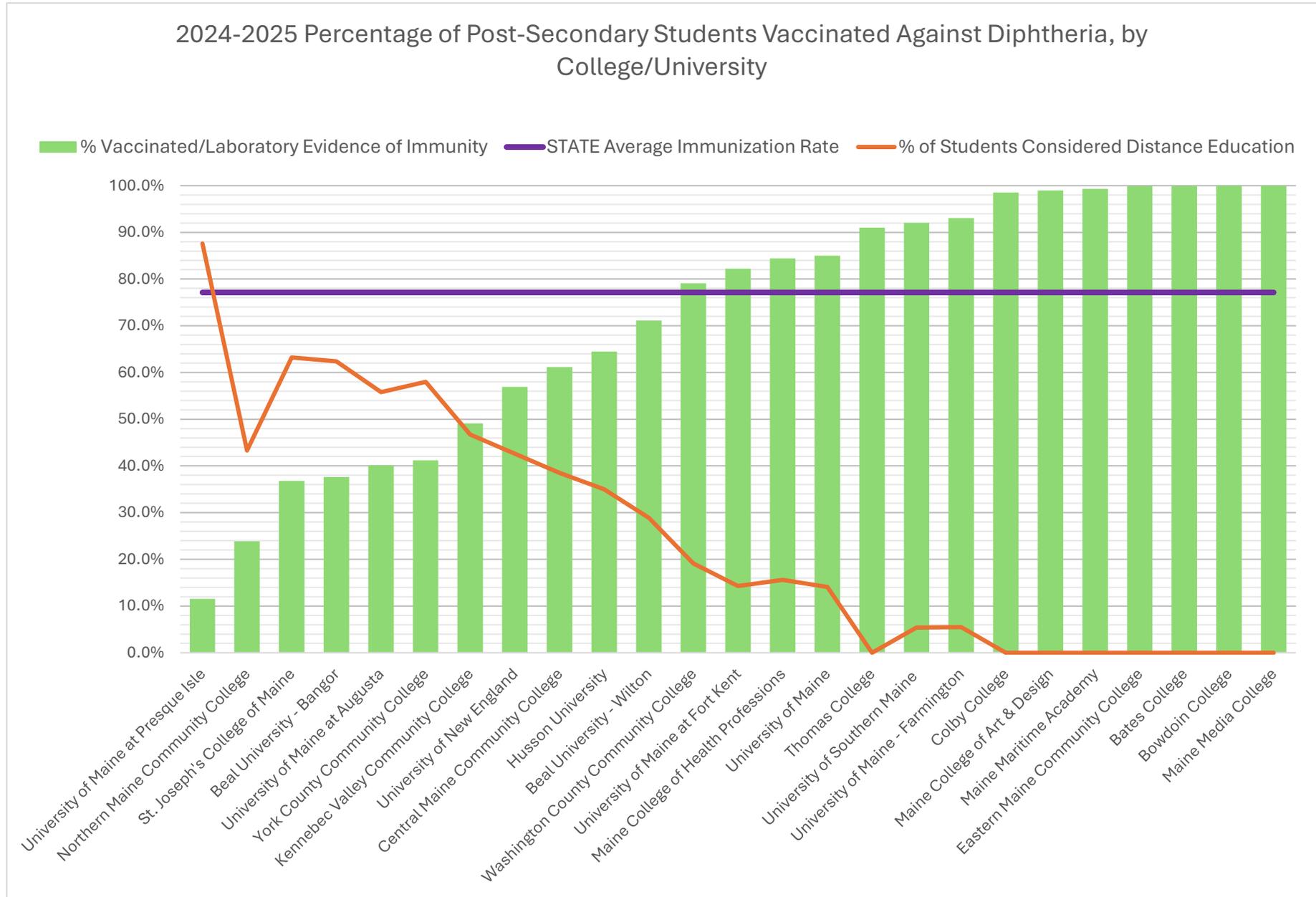
The bars in the graph above represent the percent of post-secondary students who are immune to rubella by vaccination or have laboratory evidence of immunity.

Figure 5: Tetanus Vaccination Rate by College/University



The bars in the graph above represent the percent of post-secondary students who are immune to tetanus by vaccination or have laboratory evidence of immunity.

Figure 6: Diphtheria Vaccination Rate by College/University



The bars in the graph above represent the percent of post-secondary students who are immune to diphtheria by vaccination or have laboratory evidence of immunity.