

# **DHHS PULSE REPORT**

**COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY**

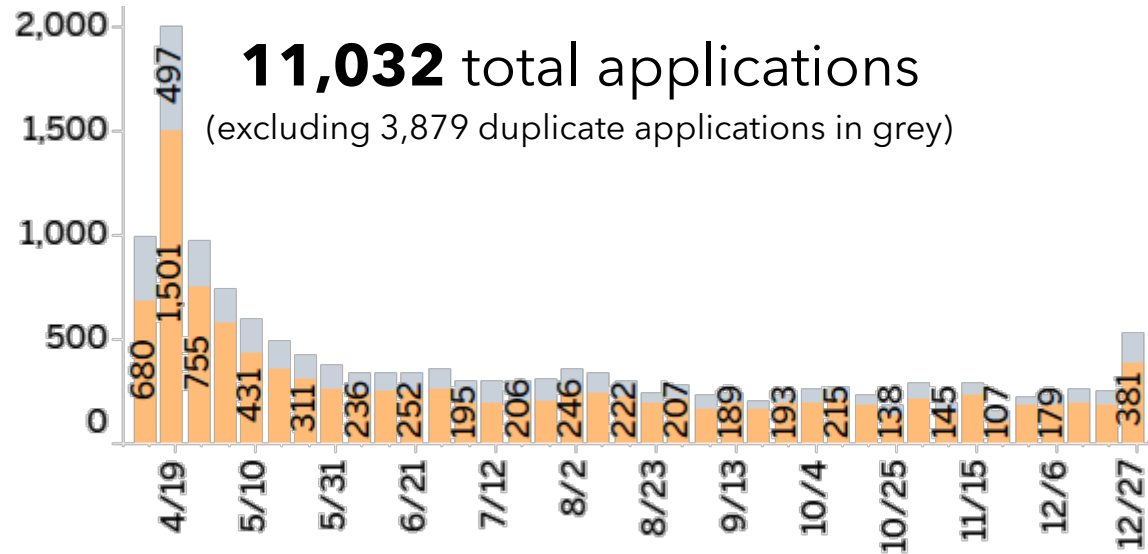
**April 27, 2022**



# **RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND**

# COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 18-24

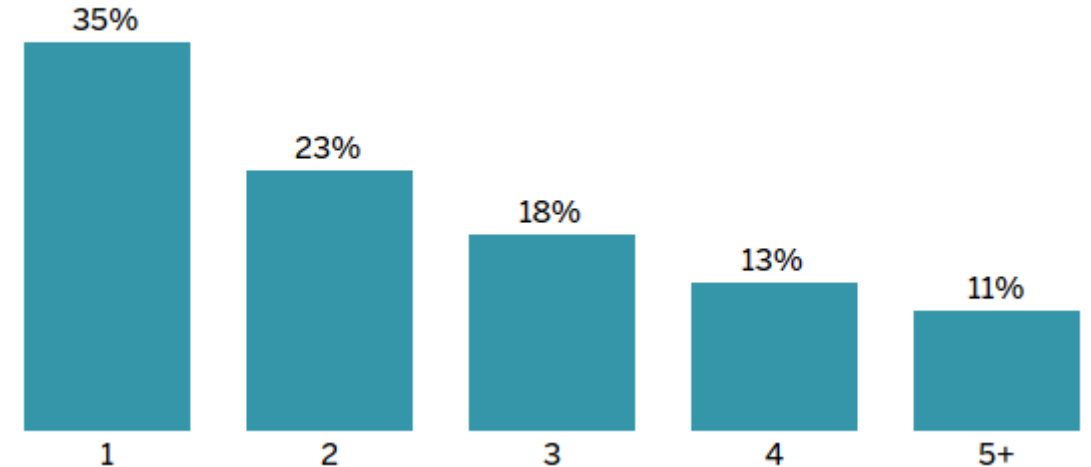
## APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)



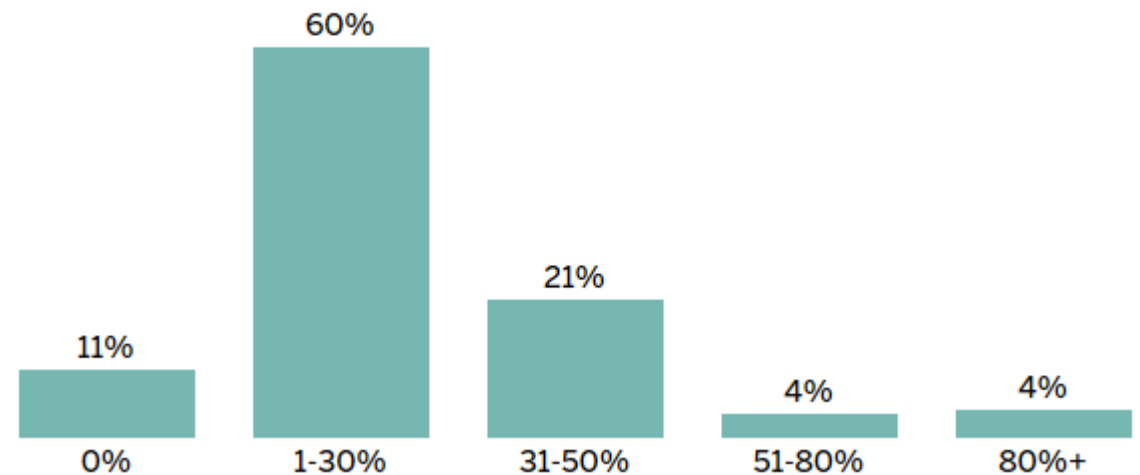
Application portal closed on 12/31/21. Duplicates noted up to 3/28/22.

## APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

### Household size



### Percent of Area Median Income

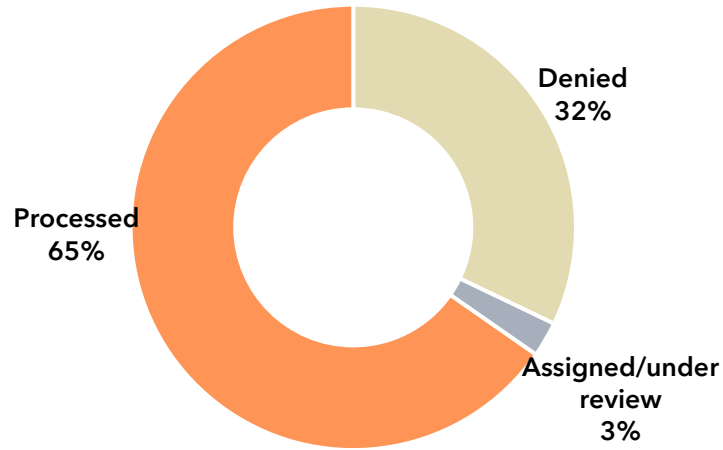


## APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **52%** matched with landlord application
- **53%** unemployed past 90 days
- **29%** needed to care for self/others
- **23%** self-reported receiving an eviction notice
- Median household income: **\$21,159**

# COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 18-24

## APPLICATION PROCESSING\*



Denials are primarily due to applicants not having arrears/mortgage assistance requests, exceeding income requirements, not demonstrating county residency, and include non-responsive and fraudulent requests.

\*Application processing has slowed due to switch in processing systems.

## ALL-TIME TOTALS

The current round of funding adds to two previous rounds of COVID-19 assistance. In total, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program has approved:

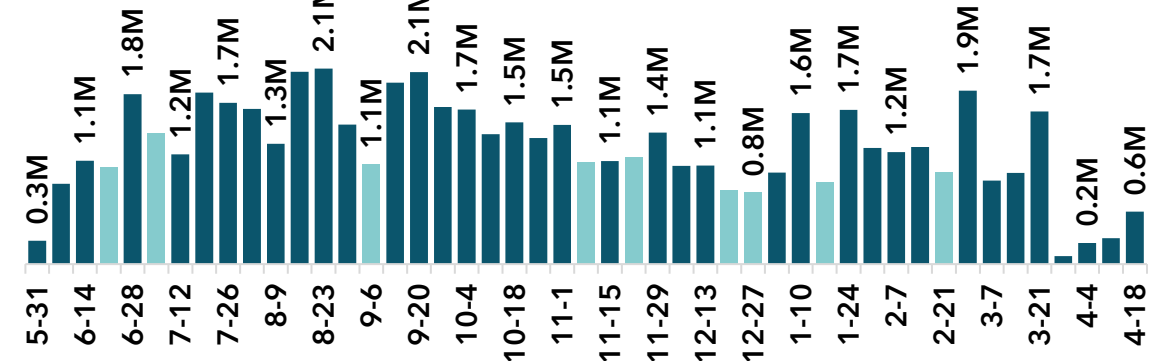
- **\$77.2M** in payments
- **10,414** households

## APPROVALS

The number of households and payments approved are lower due to a switch in application processing systems.

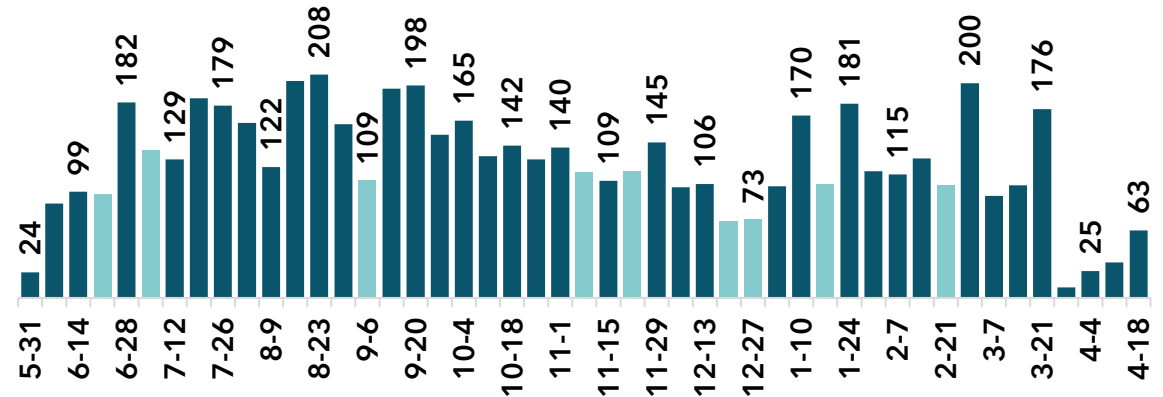
### Total Approved Payments: \$59.3M

(4-day workweek in light blue)



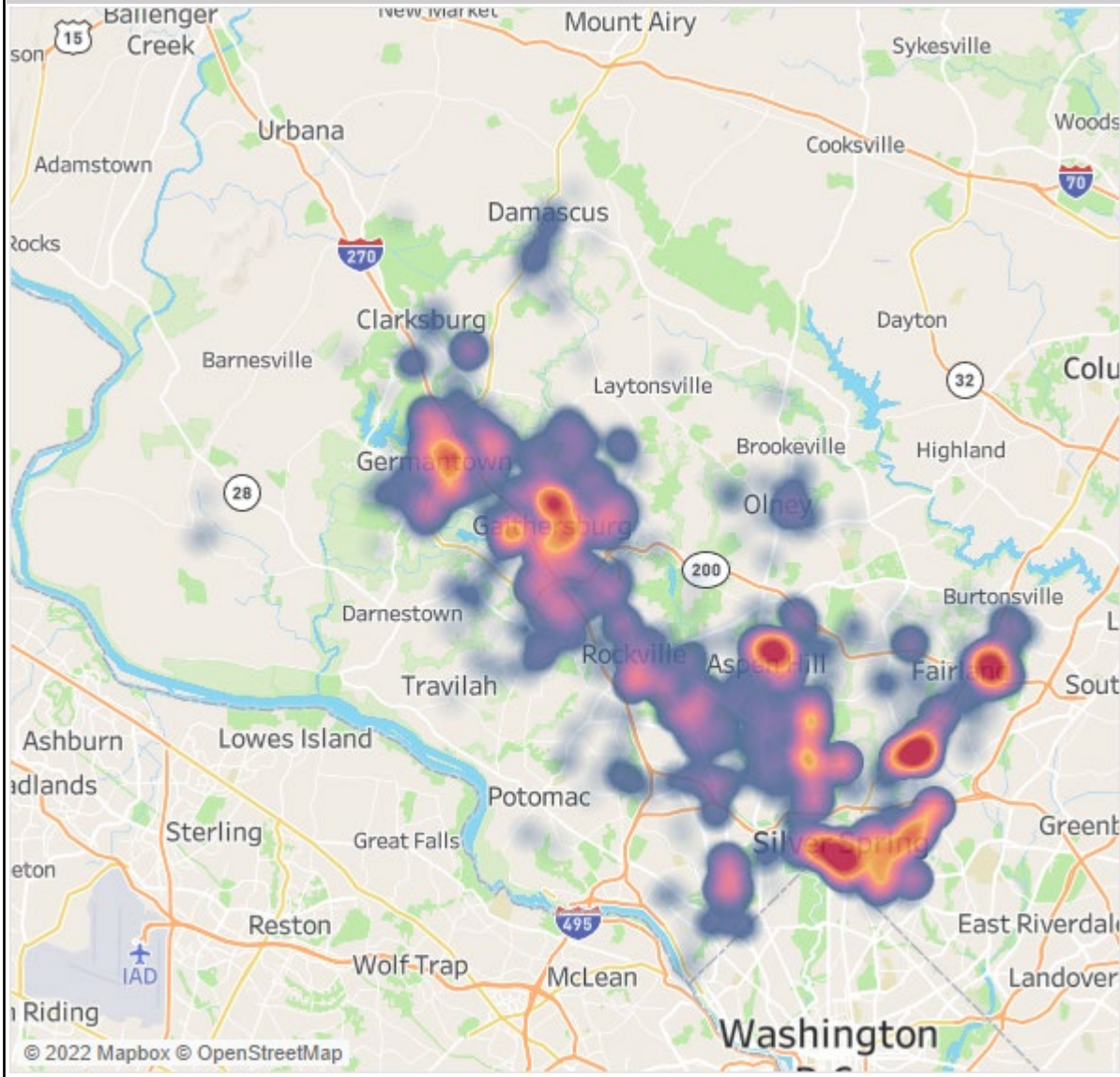
### Total Approved Households: 5,918

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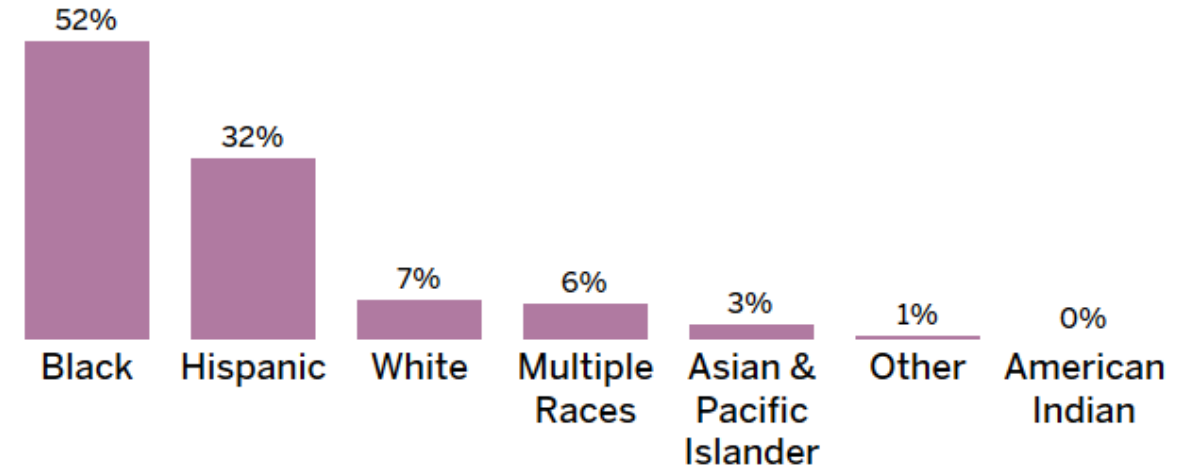


# COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 18-24

## HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS



## RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY



## ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS

- Average client payment: **\$10K**
- **64%** of payments arrears; **36%** prospective
- **42%** of awarded households are in high-need areas as defined by the Homeless Prevention Index

# COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 11-17

## ERAP1 EXPENDITURES

Award\*

**\$59.5M**

Current spending and encumbered

**\$59.5M**



\* Total ERAP1 includes direct and state funding.

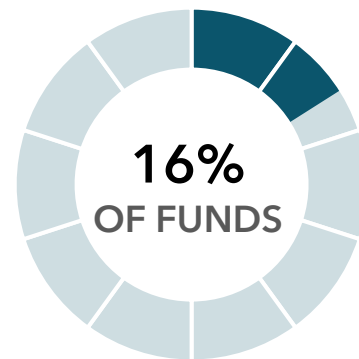
## ERAP2 EXPENDITURES

Award

**\$34.1M**

Current spending and encumbered

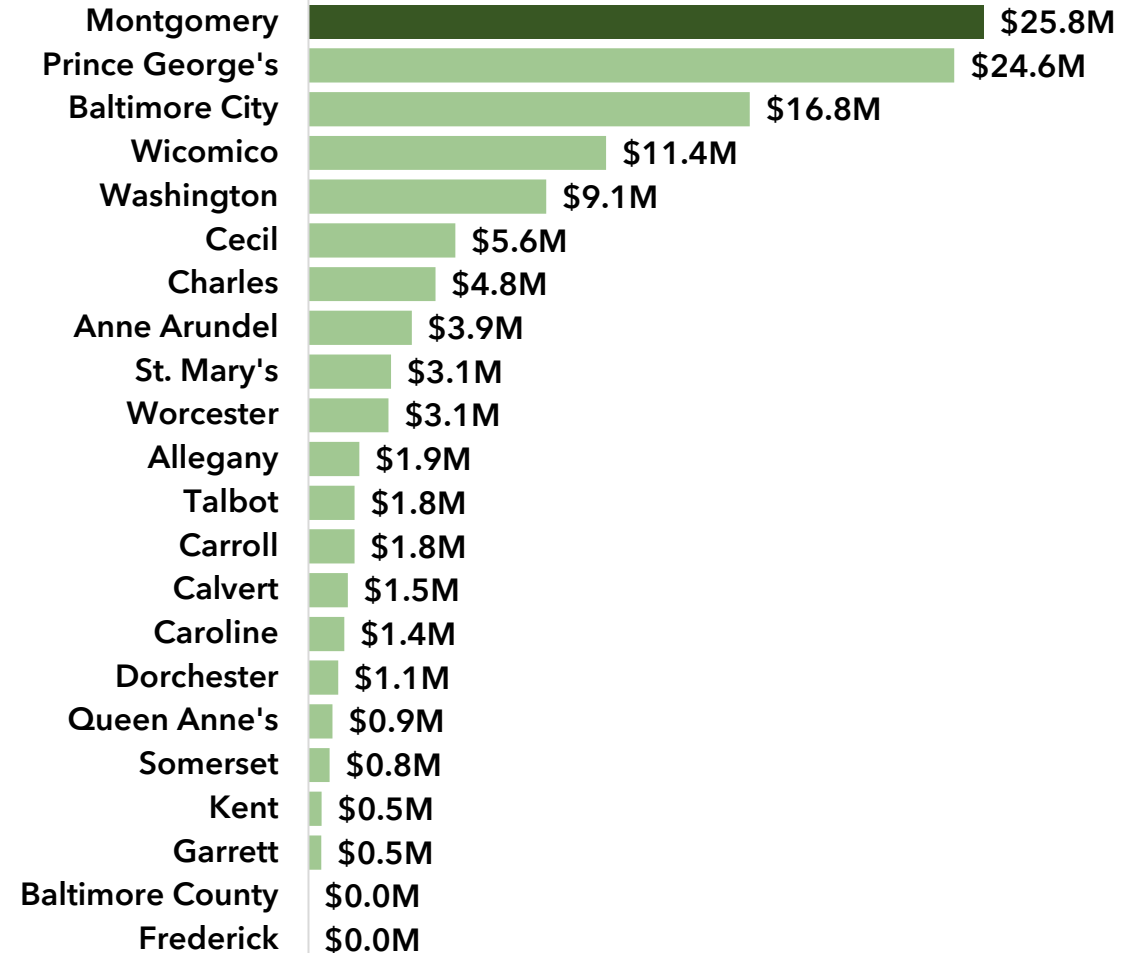
**\$5.6M**



Note: Spending and percentages may shift as payments are reconciled.

## STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY (ERAP1)

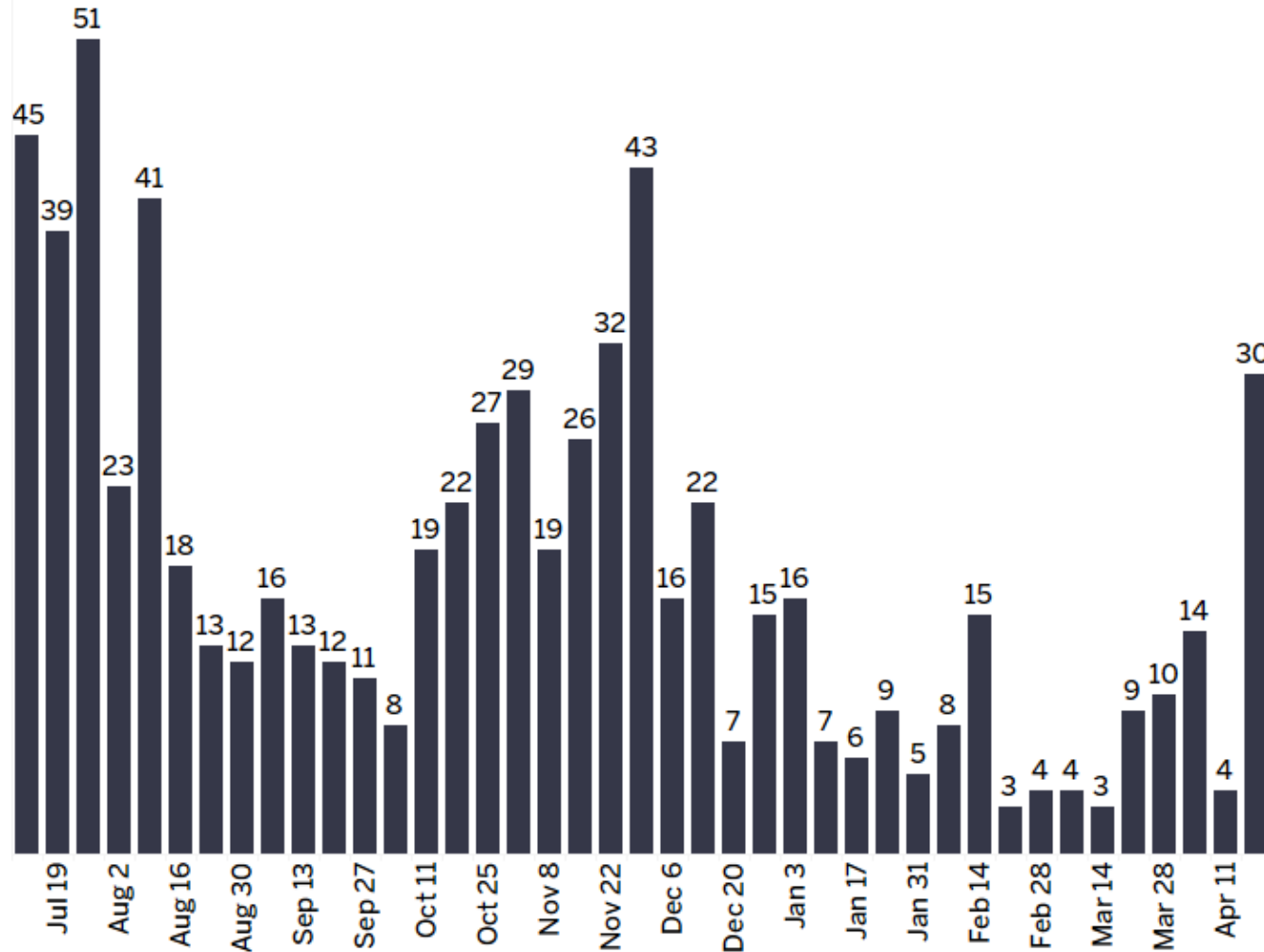
As of 2.28.2022



Source: Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, <https://bit.ly/3DQSVZY>

# EVICTIION TRACKER

## NEW WRITS BY WEEK

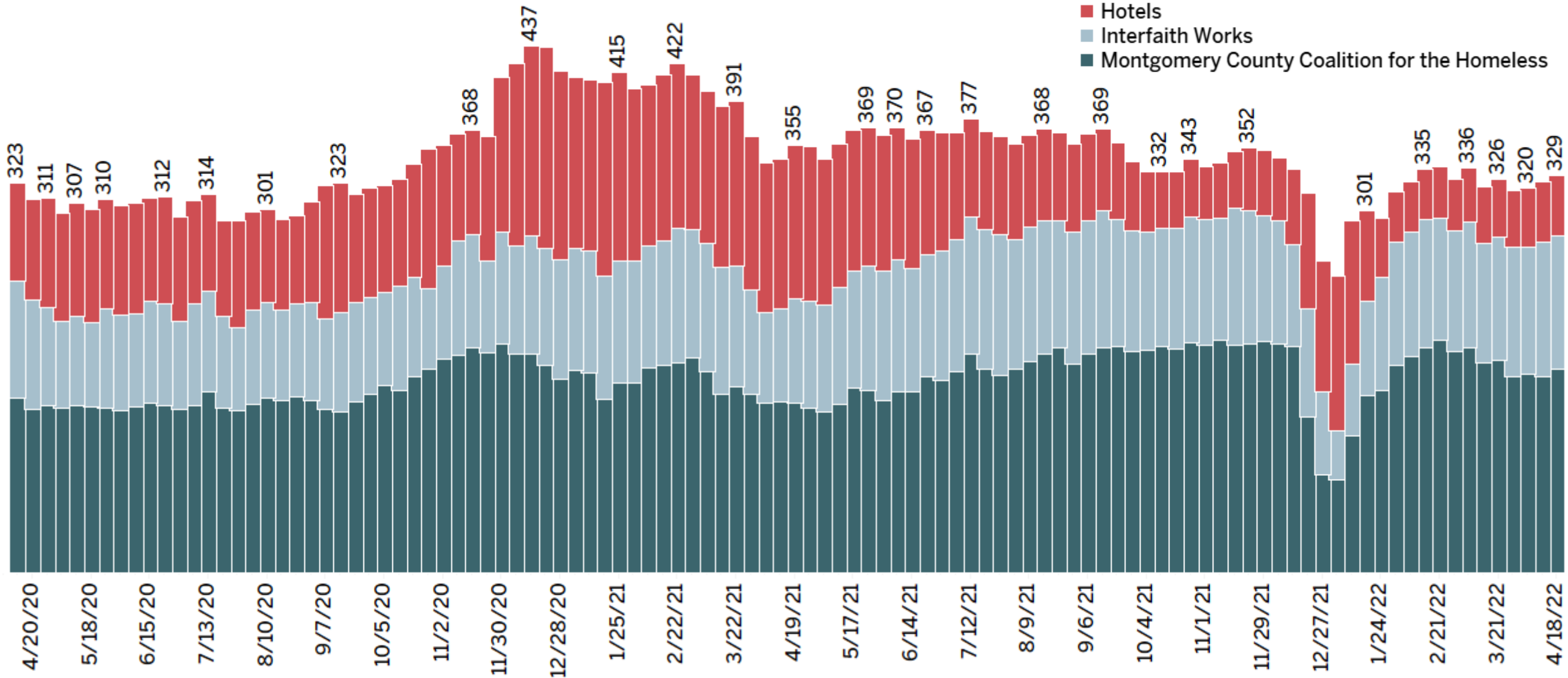


- **1,006** residents scheduled for eviction after July 19
- **45%** of households with writ have applied for emergency rental assistance
- Context: **fewer than 8%** of writs typically result in eviction

NOTE: Records on writs for eviction can include commercial tenants as well as multiple notices for a single household. The stats above attempt to capture unique residential households only, but it is not always possible to make such distinctions.

# SHELTER OCCUPANCY

Average Daily Shelter Occupancy by Week



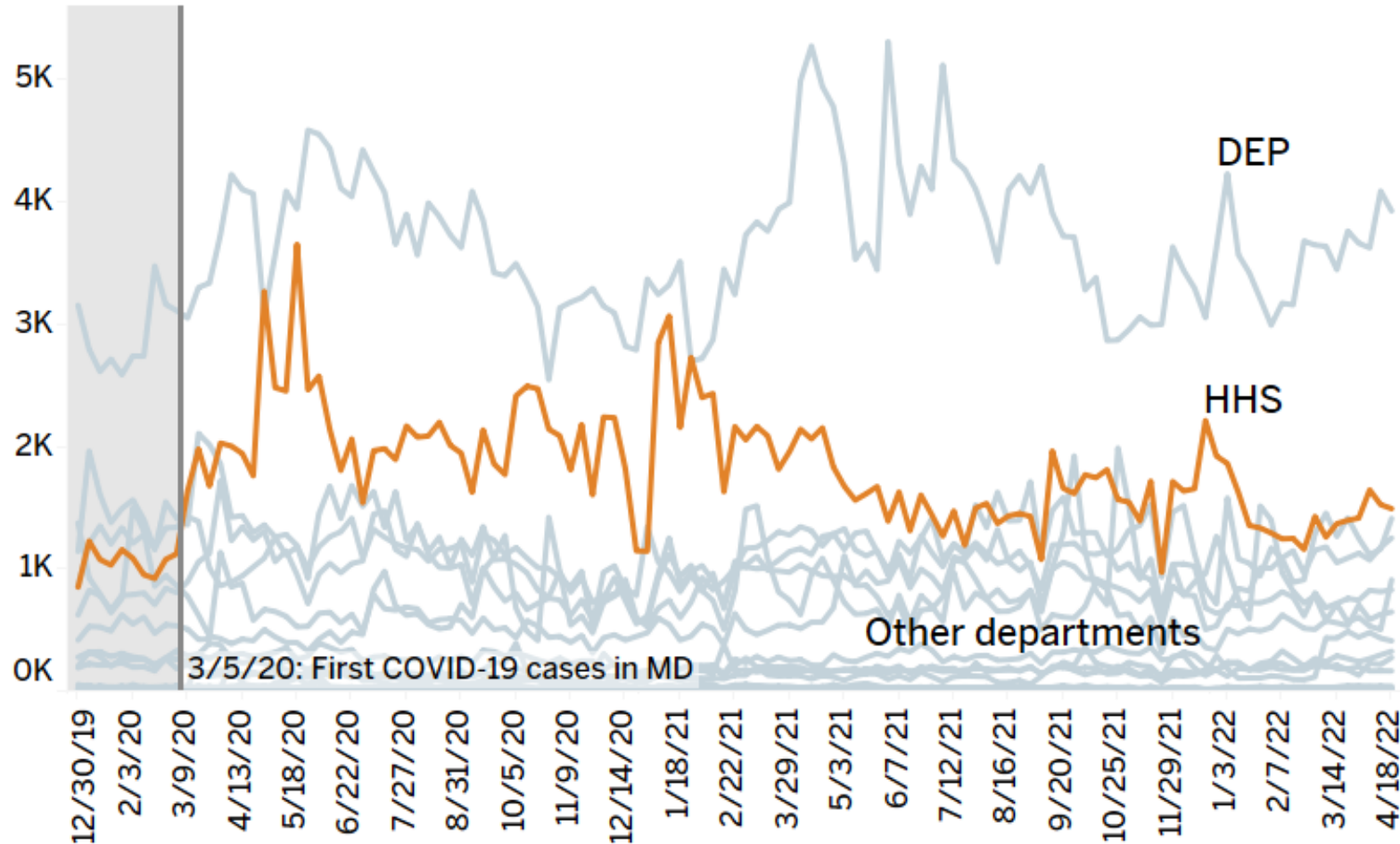
NOTE: Up to March 7, total occupancy did not include MCCH-affiliated hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.



# MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

## WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

**1,491** calls last week for DHHS services



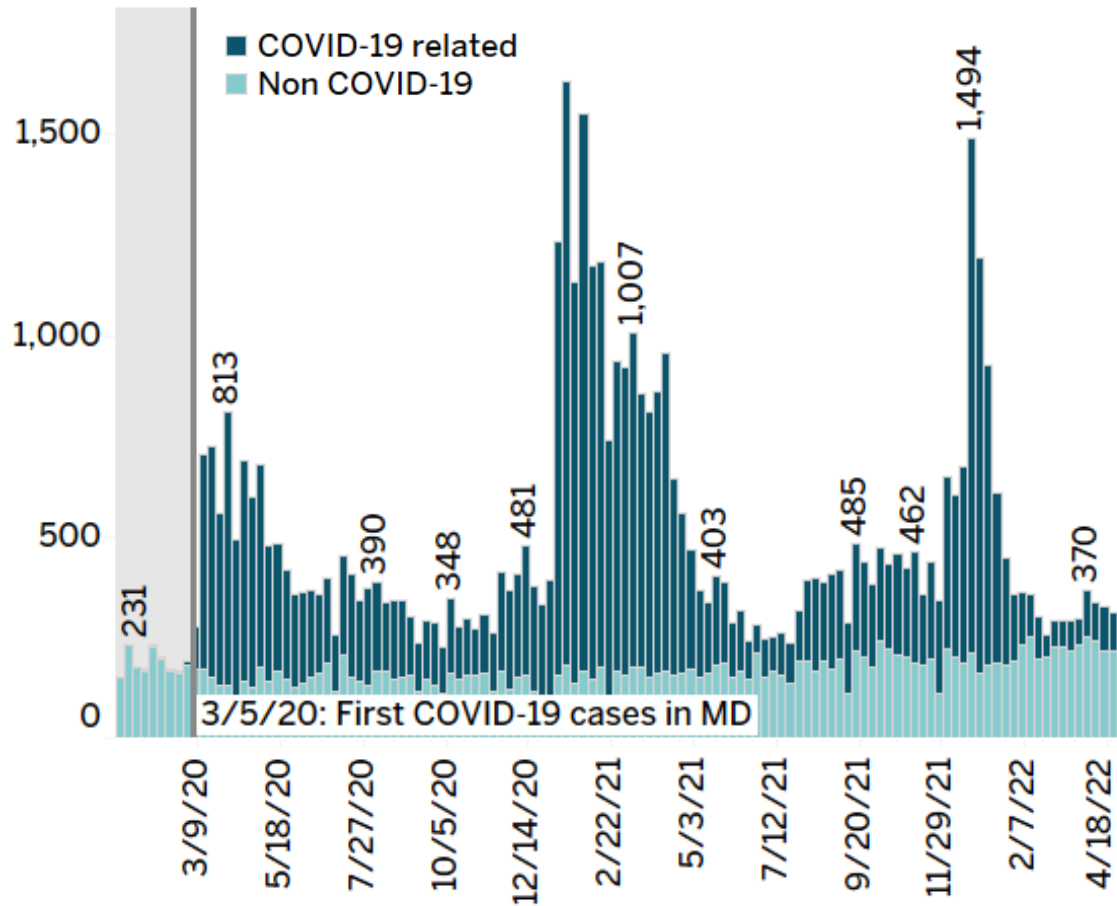
- 49% of last week's DHHS service calls were regarding public assistance programs
  - Most questions regarding public assistance are referred to the Office of Eligibility and Support Services, which in March fielded 2,678 direct calls and 2,789 referrals from MC311
- 8% of DHHS calls to MC311 were about the COVID Rental Relief Program

# MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**314** calls last week for Public Health

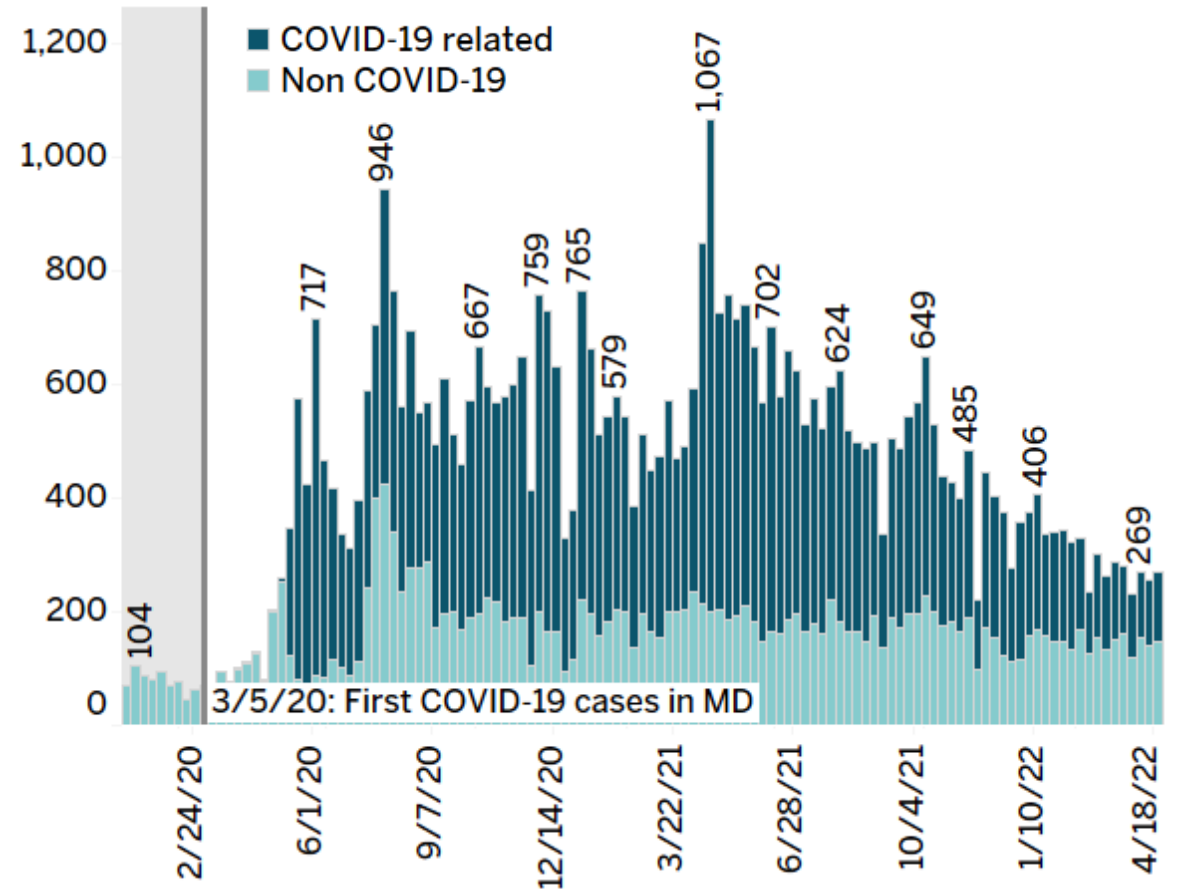
**31%** related to COVID-19



## SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

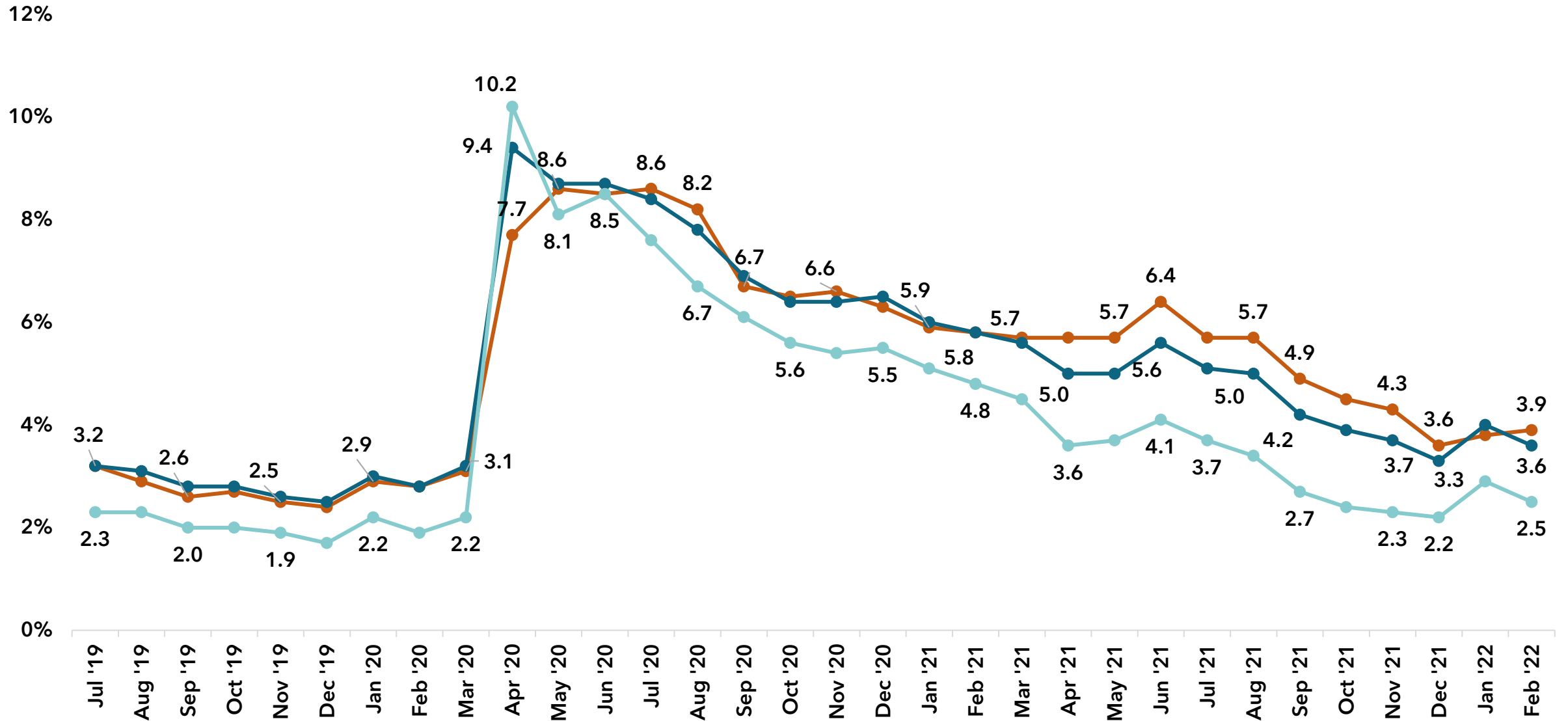
**272** calls last week for SEPH

**46%** related to COVID-19



# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

—●— Montgomery County    —●— DC-Metro Region    —●— Fairfax County



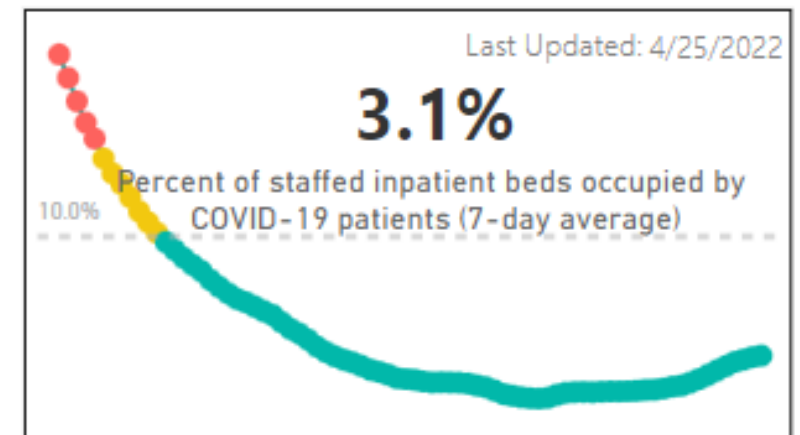
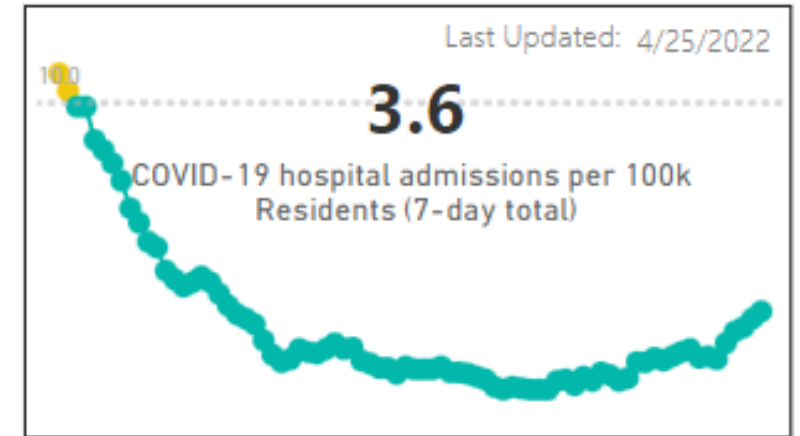
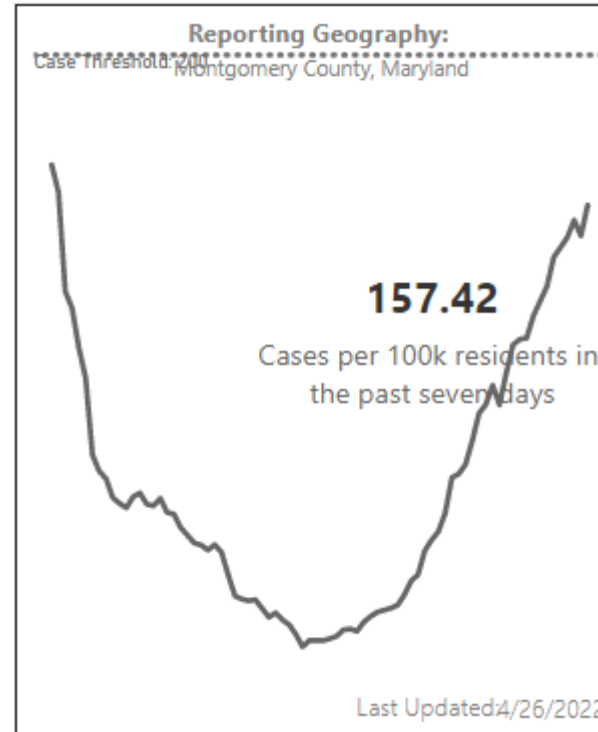
# COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING



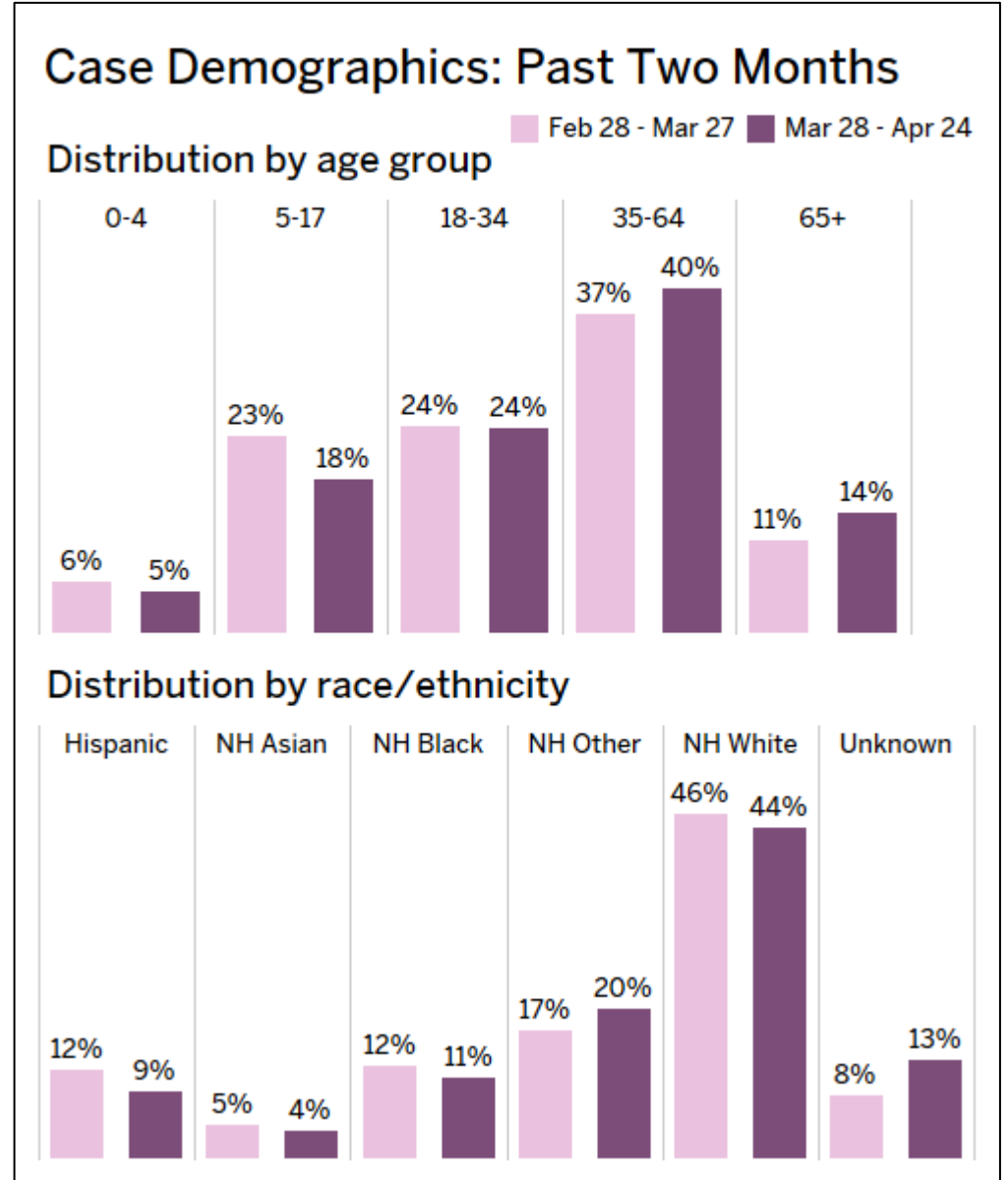
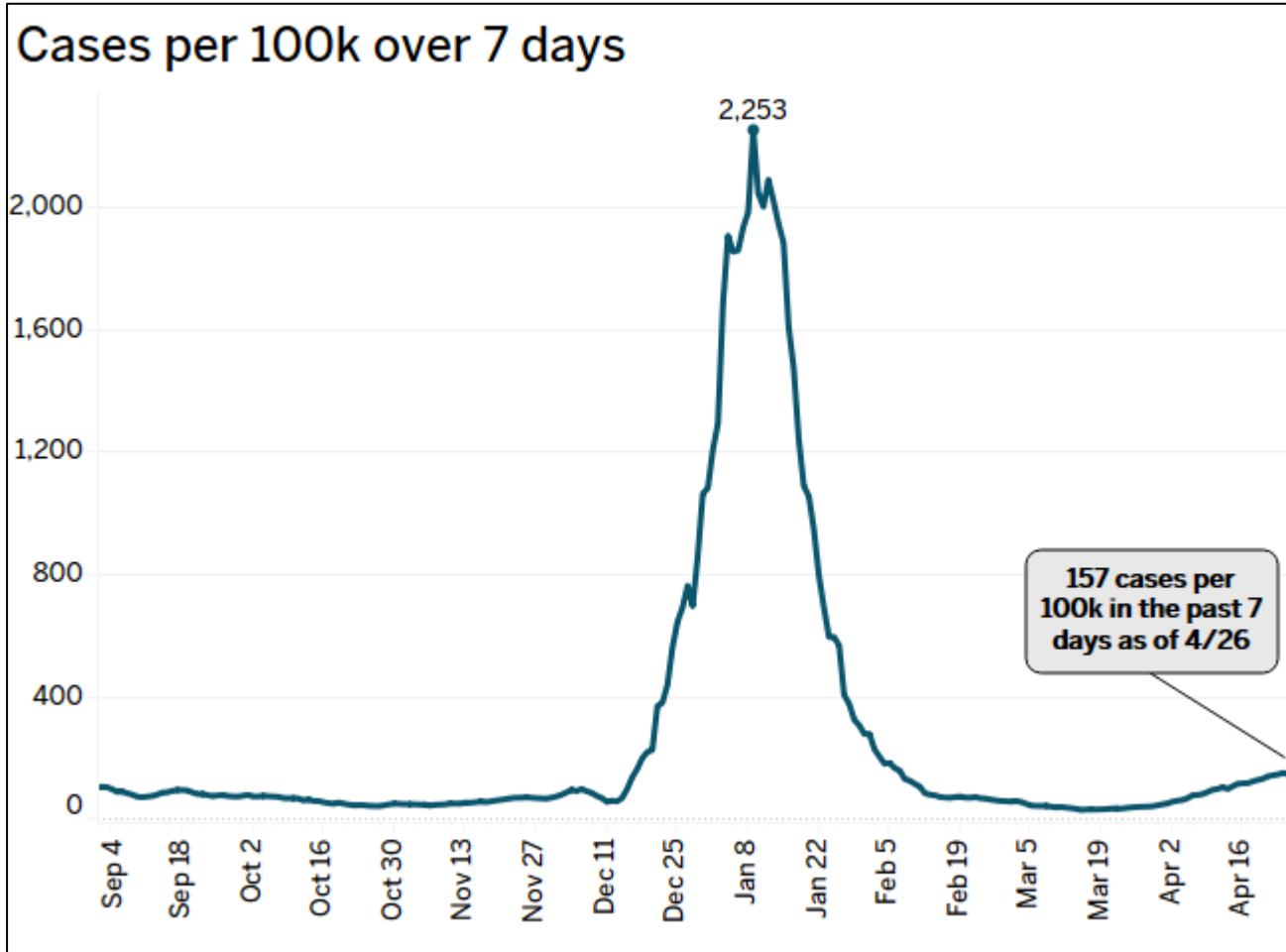
# COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL STATUS

Based on CDC's community level indicators, Montgomery County's community level status is **LOW**.

- Fewer than 200 cases per 100k in the past seven days
- Fewer than 10 new COVID-19 admissions per 100k in the past seven days
- Less than 10% of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients on average in the past seven days



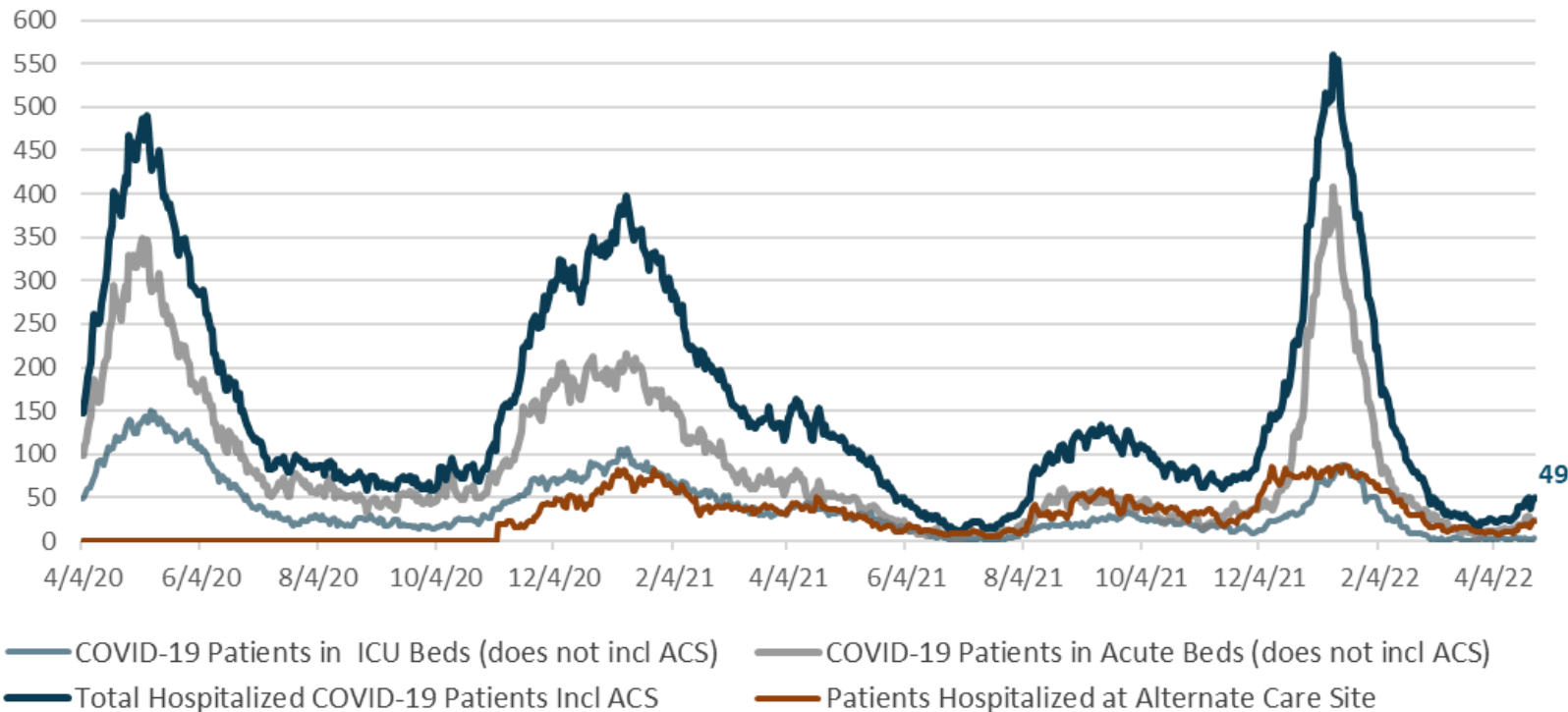
# COVID-19 CASES



Note: Case data only reflect confirmed cases via PCR tests.

# COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

Total ICU and Acute Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Positive Patients  
(Montgomery County Hospitals and the WAH Alternate Care Site)  
as of 11:30 am 4/25/22

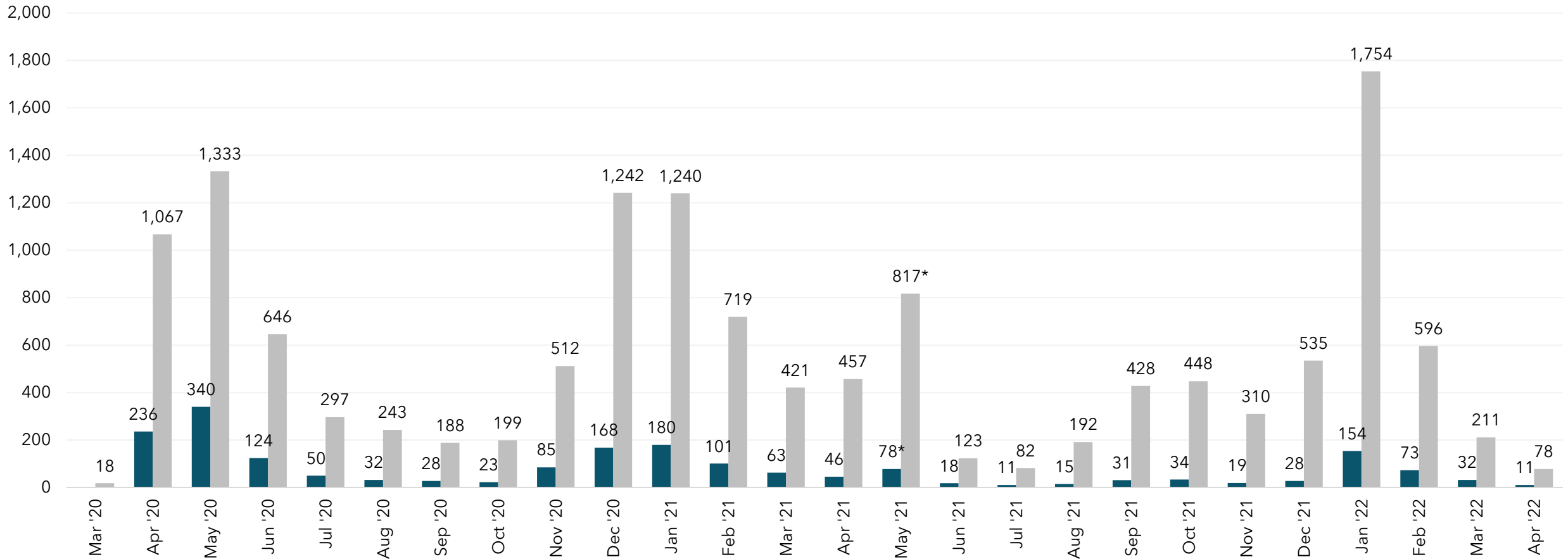


- There are 49 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 4/25. Acute care occupancy (24) has increased since last week (+6) and ICU bed occupancy (3) has remained the same.
- 3.1% of hospital beds in the community are occupied by patients with a COVID diagnosis (as of 4/25).
- 22 patients are currently hospitalized at the alternate care site. These patients are transfers from other hospitals and may come from other jurisdictions.

# COVID-19 DEATHS

Monthly COVID-19 Deaths  
Updated 4/23/22

■ Montgomery County ■ Maryland

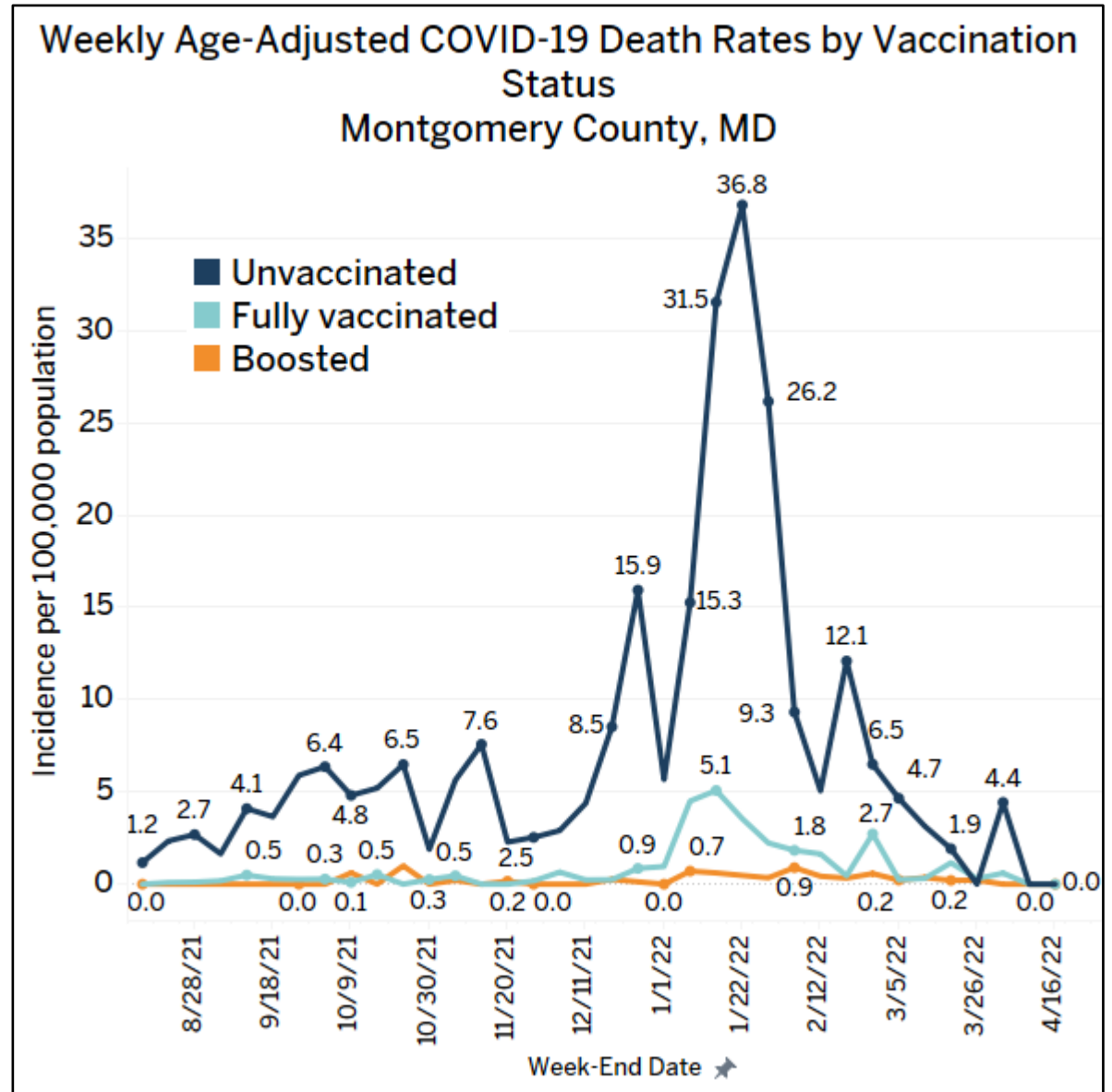
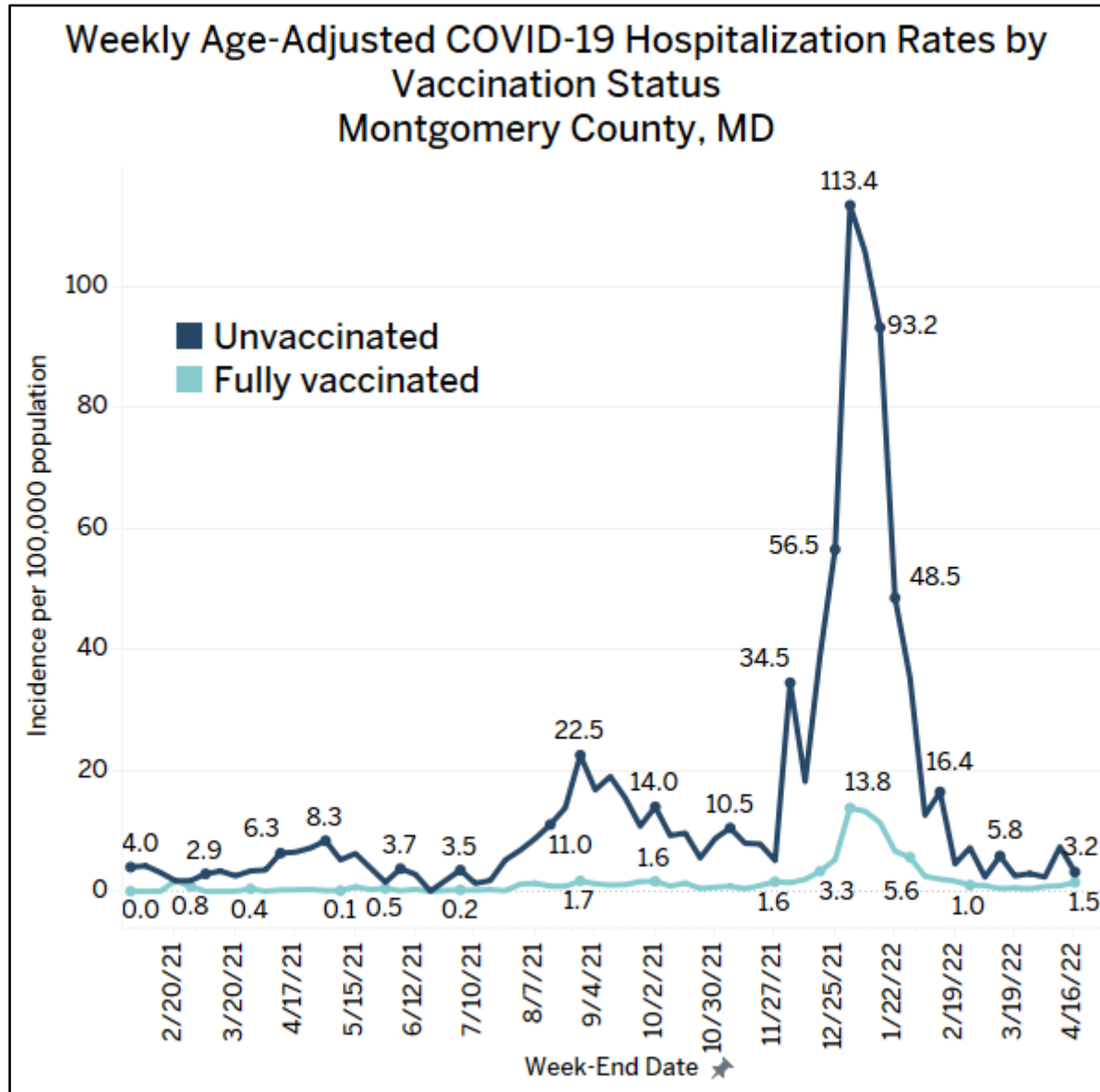


\*VSA revised death data on May 27, 2021 to include COVID-19 deaths not previously counted.

NOTE: Monthly totals are based on the date death was reported, which may not be the same as the date on which the death occurred.



# HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS BY VACCINATION STATUS



NOTE: Hospitalization rates for the boosted population are not available.

# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

## TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 4/25/22)

- **≥95%\*** of total population received at least **ONE DOSE** [N=1,070,508]
- **87%** of total population received at least **TWO DOSES** (fully vaccinated) [N=913,762]
- **54%** of fully vaccinated population received a **FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=495,477]

\*The CDC caps percentages at 95% to account for margins of error in data entry and population estimates.

NOTE: On 4/15/22, Maryland made updates to previously submitted data to the CDC that resulted in a decrease of 50,176 doses administered. Some percentages may have decreased as a result.

NOTE: The CDC vaccination count includes Montgomery County residents who received their shots in Maryland or outside the state. It also includes vaccinations administered in some federal entities within Montgomery County.

## VACCINATIONS BY AGE GROUP

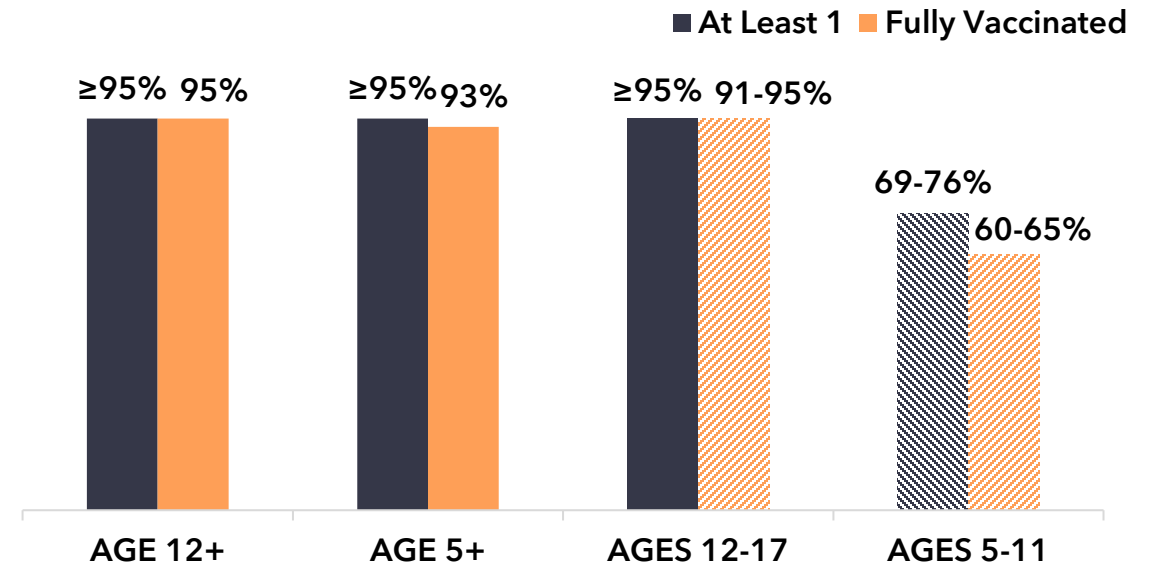


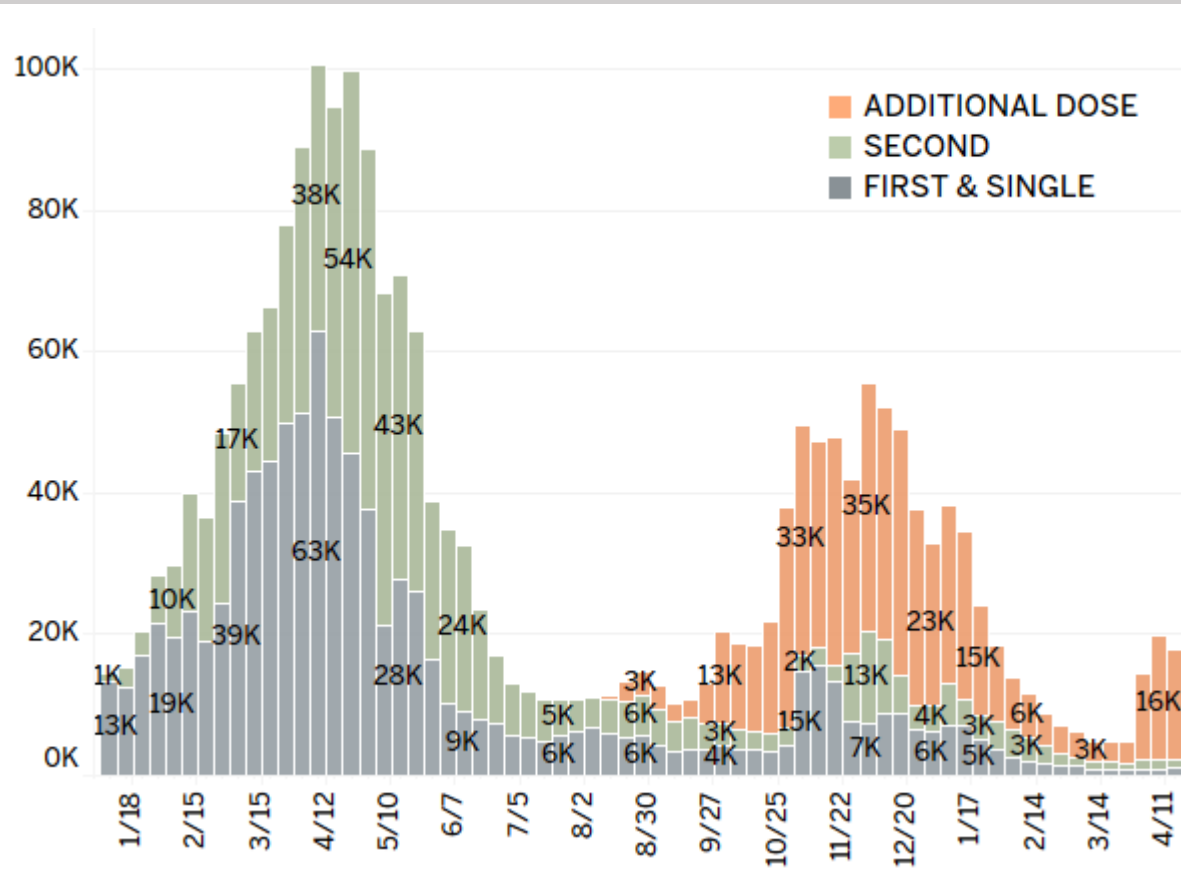
Chart reflects percent of total age group population that received doses. Percentage estimates are reflected as ranges for ages 12-17 and ages 5-11 due to higher margins of error.

- **58%** of the fully vaccinated 12+ population received a **FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=495,269]
- **77%** of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a **FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=130,493]

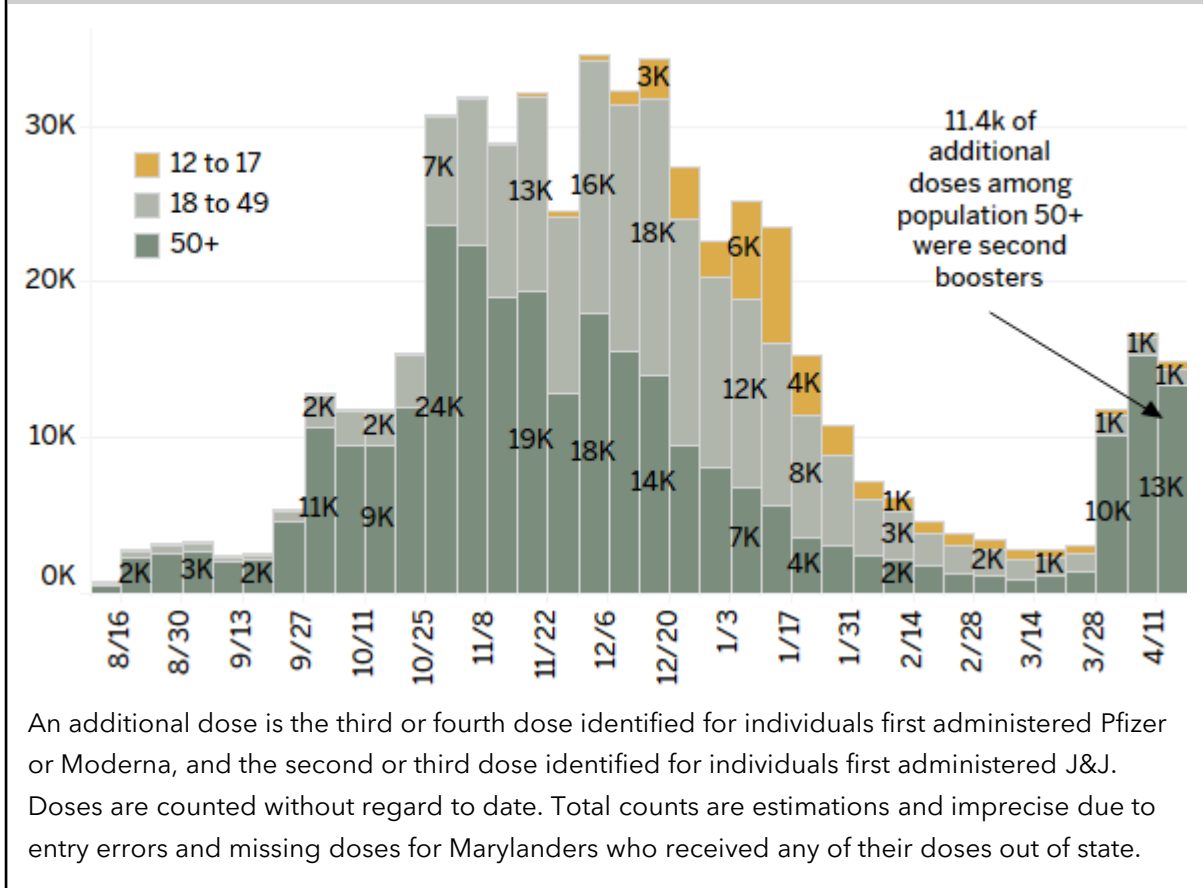
# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: WEEKLY VOLUME

Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **April 17, 2022**.

## VACCINATIONS BY DOSE



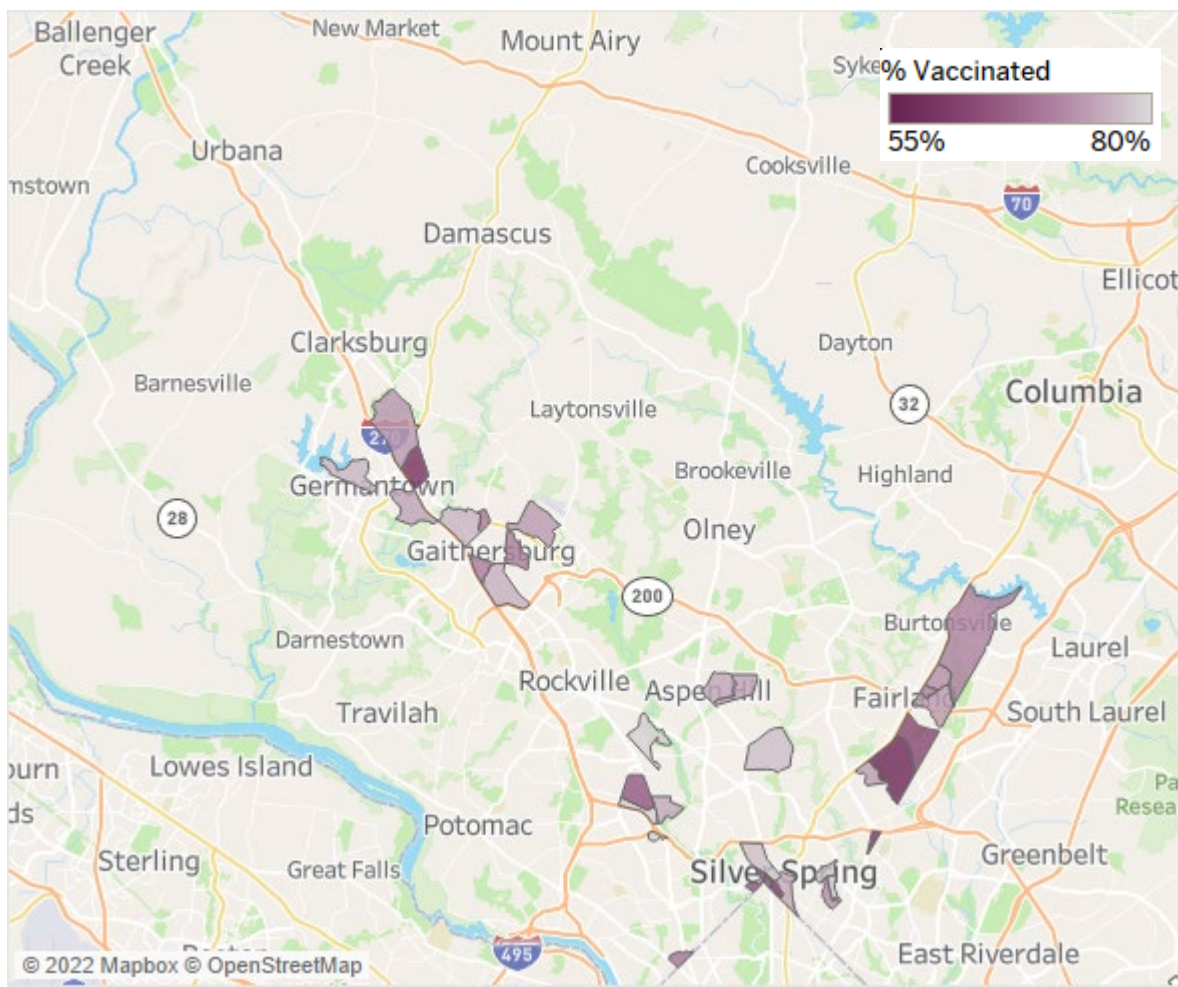
## ADDITIONAL DOSES BY AGE GROUP



Unlike the CDC vaccination data, data from Maryland Health Department only include Montgomery County residents who were vaccinated in Maryland. Totals do not include vaccinations administered at federal entities within the county to non-residents.

# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: GAPS

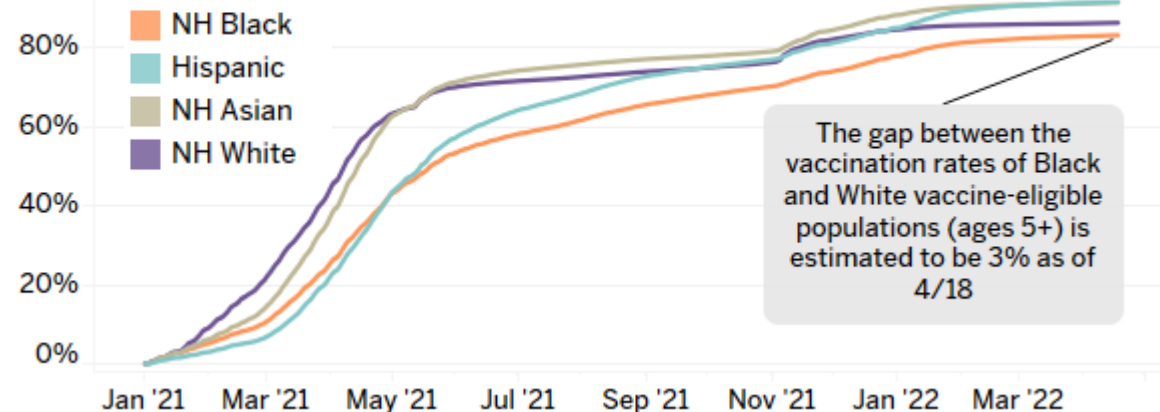
## TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES



Across the highlighted tracts above, 30% of the population is White non-Hispanic, 30% is Black non-Hispanic, 24% is Hispanic, and 12% is Asian/Pacific Islander.

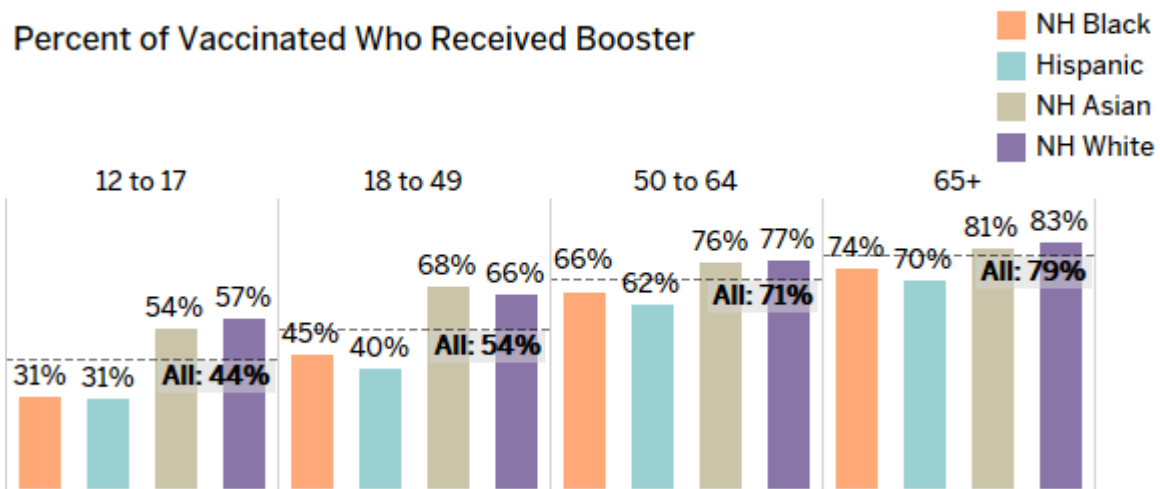
## FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY RACE

Population Ages 5+ First-Dose Rates



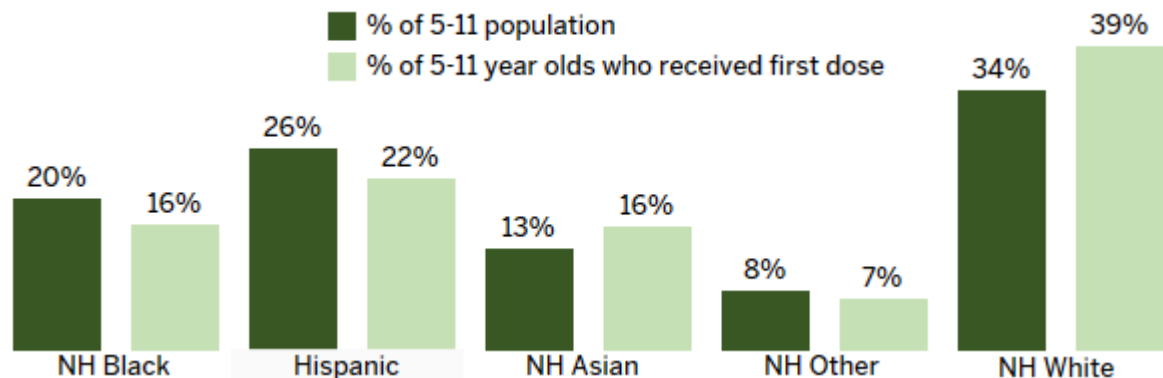
## ADDITIONAL DOSE RATES BY RACE & AGE

Percent of Vaccinated Who Received Booster



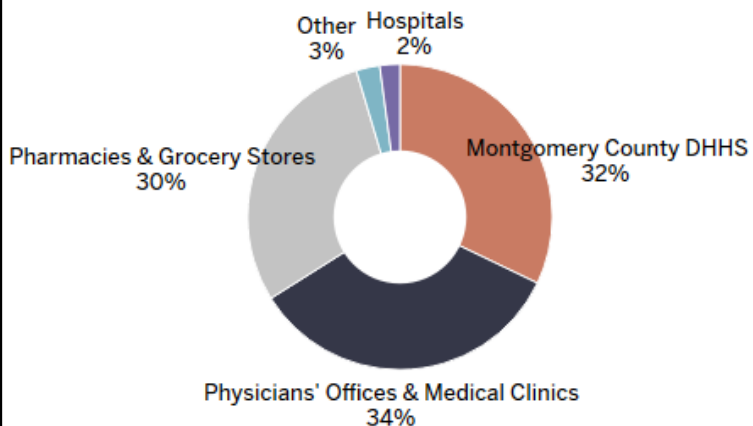
# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

## FIRST DOSES BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Charts reads: 20% of 5-11 population are NH Black, and 16% of vaccinated 5-11 population are NH Black. <1% of vaccinated children identify as Native American; they are included in the "Other" category. Approximately 3% of pediatric records do not contain race/ethnicity information.

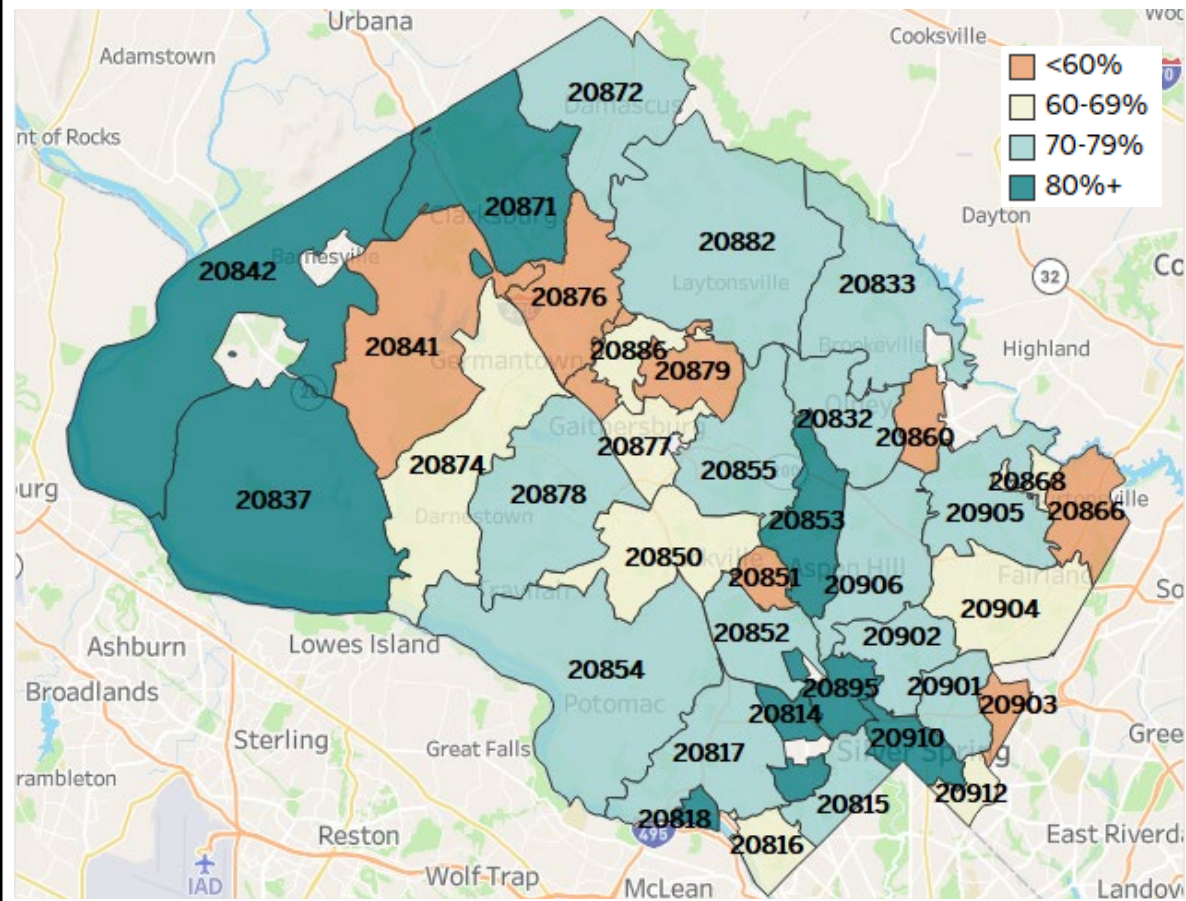
## PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROVIDERS



Pediatric vaccinations are distributed evenly between Montgomery County DHHS (in partnership with MCPS, physicians and medical clinics, and pharmacies and grocery stores.

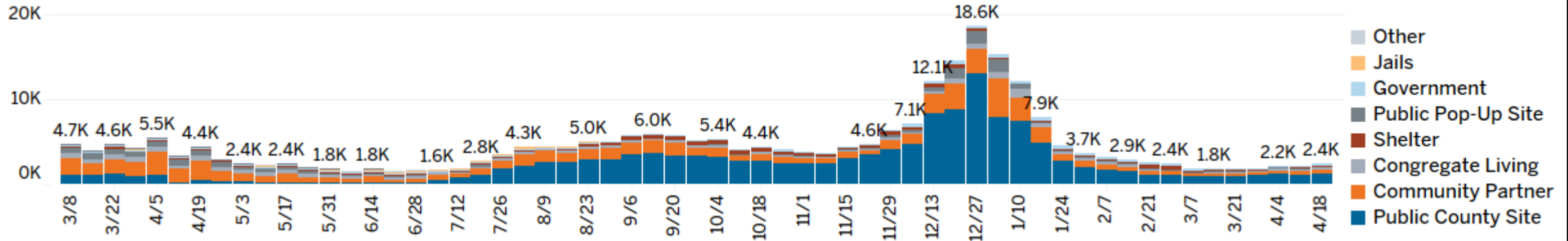
## FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY ZIP CODE

Vaccination rates among residents ages 5-14 are used as a proxy for pediatric vaccination rates in the map below due to the availability of population estimates only for certain age categories. Zip codes with fewer than 100 residents ages 5-14 are excluded.

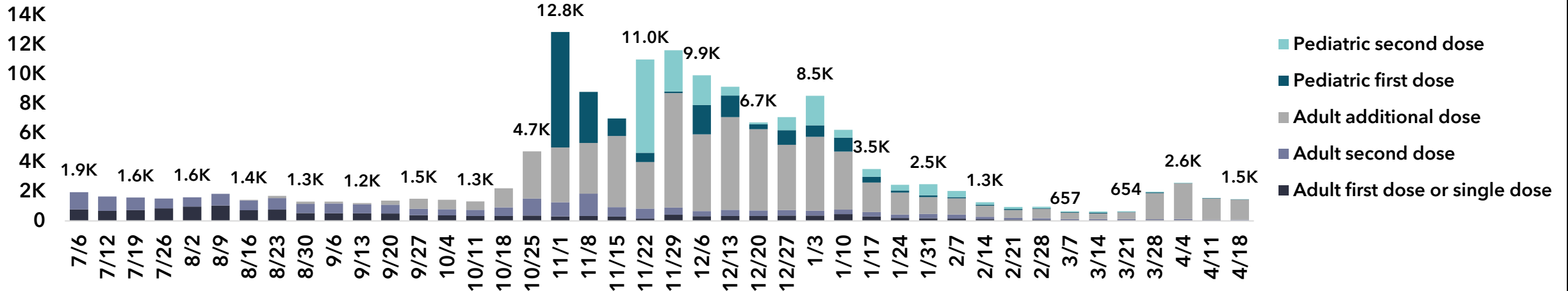


# COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

## DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 2,373 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



## DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 1,481 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



Data are subject to retroactive changes. The current data collection system does not distinguish between first and second booster shots.

# DISTRIBUTION OF MASKS & RAPID TESTS

2,144,000 rapid tests have been acquired by the County

- More than 1.6M kits have been distributed
- 980,830 kits and 1,226,423 masks have been distributed at libraries
  - *Test kits and masks are now available during all hours that libraries are open.*
- 490,280 rapid test kits have been provided to MCPS
- 136,512 test kits & 235,603 masks distributed to childcare, private schools, and community non-profits
- 48,090 rapid test kits and 124,446 N95 masks have been distributed through municipalities

# DATA SOURCES

This report aggregates data from several sources, some of which are publicly available. Nearly all data are subject to retroactive changes.

- Rental assistance data is generated by DHHS each Sunday prior to the publication of this report.
- Data on evictions are provided by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office each Monday for the week prior.
- Data on shelter occupancy are collected by DHHS weekly.
- MC311 data are downloaded weekly from [DataMontgomery](#).
- Unemployment data are downloaded monthly from [FRED](#).
- Case and hospital occupancy data are provided by Maryland Department of Health. Real-time data can be found on the Montgomery County [COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard](#).
- Data on COVID-19 deaths are available through the [Maryland Department of Health](#) dashboard and ArcGIS platform.
- Data on hospitalizations and deaths by vaccination status are available on the [DHHS COVID-19 website](#).
- Vaccine data are downloaded from the [CDC website](#) each Tuesday morning. More detailed vaccine data are provided by the Maryland Department of Health Immunet database on a weekly basis.
- Data on county government coordinated testing and vaccinations are collected by DHHS daily.