

DHHS PULSE REPORT

COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY

January 12, 2021



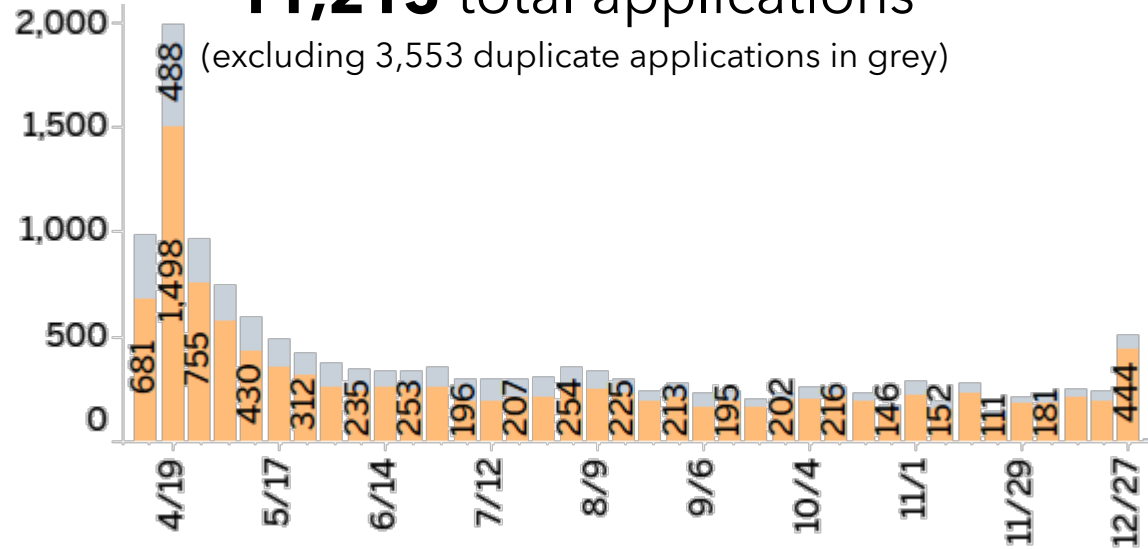
RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF JAN 3-9

APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)

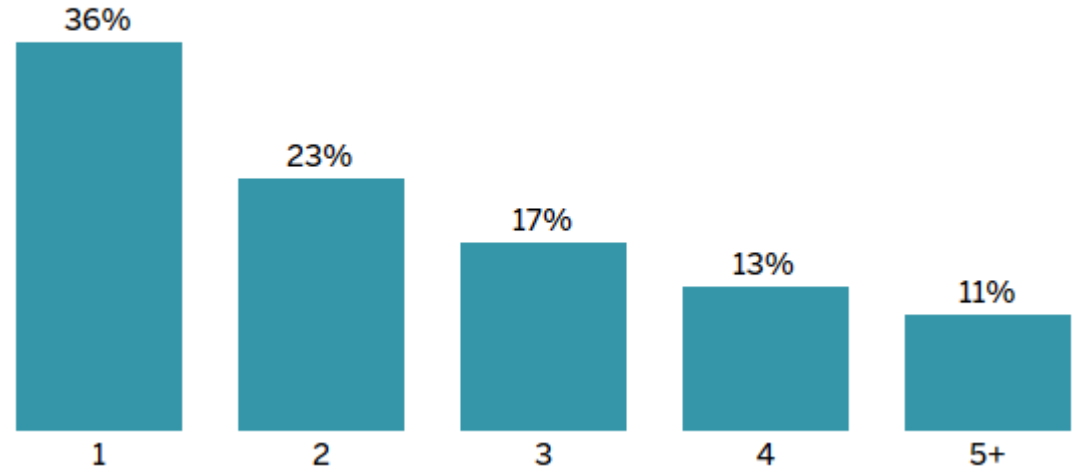
11,215 total applications

(excluding 3,553 duplicate applications in grey)

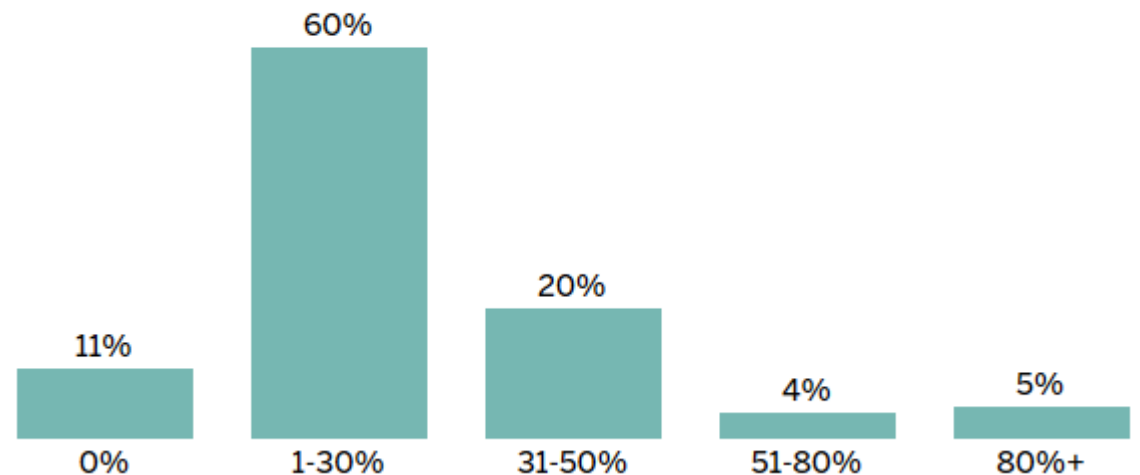


APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Household size



Percent of Area Median Income

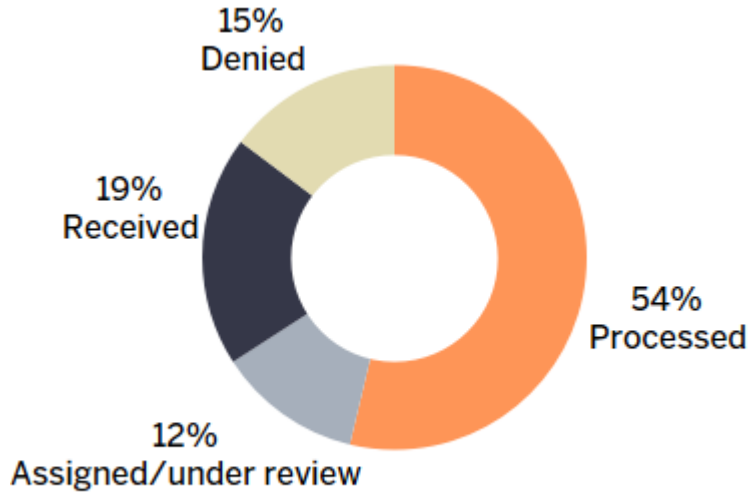


APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **48%** matched with landlord application
- **53%** unemployed past 90 days
- **30%** needed to care for self/others
- **24%** self-reported receiving an eviction notice
- Median household income: **\$20,962**

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APPLICATION PROCESSING



May not add to 100% due to rounding.

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.

ALL-TIME TOTALS

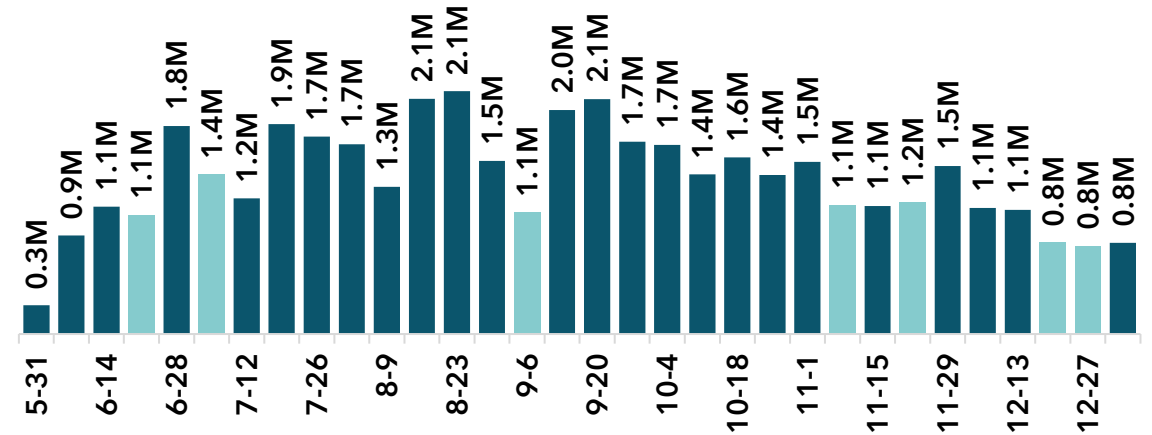
The current round of funding adds to two previous rounds of COVID-19 assistance. In total, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program has approved:

- **\$61.9M** in payments
- **8,806** households

APPROVALS

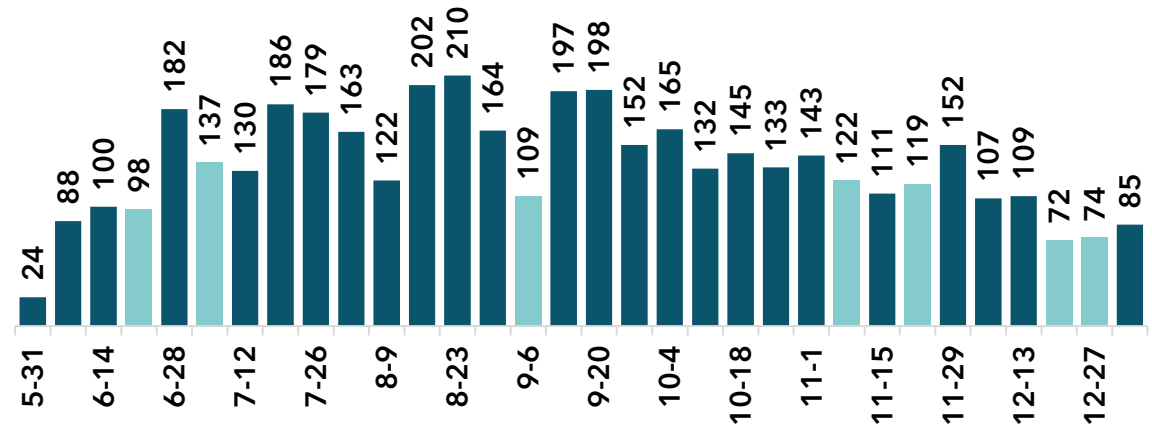
Total Approved Payments: \$44M

(4-day workweek in light blue)



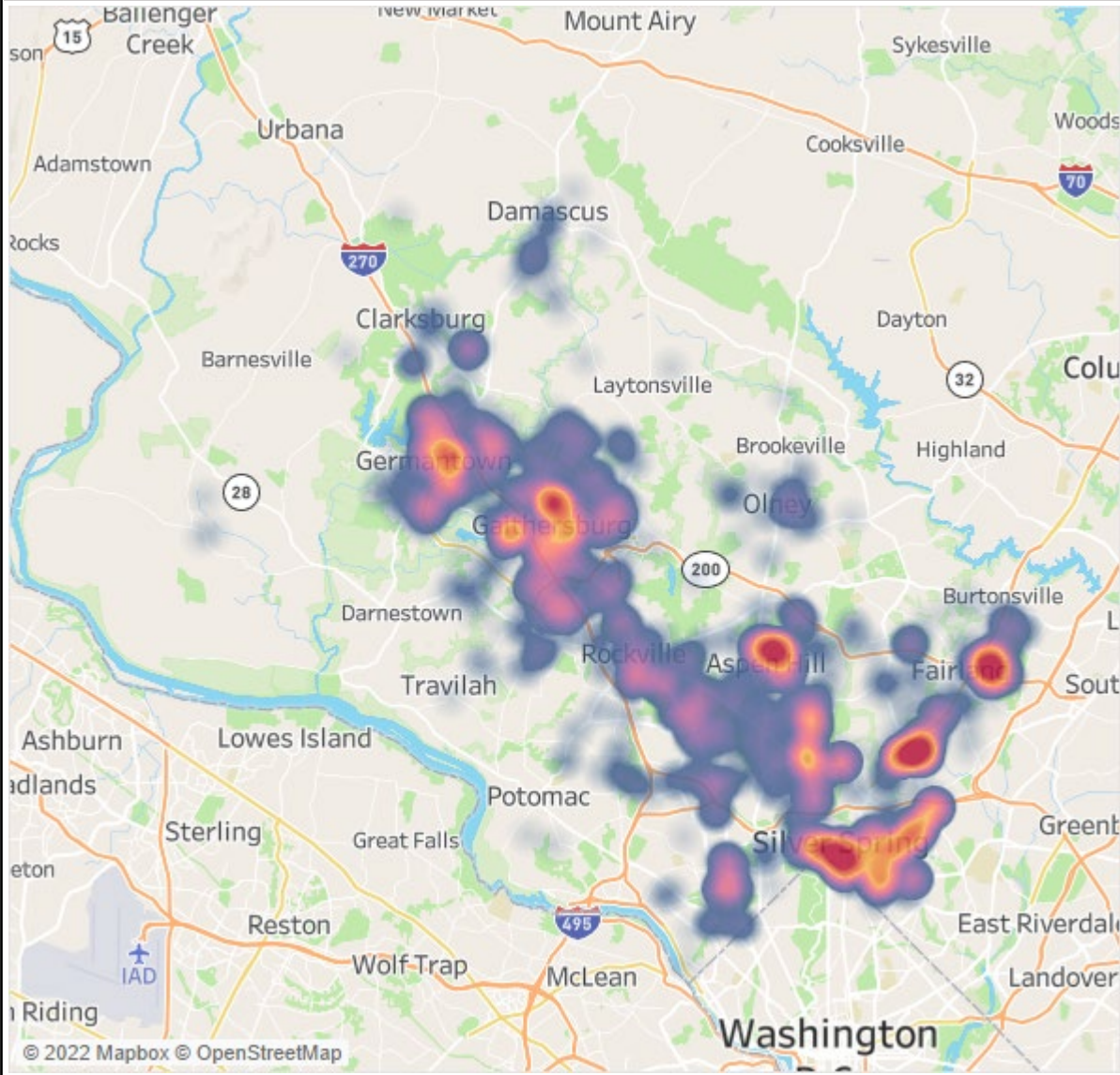
Total Approved Households: 4,310

(4-day workweek in light blue)

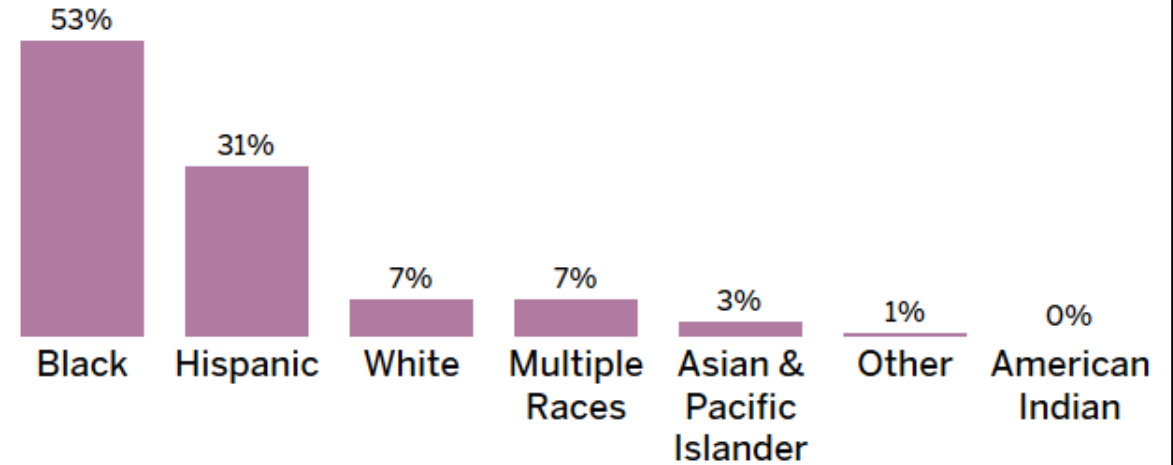


COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF JAN 3-9

HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS



RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY



ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS

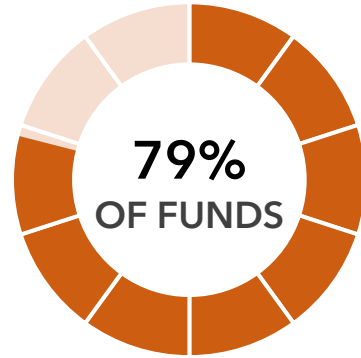
- Average client payment: **\$10.2K**
- **64%** of payments arrears; **36%** prospective
- **47%** of awarded households are in high-need areas as defined by the Homeless Prevention Index

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF JAN 3-9

DIRECT ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award
\$31.4M

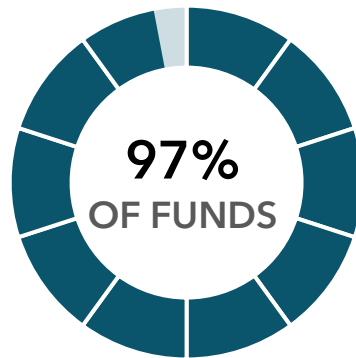
Current spending and encumbered
\$24.7M



STATE ERAP EXPENDITURES

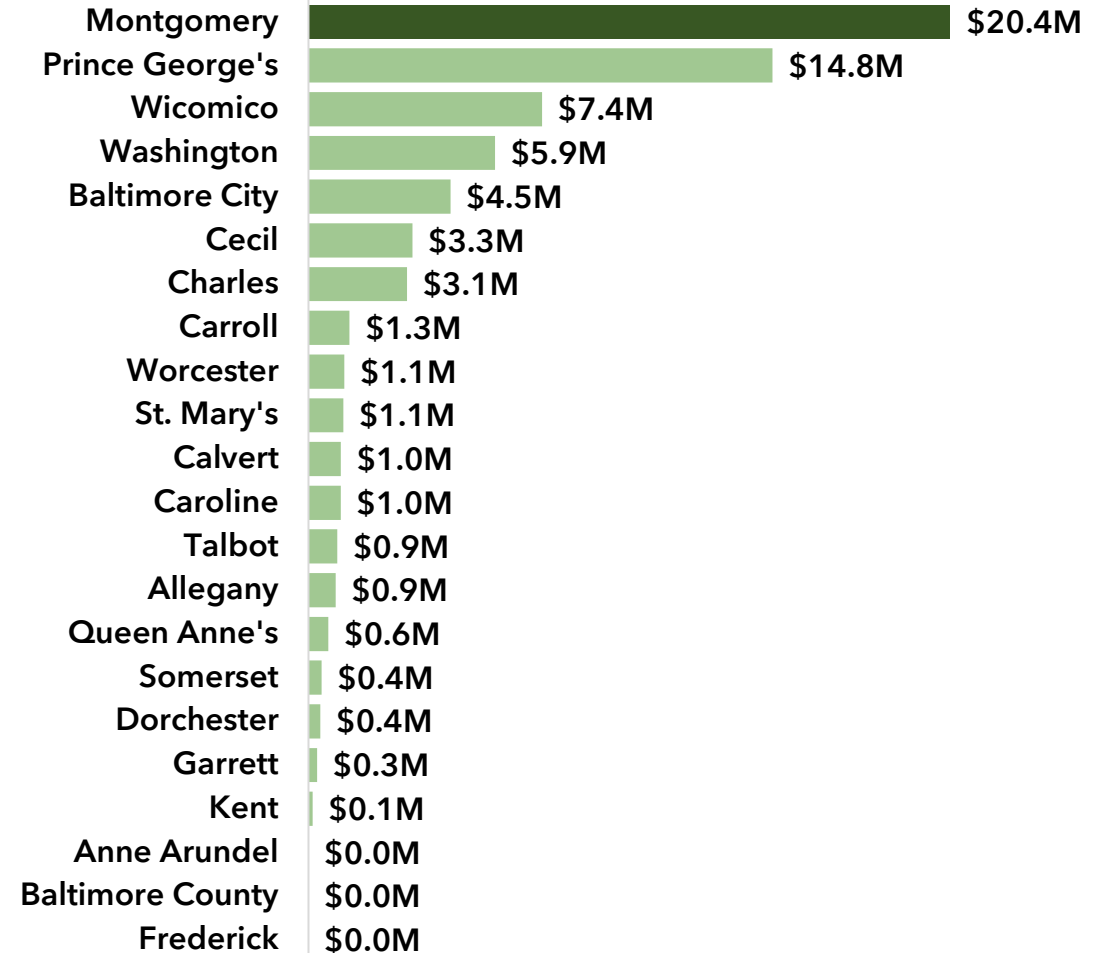
Award
\$28.1M

Current spending and encumbered
\$27.2M



STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY

As of 10.31.2021

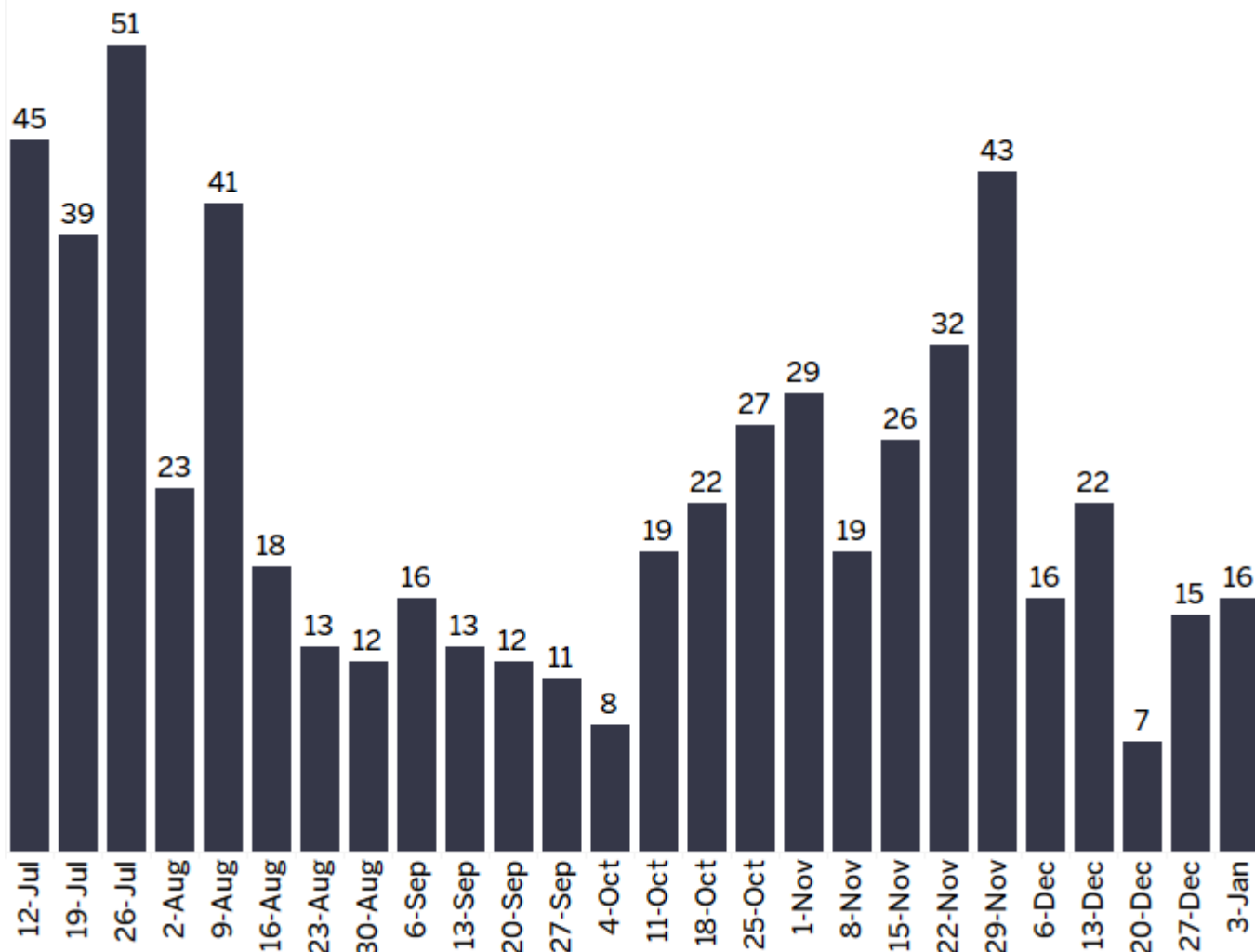


Note: Spending and percentages may shift as payments are reconciled.

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

EVICTIION TRACKER

NEW WRITS BY WEEK

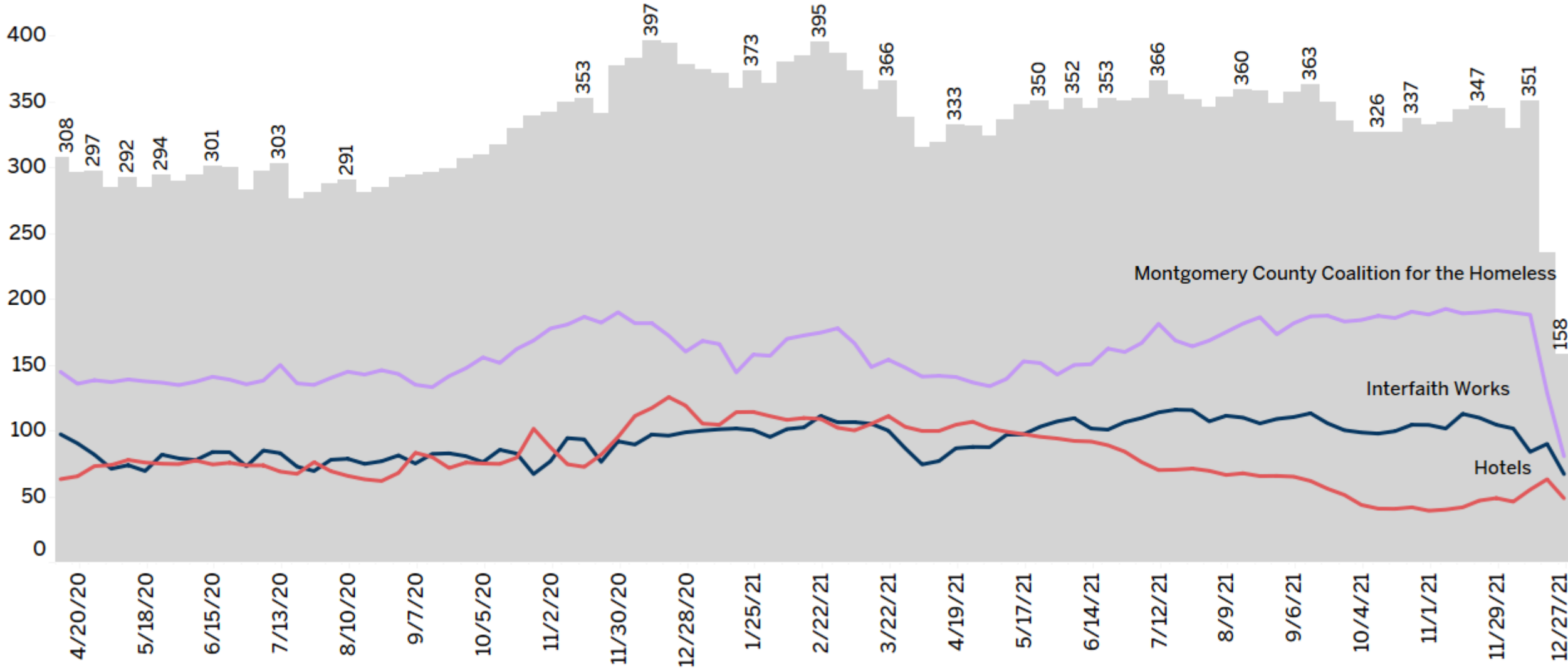


- **875** residents scheduled for eviction after July 19
- **46%** of households with writ have applied for emergency rental assistance
- Context: **fewer than 8%** of writs typically result in eviction

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

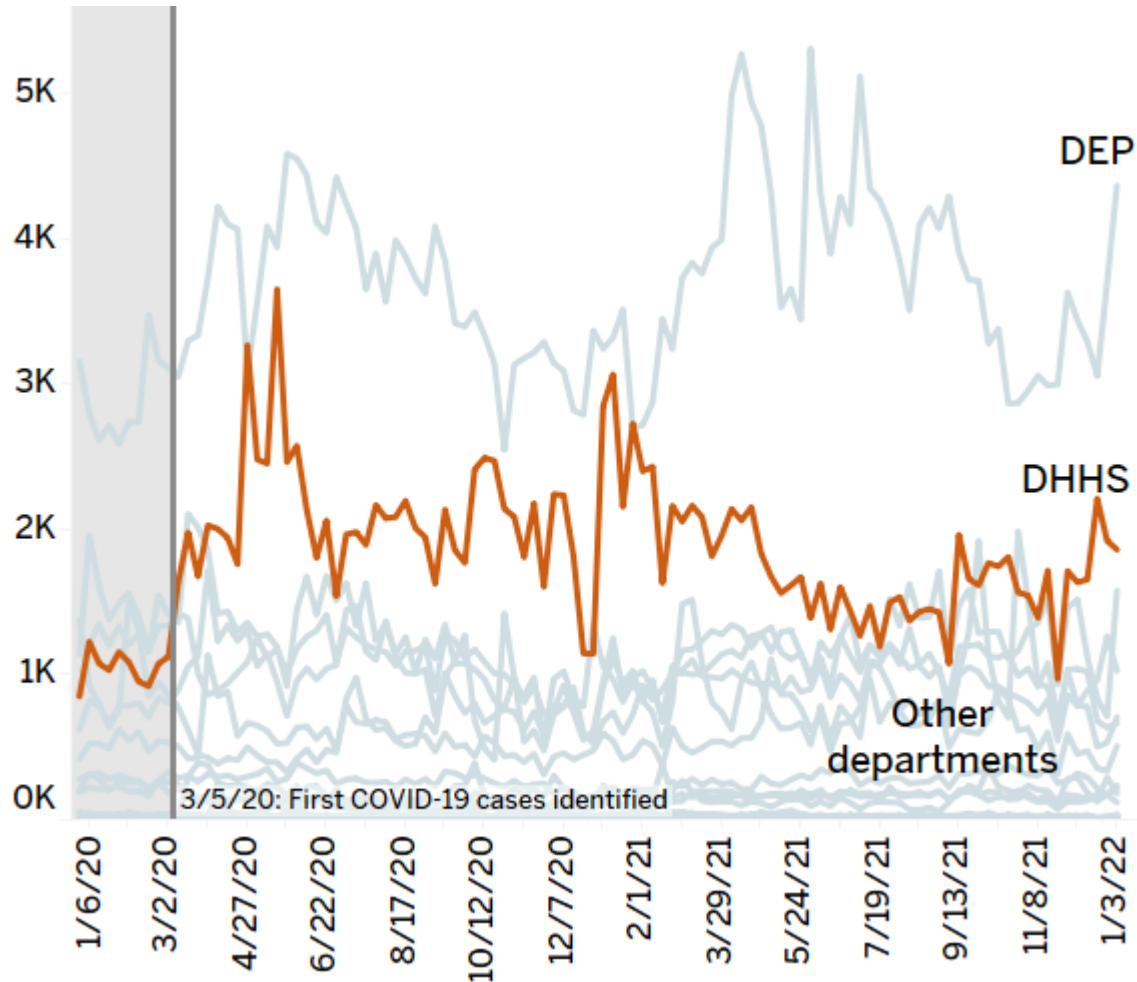


Data are updated weekly with a one-week delay. **NOTE: Total occupancy does not include hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.**

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

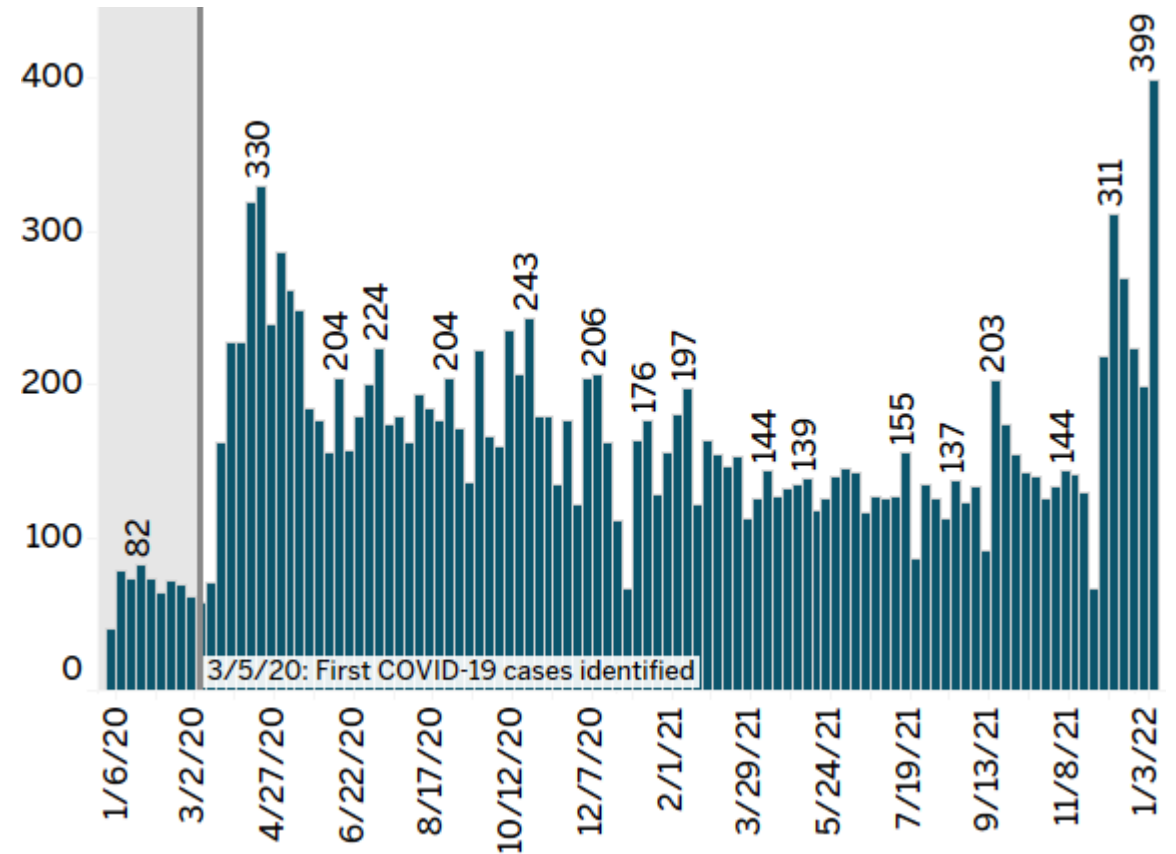
WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

1,860 calls last week for DHHS services



WEEKLY CALLS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

399 calls last week for public assistance*



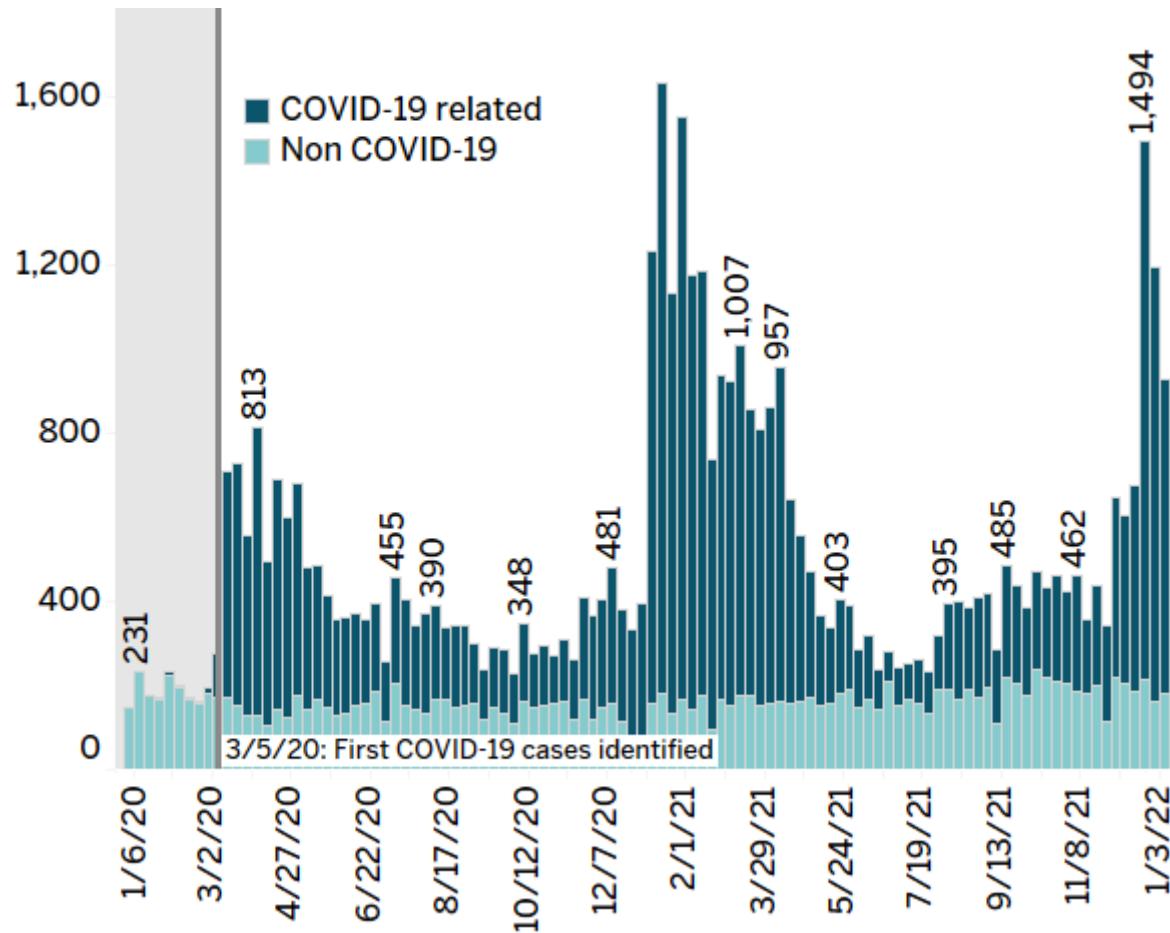
* Due to changes in the referral system, this metric has changed from counting the number of calls asking how to apply for public assistance to the number of calls asking about other aspects of public assistance. Those who want to apply for public assistance are now referred to MD Think and are not necessarily captured in the count displayed above.

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

PUBLIC HEALTH

926 calls last week for Public Health

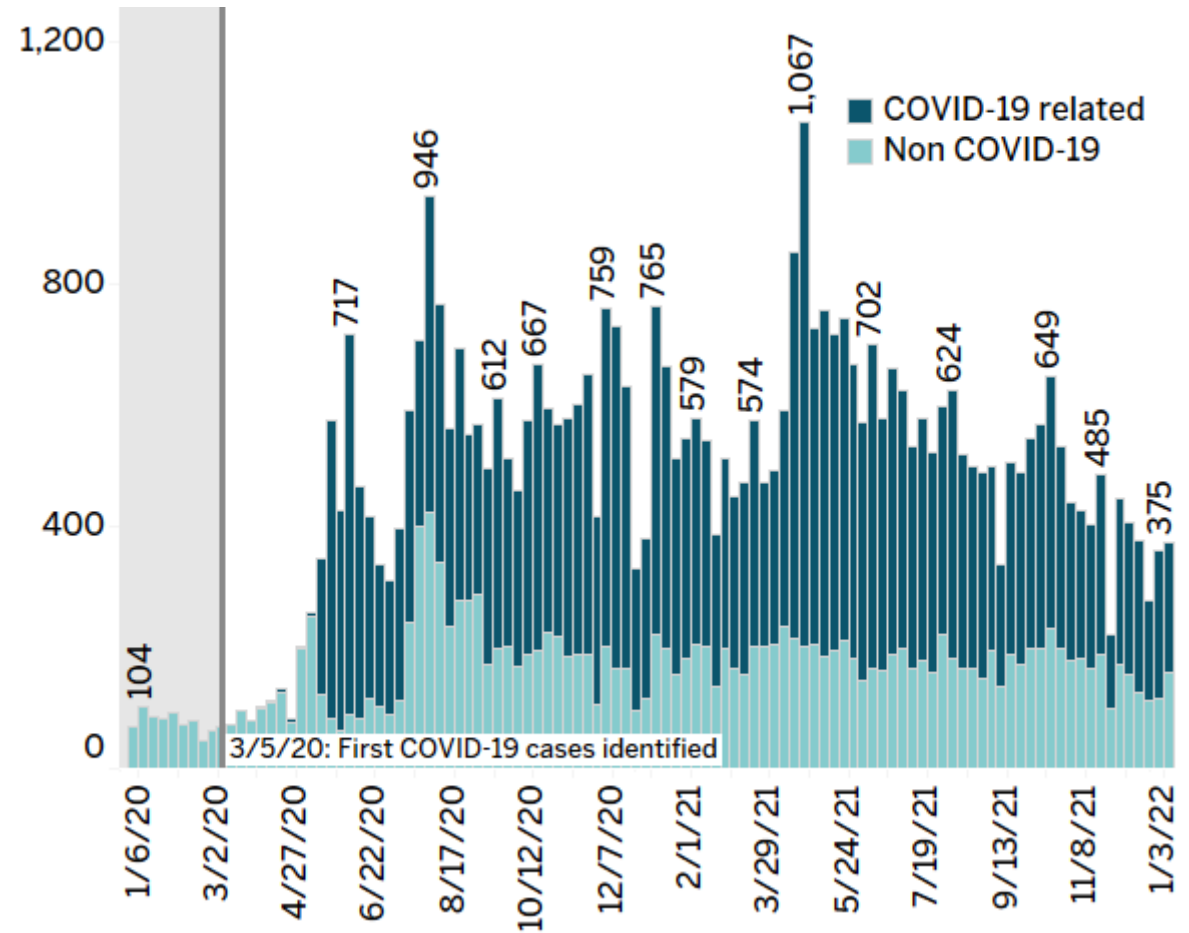
81% related to COVID-19



SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

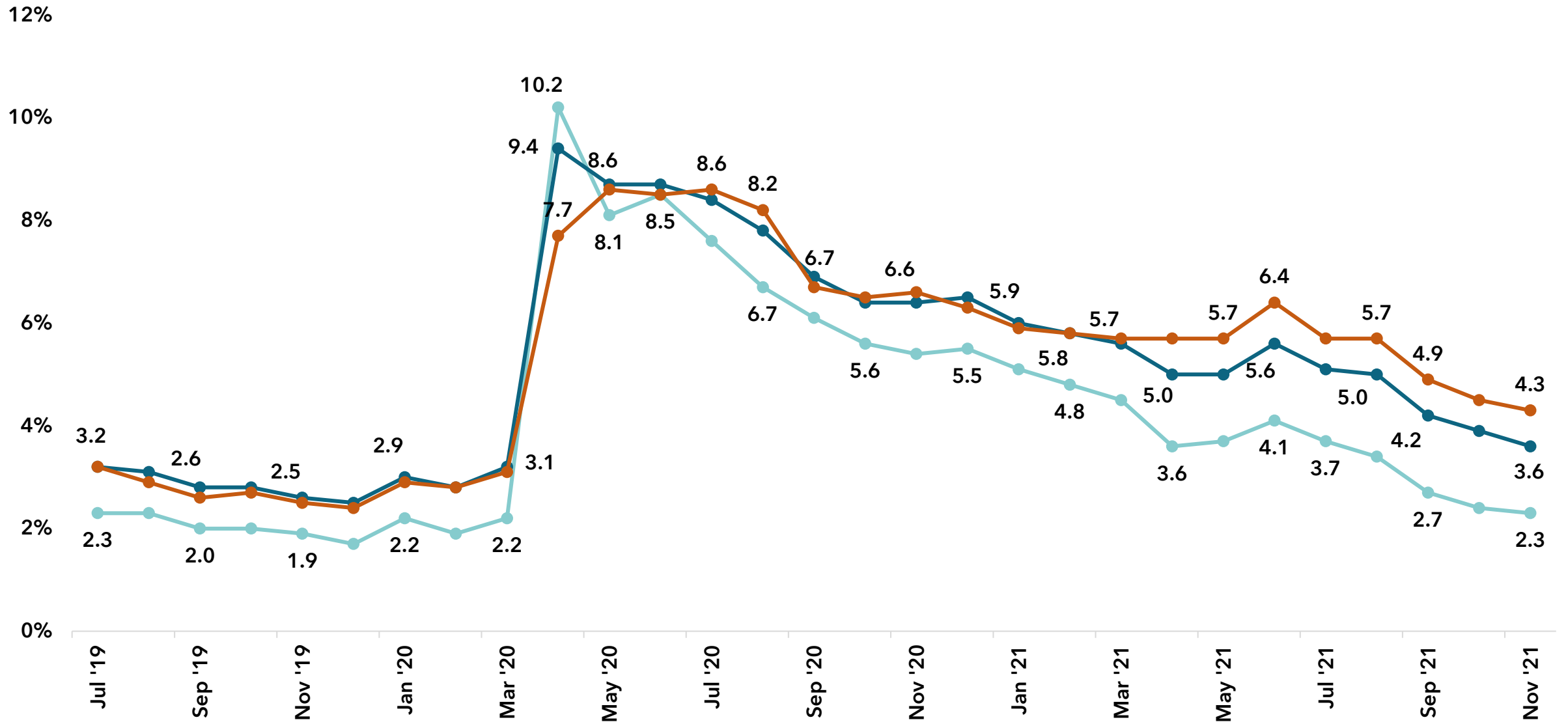
375 calls last week for SEPH

58% related to COVID-19



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

Fairfax County DC-Metro Region Montgomery County



COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING

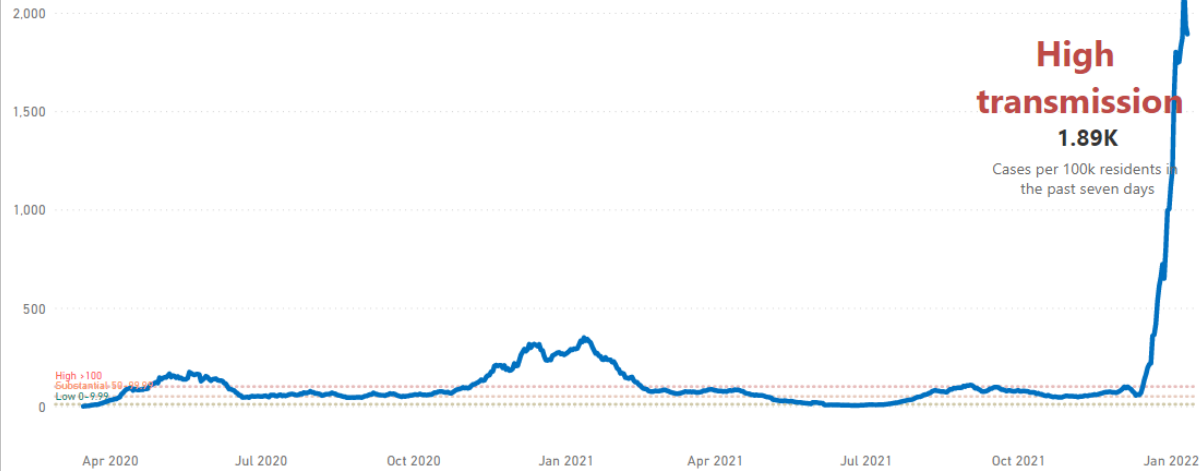


COVID-19 CASES & HOSPITALIZATIONS

As of 1/11/22, the database that provides Montgomery County DHHS with detailed case data (including age, race/ethnicity, and vaccination status) is still not accessible due to the security incident at MDH. We will resume reporting on cases and hospitalizations in such detail as soon as possible.

CASES AS OF 1/11/22

Number of cases per 100,000 persons in the past seven days



COVID-19 HOSPITAL BEDS AS OF 1/11/22

Percentage of hospital inpatient beds in the community that are occupied by patients with COVID-19



For real-time updates, visit the COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/>

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 1/11/22)

- **≥95%*** of total population received at least **ONE DOSE** [N=1,037,547]
- **84%** of total population received at least **TWO DOSES** (fully vaccinated) [N=883,123]
- **44%** of fully vaccinated population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=384,526]

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

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 federal entities within Montgomery County.

VACCINATIONS BY AGE GROUP

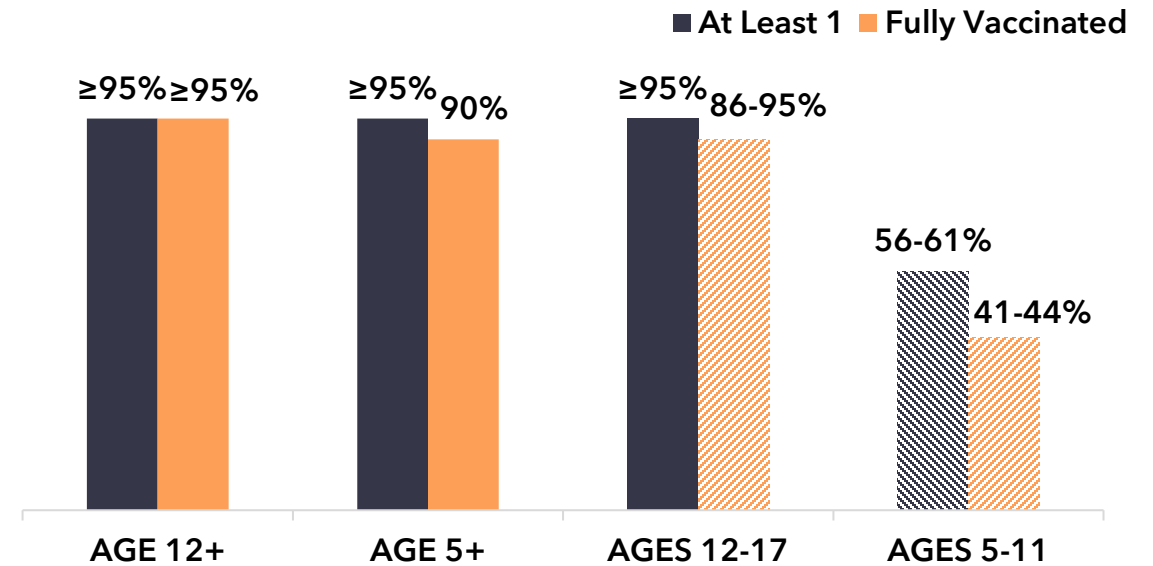


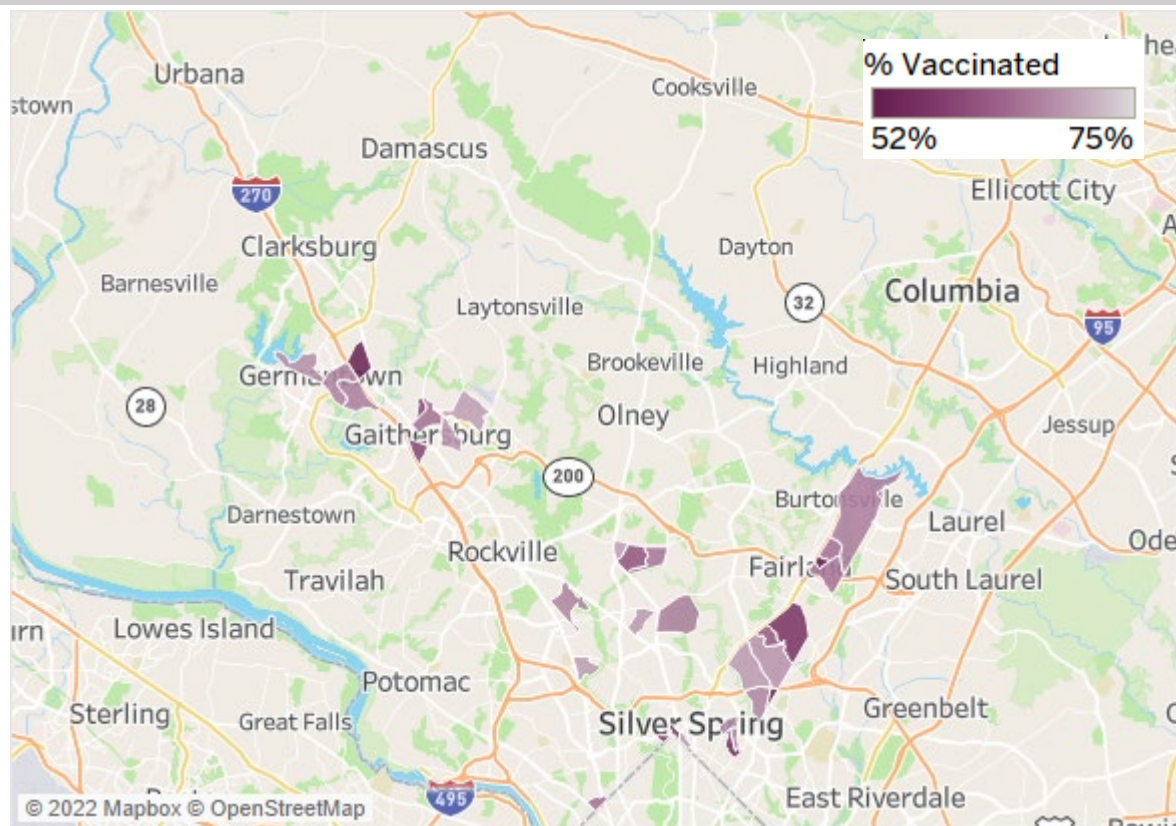
Chart reflects percent of total age group population that received doses. Percentage estimates are reflected as ranges for ages 12-17 and ages 5-11 due to higher margins of error.

- **49%** of the fully vaccinated 18+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=372,377]
- **69%** of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=115,667]

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

DHHS temporarily does not have complete access to Immunet, the database that allows for analyses by week, vaccination type, and provider, as well as gaps in vaccination rates by location and race/ethnicity. The data below are up to date as of **12/27/2021**.

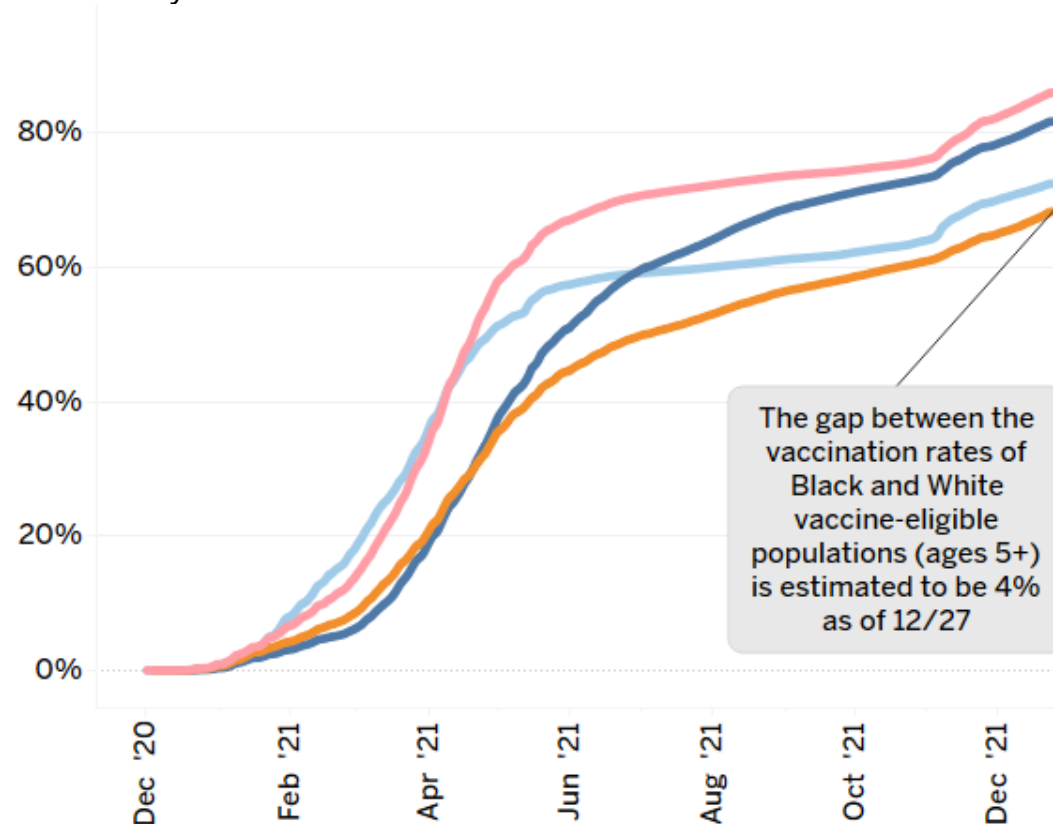
TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES



Across the highlighted tracts above, 29% of the population is White non-Hispanic, 27% is Black non-Hispanic, 28% is Hispanic, and 12% is Asian/Pacific Islander.

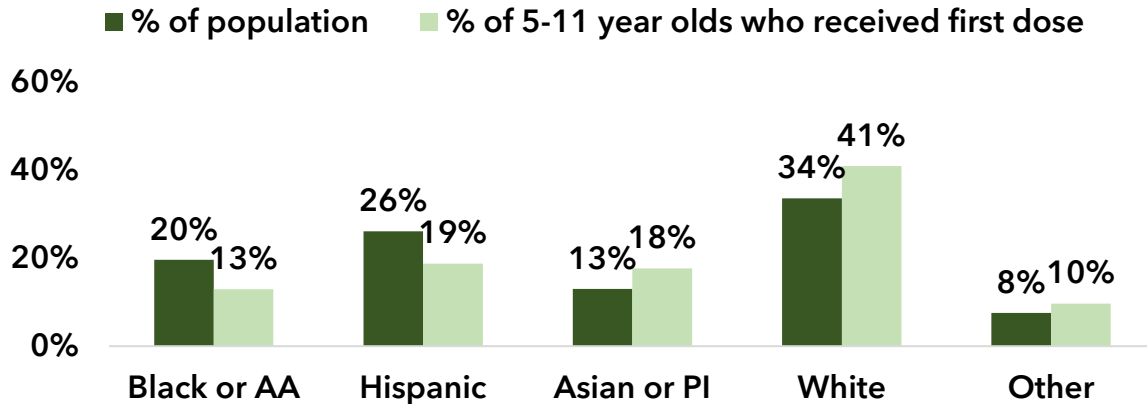
FIRST-DOSE RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY

It is important to focus on the **relative** rates shown in the chart below rather than the **absolute** rates due to underreported race/ethnicity information in vaccination records.



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

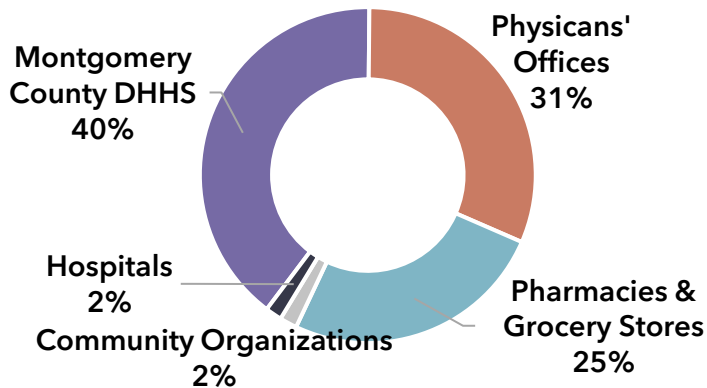
FIRST DOSES BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Nearly 1% of vaccinated children identify as Native American; they are included in the "Other" category. Approximately 6% of pediatric records do not contain race/ethnicity information.

Note: Data on this slide are up to date as of **12/27/2021** due to limited data availability noted in prior slide.

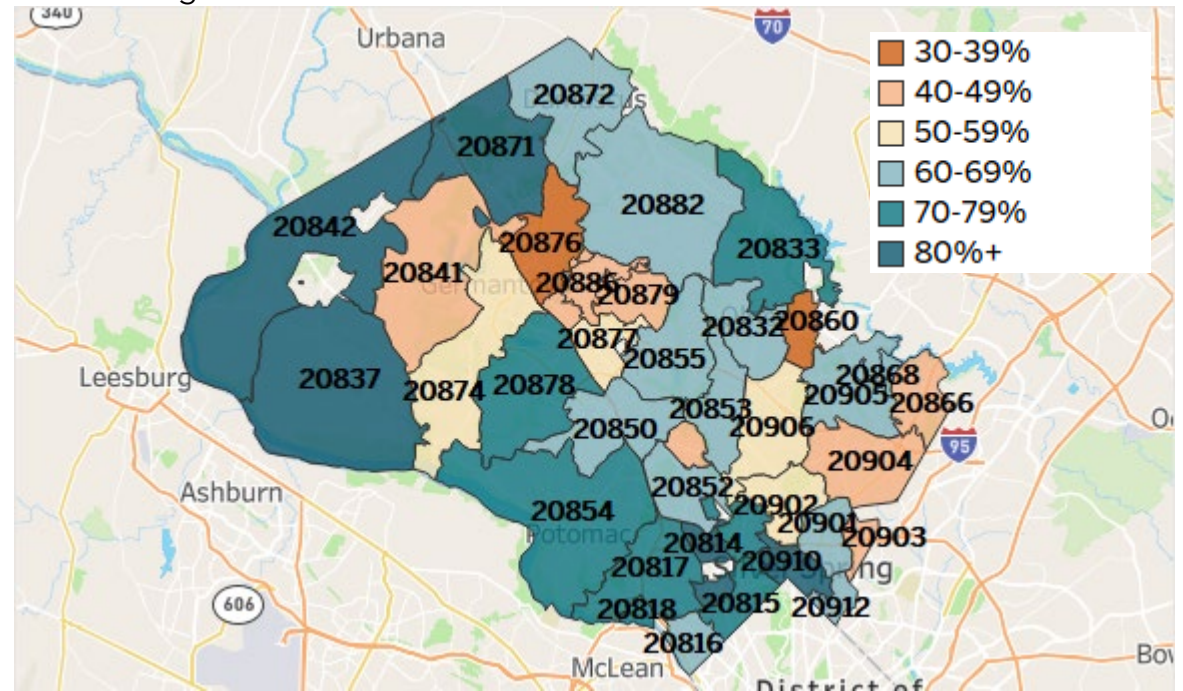
PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROVIDERS



Montgomery County DHHS, in partnership with MCPS, and physicians' offices have administered most pediatric vaccinations in the county since FDA approval in late October.

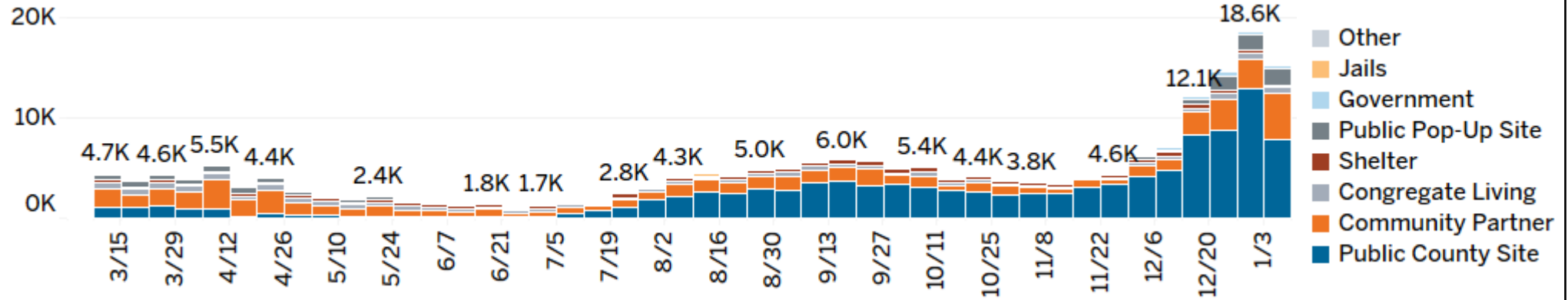
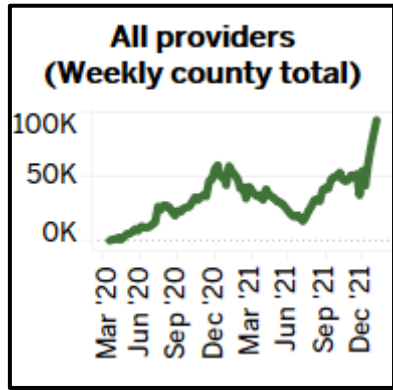
VACCINATION RATES BY ZIP CODE

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.

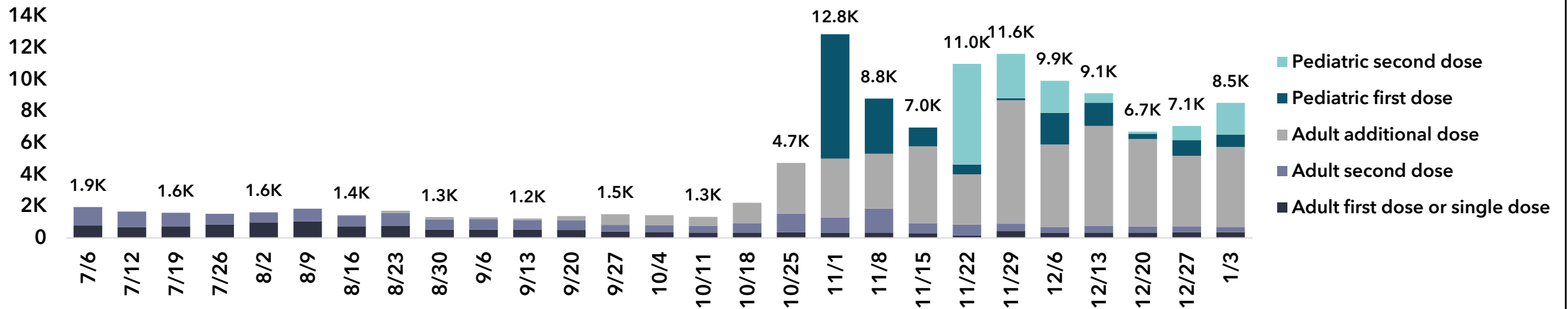


COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 15,265 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 8,514 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



Data are subject to retroactive changes.

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 data are provided by Maryland Department of Health. Real-time data can be found on the Montgomery County [COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard](#).
- Vaccine data are downloaded from the [CDC website](#) each Tuesday. Additional vaccine data are provided by Maryland Department of Health.
- Data on county government coordinated testing and vaccinations are collected by DHHS daily.