

DHHS PULSE REPORT

COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY

January 26, 2022



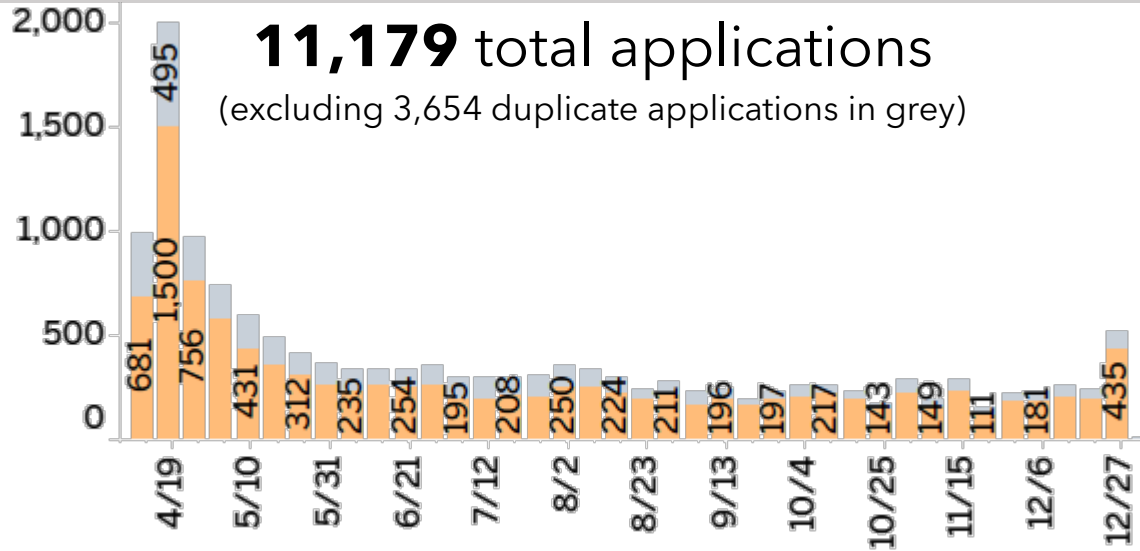
RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF JAN 17-23

APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)

11,179 total applications

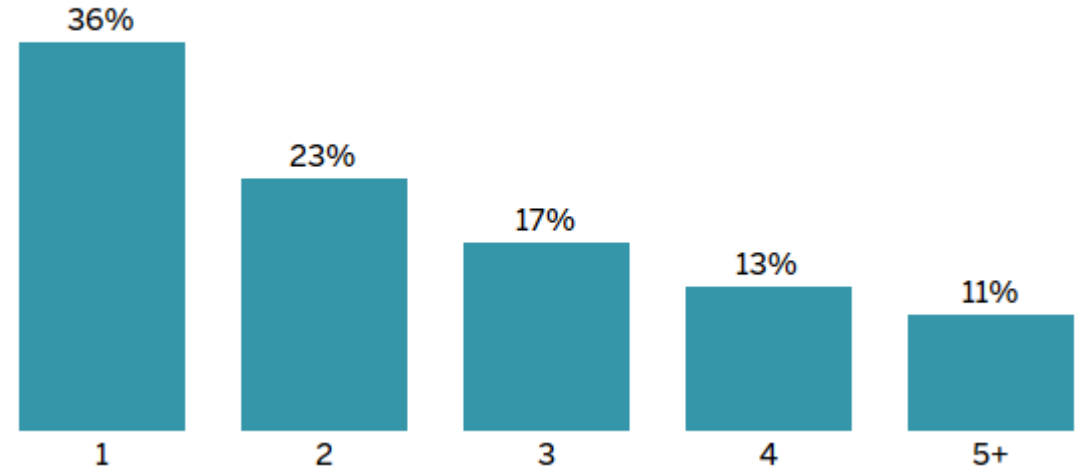
(excluding 3,654 duplicate applications in grey)



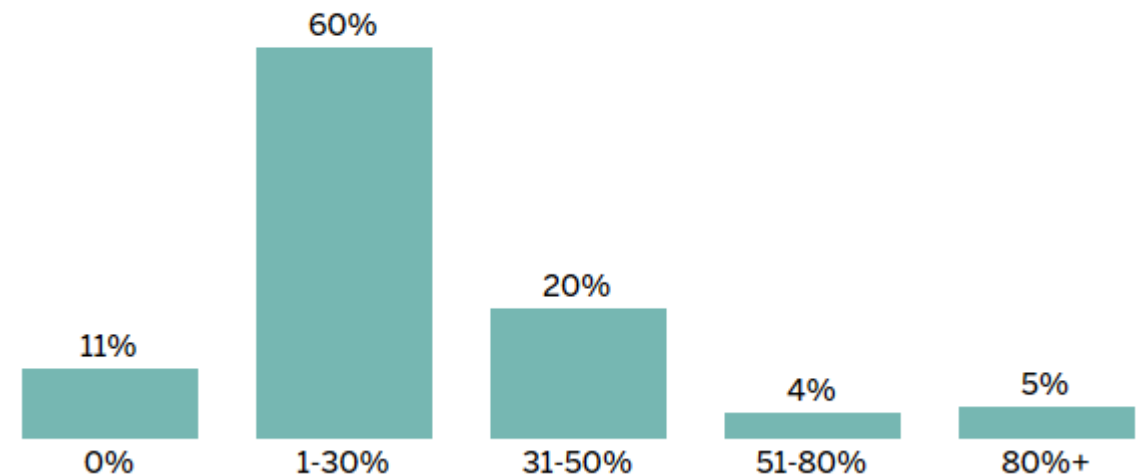
Application portal closed on 12/31/21.

APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Household size



Percent of Area Median Income

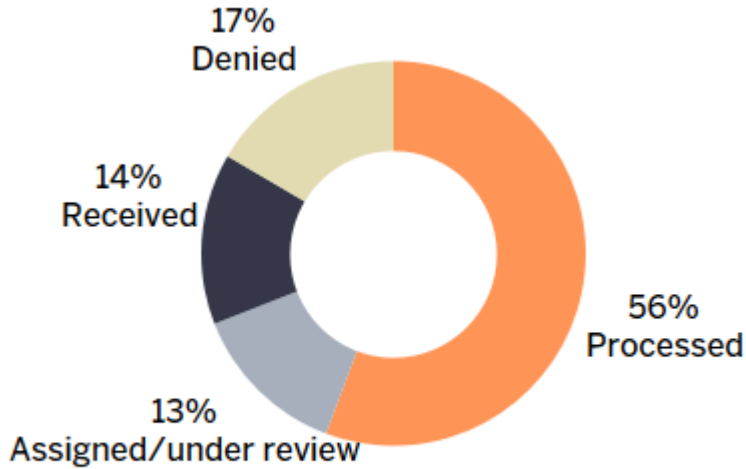


APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **51%** 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: **\$20,926**

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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

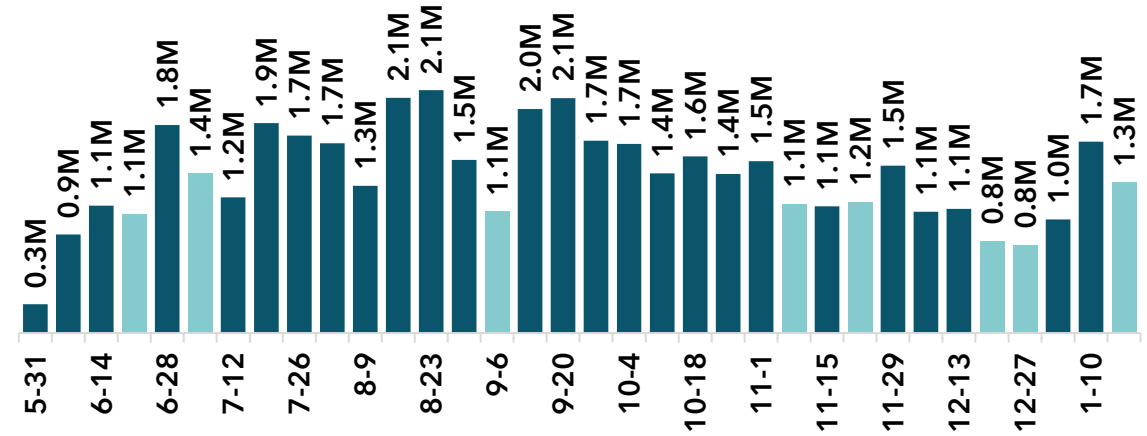
The current round of funding adds to two previous rounds of COVID-19 assistance. In total, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program has approved:

- **\$65M** in payments
- **9,132** households

APPROVALS

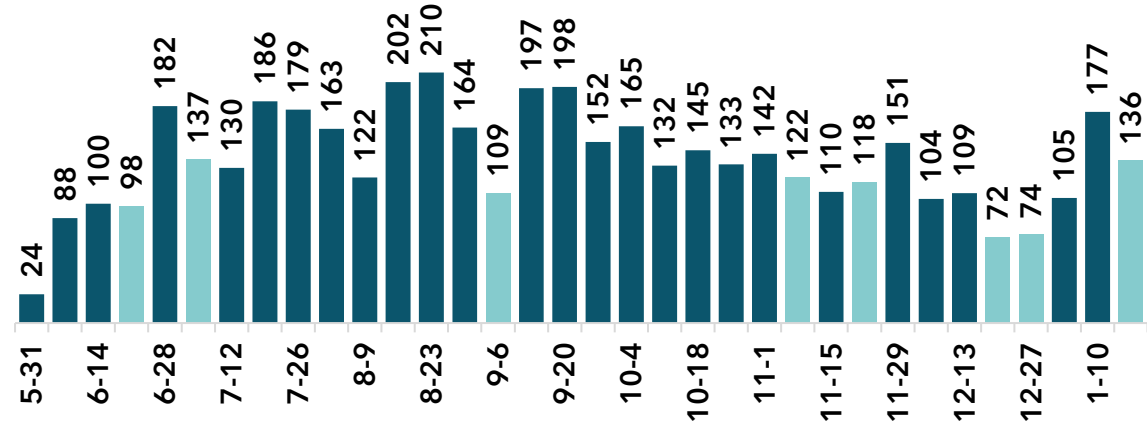
Total Approved Payments: \$47.1M

(4-day workweek in light blue)



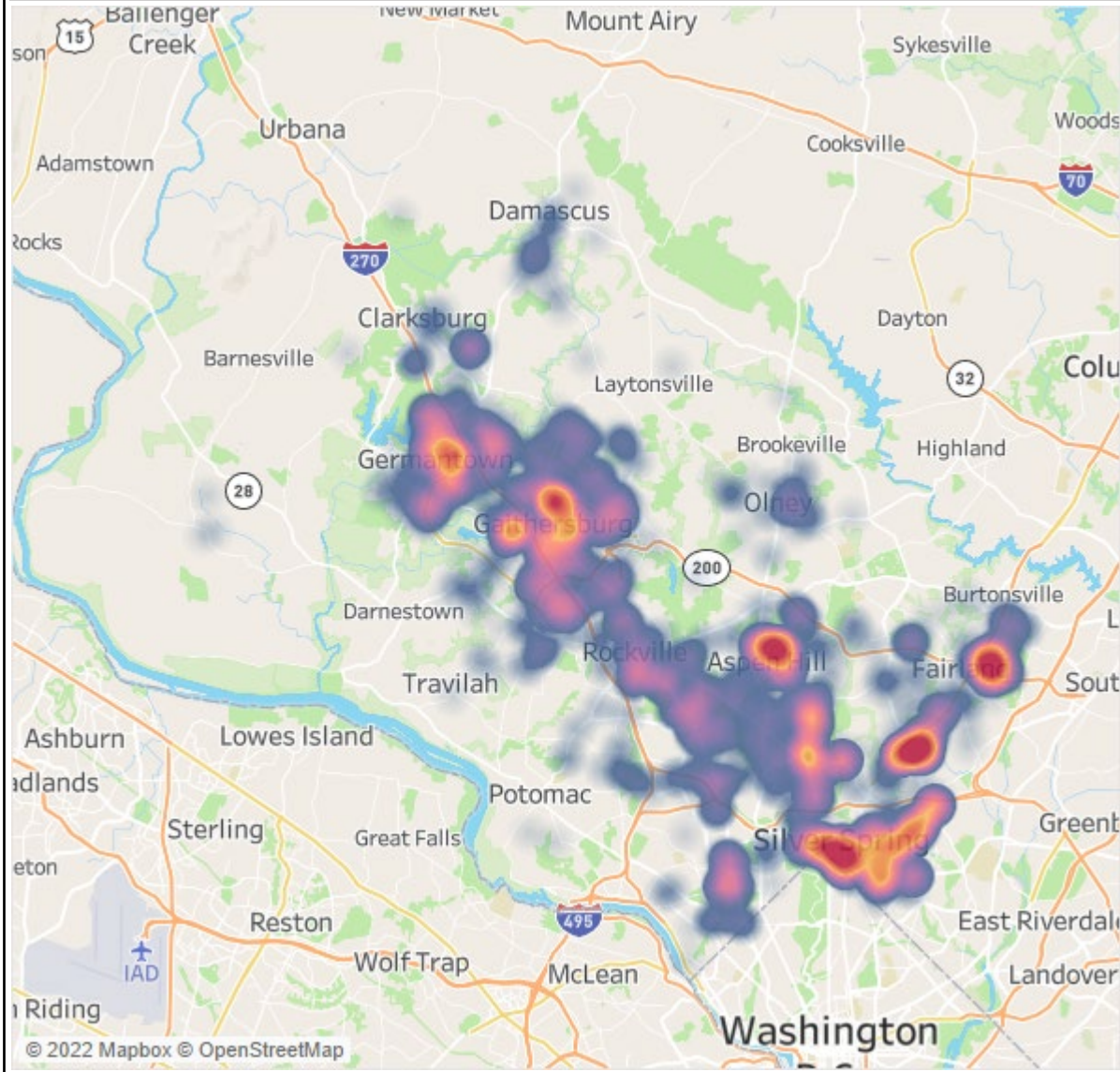
Total Approved Households: 4,636

(4-day workweek in light blue)

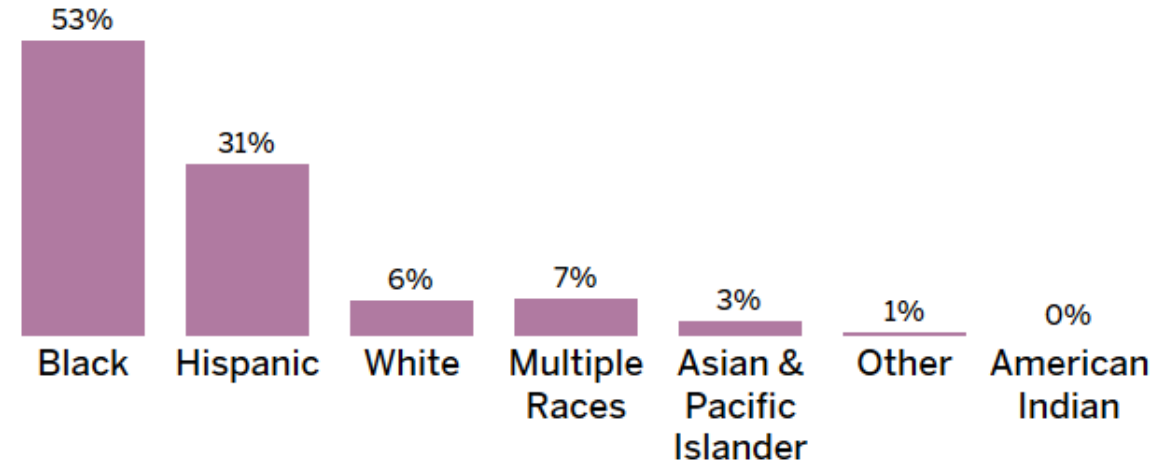


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HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS



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

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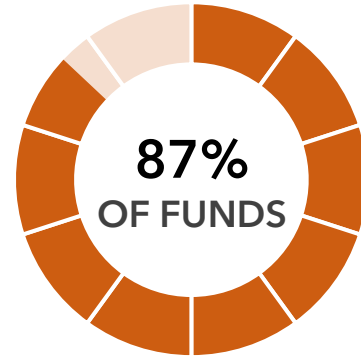
DIRECT ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award

\$31.4M

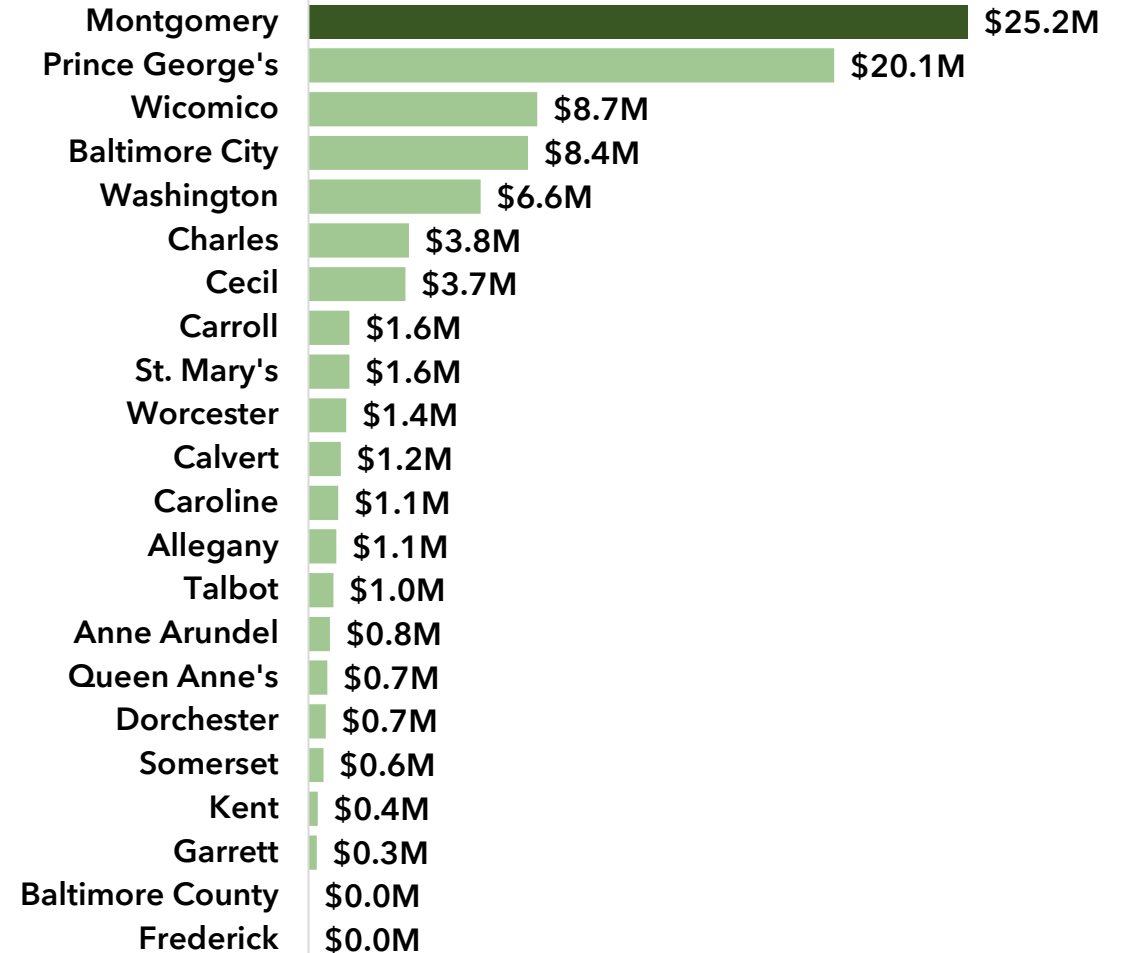
Current spending and encumbered

\$27.3M



STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY

As of 11.30.2021



STATE ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award

\$28.1M

Current spending and encumbered

\$28.1M

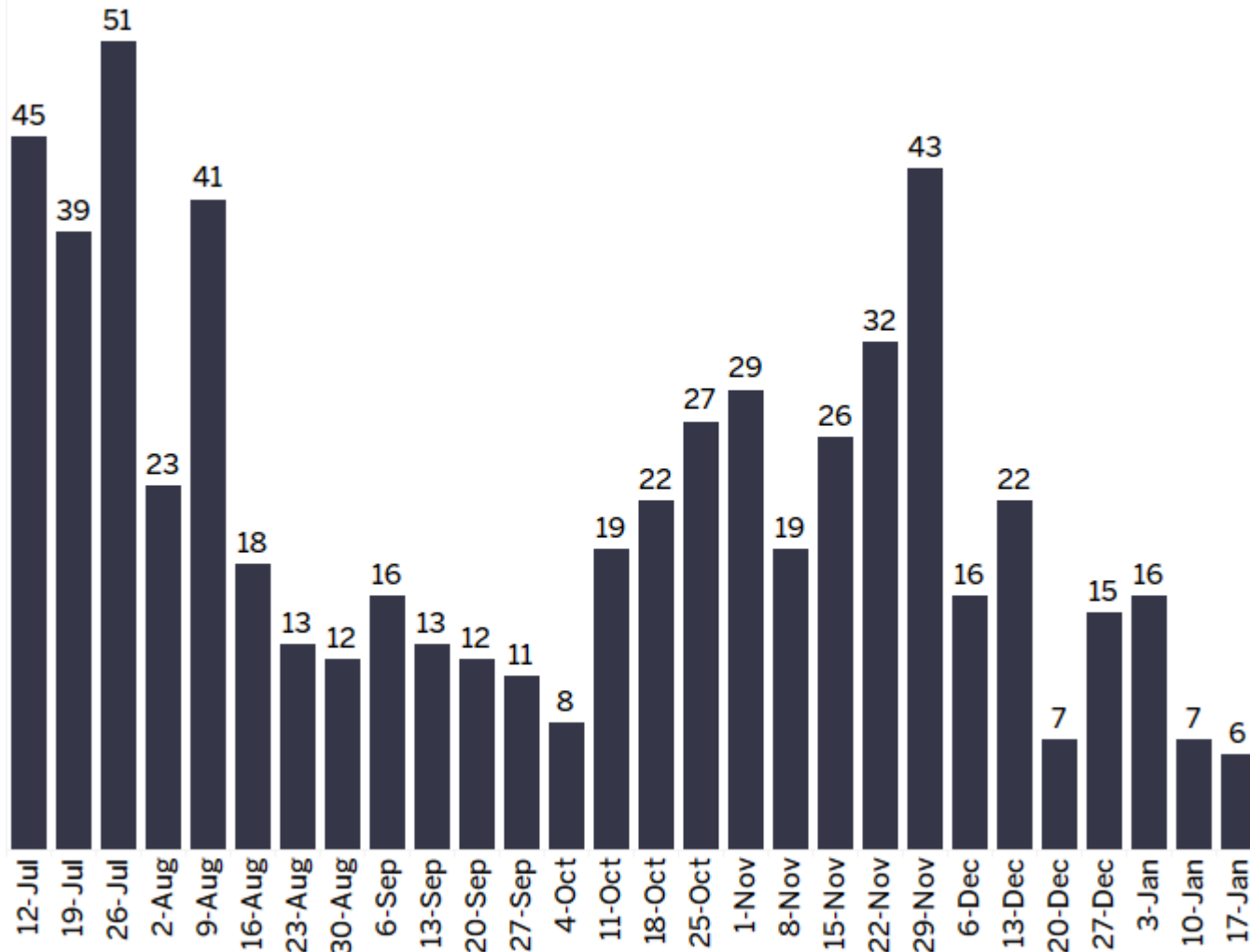


Note: Spending and percentages may shift as payments are reconciled.

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

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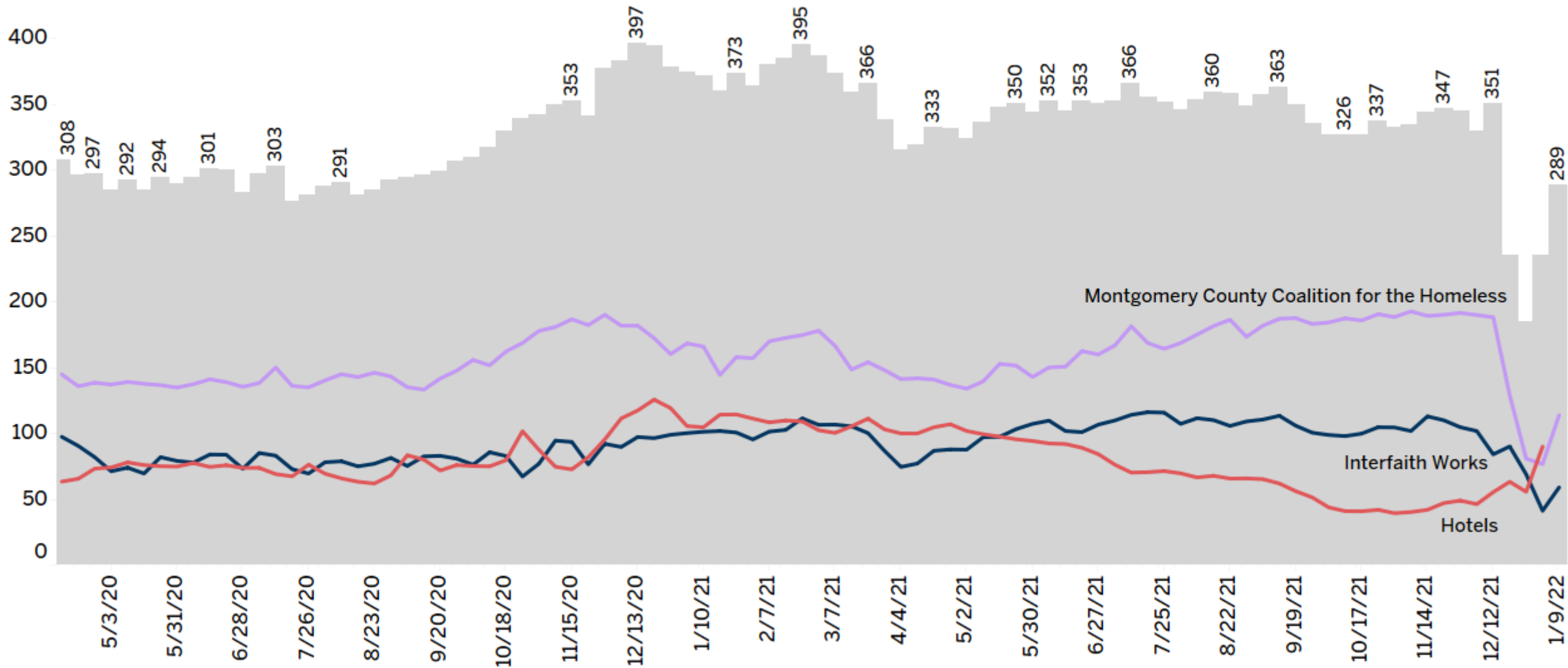
NEW WRITS BY WEEK



- **888** 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

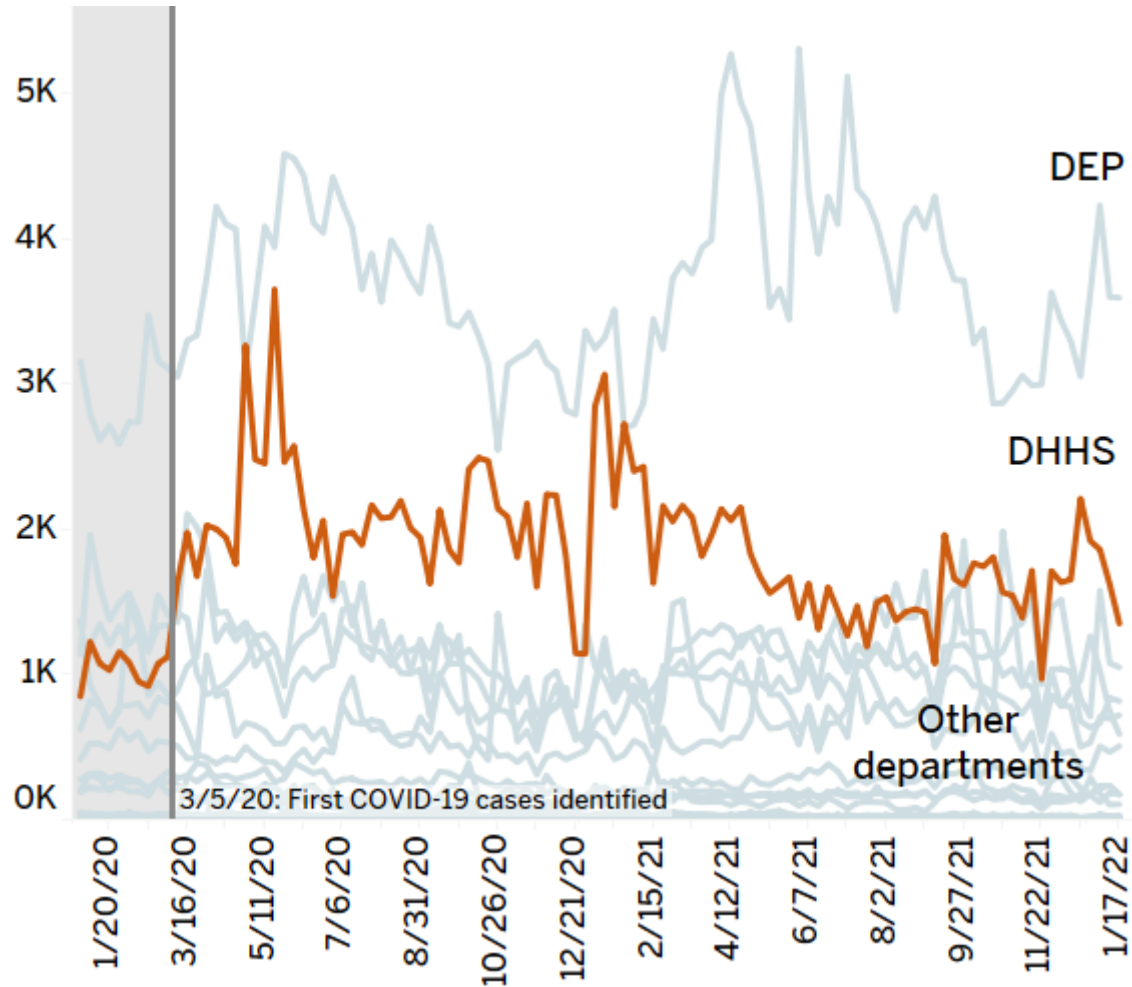


Data are updated weekly with a one-week delay. **NOTE: Total occupancy does not include hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.**

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

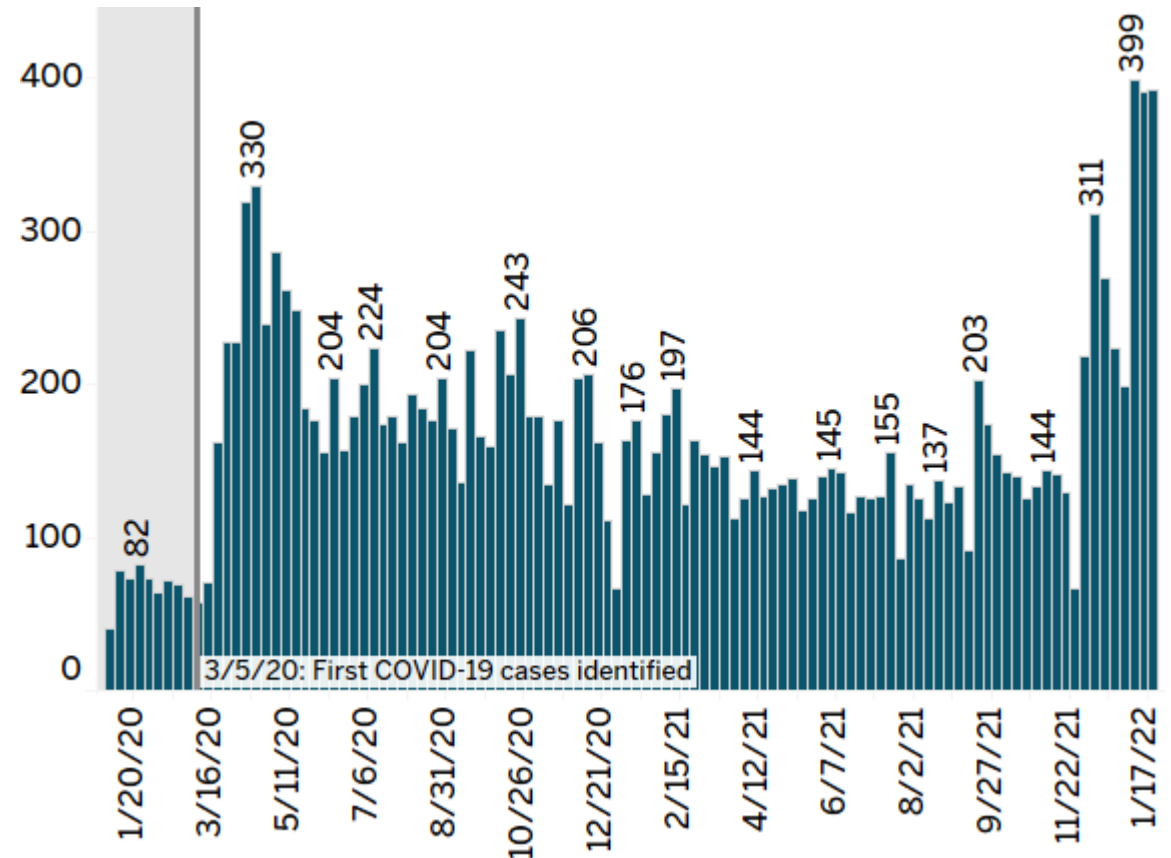
WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

1,351 calls last week for DHHS services



WEEKLY CALLS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

392 calls last week for public assistance*



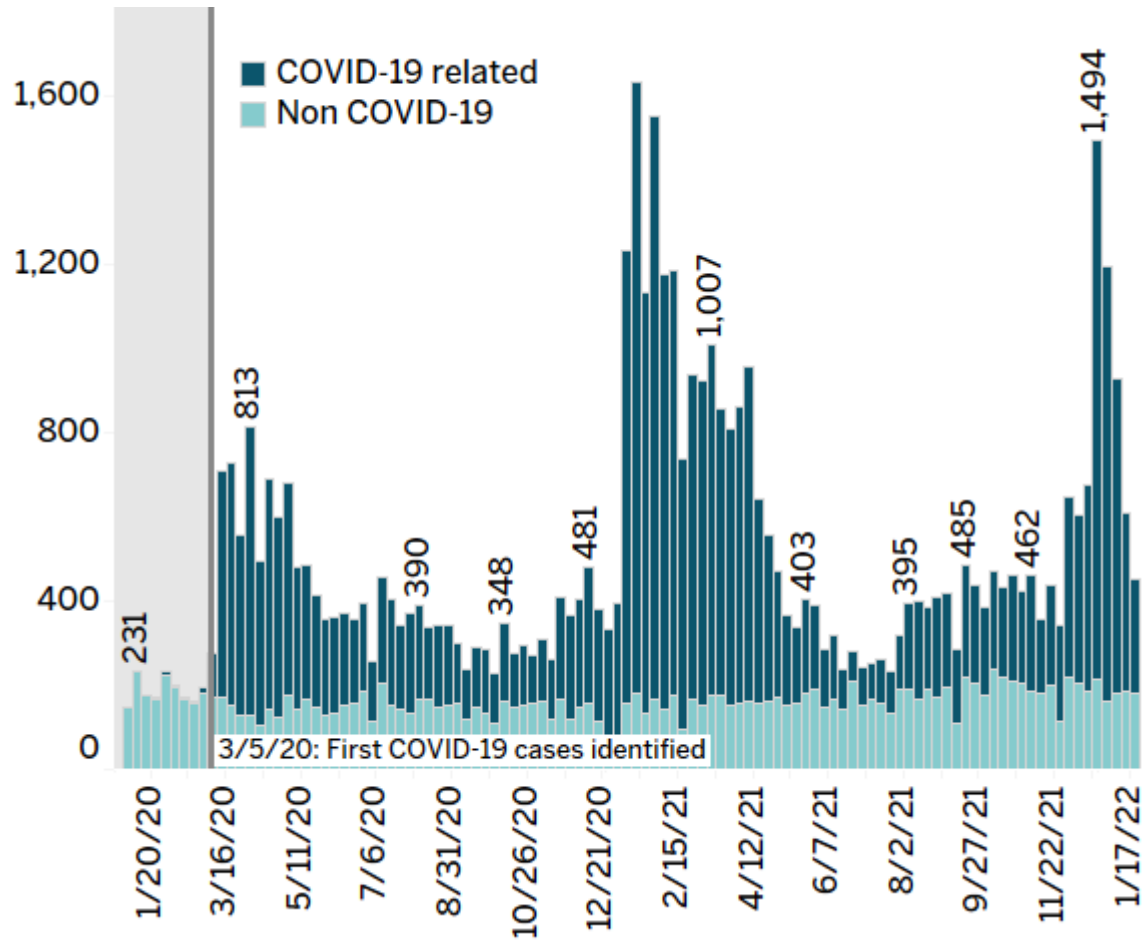
* Due to changes in the referral system, this metric has changed from counting the number of calls asking how to apply for public assistance to the number of calls asking about other aspects of public assistance. Those who want to apply for public assistance are now referred to MD Think and are not necessarily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

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

PUBLIC HEALTH

450 calls last week for Public Health

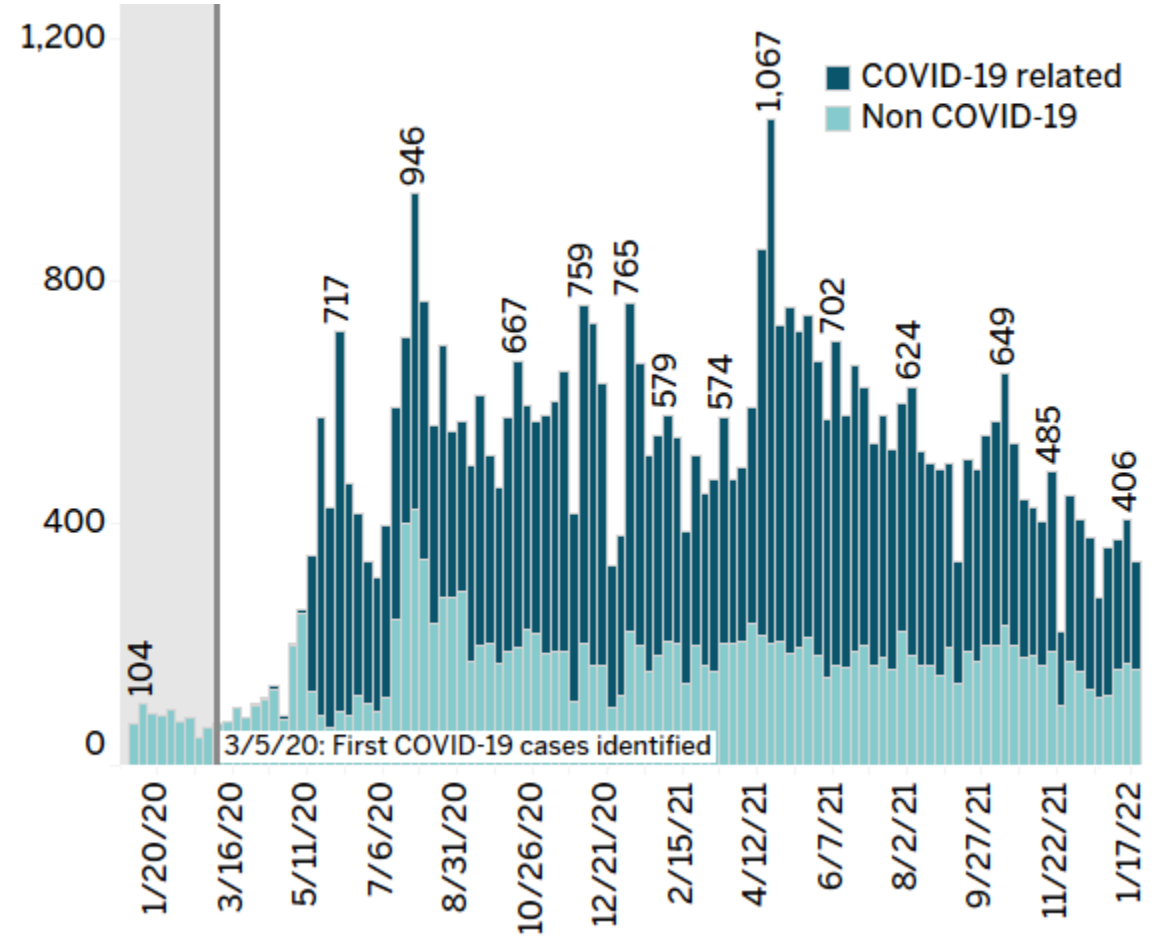
60% related to COVID-19



SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

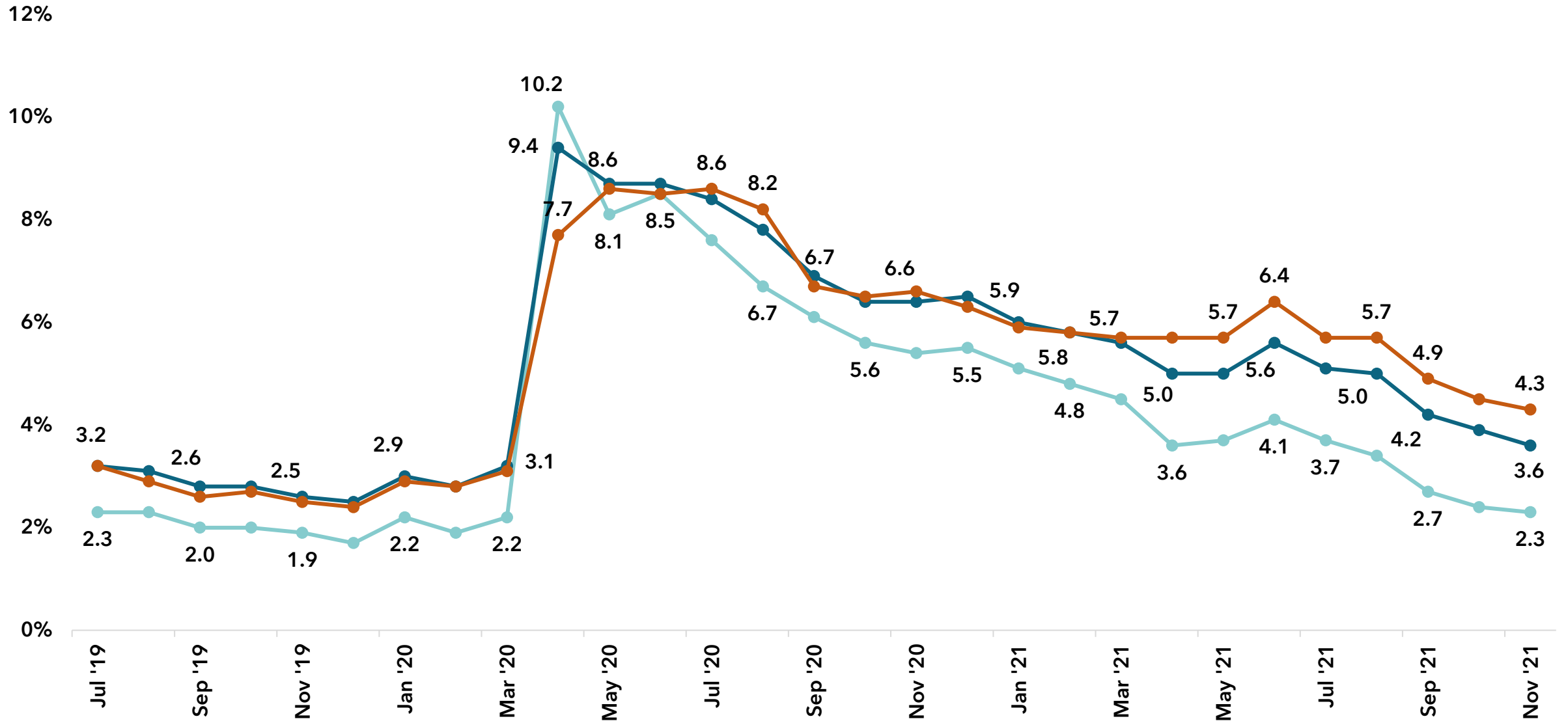
336 calls last week for SEPH

53% related to COVID-19



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

Fairfax County DC-Metro Region Montgomery County

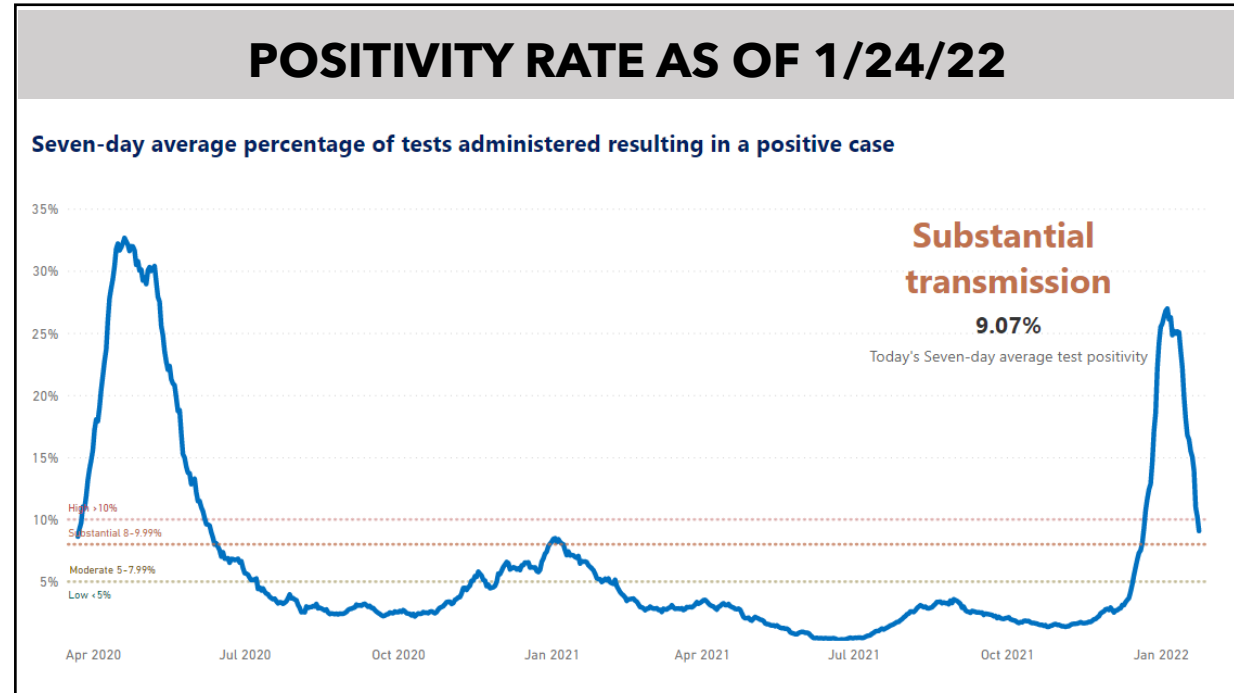
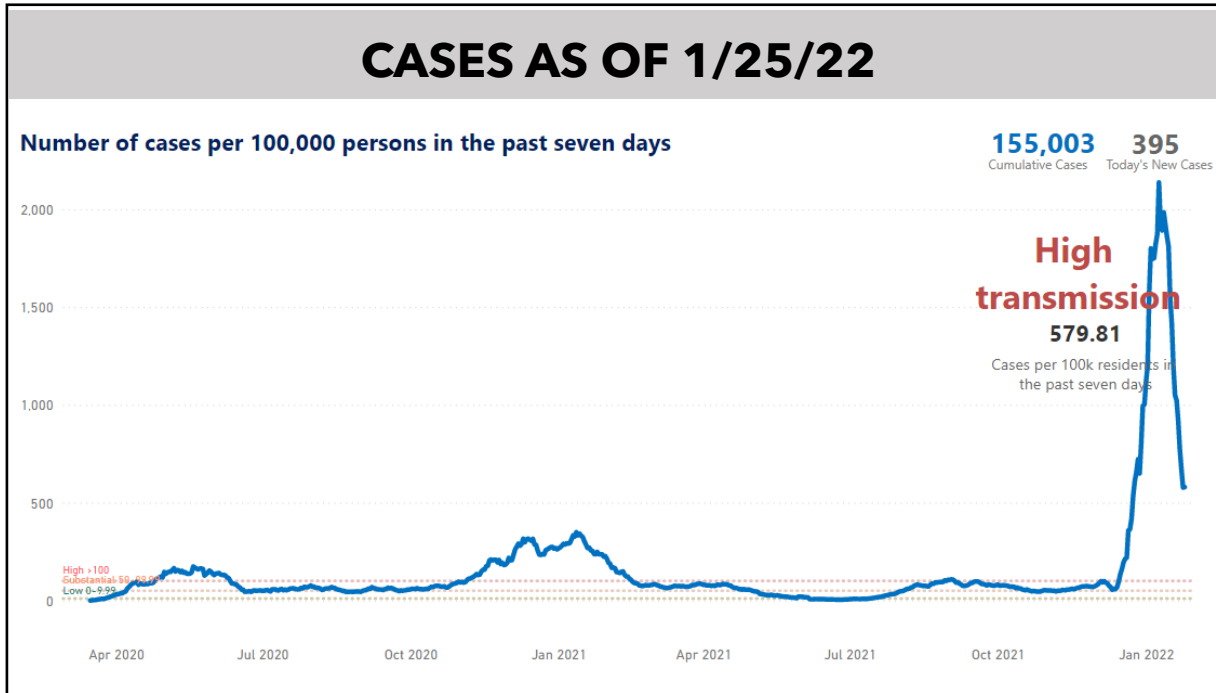


COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING



COVID-19 CASES & POSITIVITY RATE

Cases and positivity rate show a sharp decline over the past two weeks.

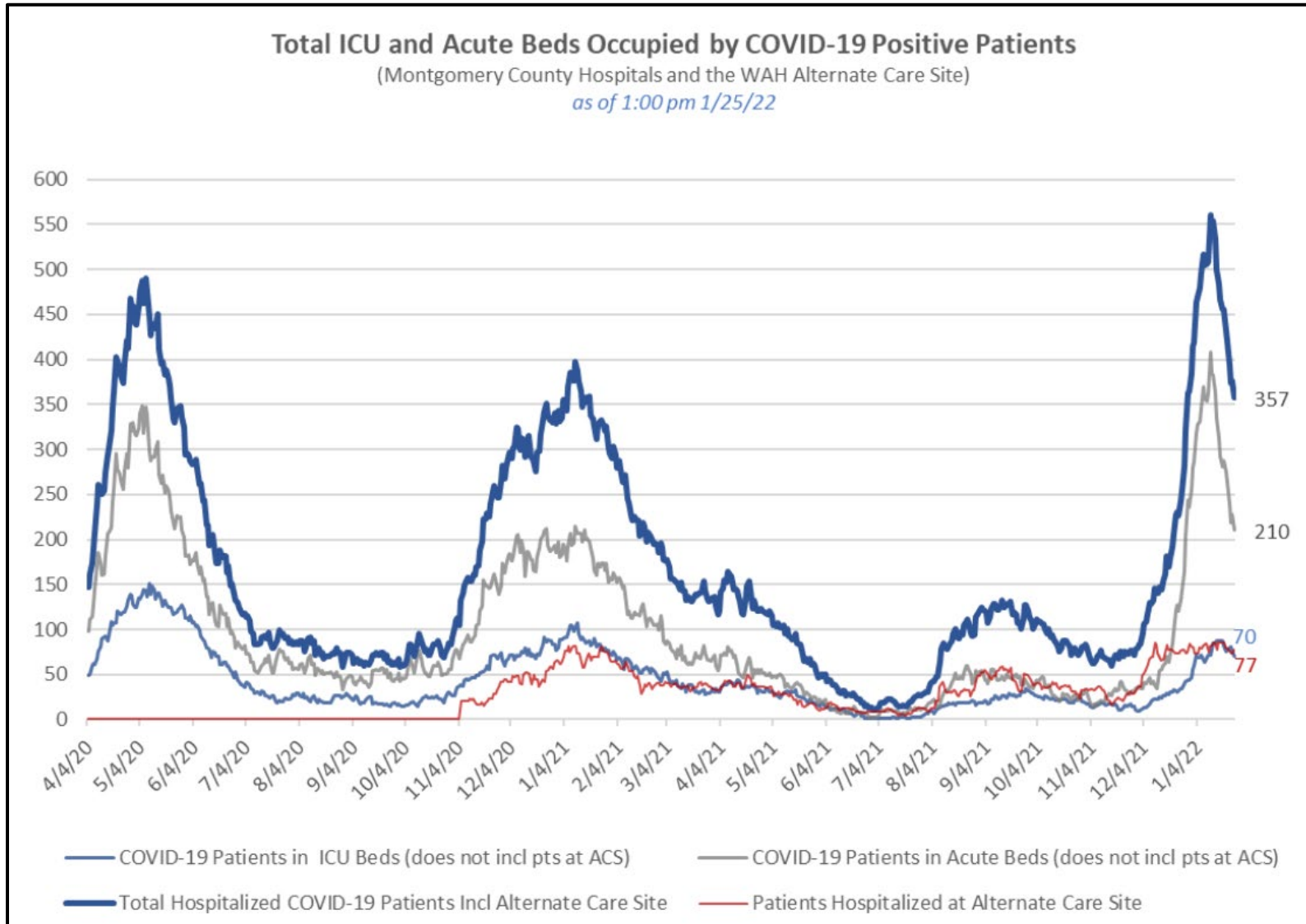


*Cases may be underreported to some extent due to the increased use of self-test home kits.

NOTE: The MDH security incident disrupted prior reporting on cases and hospitalizations *by vaccination status*. Reporting will resume once access to that database has been restored.

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

COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

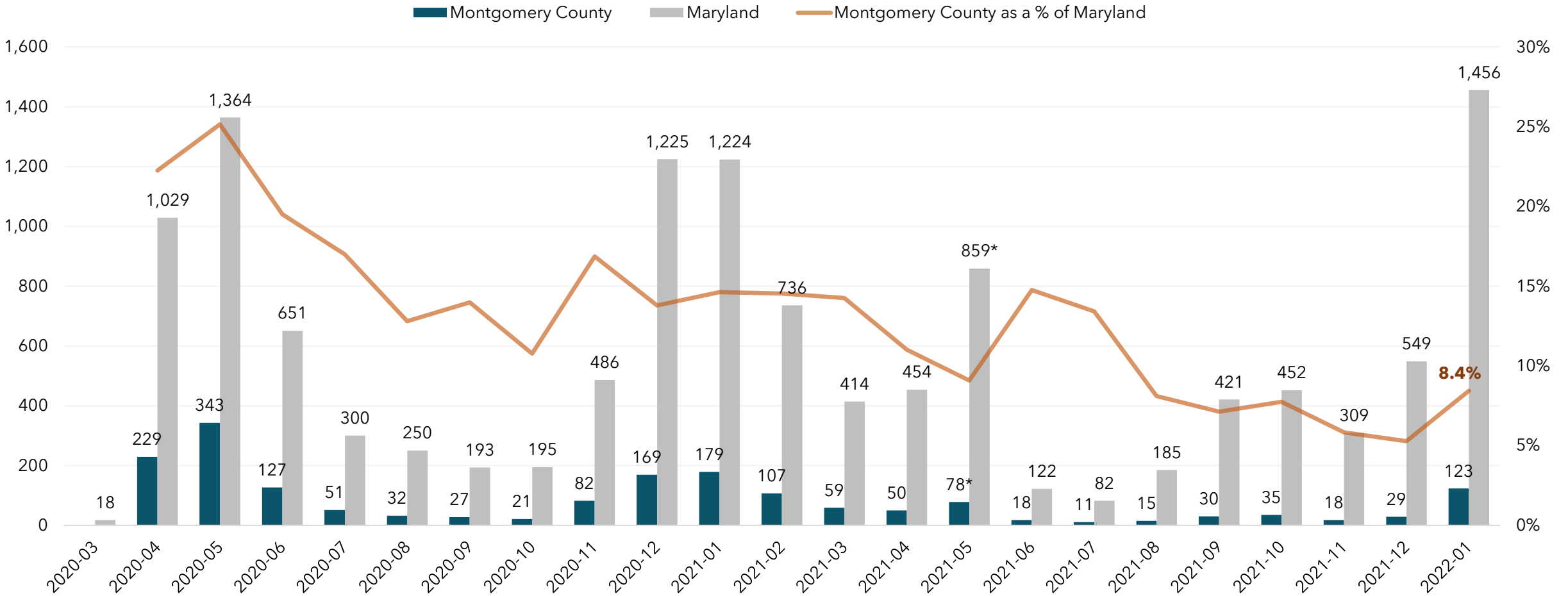


- There are 357 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 1/25/22. While acute care bed usage has declined, ICU usage is still high.
- 77 patients are currently hospitalized at the alternate care site. These patients are transfers from other hospitals and may come from other jurisdictions.

COVID-19 DEATHS

Monthly COVID-19 Deaths

Updated 1/25/22



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

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 1/25/22)

- **≥95%¹** of total population received at least **ONE DOSE** [N=1,036,419]
- **84%²** of total population received at least **TWO DOSES** (fully vaccinated) [N=877,345]
- **49%** of fully vaccinated population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=431,040]

1. The CDC caps percentages at 95% to account for margins of error in data entry and population estimates.
2. On 1/19 the CDC revised its method for counting vaccines administered at Bureau of Prisons and at Department of Defense facilities to better align vaccine counts with residential county of recipient instead of county where vaccine was administered. This revision has decreased the vaccine county for Montgomery County.

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

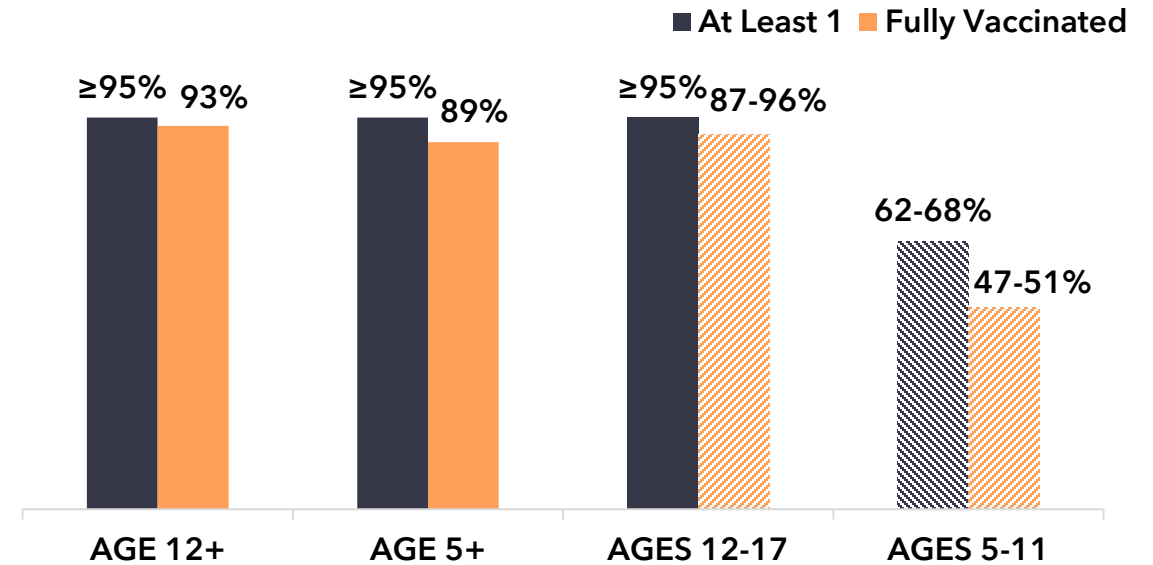


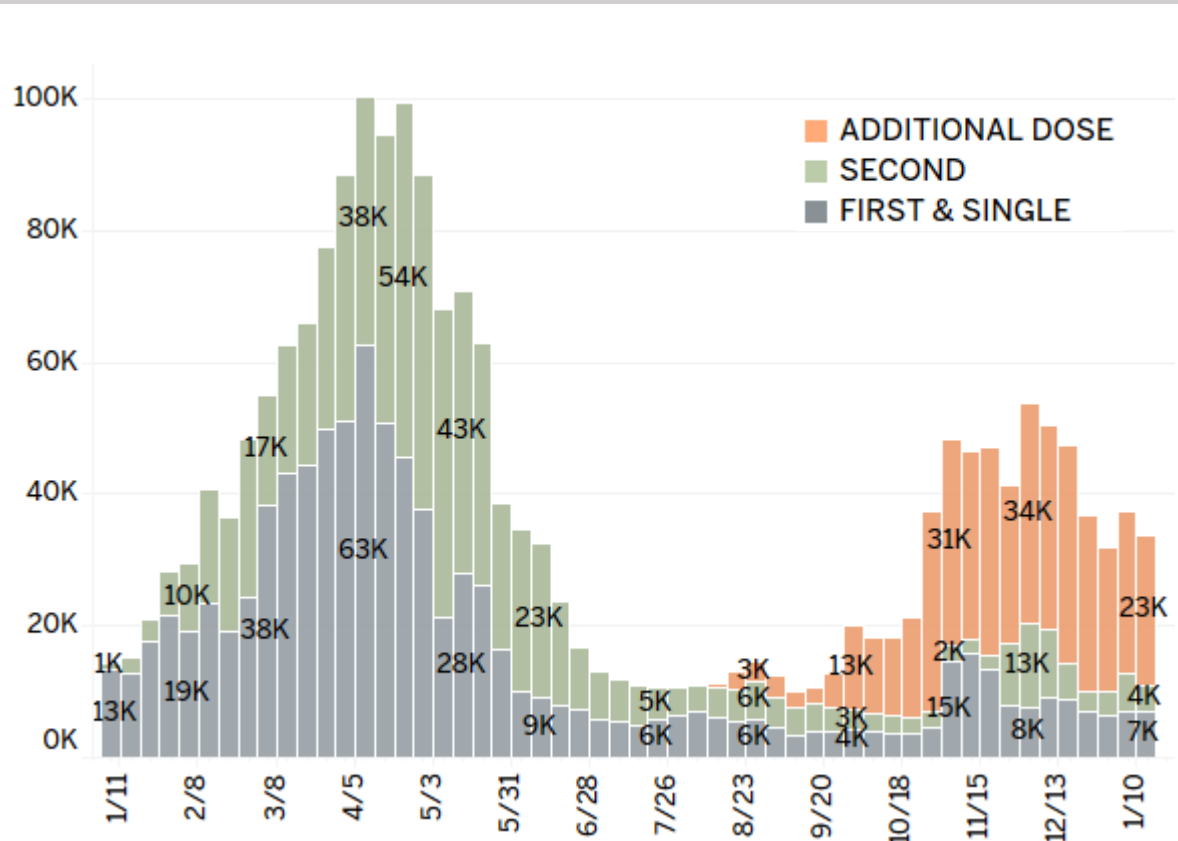
Chart reflects percent of total age group population that received doses. Percentage estimates are reflected as ranges for ages 12-17 and ages 5-11 due to higher margins of error.

- **54%** of the fully vaccinated 18+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=408,095]
- **74%** of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=120,583]

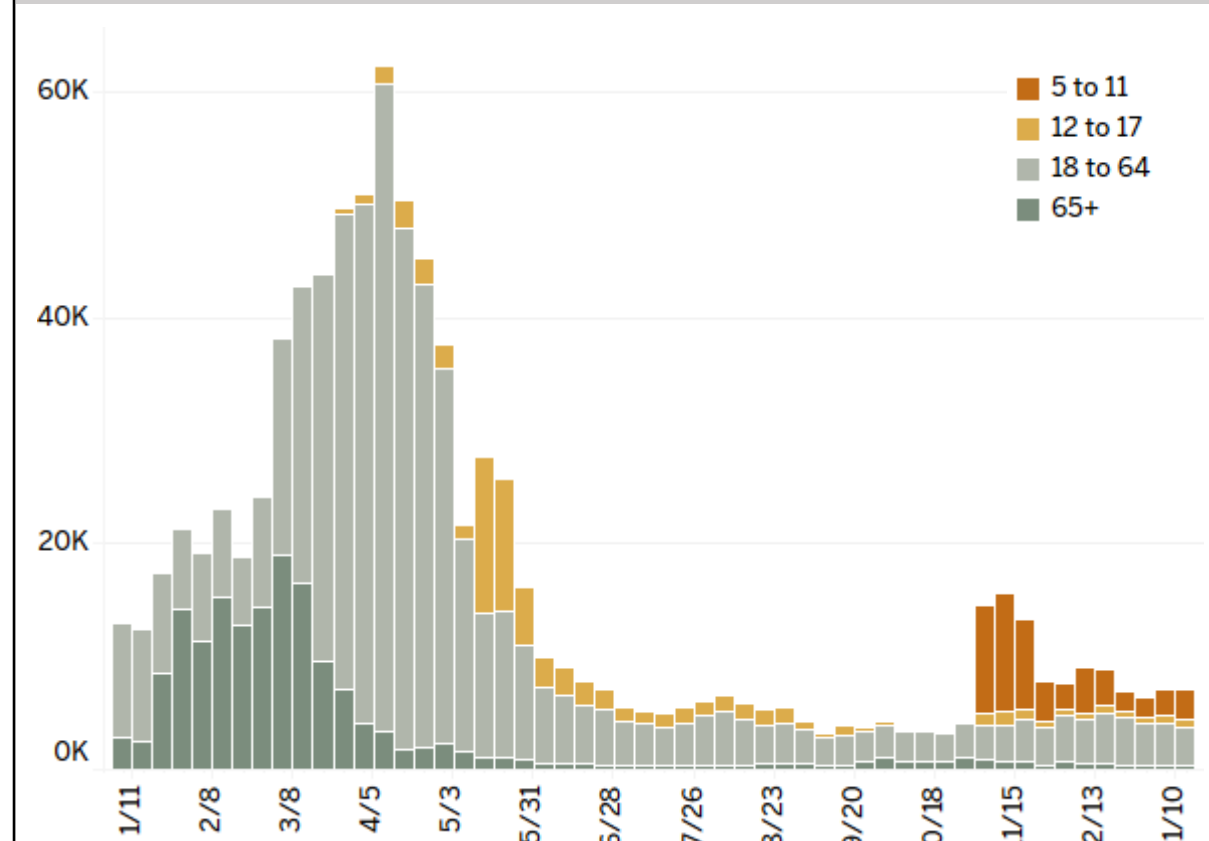
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: WEEKLY VOLUME

Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **January 16, 2022**.

VACCINATIONS BY TYPE



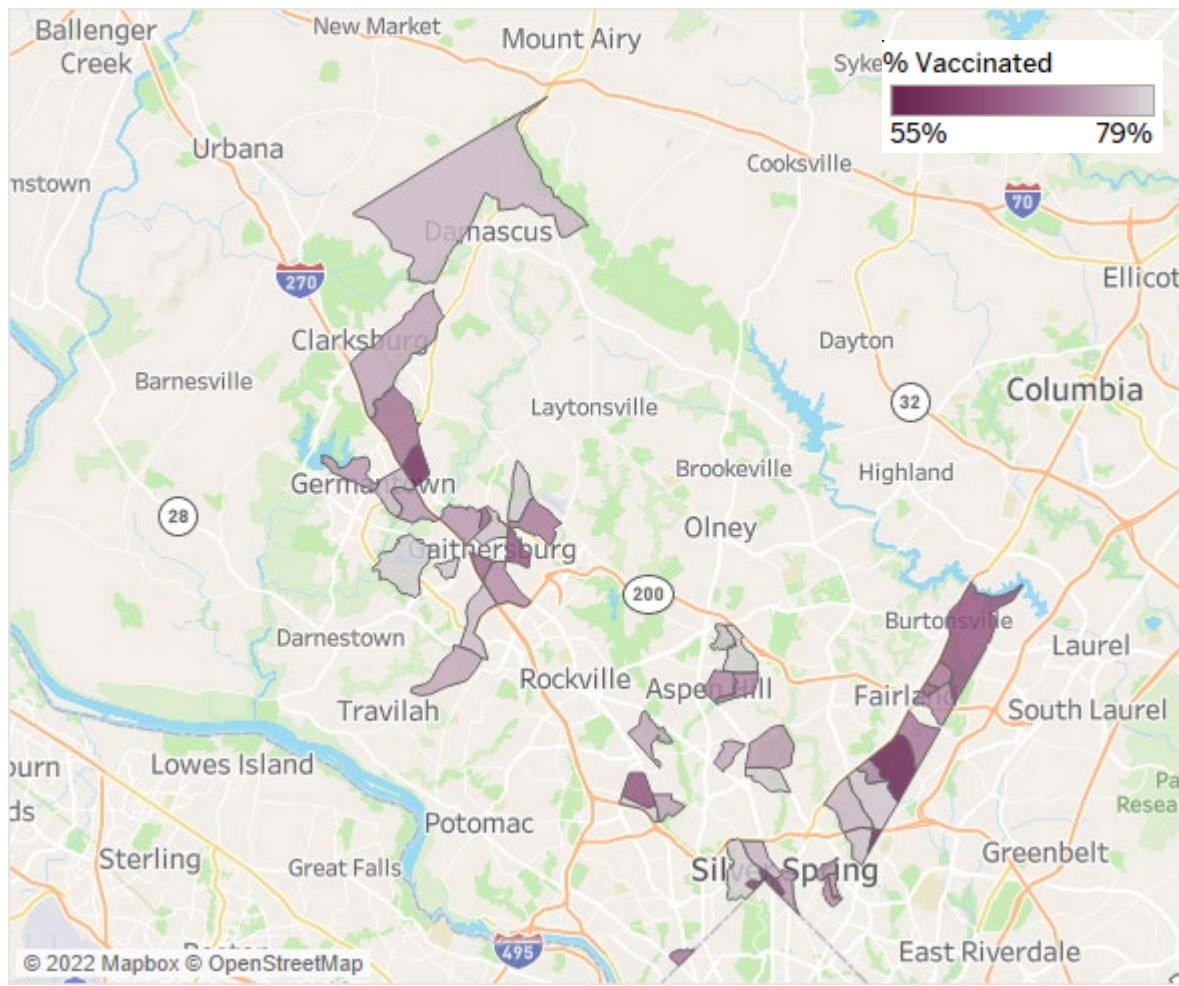
FIRST DOSES BY AGE GROUP



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

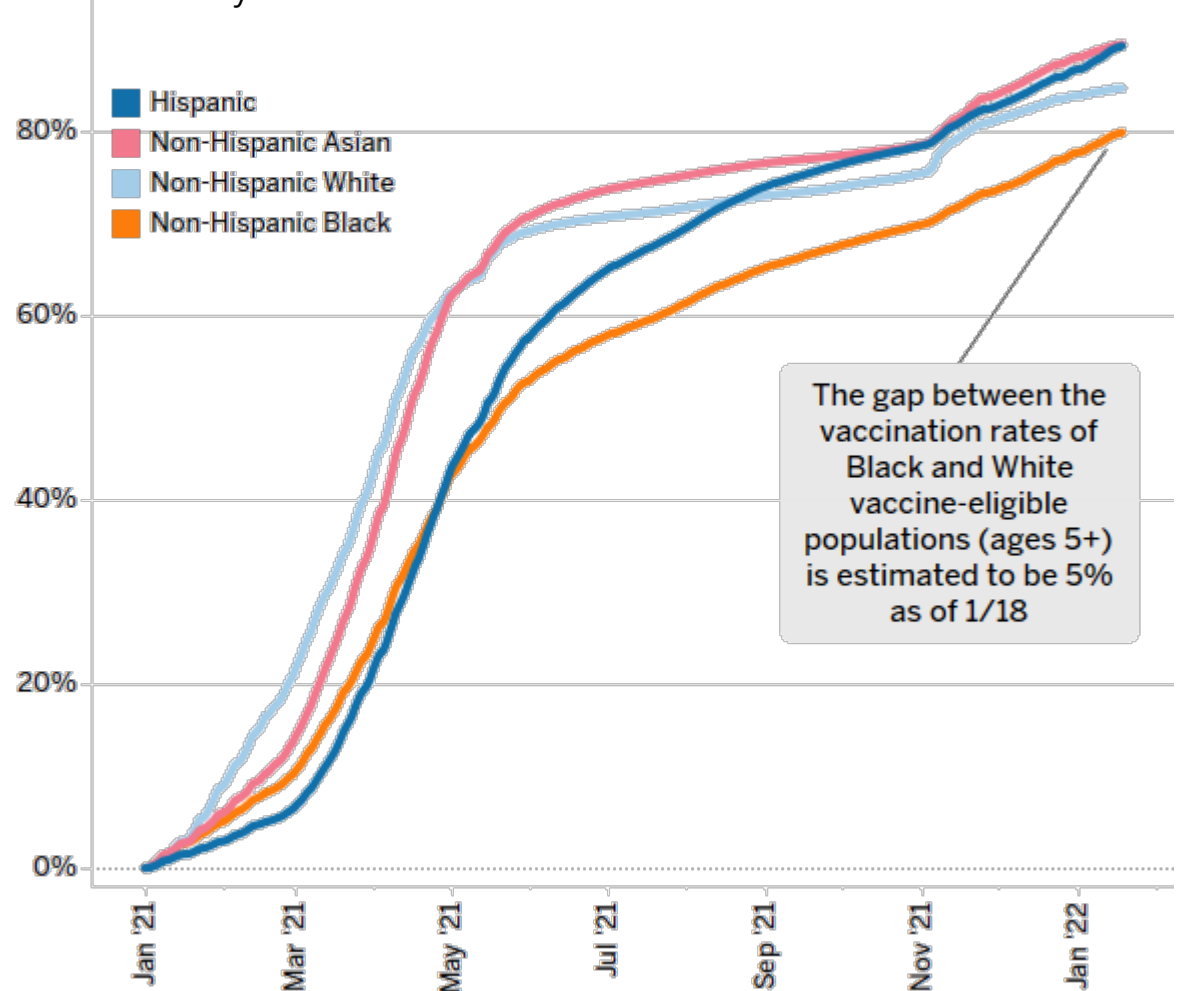
TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES



Across the highlighted tracts above, 30% of the population is White non-Hispanic, 28% is Black non-Hispanic, 26% is Hispanic, and 14% is Asian/Pacific Islander.

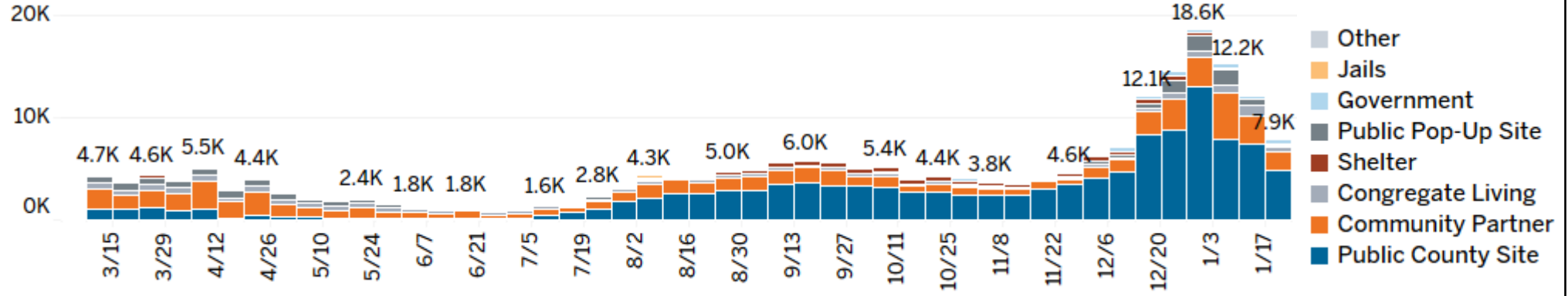
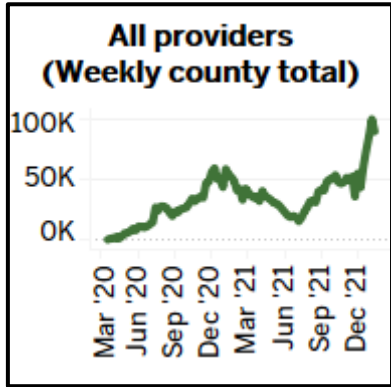
FIRST-DOSE RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY

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.

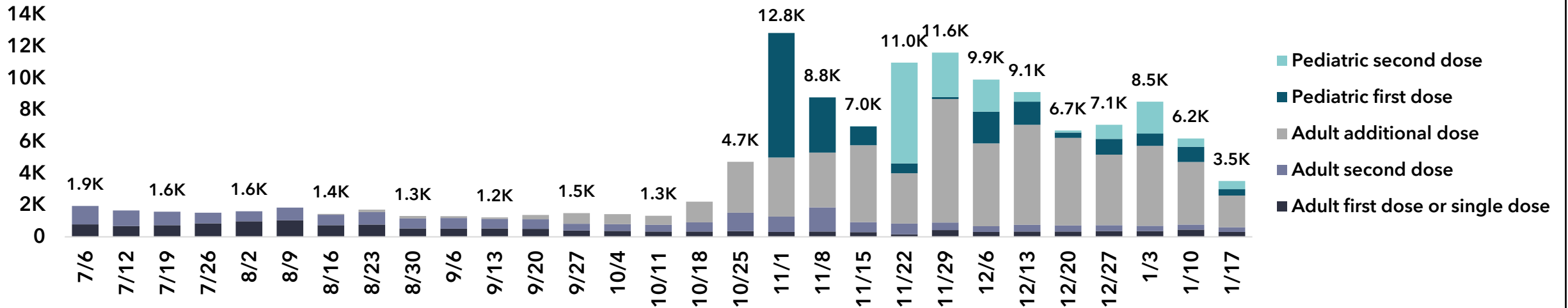


COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 7,881 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 3,519 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



Data are subject to retroactive changes.

DISTRIBUTION OF RAPID TESTS

2,144,000 additional rapid tests have been ordered by the County from vendors

- A total of 1,005,240 rapid test kits have been received (1/25/22)
 - 792,294 kits have been distributed, with an additional 196,000 allocated
- Continued distribution to at-risk communities through distribution partners
- 451,739 kits distributed through 2+ weeks of Library distribution
 - 245,726 masks distributed Friday - Monday at libraries.
- 290,000 rapid test kits have been provided to MCPS.
- 60,000 additional test kits allocated to childcare, private schools.
- Online portal to report rapid tests results.



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](#).
- Data on COVID-19 deaths are available through the [Maryland Department of Health](#) dashboard and ArcGIS platform.
- Vaccine data are downloaded from the [CDC website](#) each Tuesday.
- Data on county government coordinated testing and vaccinations are collected by DHHS daily.