

# **DHHS PULSE REPORT**

**COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY**

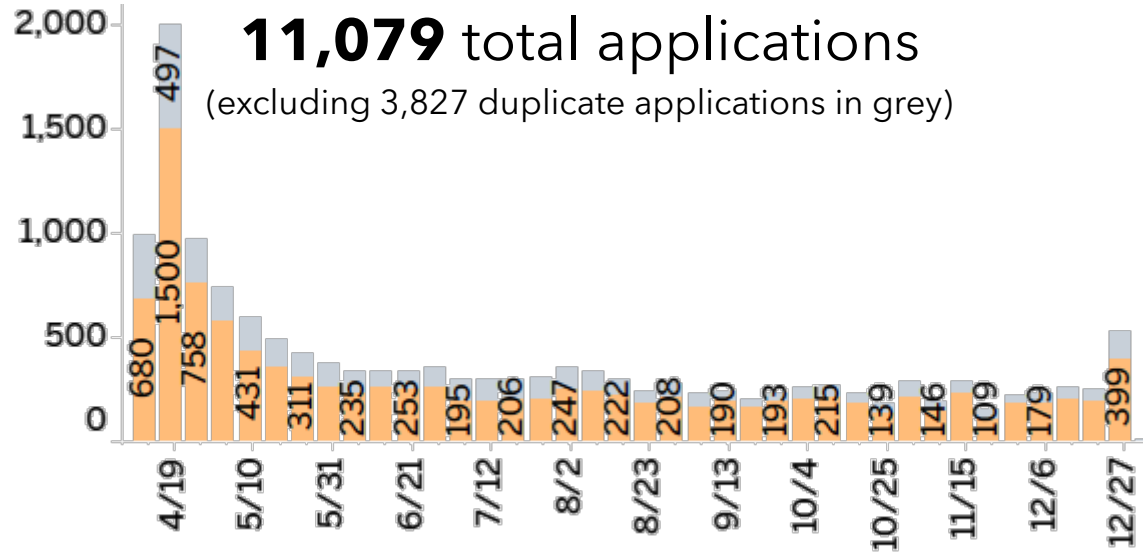
**March 2, 2022**



# **RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND**

# COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF FEB 21-27

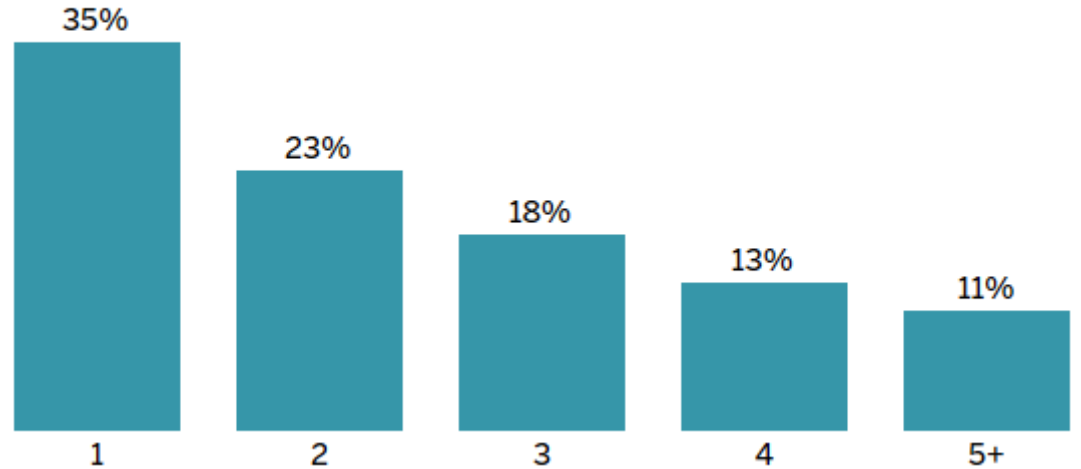
## APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)



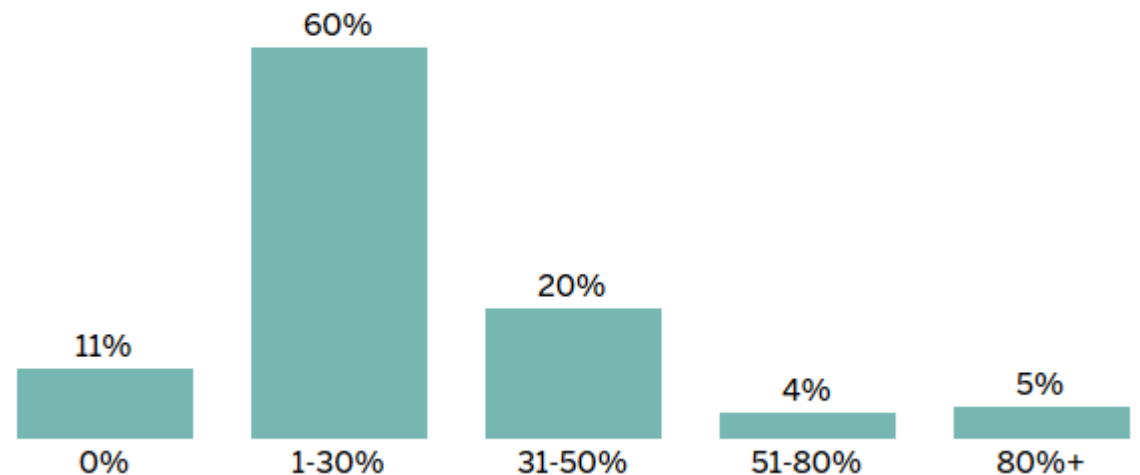
Application portal closed on 12/31/21.

## APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

### Household size



### Percent of Area Median Income

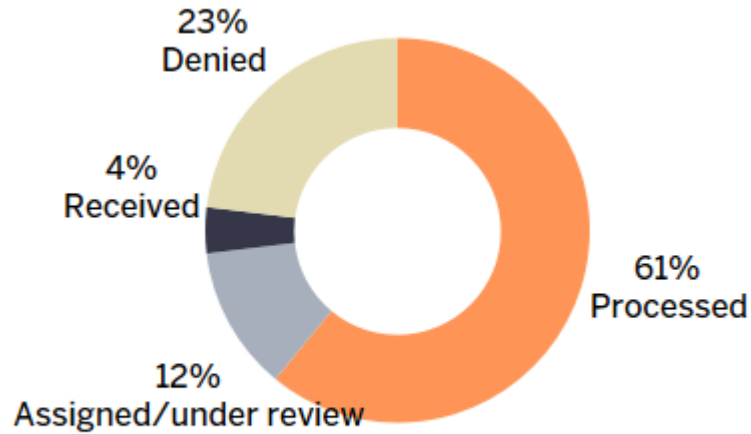


## APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **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: **\$20,927**

# COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF FEB 21-27

## 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

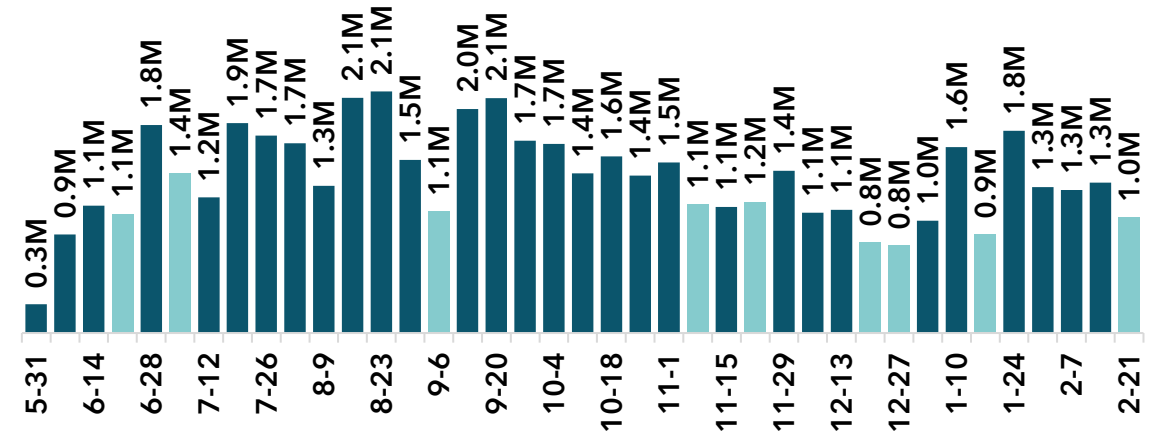
The current round of funding adds to two previous rounds of COVID-19 assistance. In total, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program has approved:

- **\$71.1M** in payments
- **9,746** households

## APPROVALS

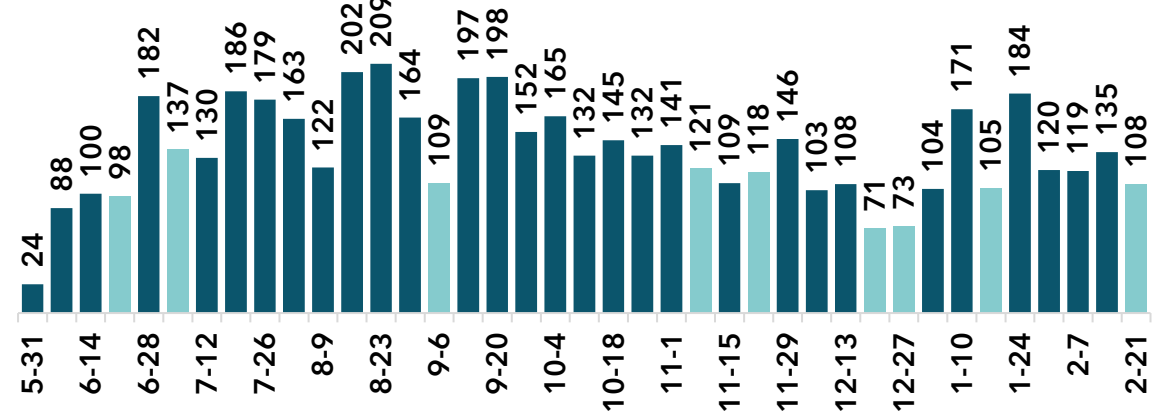
### Total Approved Payments: \$53.2M

(4-day workweek in light blue)



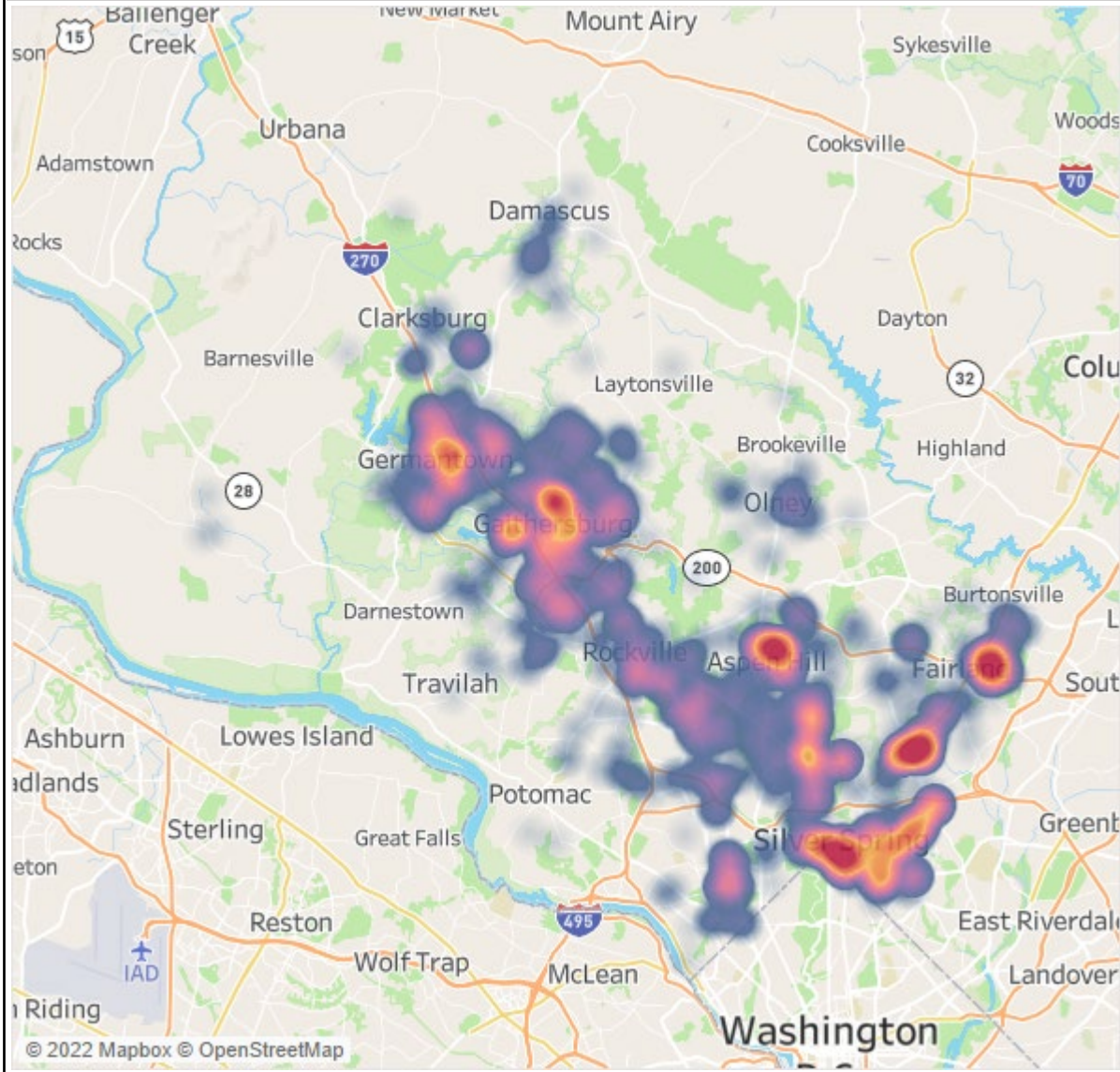
### Total Approved Households: 5,250

(4-day workweek in light blue)

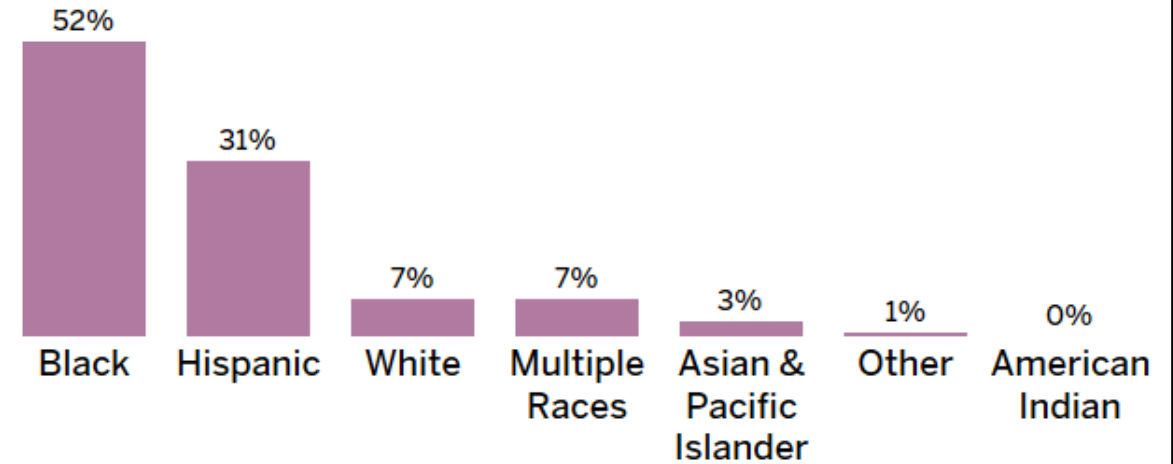


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## HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS



## RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY



## ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS

- Average client payment: **\$10.1K**
- **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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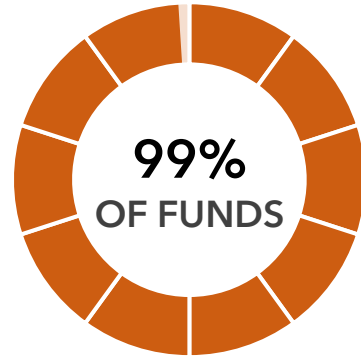
## DIRECT ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award

**\$31.4M**

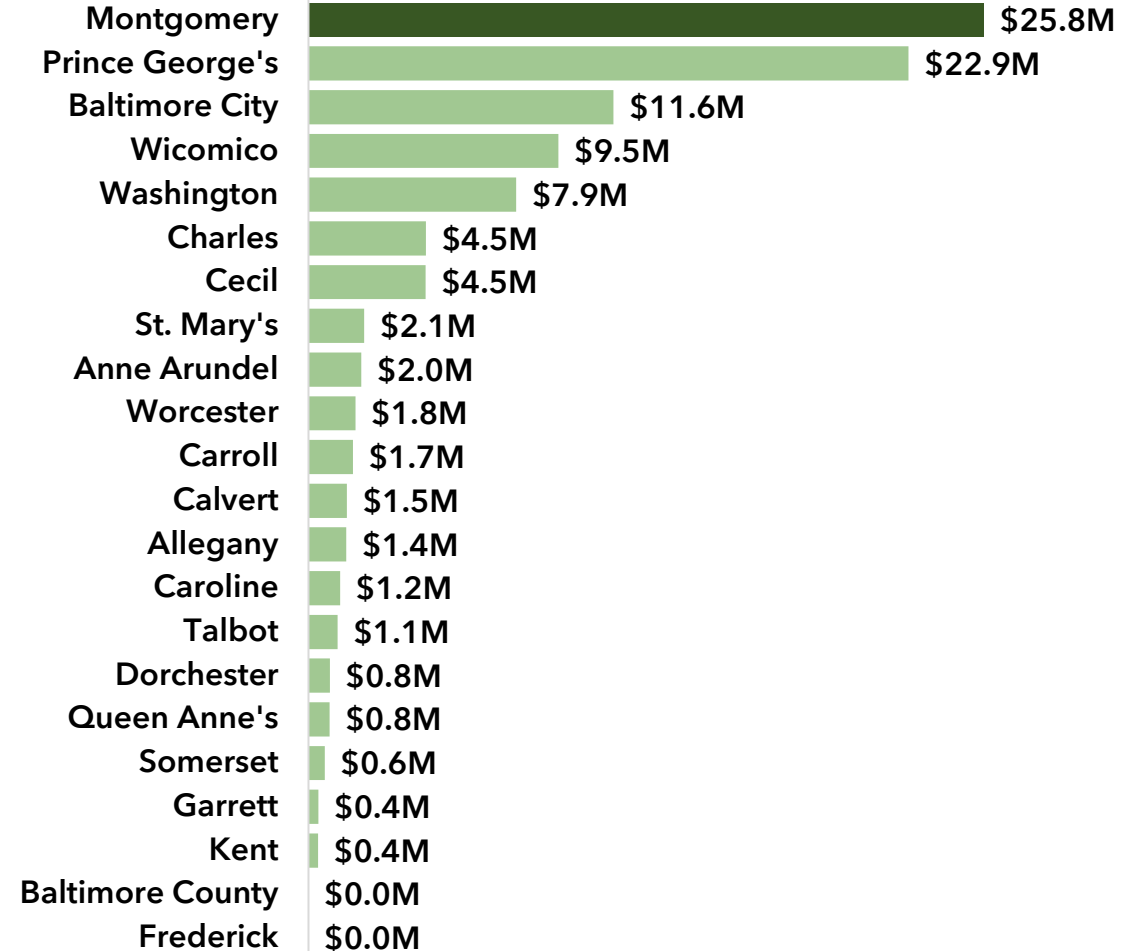
Current spending and encumbered

**\$31.4M**



## STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY

As of 12.31.2021



## STATE ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award

**\$28.1M**

Current spending and encumbered

**\$28.1M**

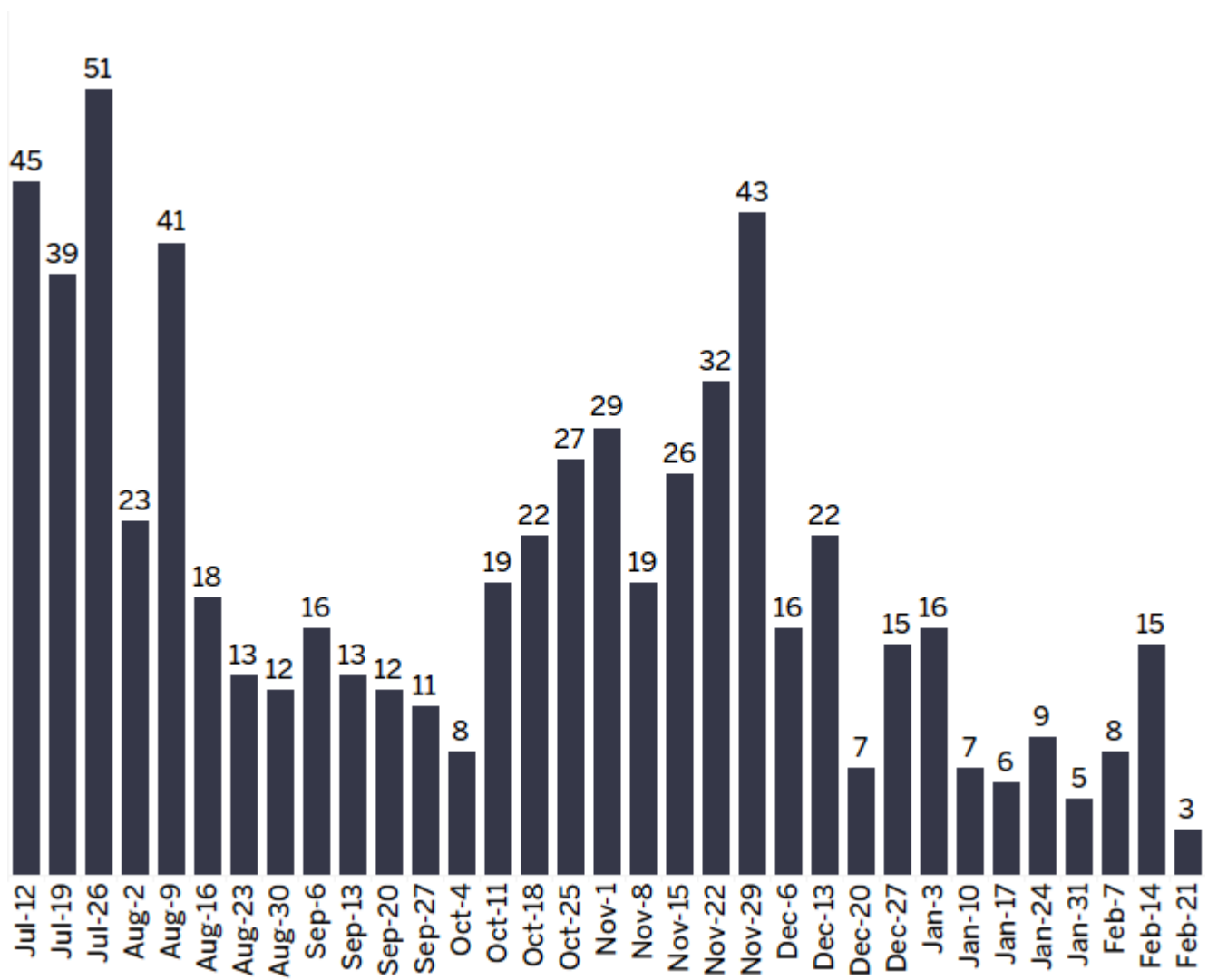


Note: Spending and percentages may shift as payments are reconciled.

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

# EVICTON TRACKER

## NEW WRITS BY WEEK

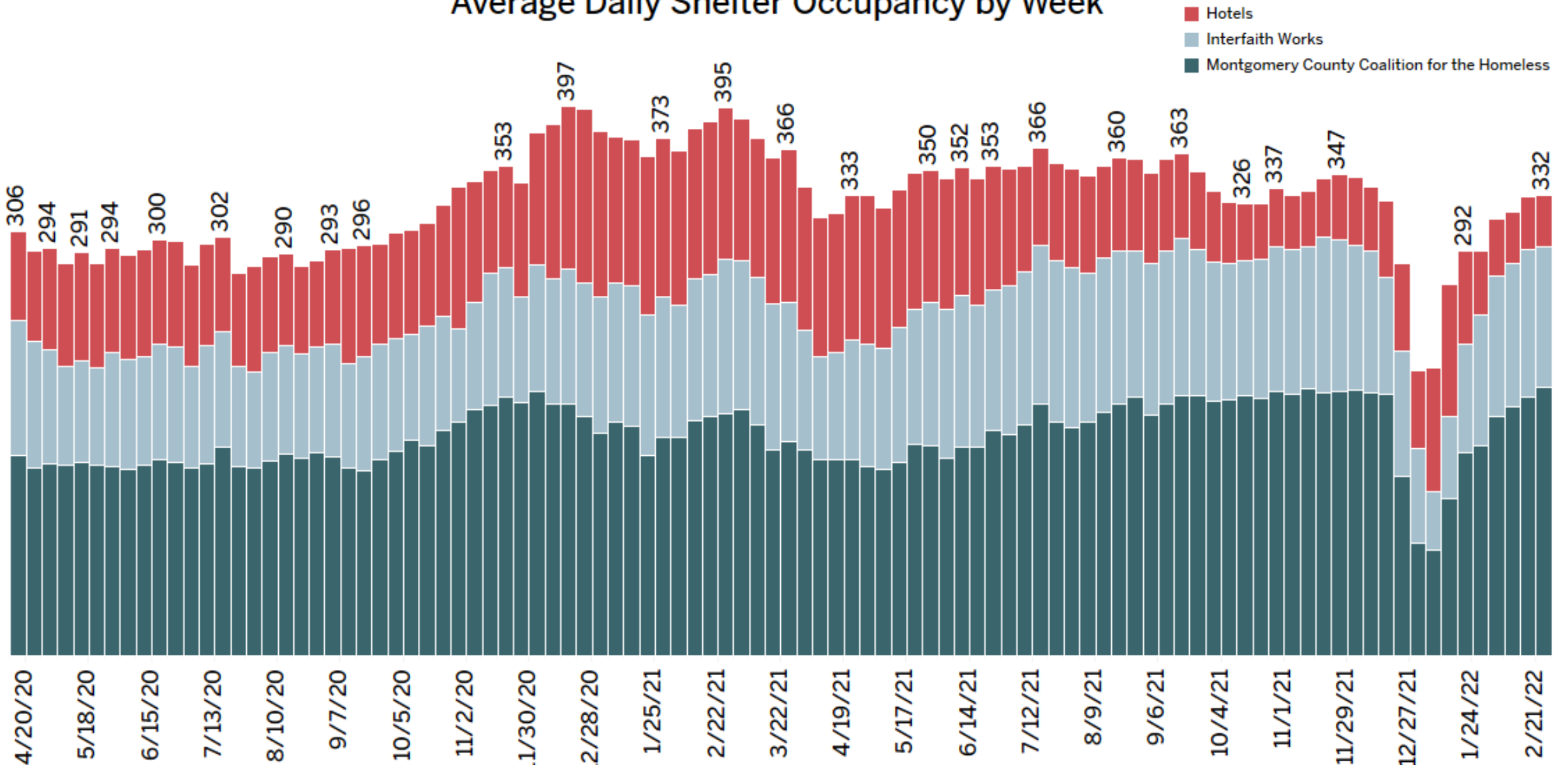


- **928** residents scheduled for eviction after July 19
- **45%** of households with writ have applied for emergency rental assistance
- Context: **fewer than 8%** of writs typically result in eviction

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

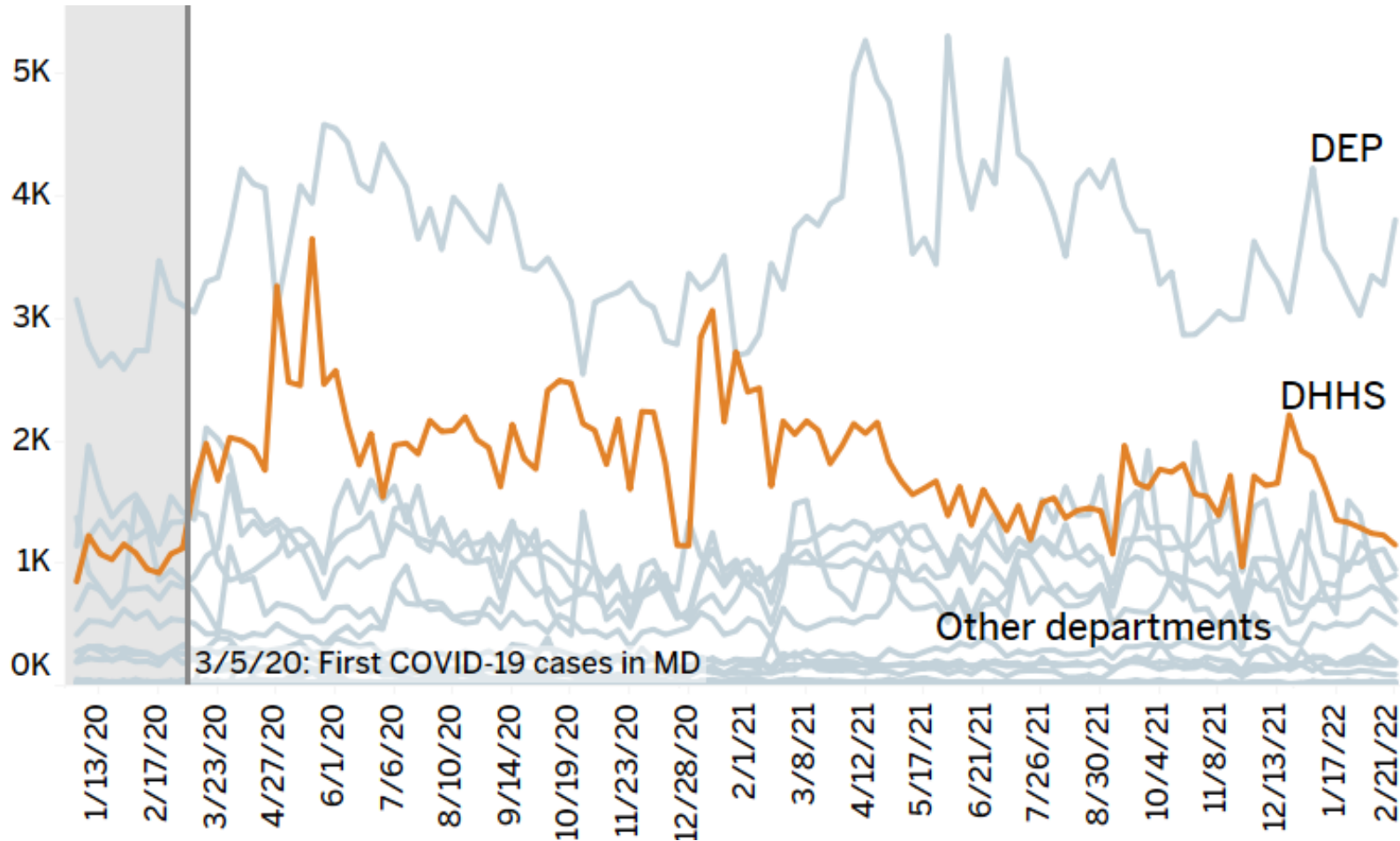




# MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

## WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

**1,149** calls last week for DHHS services



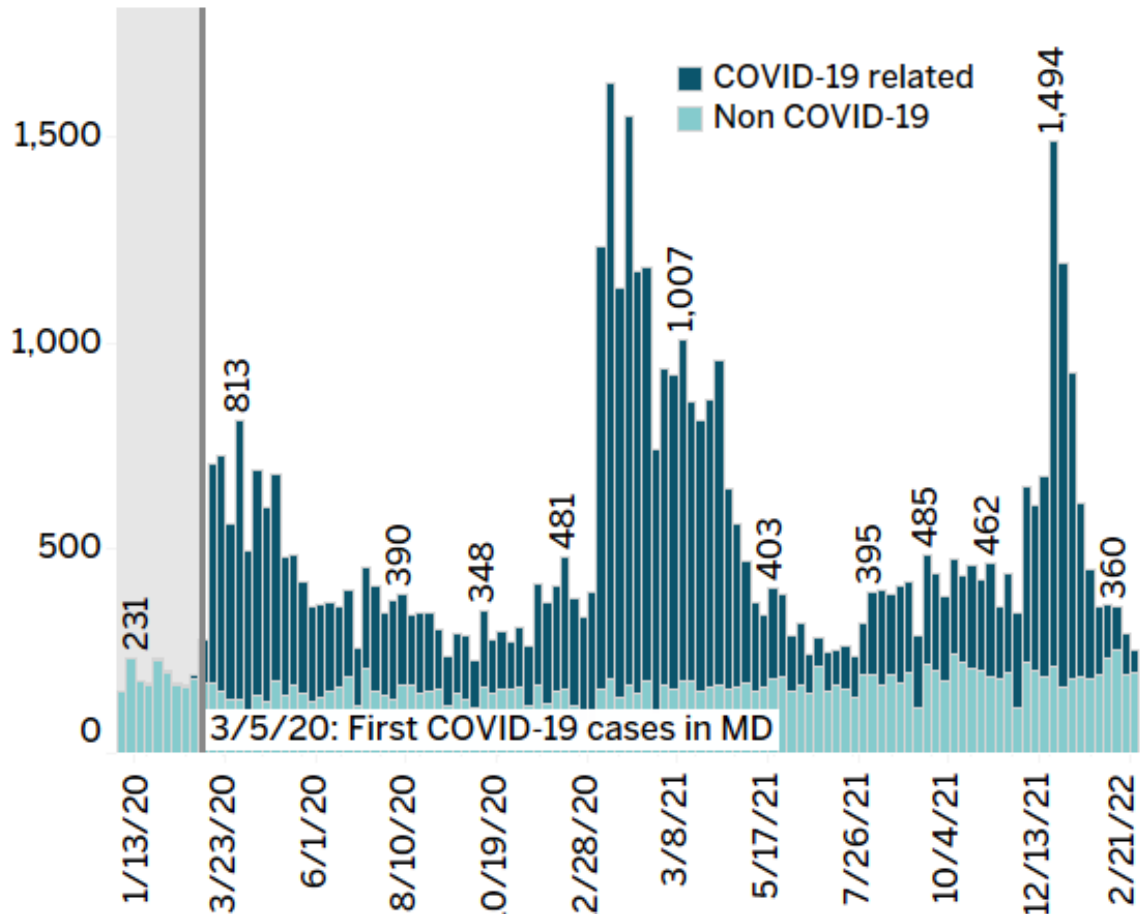
- Nearly 43% of last week's DHHS service calls were regarding public assistance programs
- Most questions regarding public assistance are referred to the Office of Eligibility and Support Services, which in January fielded 1,649 direct calls and 1,719 referrals from MC311
- 9% of DHHS calls to MC311 were about the COVID Rental Relief Program

# MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**253** calls last week for Public Health

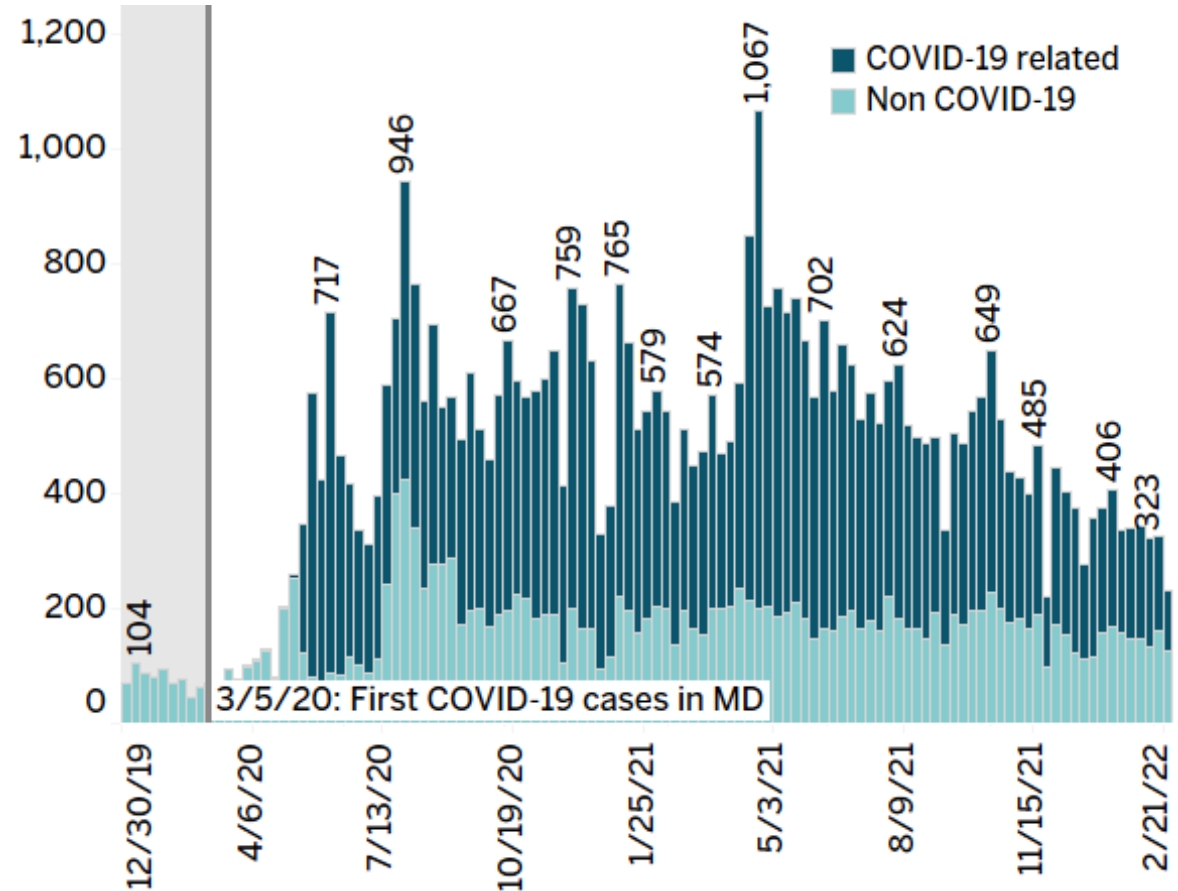
**22%** related to COVID-19



## SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

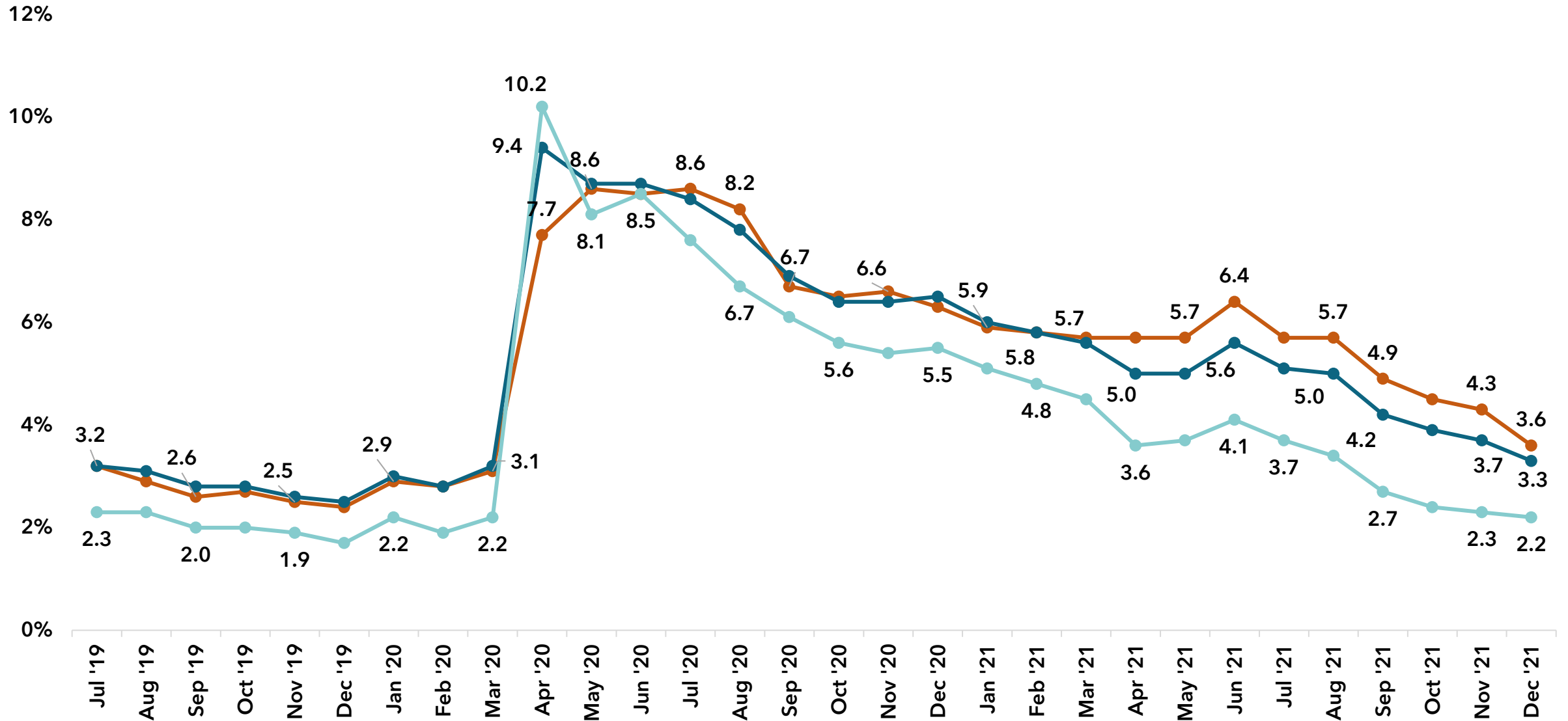
**233** calls last week for SEPH

**45%** related to COVID-19



# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

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



# COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING

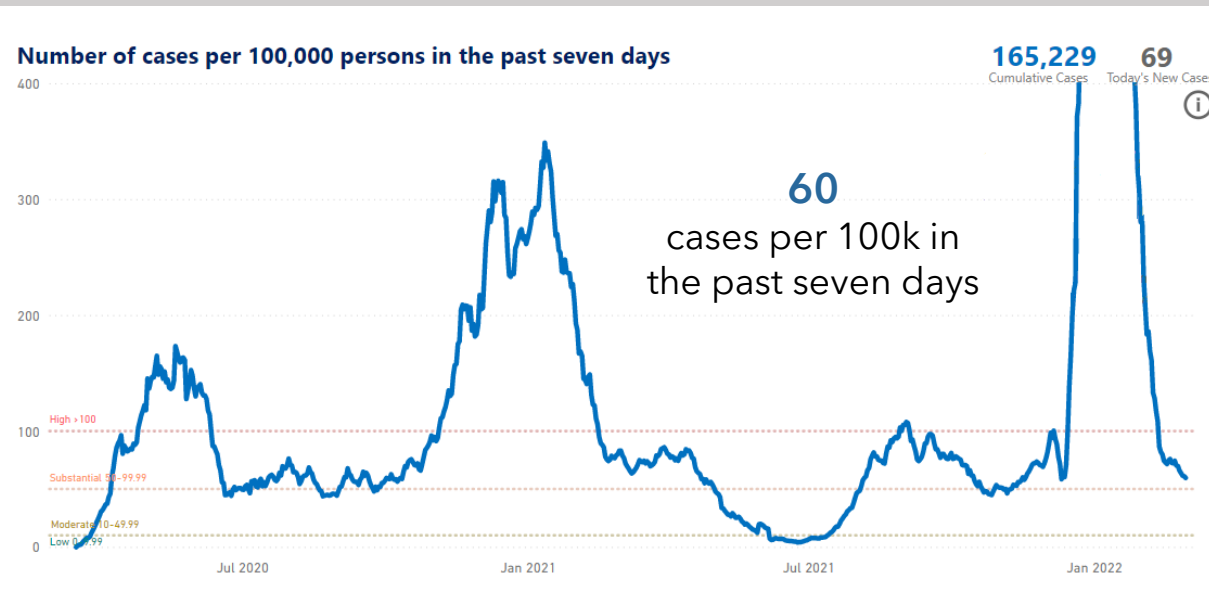


# COVID-19 CASES & POSITIVITY RATE

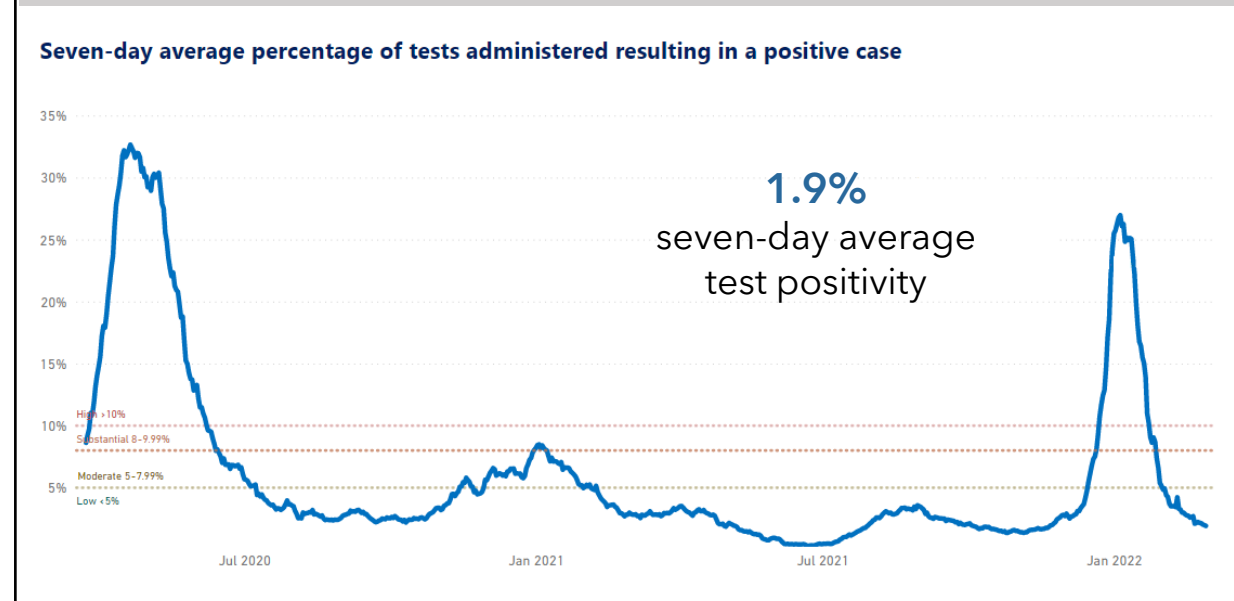
Based on CDC's new community level indicators, Montgomery County's community level is **LOW**.

- 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

## CASES AS OF 3/1/22



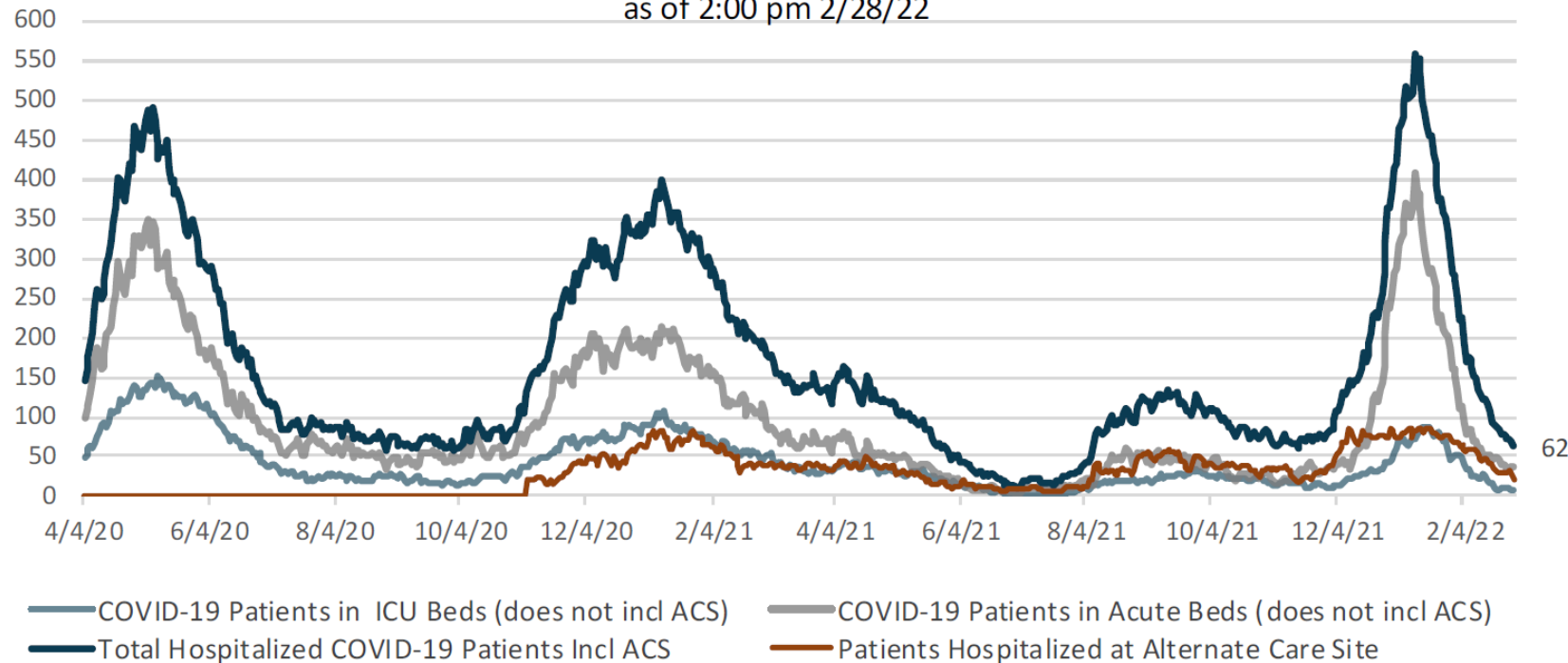
## POSITIVITY RATE AS OF 2/28/22



# COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

## Total ICU and Acute Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Positive Patients

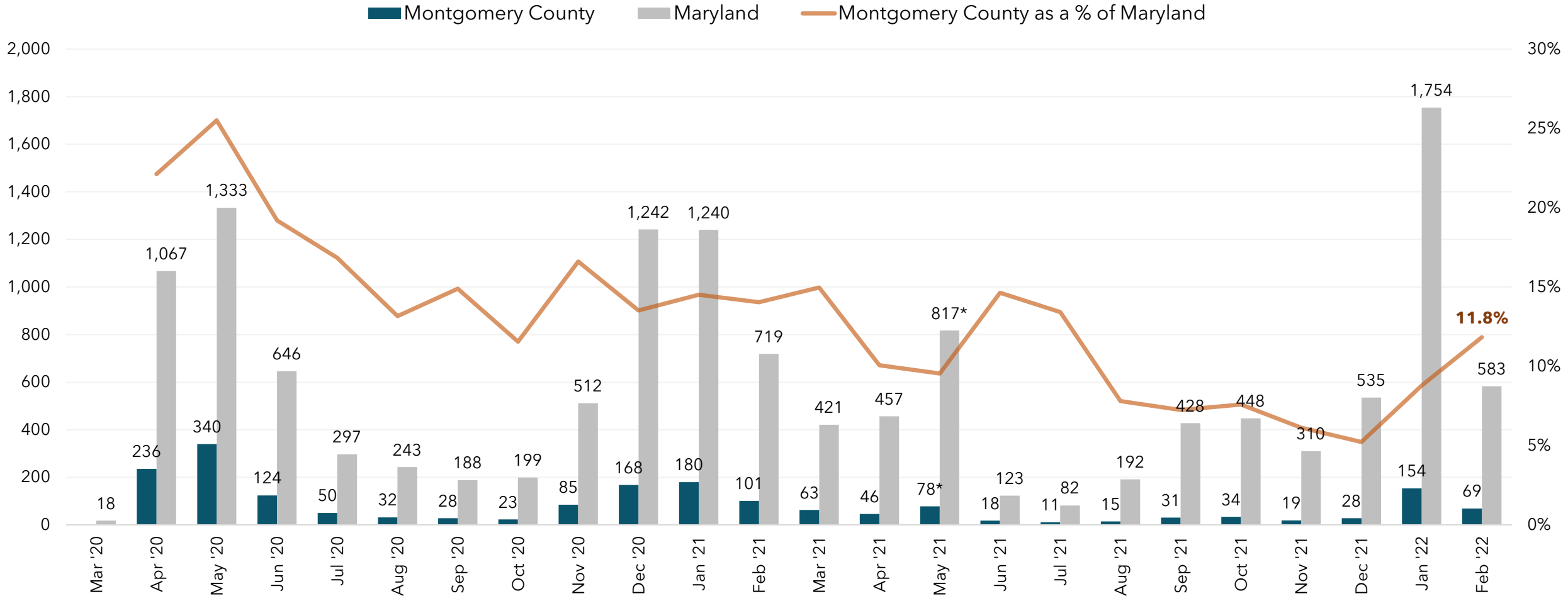
(Montgomery County Hospitals and the WAH Alternate Care Site)  
as of 2:00 pm 2/28/22



- There are 62 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 2/28. Both acute care (36) and ICU (7) bed usage has declined.
- 4.4% of hospital beds in the community are occupied by patients with a COVID diagnosis (as of 2/28).
- 19 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

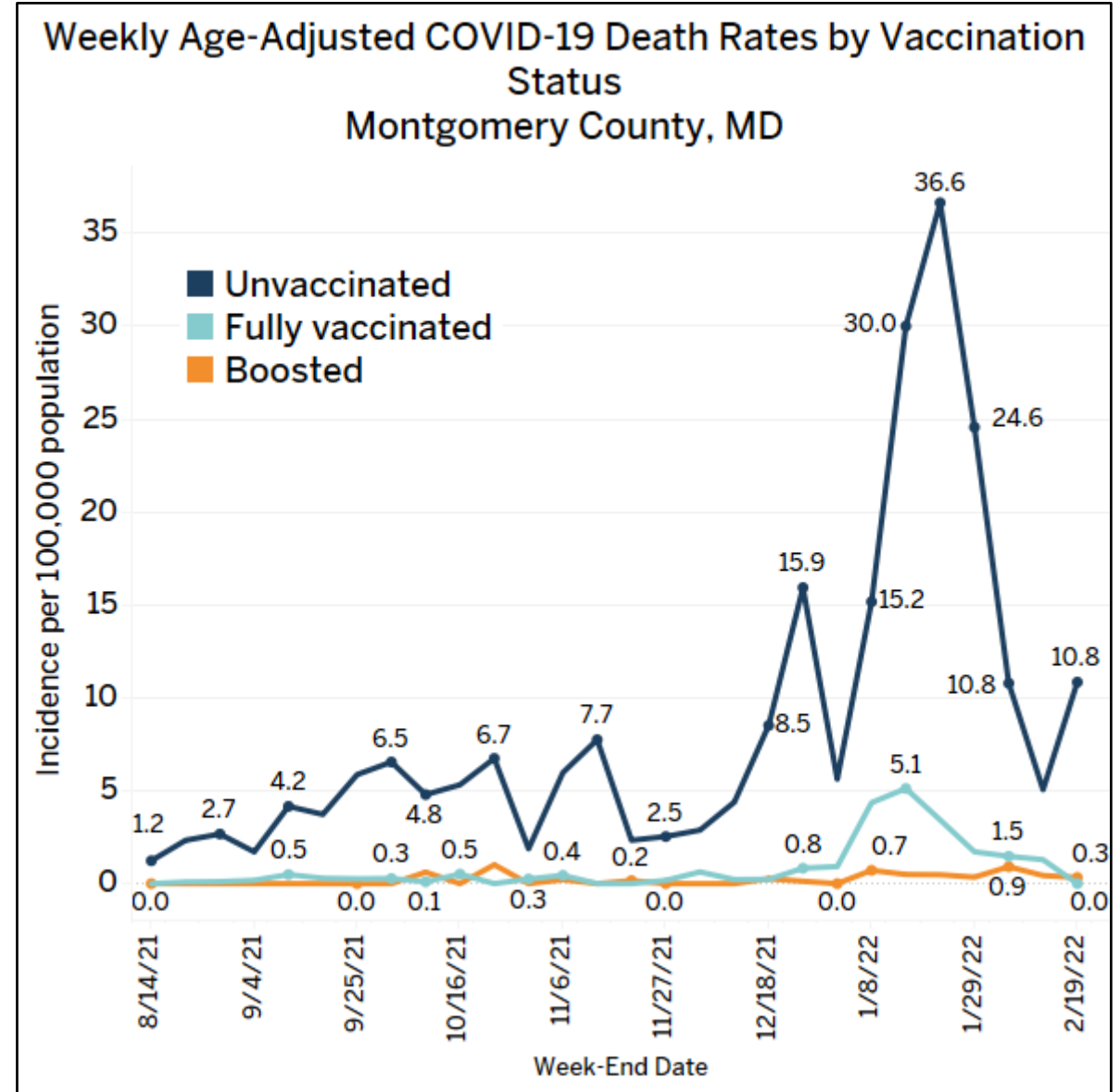
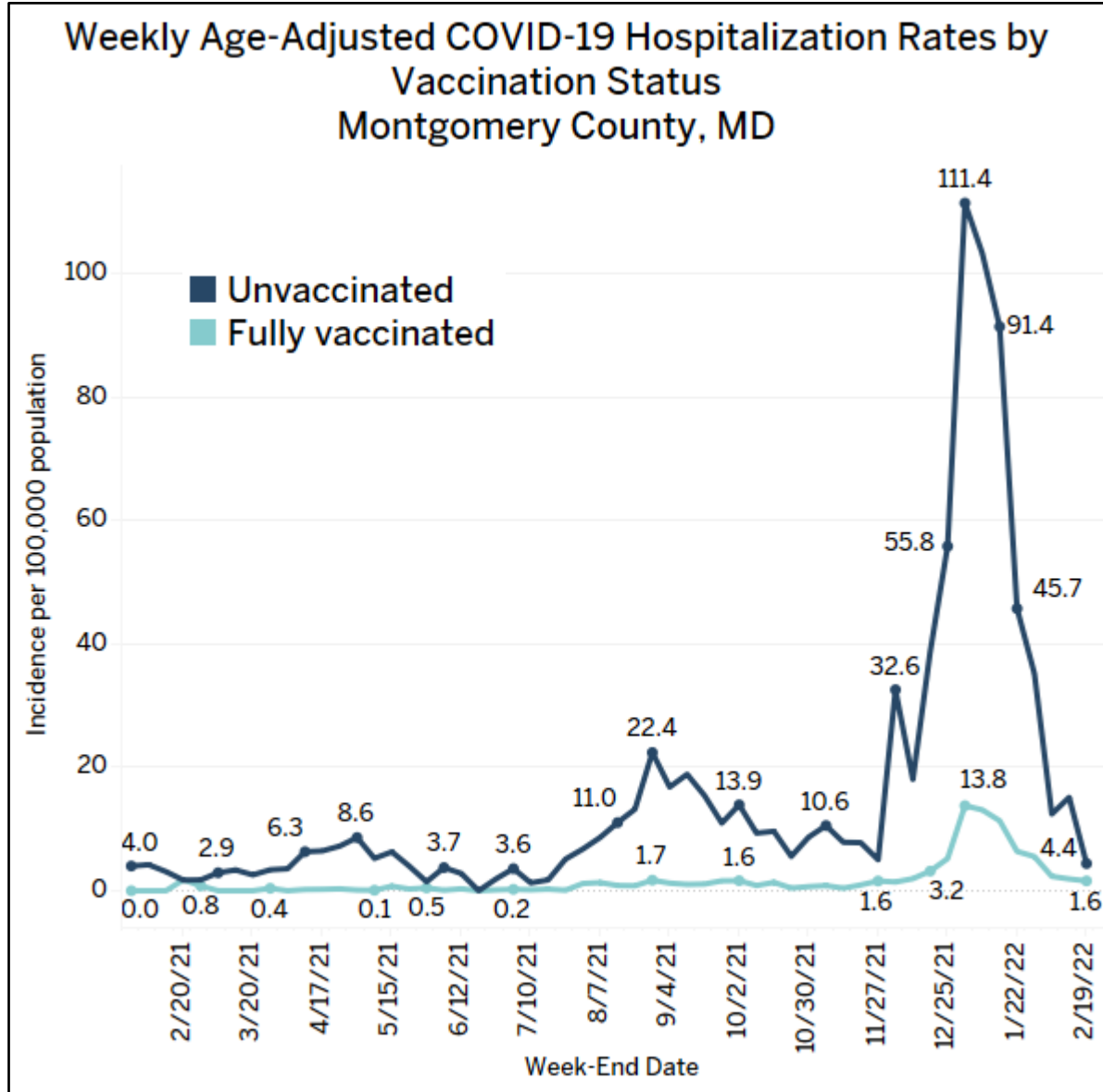
Monthly COVID-19 Deaths  
Updated 2/28/22



\*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 2/28/22)

- **≥95%<sup>1</sup>** of total population received at least **ONE DOSE** [N=1,055,416]
- **86%<sup>2</sup>** of total population received at least **TWO DOSES** (fully vaccinated) [N=898,612]
- **52%** of fully vaccinated population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=469,457]

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

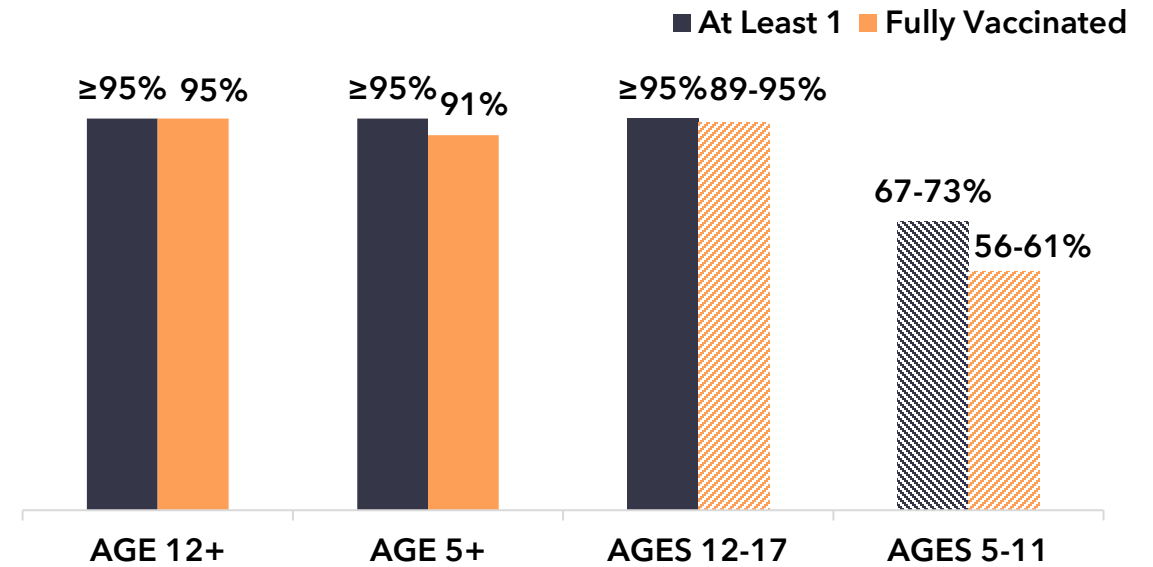


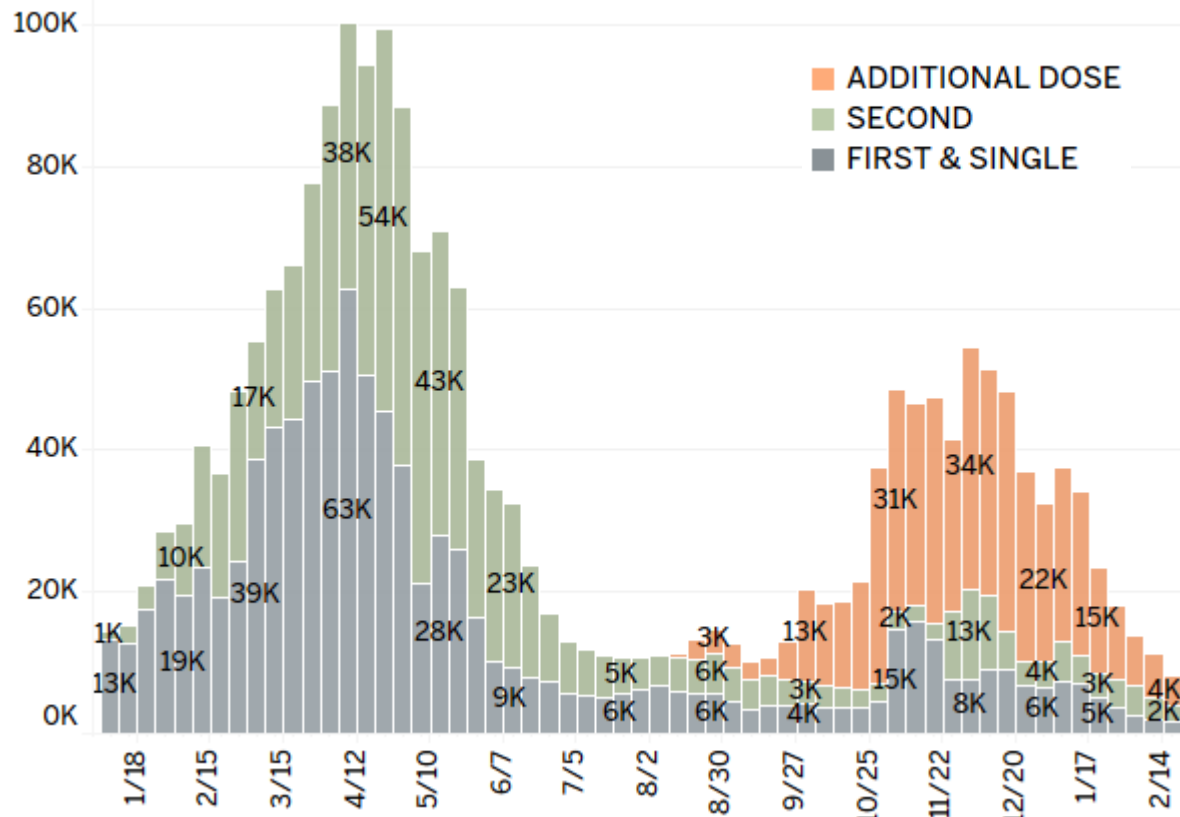
Chart reflects percent of total age group population that received doses. Percentage estimates are reflected as ranges for ages 12-17 and ages 5-11 due to higher margins of error.

- **58%** of the fully vaccinated 18+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=440,860]
- **76%** of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=125,127]

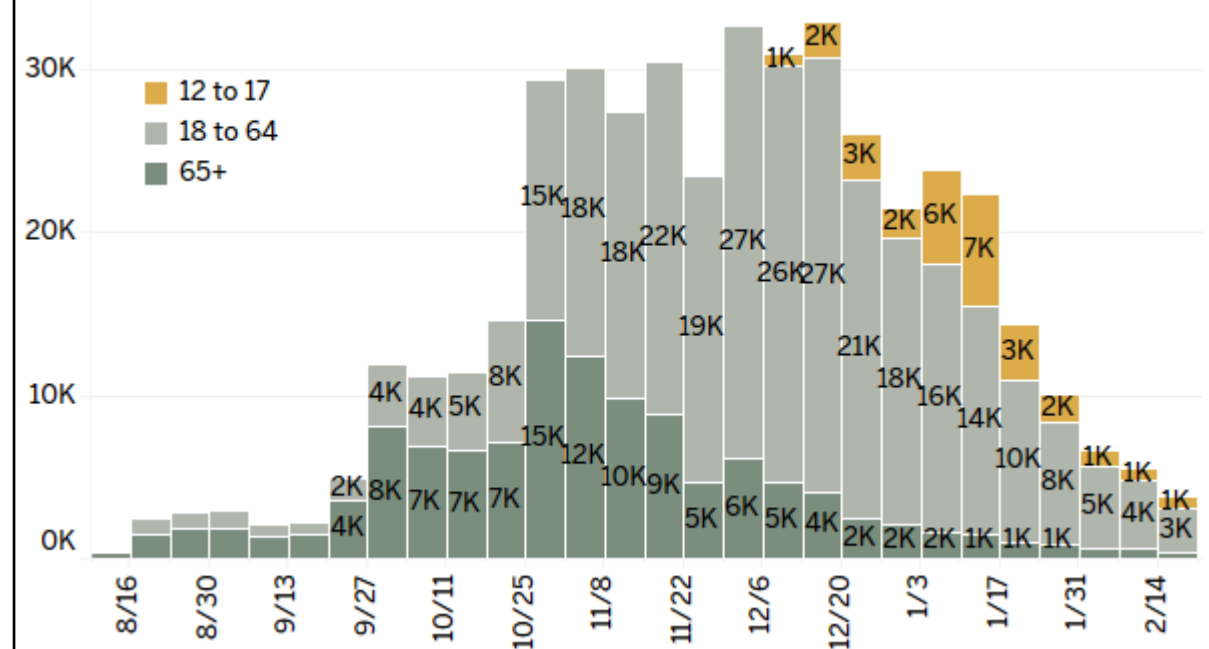
# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: FIRST-DOSE WEEKLY VOLUME

Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **February 20, 2022**.

## VACCINATIONS BY TYPE



## ADDITIONAL DOSES BY AGE GROUP

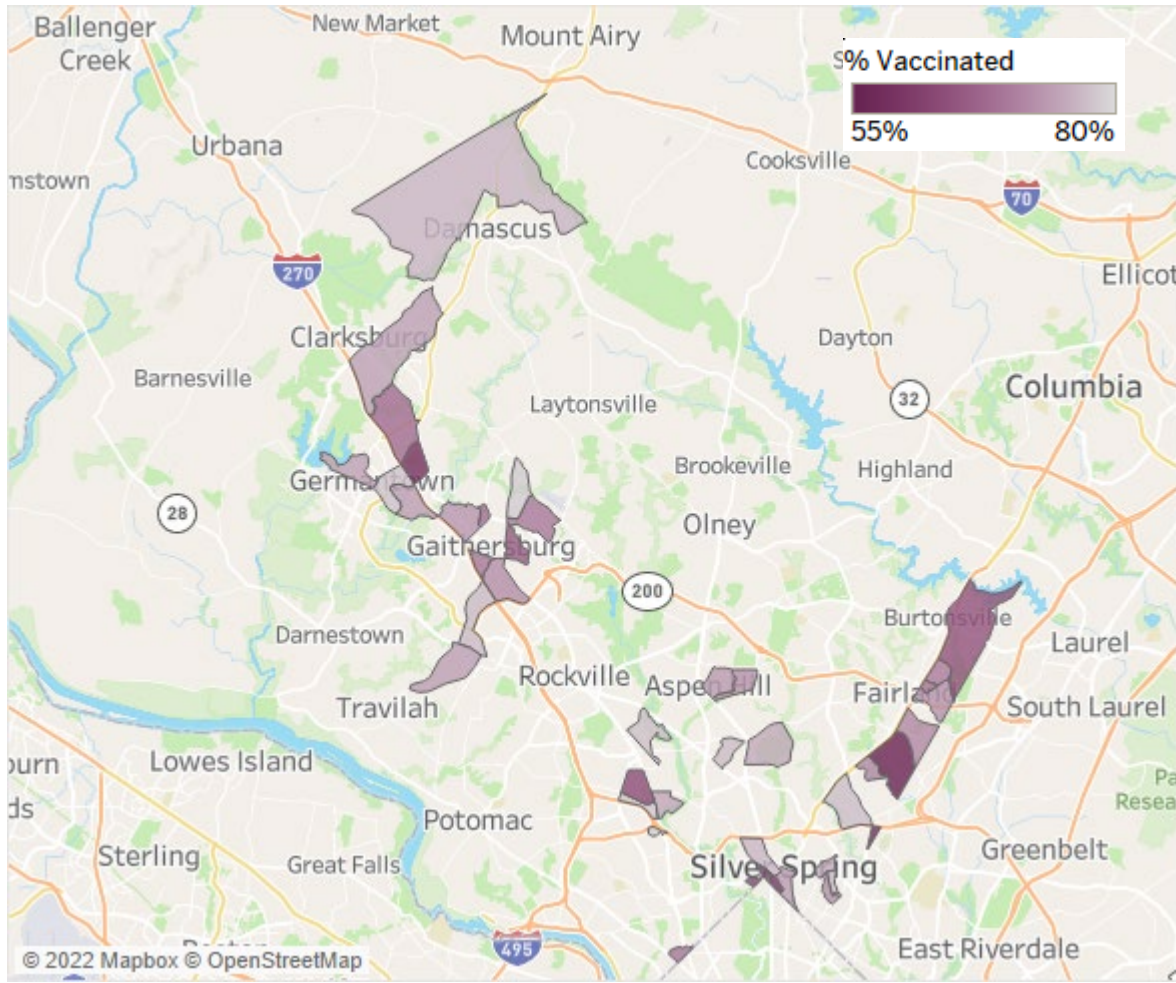


An additional dose is the third dose identified for individuals first administered Pfizer or Moderna, and the second dose identified for individuals first administered J&J. Doses are counted without regard to date. Total counts are estimations and not precise due to entry errors and missing doses for Marylanders who received any of their doses out of state.

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

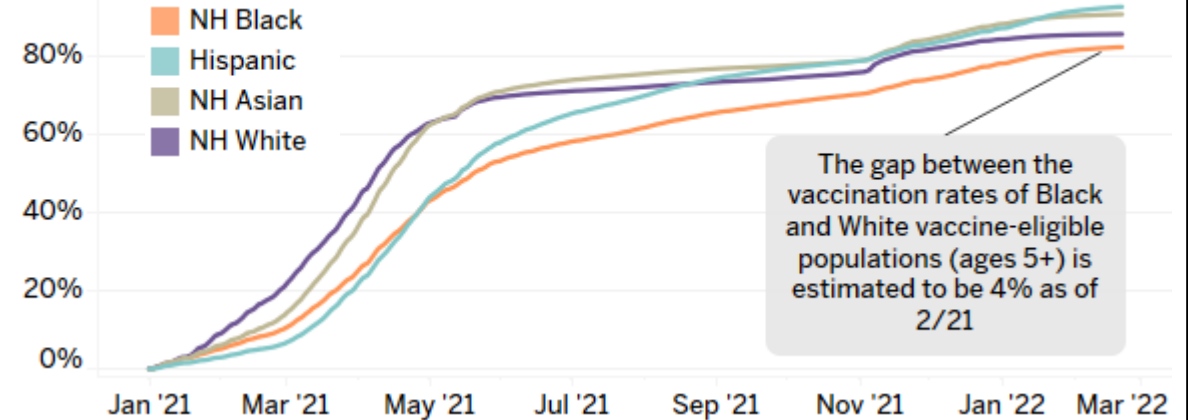
## TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES



Across the highlighted tracts above, 30% of the population is White non-Hispanic, 27% is Black non-Hispanic, 24% is Hispanic, and 15% is Asian/Pacific Islander.

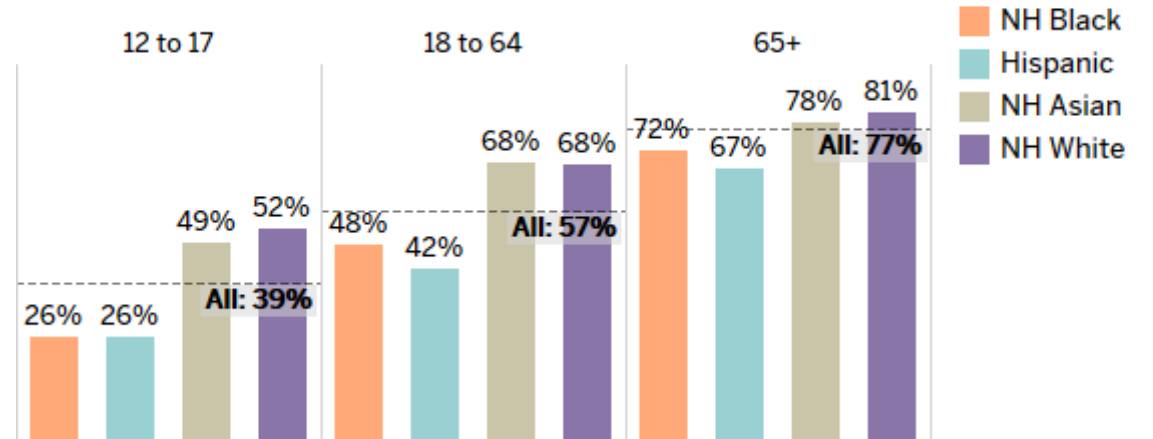
## FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY RACE

### Population Ages 5+ First-Dose Rates



## ADDITIONAL DOSE RATES BY RACE & AGE

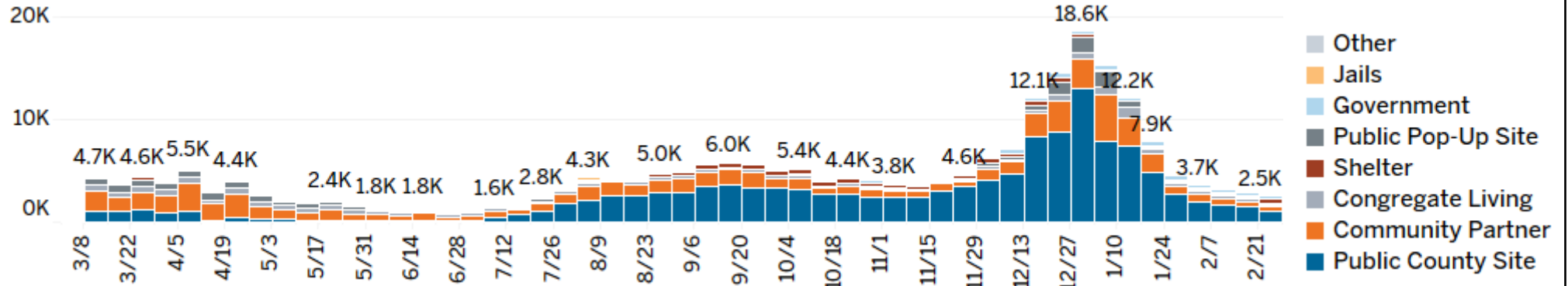
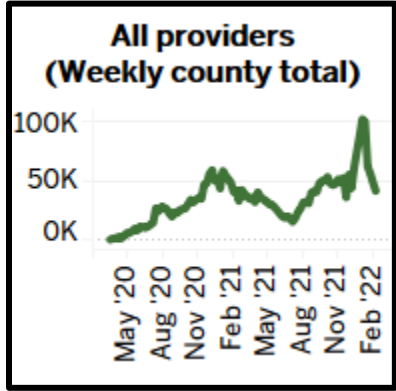
### Percent of Vaccinated Who Received Booster



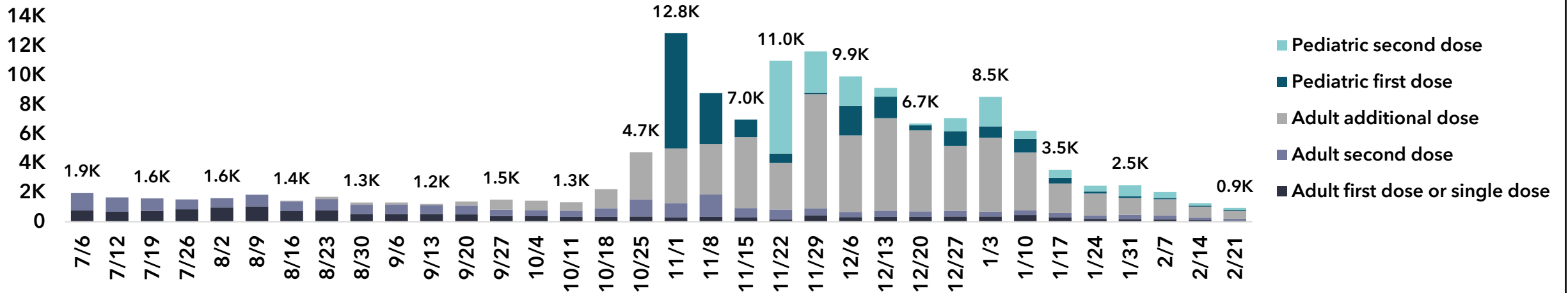


# COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

## DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 2,525 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



## DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 938 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



Data are subject to retroactive changes.

# DISTRIBUTION OF RAPID TESTS

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

- More than 1.6M kits have been distributed
- 815,612 kits and 1,002,875 masks have been distributed at libraries
  - *Test kits and masks are now available during all hours that libraries are open.*
- 440,280 rapid test kits have been provided to MCPS
- 134,098 test kits & 226,003 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 data and positivity rate 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.
- Data on county government coordinated testing and vaccinations are collected by DHHS daily.