

DHHS PULSE REPORT

COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY

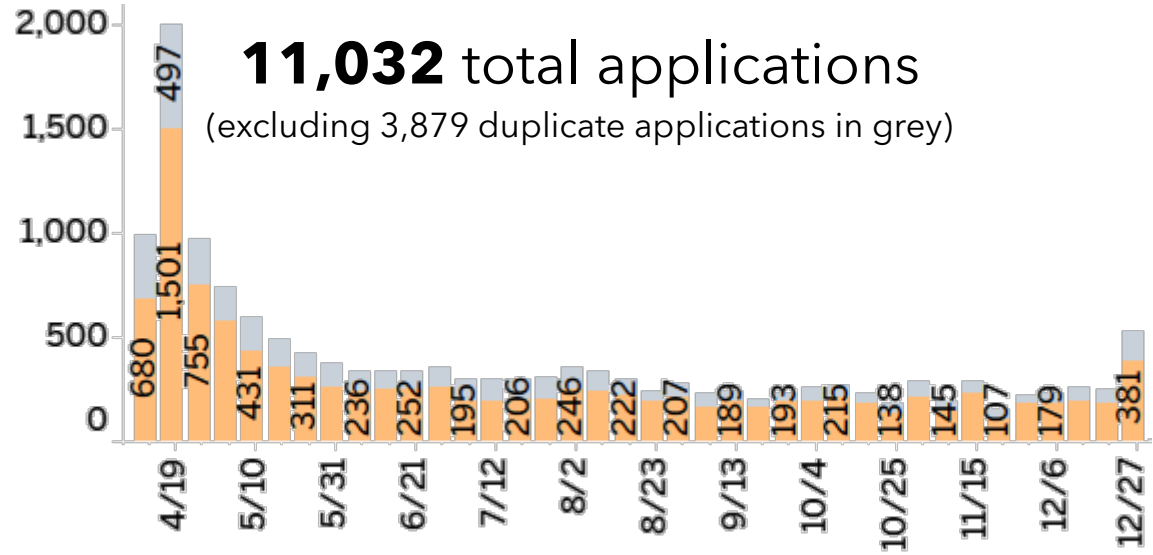
April 6, 2022



RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND

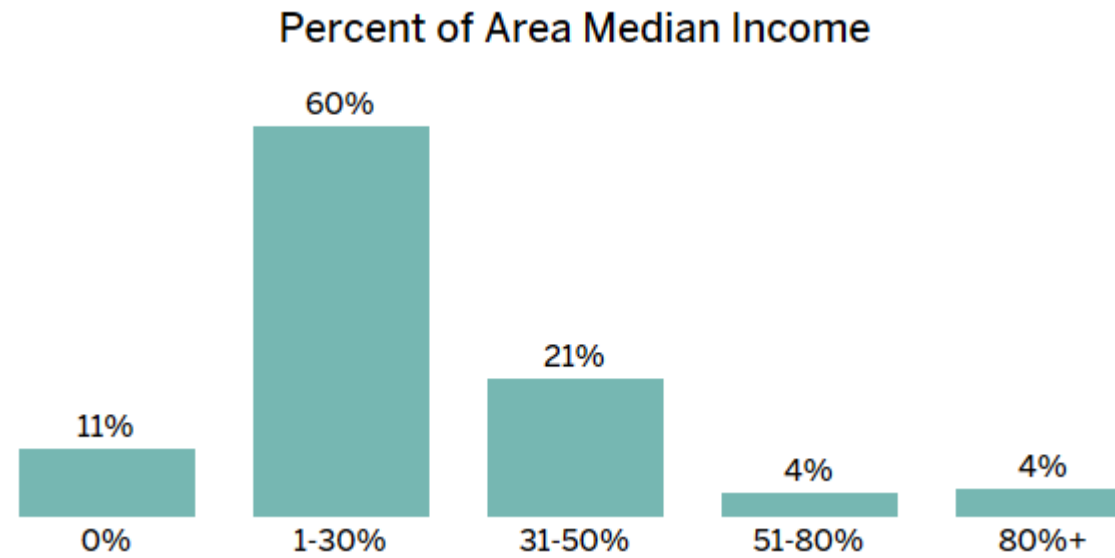
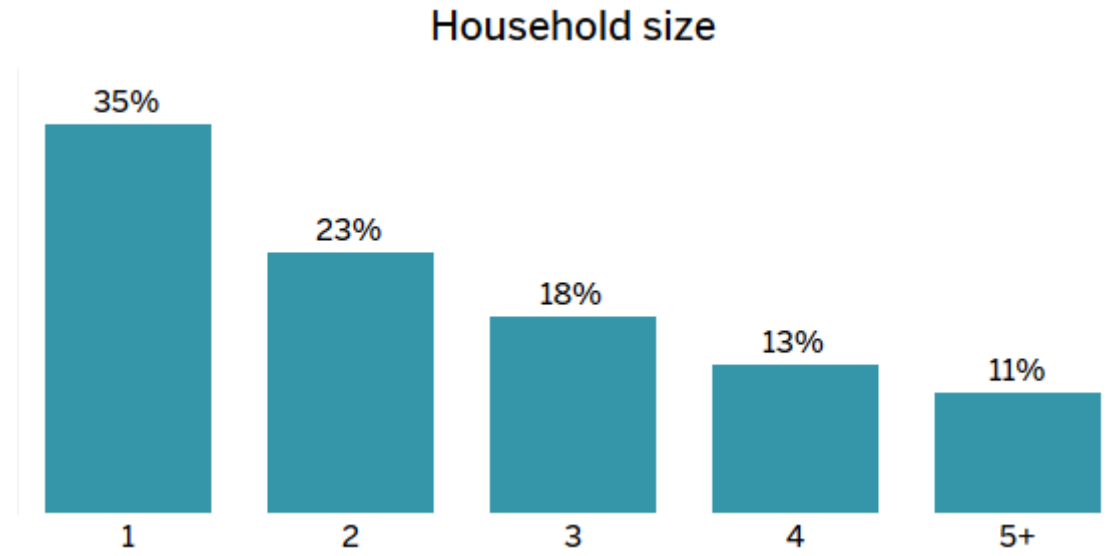
COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF MAR 28-APR 3

APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)



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

APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

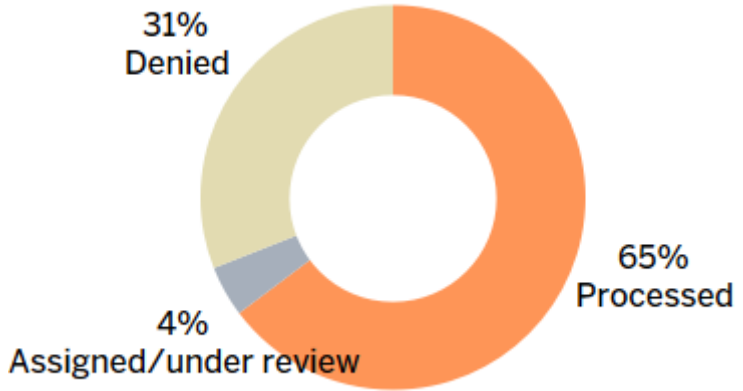


APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **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**

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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.

*As of 3/28. Processing delayed last week due to switch in software.

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:

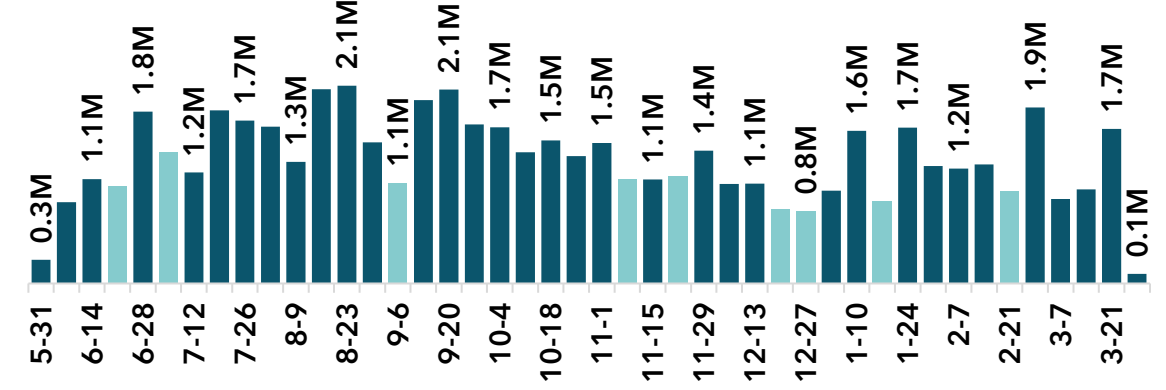
- **\$76.2M** in payments
- **10,301** households

APPROVALS

Payment approvals and processing were delayed week of 3/28 due to a switch in application processing systems.

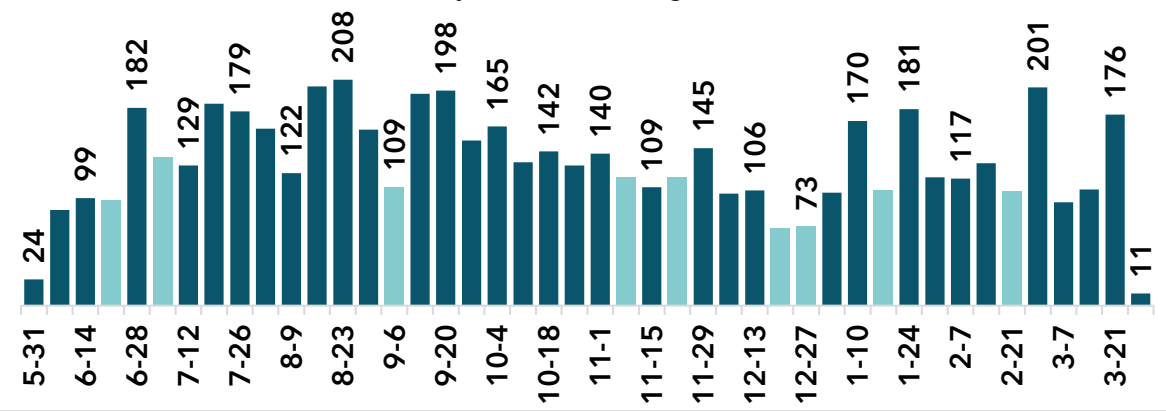
Total Approved Payments: \$58.3M

(4-day workweek in light blue)



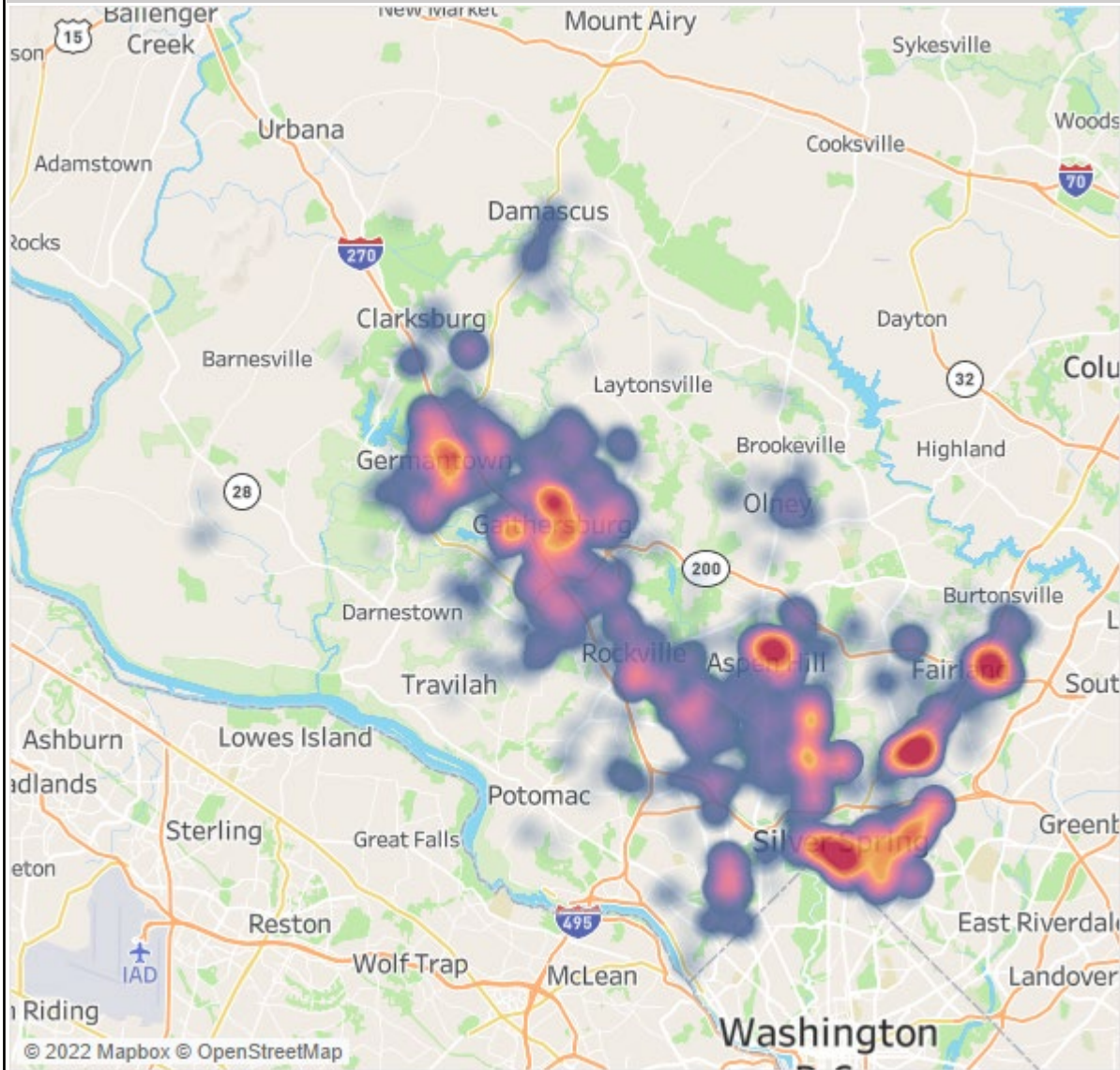
Total Approved Households: 5,805

(4-day workweek in light blue)

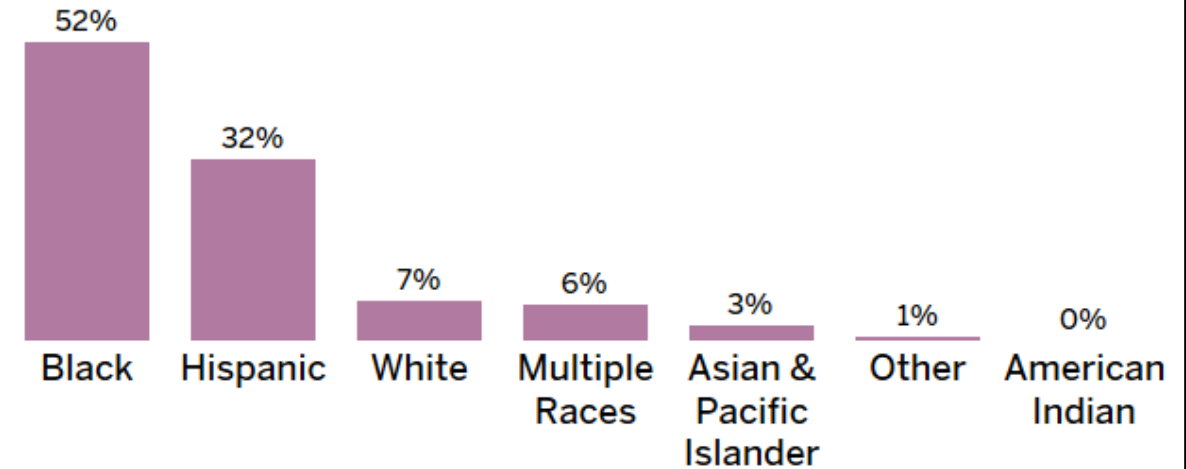


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HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS



RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY



ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS

- Average client payment: **\$10K**
- **64%** of payments arrears; **36%** prospective
- **46%** of awarded households are in high-need areas as defined by the Homeless Prevention Index

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF MAR 28-APR 3

ERAP1 EXPENDITURES

Award*

\$59.5M

Current spending and
encumbered

\$59.5M



* Total ERAP1 includes direct and state funding.

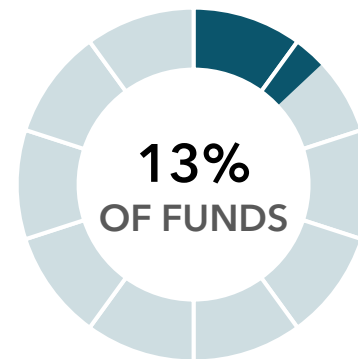
ERAP2 EXPENDITURES

Award

\$34.1M

Current spending and
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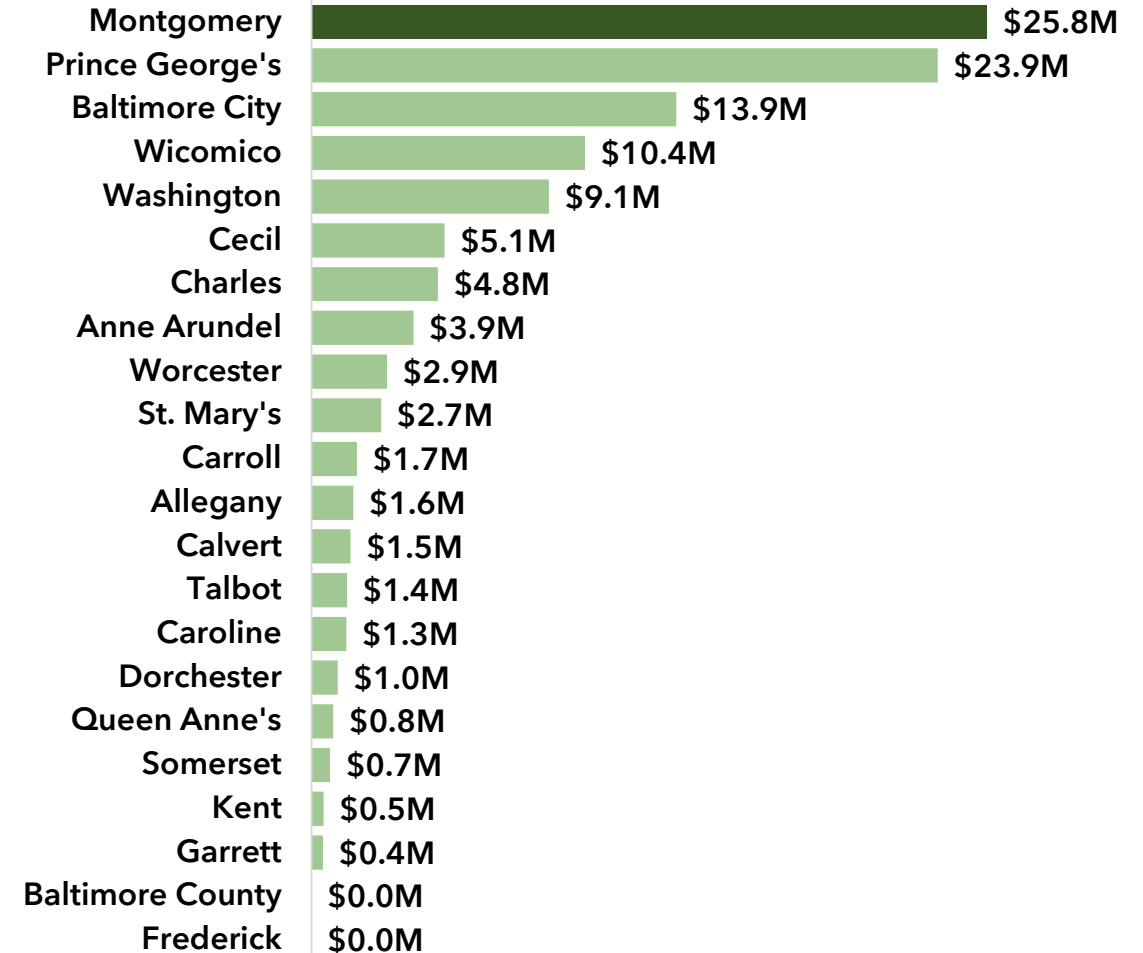
\$4M



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

STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY (ERAP1)

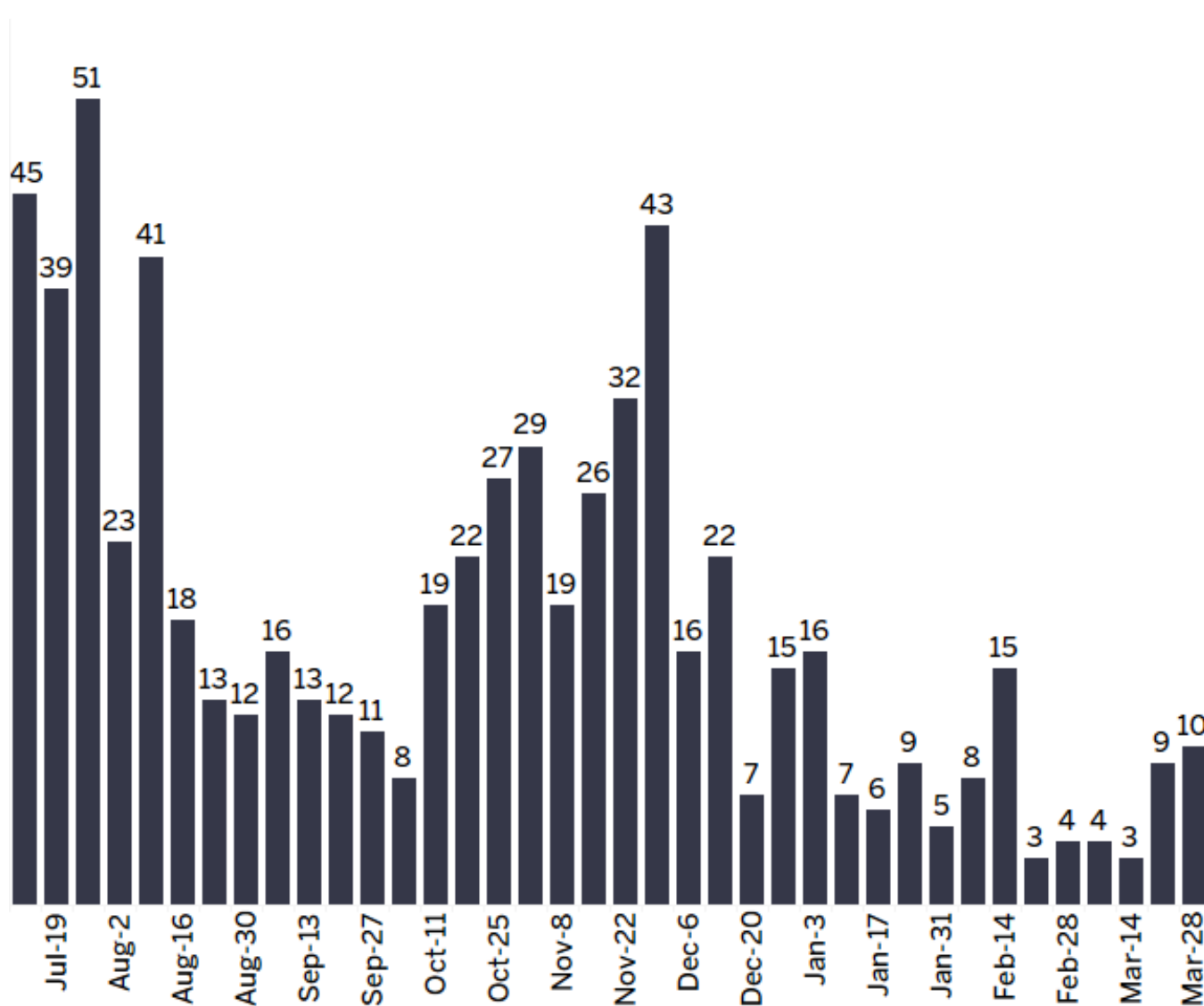
As of 1.31.2022



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

EVICTON TRACKER

NEW WRITS BY WEEK

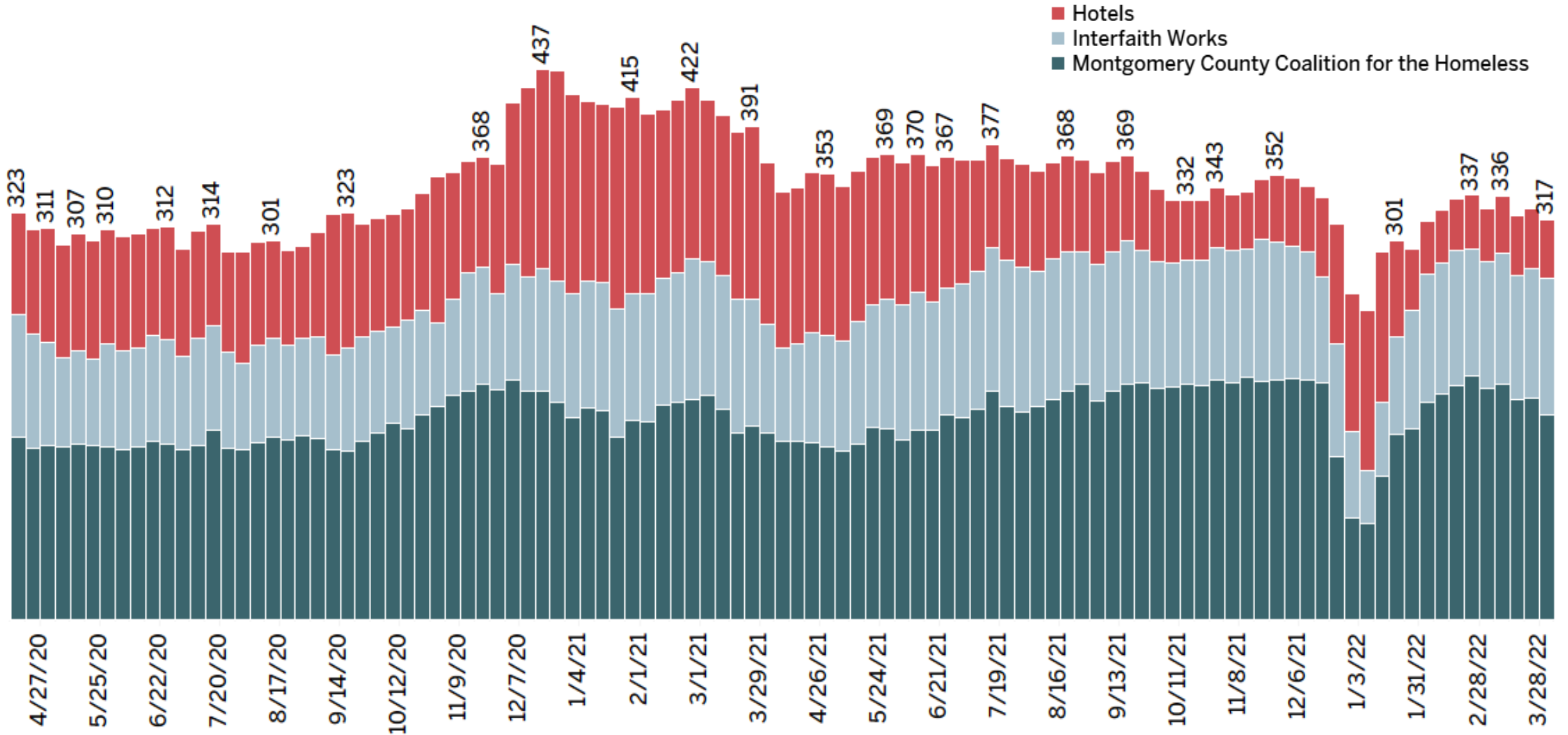


- **958** residents scheduled for eviction after July 19
- **45%** of households with writ have applied for emergency rental assistance
- Context: **fewer than 8%** of writs typically result in eviction

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

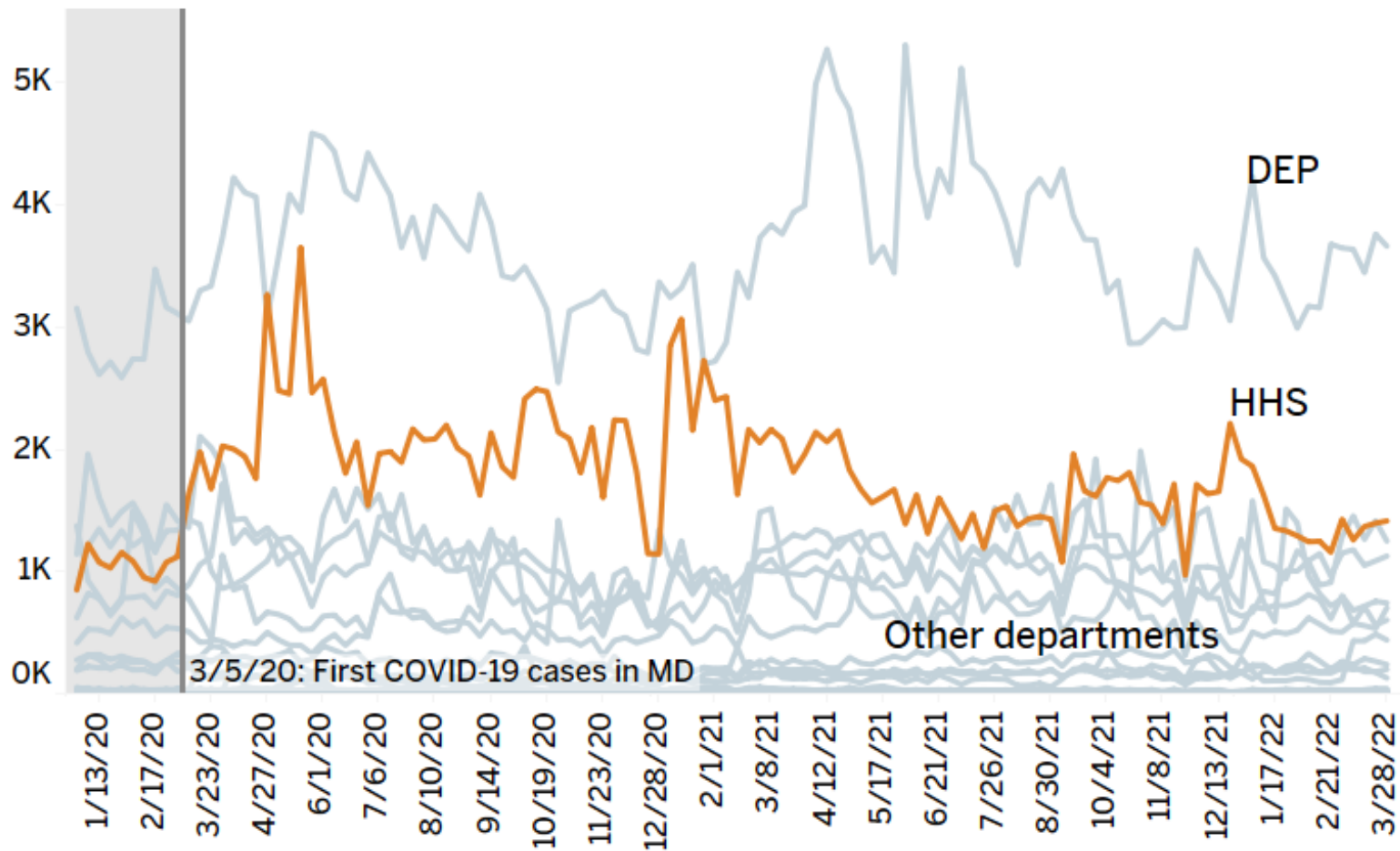


NOTE: Up to March 7, total occupancy did not include MCCH-affiliated hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

1,414 calls last week for DHHS services



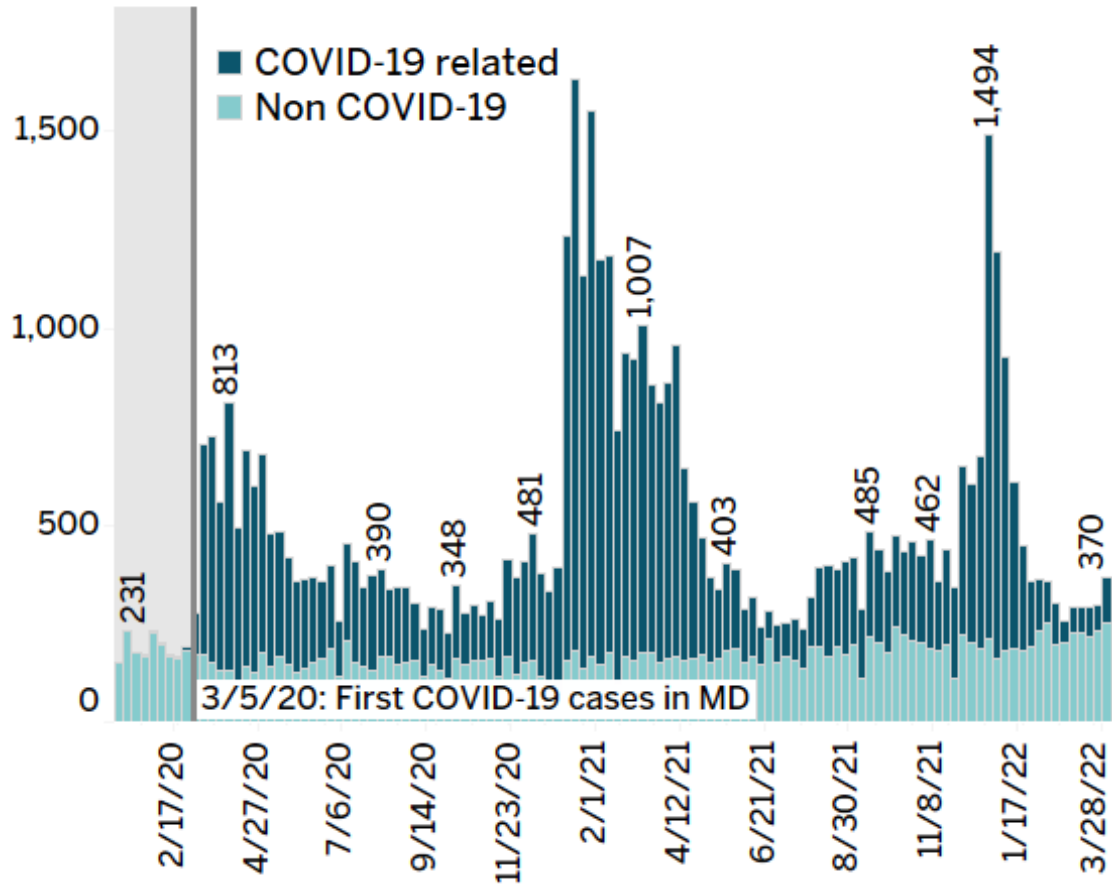
- 46% of last week's DHHS service calls were regarding public assistance programs
 - Most questions regarding public assistance are referred to the Office of Eligibility and Support Services, which in February fielded 2,054 direct calls and 1,734 referrals from MC311
- 8% of DHHS calls to MC311 were about the COVID Rental Relief Program

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

PUBLIC HEALTH

370 calls last week for Public Health

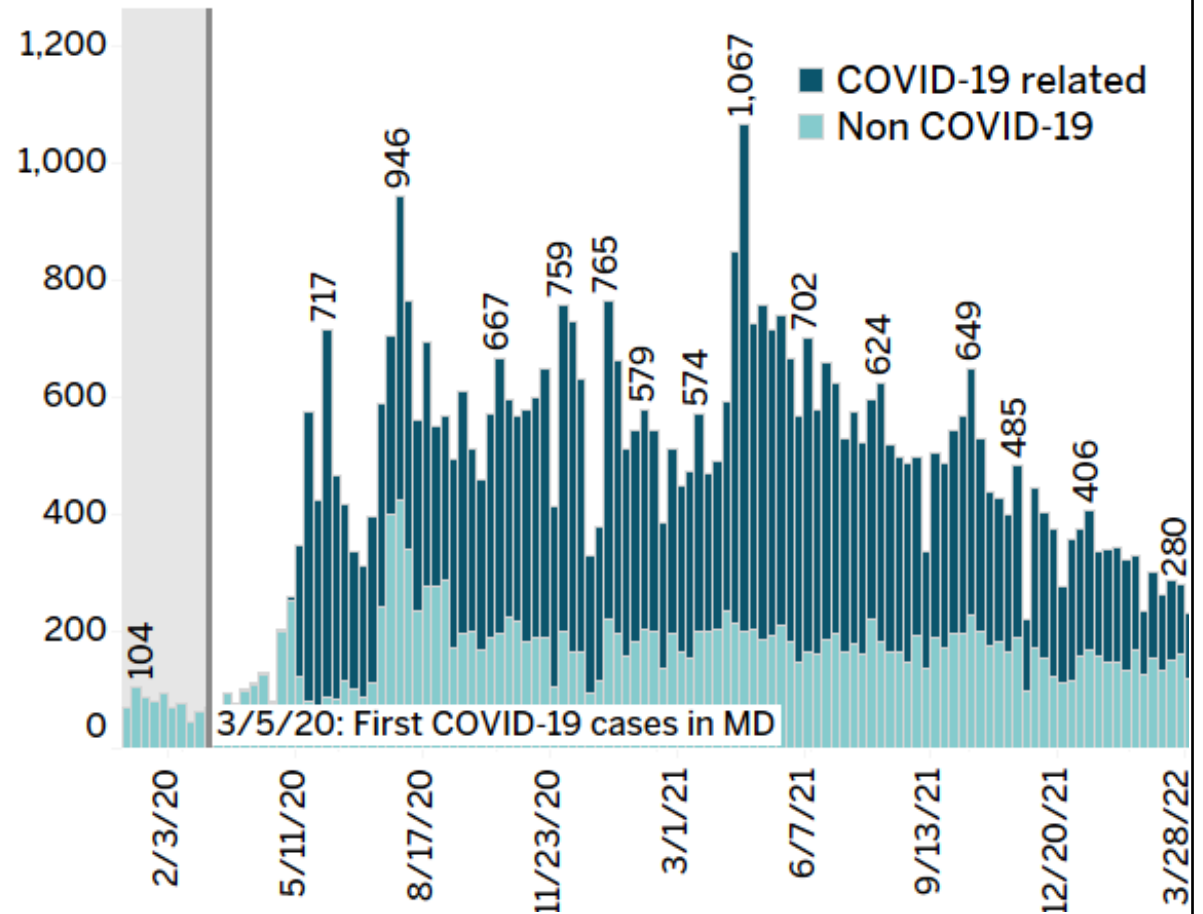
32% related to COVID-19



SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

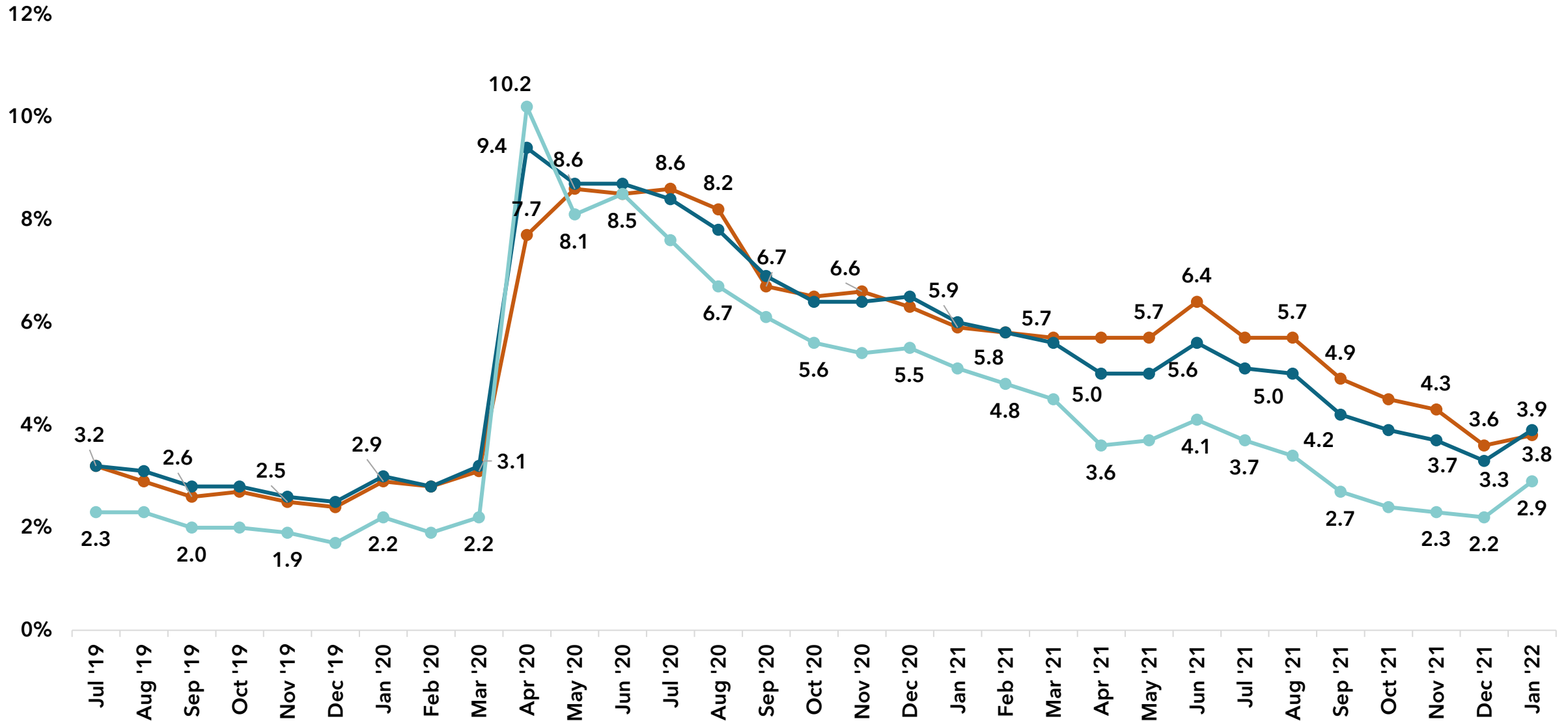
231 calls last week for SEPH

48% related to COVID-19



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

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



COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING



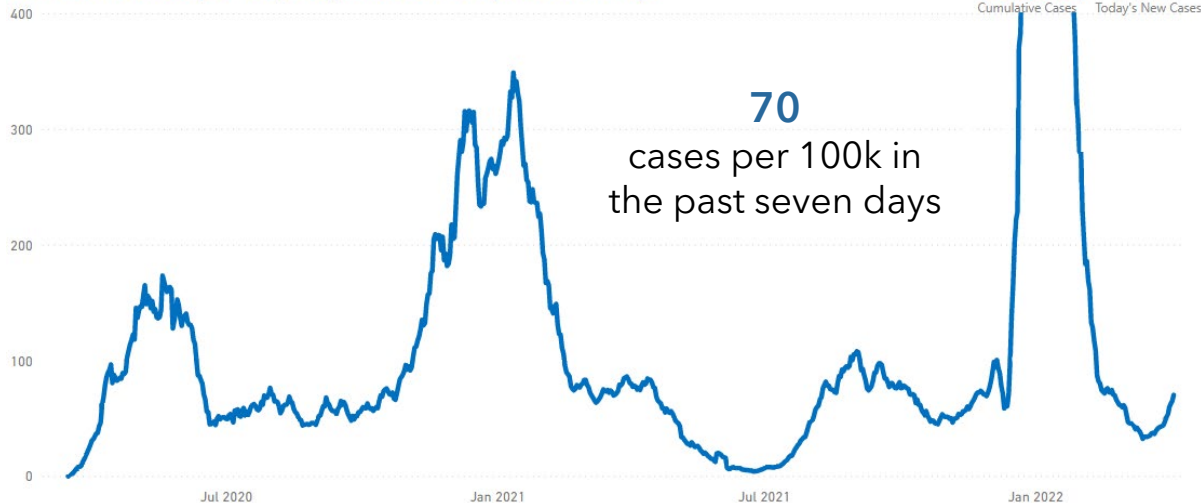
COVID-19 CASES & HOSPITALIZATIONS/BED USE

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

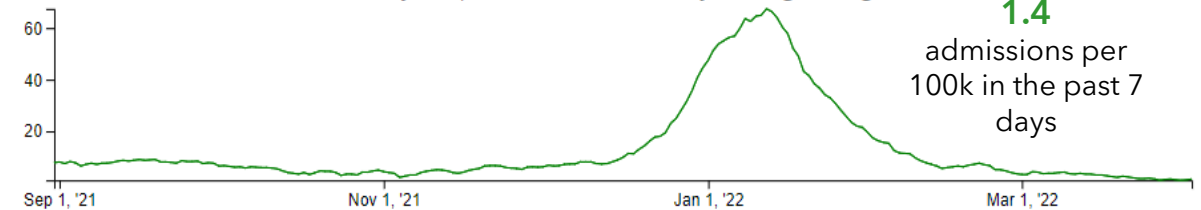
CASES AS OF 4/5/22

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

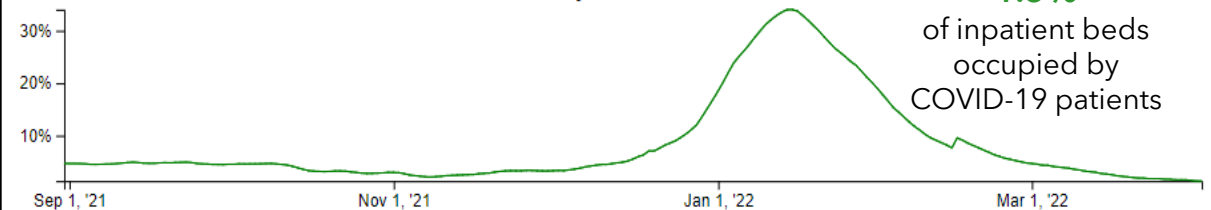


HOSPITALIZATIONS & BED USE AS OF 4/2/22*

Daily Hospital Admissions - 7-Day Moving Average



Daily % Beds Used

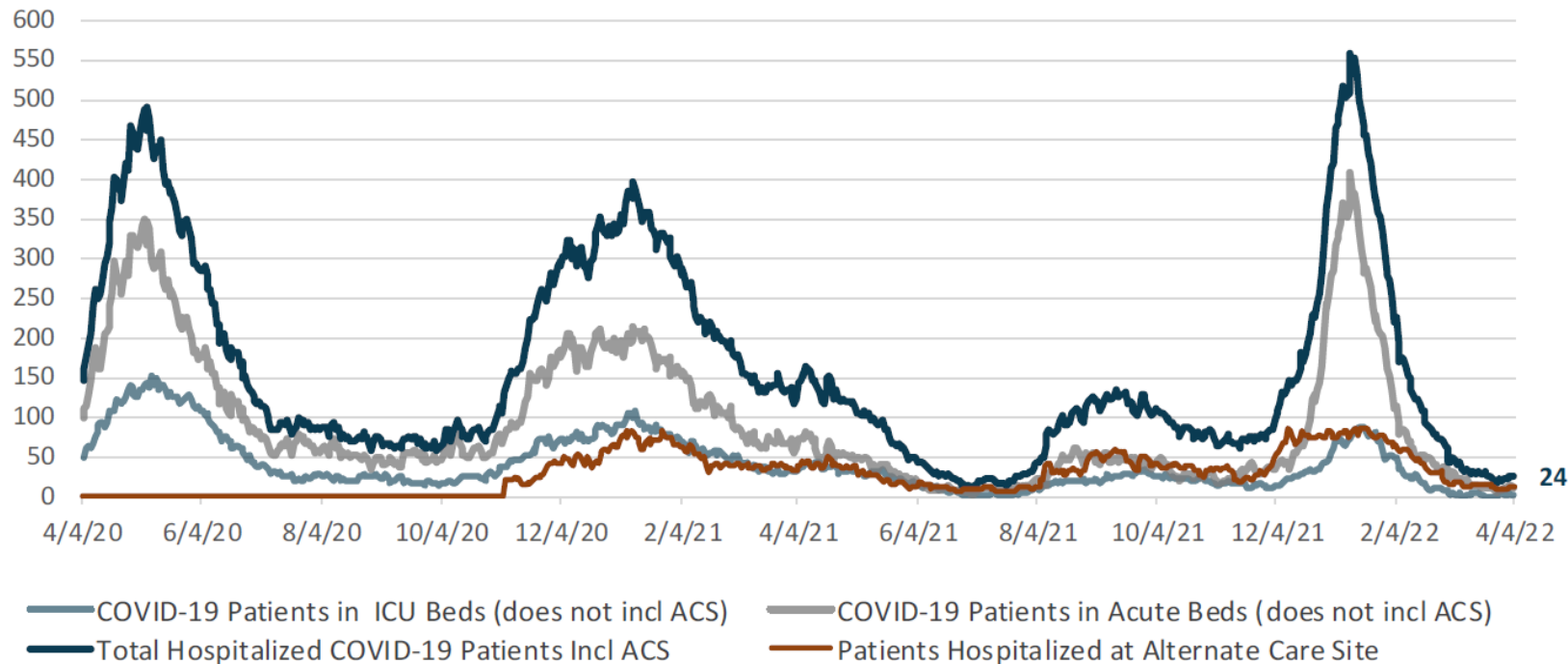


For real-time updates, visit the COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/> and the CDC's Integrated County View page for Montgomery County: <https://bit.ly/3ITKTIP>

* The CDC metric for percent of inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients differs from the percent reflected on Montgomery County's surveillance dashboard due to data delays and differences in how the CDC groups hospital services areas. DHHS and CountyStat are working to align the two metrics. Case rate and hospital admissions may be delayed on CDC site relative to county dashboard.

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 1:00 pm 4/4/22

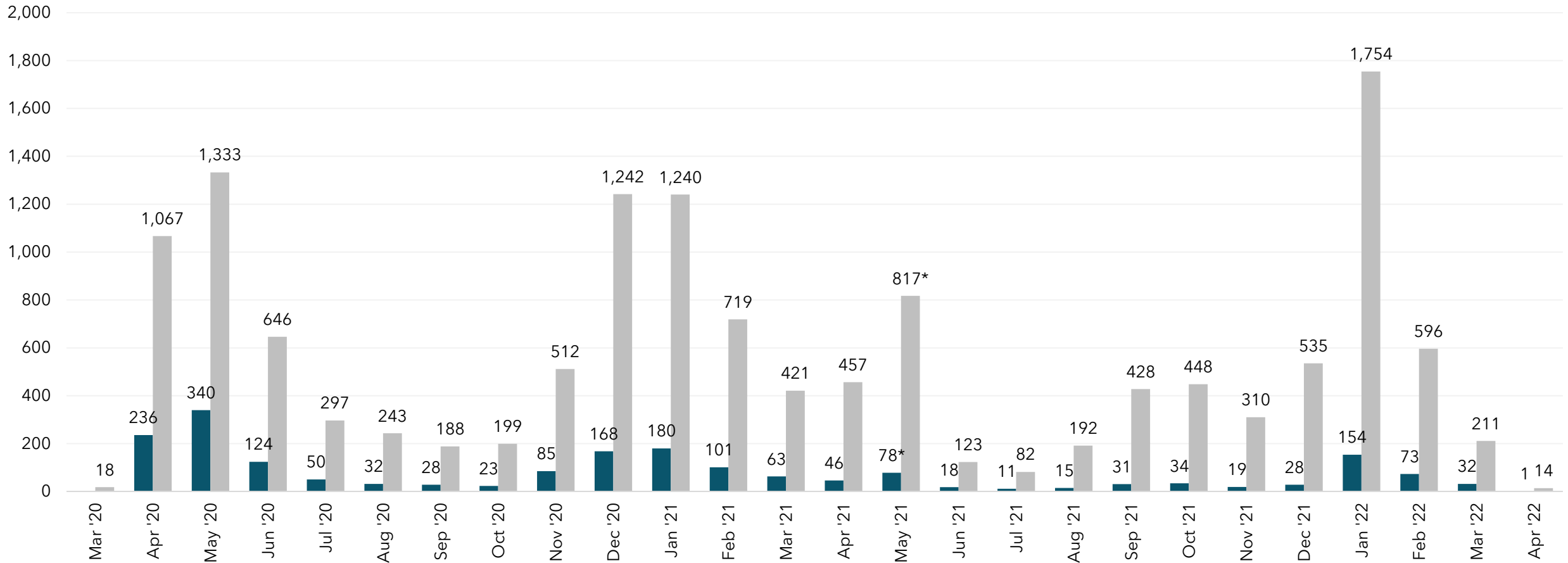


- There are 24 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 4/4. Acute care occupancy (11) and ICU bed occupancy (2) have increased slightly since last week (+6 and +2, respectively.)
- 1.6% of hospital beds in the community are occupied by patients with a COVID diagnosis (as of 4/5).
- 11 patients are currently 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 4/4/22

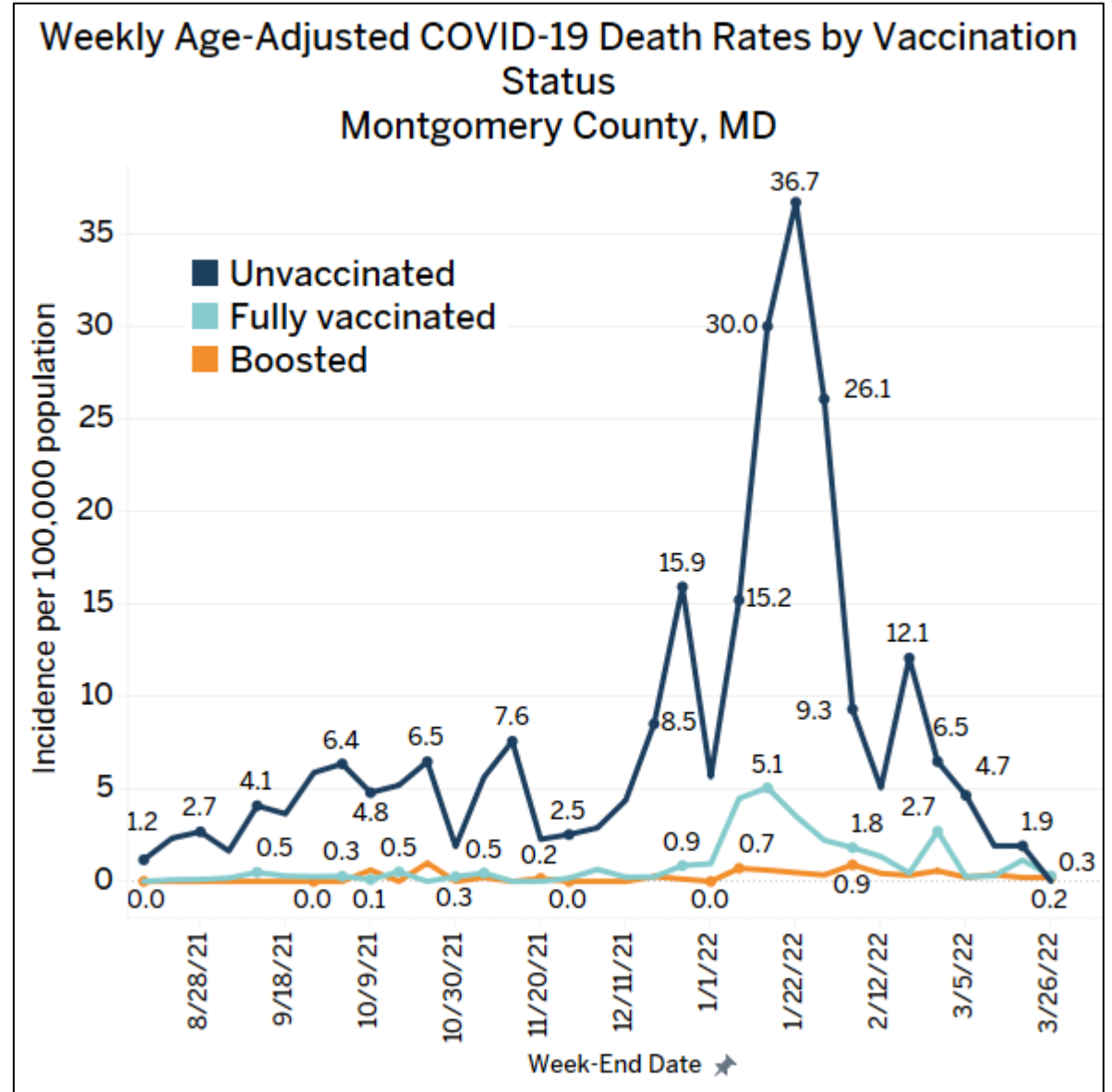
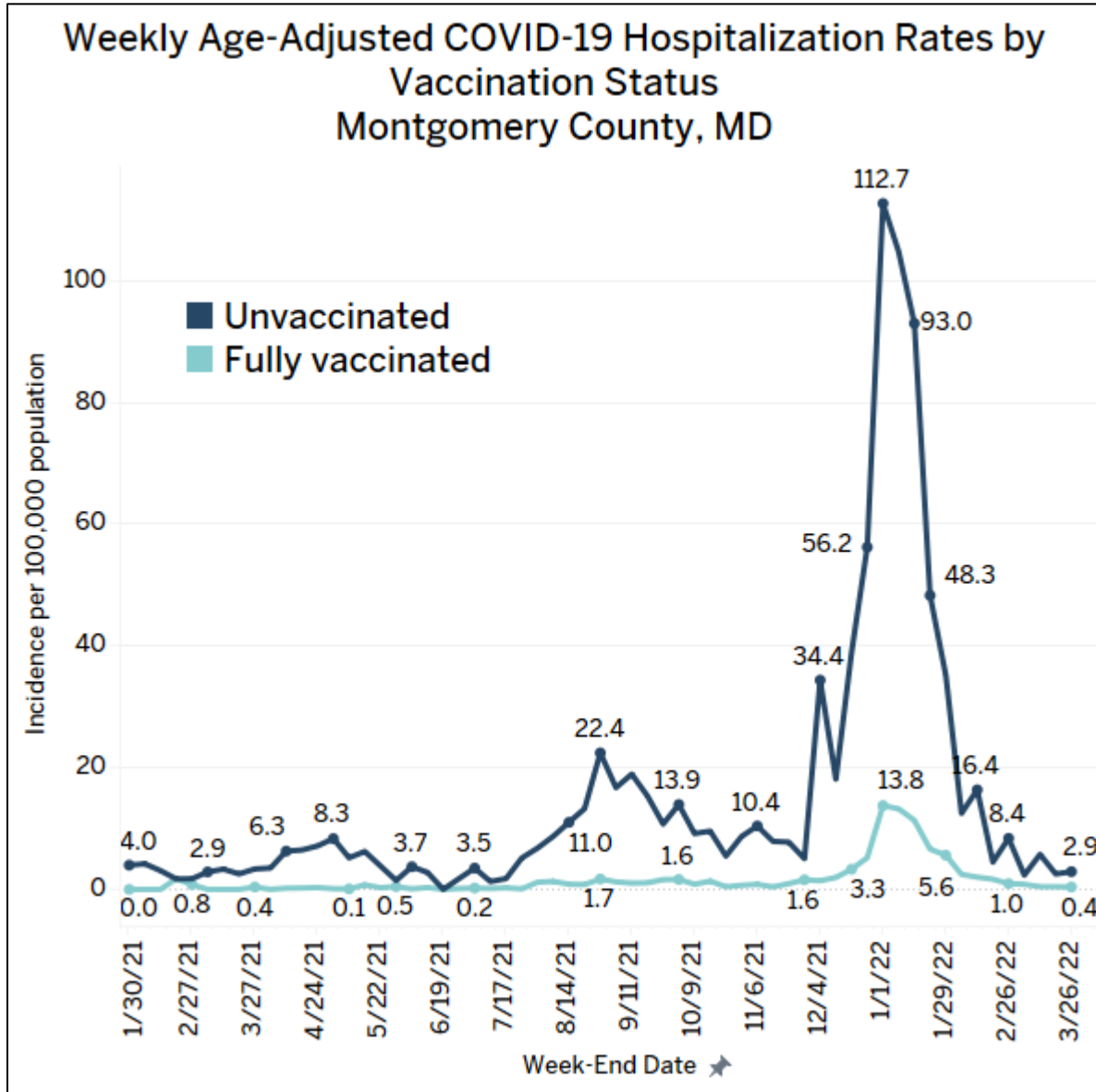
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*VSA revised death data on May 27, 2021 to include COVID-19 deaths not previously counted.

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 3/28/22)

- **≥95%*** of total population received at least **ONE DOSE** [N=1,066,651]
- **87%** of total population received at least **TWO DOSES** (fully vaccinated) [N=909,718]
- **54%** of fully vaccinated population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=487,339]

*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 some federal entities within Montgomery County.

VACCINATIONS BY AGE GROUP

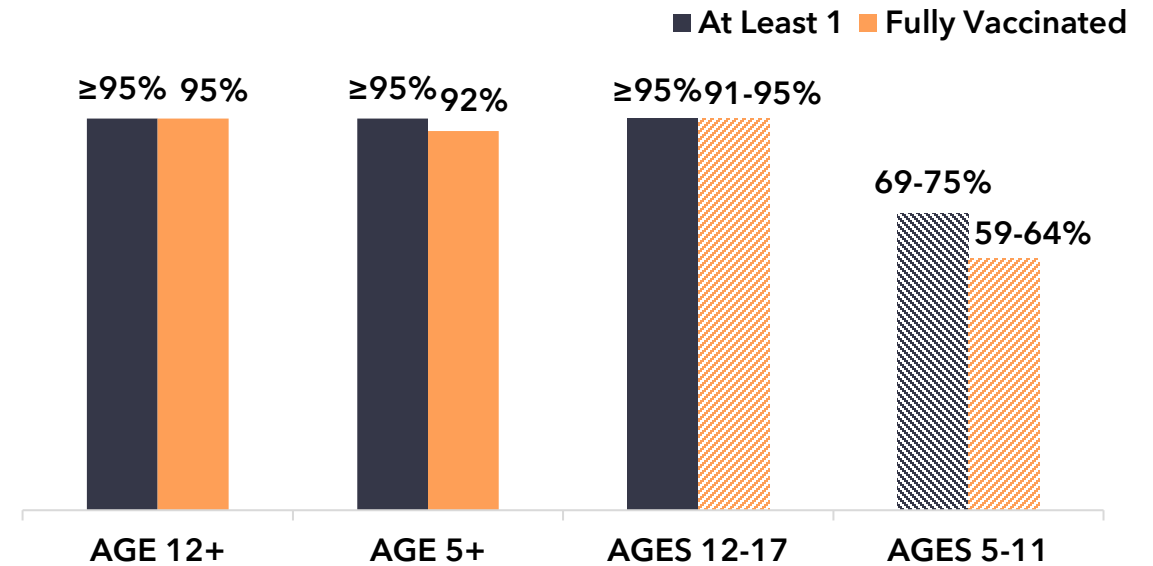


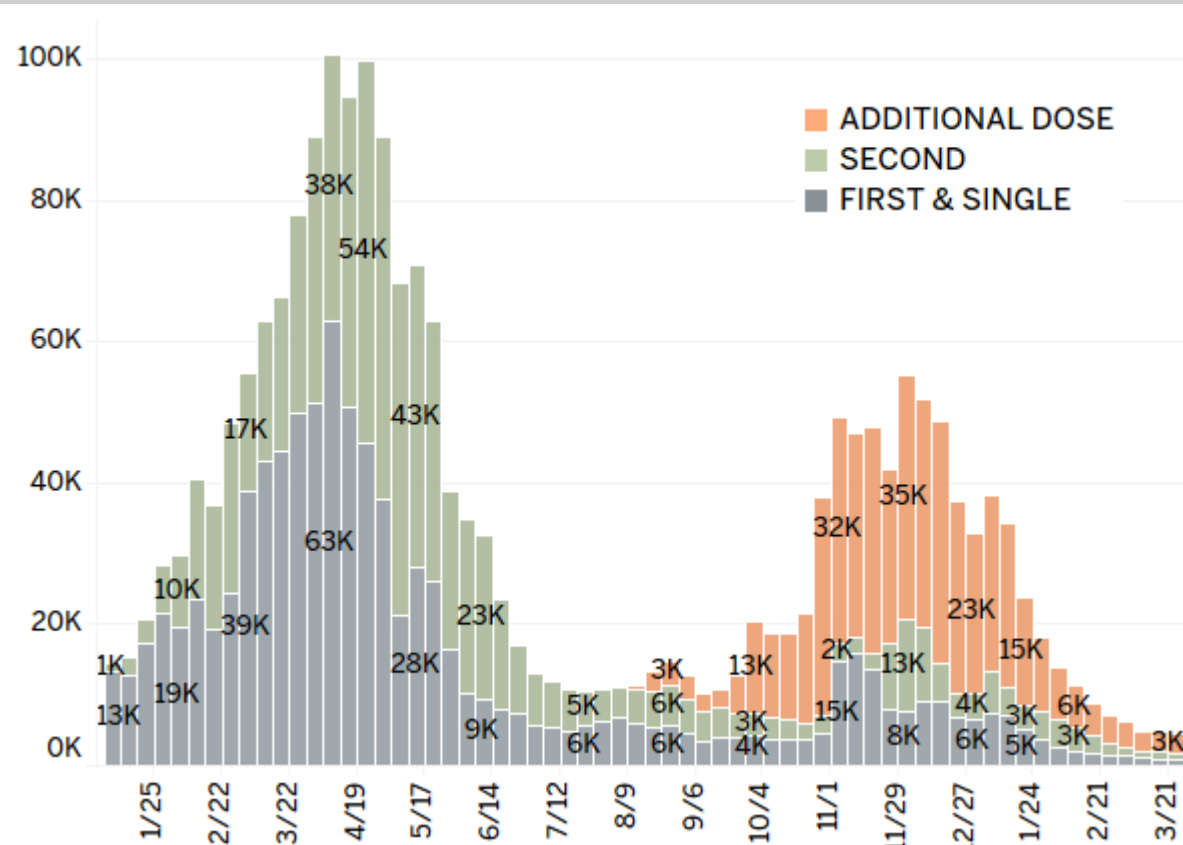
Chart reflects percent of total age group population that received doses. Percentage estimates are reflected as ranges for ages 12-17 and ages 5-11 due to higher margins of error.

- **57%** of the fully vaccinated 12+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=488,152]
- **77%** of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a **BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=127,858]

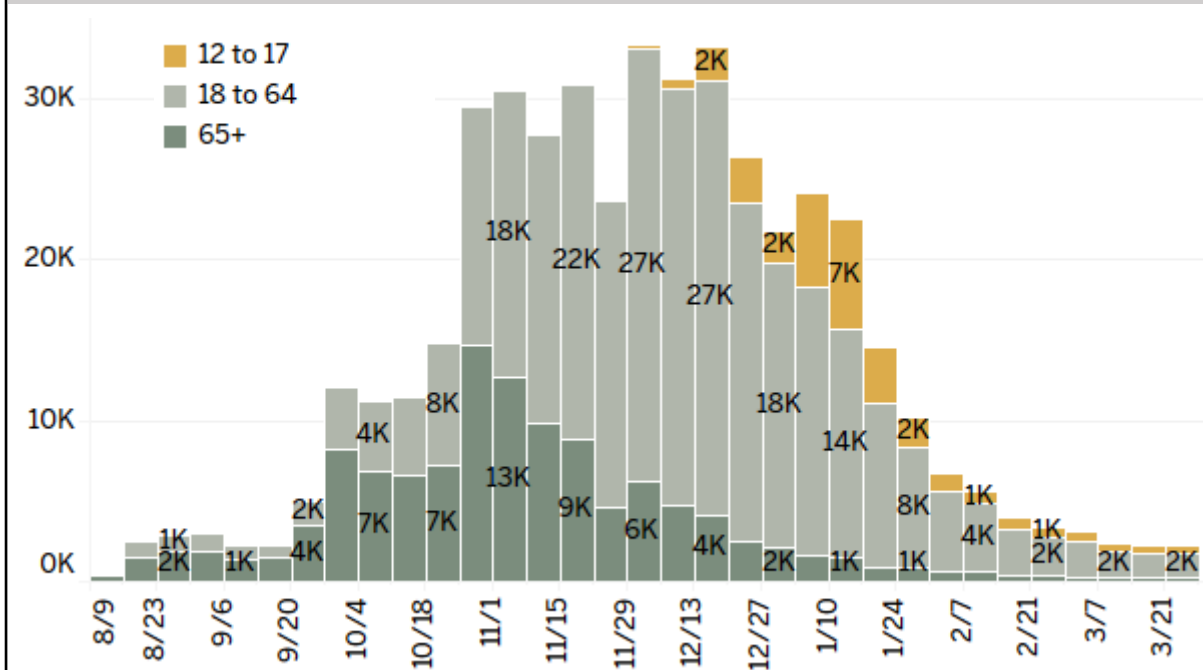
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: FIRST-DOSE WEEKLY VOLUME

Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **March 27, 2022 (prior to second booster approval)**

VACCINATIONS BY TYPE



ADDITIONAL DOSES BY AGE GROUP

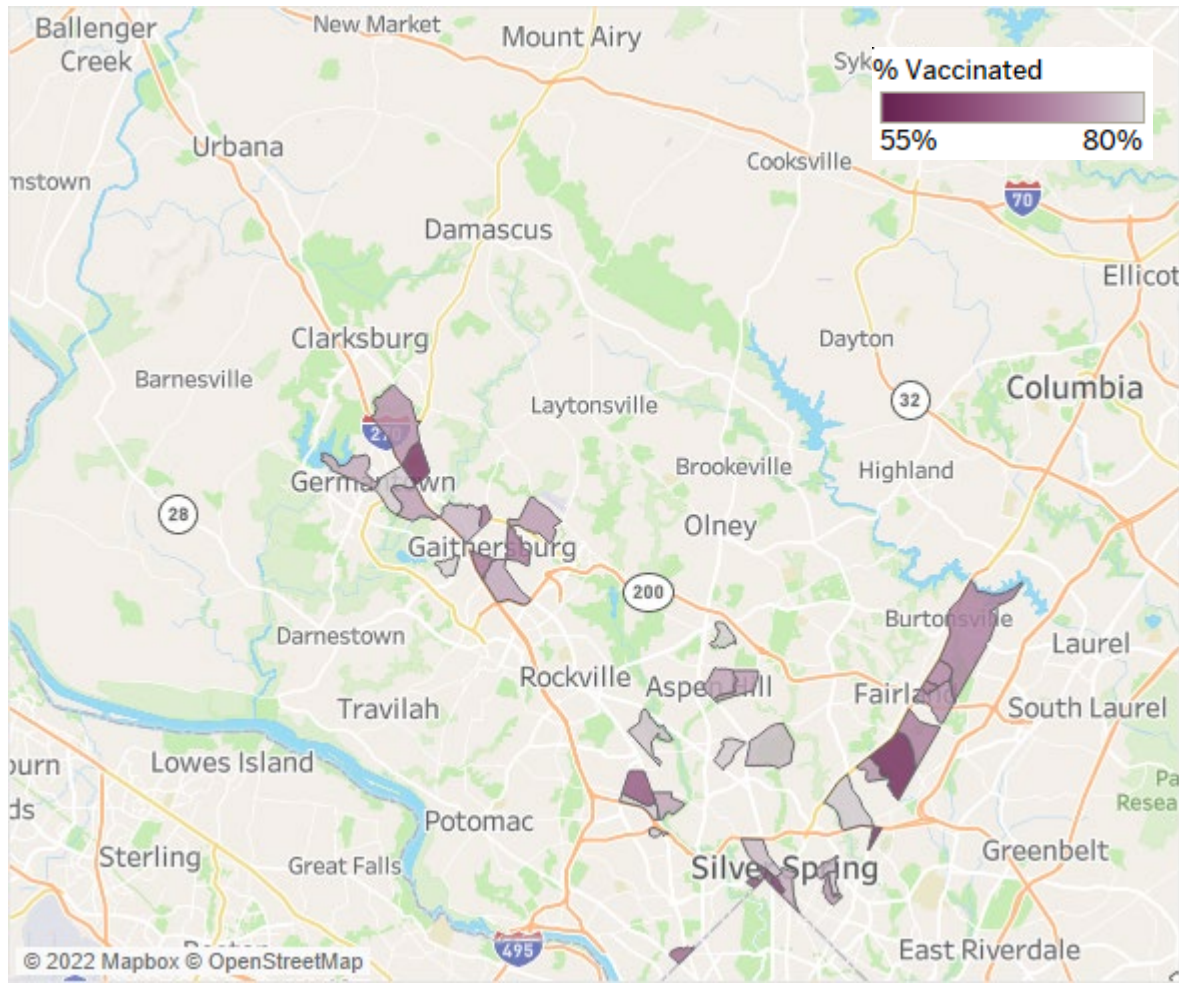


An additional dose is the third dose identified for individuals first administered Pfizer or Moderna, and the second dose identified for individuals first administered J&J. Doses are counted without regard to date. Total counts are estimations and not precise due to entry errors and missing doses for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

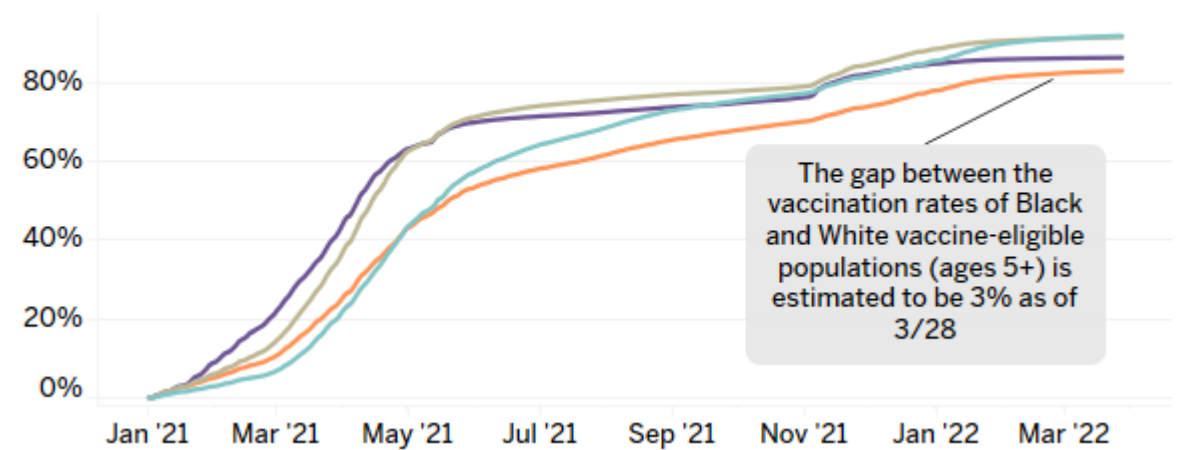
TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES



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.

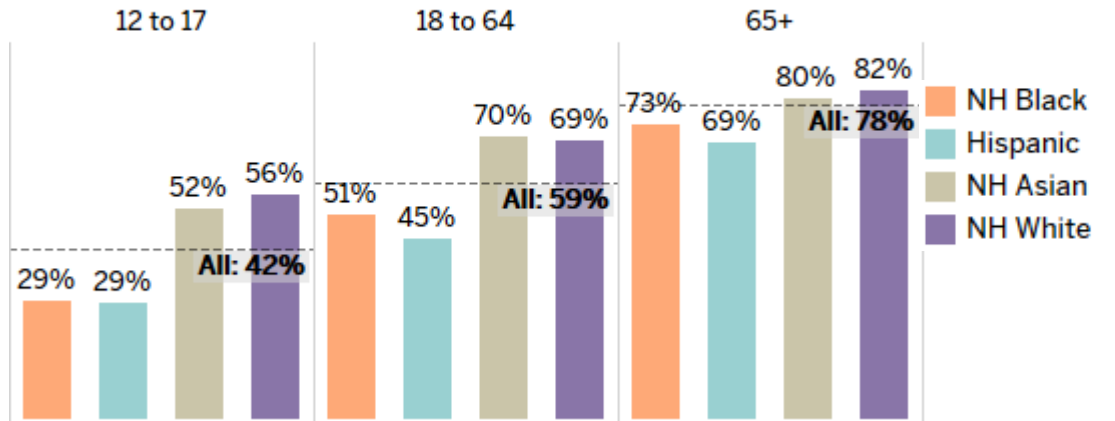
FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY RACE

Population Ages 5+ First-Dose Rates



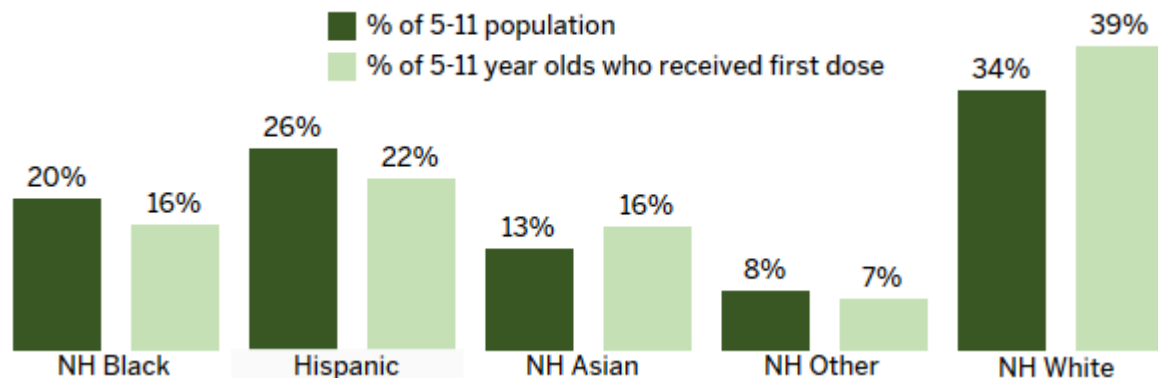
ADDITIONAL DOSE RATES BY RACE & AGE

Percent of Vaccinated Who Received Booster



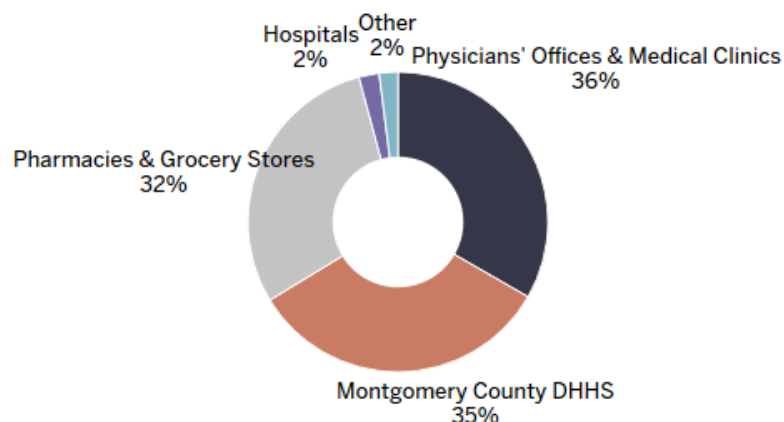
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

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.

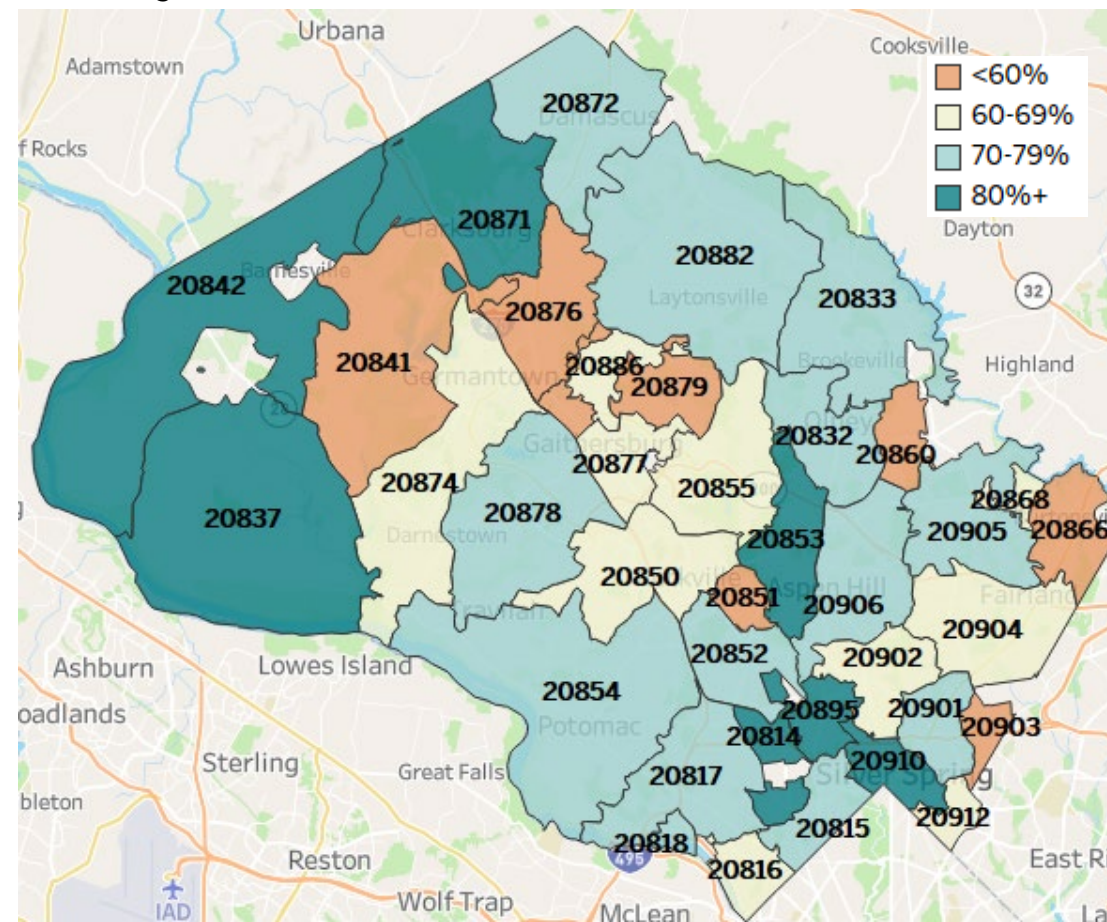
PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROVIDERS



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

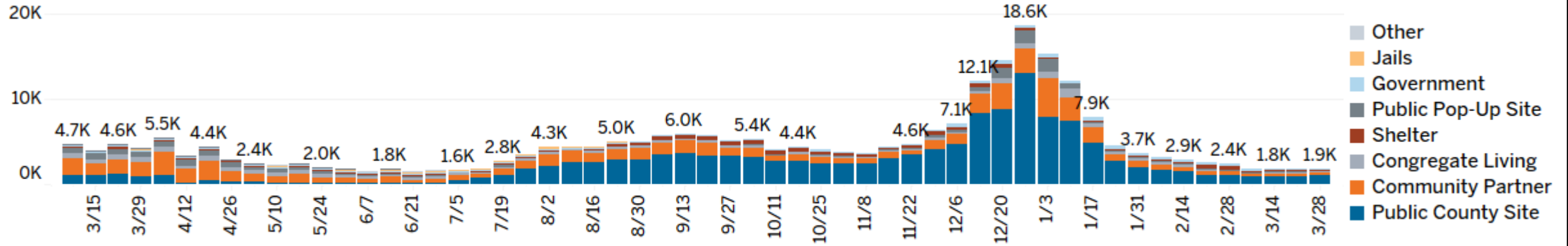
FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY ZIP CODE

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.

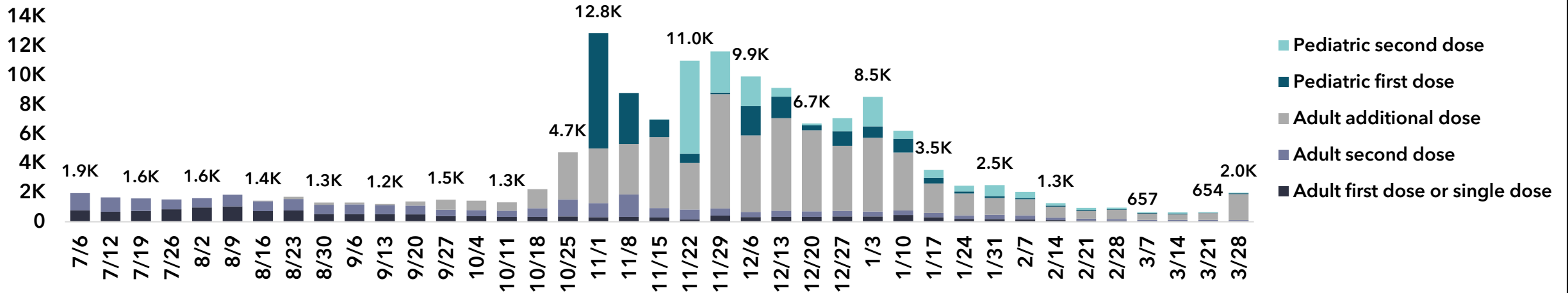


COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 1,861 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 1,980 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 RAPID TESTS

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

- More than 1.6M kits have been distributed
- 905,673 kits and 1,099,574 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
- 135,662 test kits & 233,343 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.