DHHS PULSE REPORT

COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY
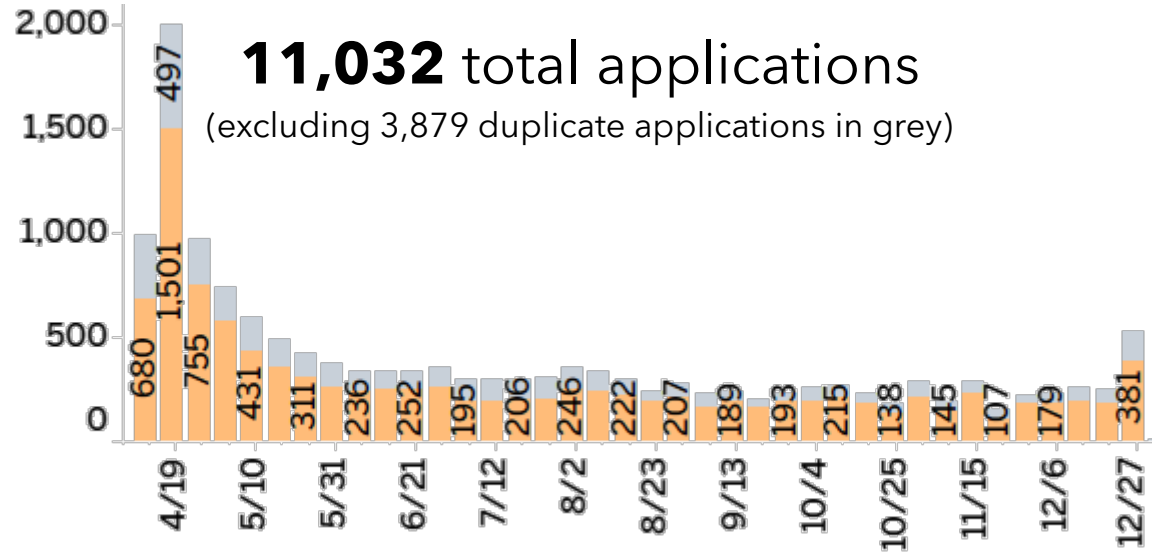
May 4, 2022

RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND
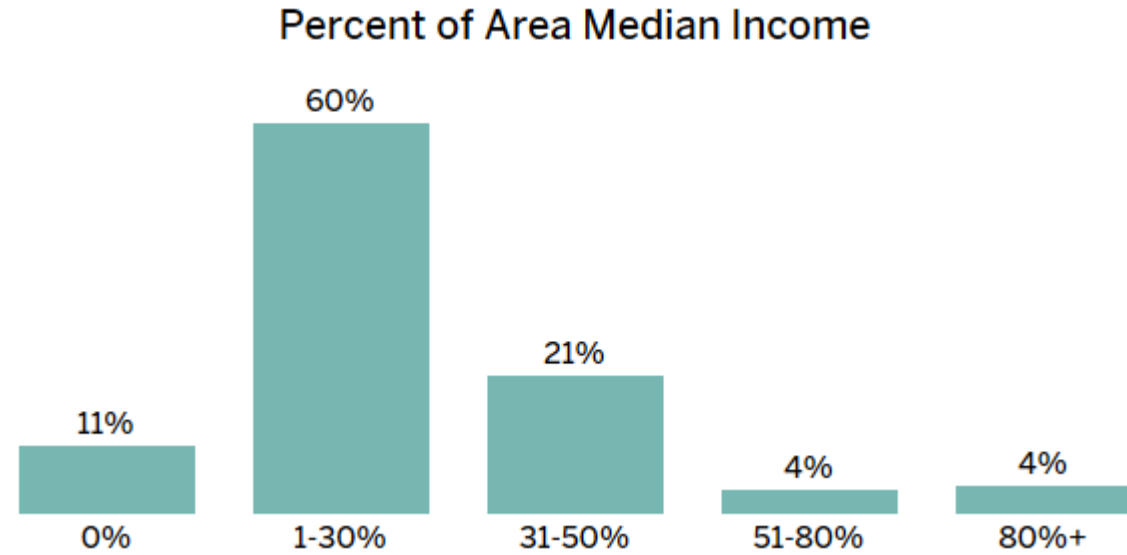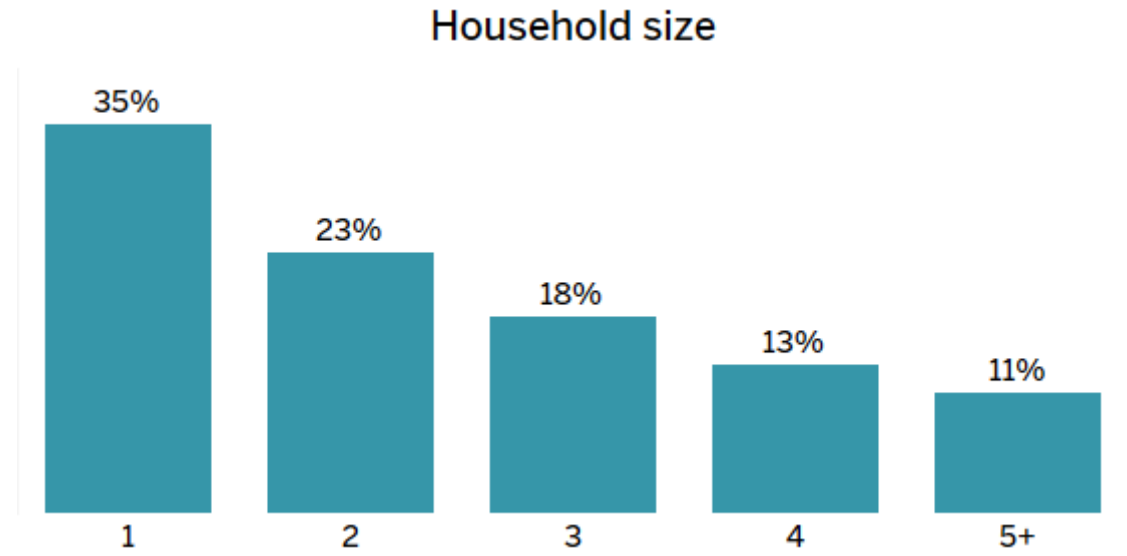
COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 25–MAY 1

APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)

11,032 total applications
(excluding 3,879 duplicate applications in grey)

Bar chart values (orange): 680, 1,501, 497, 755, 431, 311, 236, 252, 195, 206, 246, 222, 207, 189, 193, 215, 138, 145, 107, 179, 381

X-axis labels: 4/19, 5/10, 5/31, 6/21, 7/12, 8/2, 8/23, 9/13, 10/4, 10/25, 11/15, 12/6, 12/27

Y-axis: 0, 500, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000

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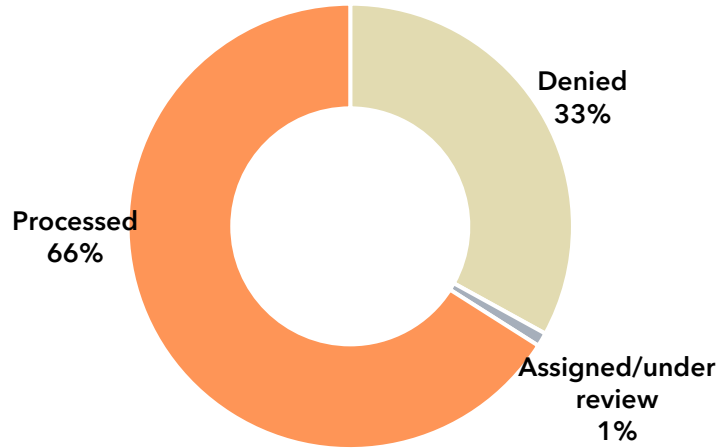
APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **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**

APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Household size

1	2	3	4	5+
35%	23%	18%	13%	11%

Percent of Area Median Income

0%	1-30%	31-50%	51-80%	80%+
11%	60%	21%	4%	4%

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 25–MAY 1

APPLICATION PROCESSING*

- Denied 33%
- Processed 66%
- Assigned/under review 1%

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:
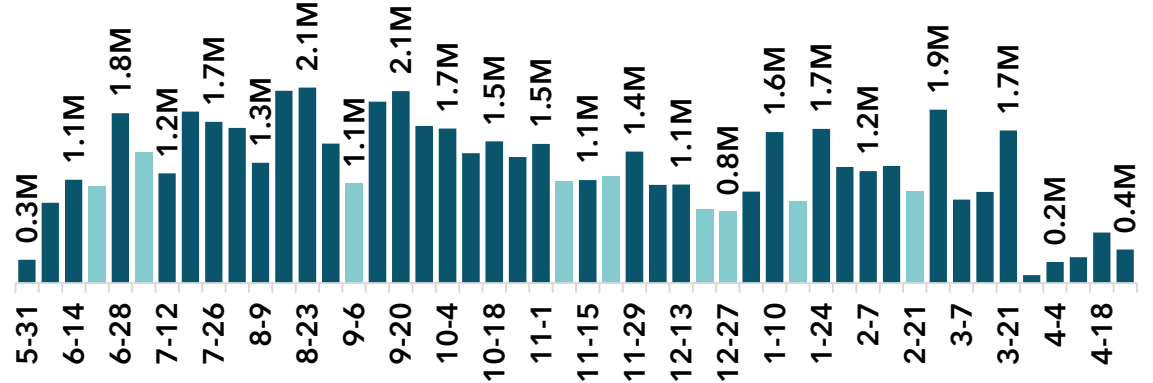
- **$77.5M** in payments
- **10,455** households

APPROVALS

The number of households and payments have decreased as most applications from this round have been processed.
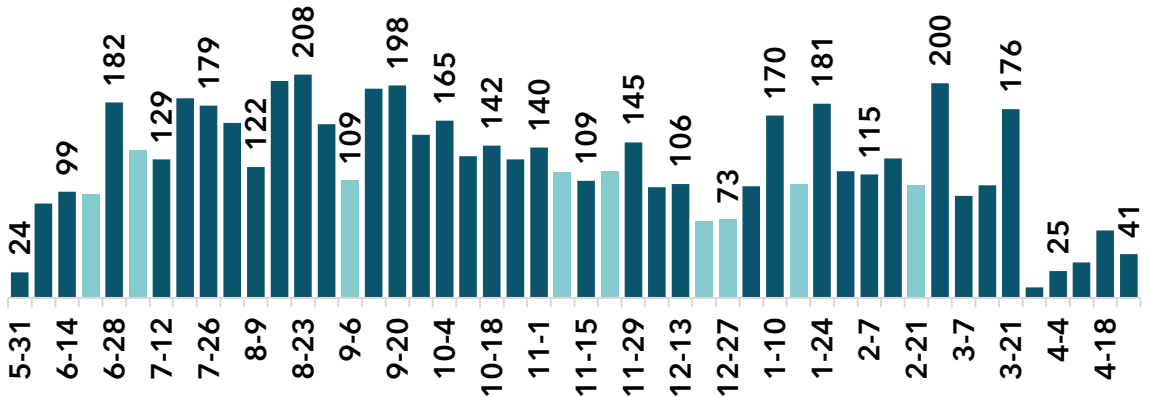
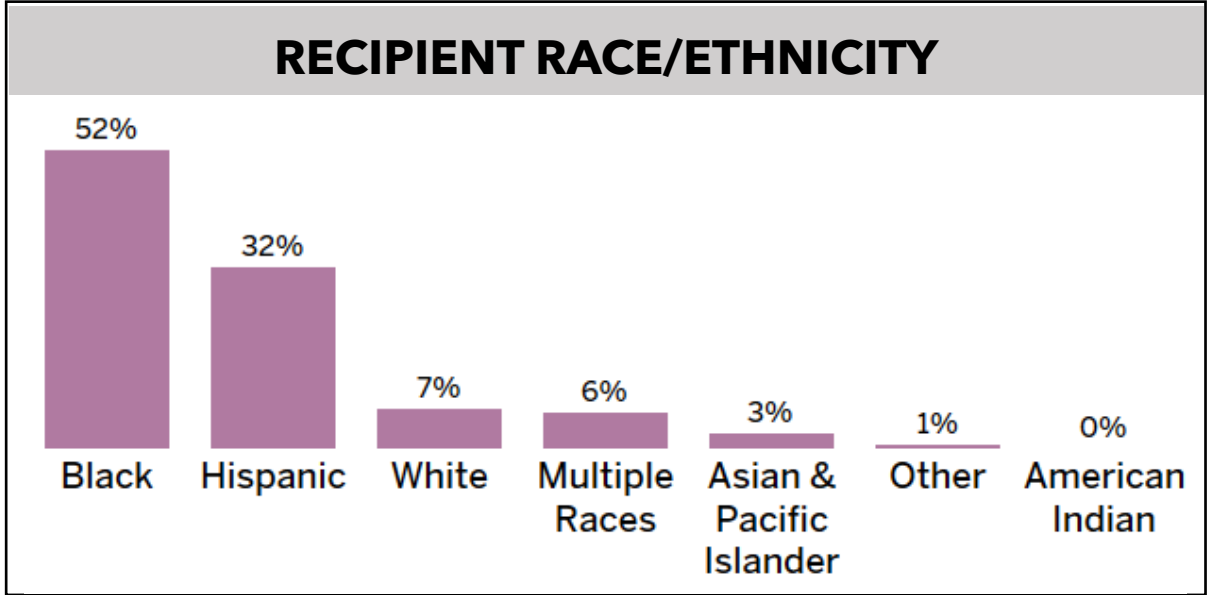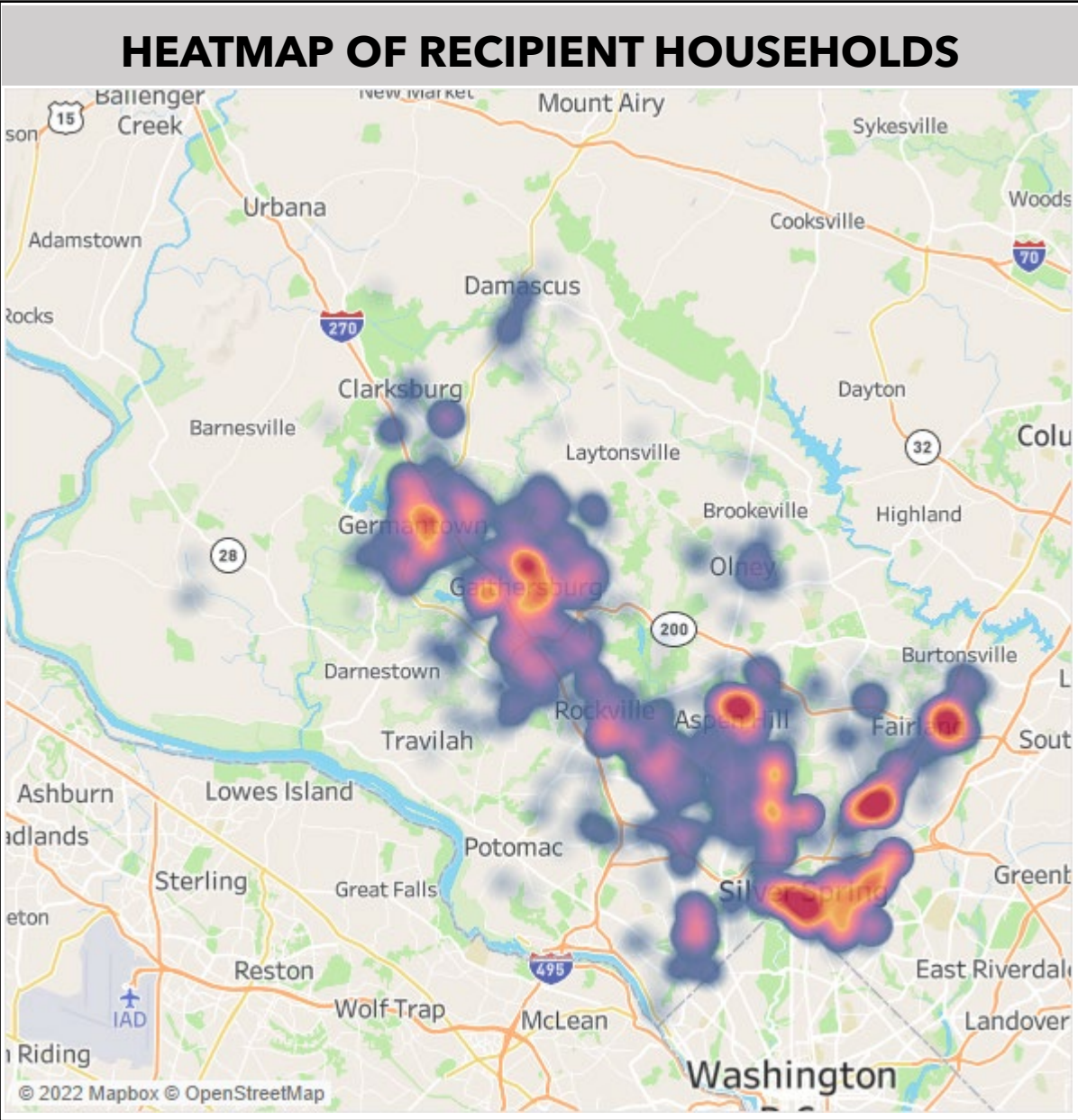### Total Approved Payments: $59.6M
(4-day workweek in light blue)

Total Approved Households: 5,959
(4-day workweek in light blue)

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 25–MAY 1

HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS

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RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY

Black	Hispanic	White	Multiple Races	Asian & Pacific Islander	Other	American Indian
52%	32%	7%	6%	3%	1%	0%

ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT CHARACTERISITICS

- Average client payment: **$10K**
- **64%** of payments arrears; **36%** prospective
- **44%** of awarded households are in high-need areas as defined by the Homeless Prevention Index

COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF APR 25–MAY 1

ERAP1 EXPENDITURES

Award*

$59.5M

Current spending and encumbered

$59.5M

100% OF FUNDS

* Total ERAP1 includes direct and state funding.

ERAP2 EXPENDITURES

Award
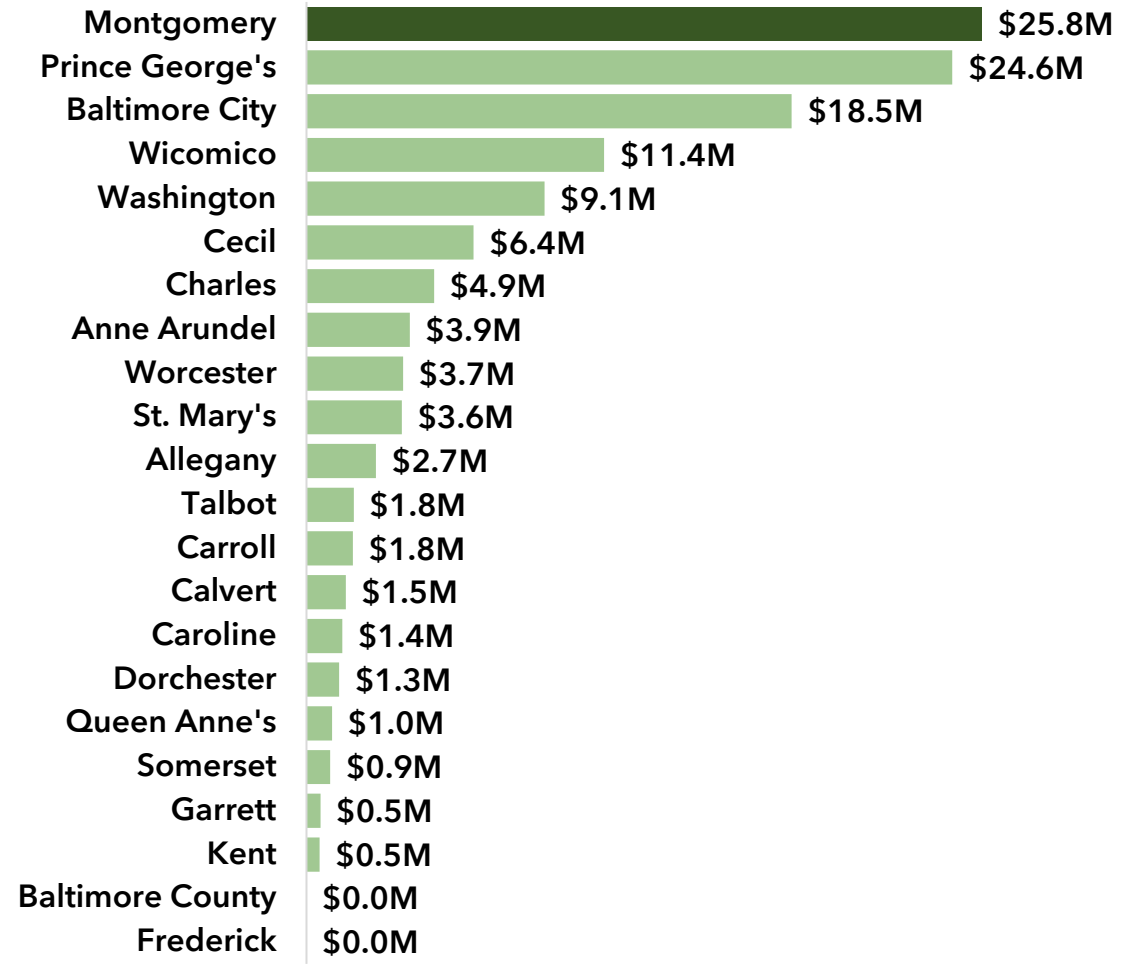
$34.1M

Current spending and encumbered

$6M

18% OF FUNDS
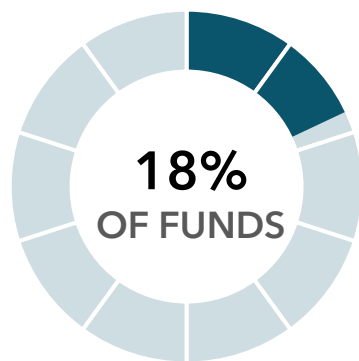
Note: Spending and percentages may shift as payments are reconciled.

STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY (ERAP1)

As of 3.31.2022

County	Amount
Montgomery	$25.8M
Prince George's	$24.6M
Baltimore City	$18.5M
Wicomico	$11.4M
Washington	$9.1M
Cecil	$6.4M
Charles	$4.9M
Anne Arundel	$3.9M
Worcester	$3.7M
St. Mary's	$3.6M
Allegany	$2.7M
Talbot	$1.8M
Carroll	$1.8M
Calvert	$1.5M
Caroline	$1.4M
Dorchester	$1.3M
Queen Anne's	$1.0M
Somerset	$0.9M
Garrett	$0.5M
Kent	$0.5M
Baltimore County	$0.0M
Frederick	$0.0M

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

EVICTION TRACKER

NEW WRITS BY WEEK

Bar chart showing new writs by week from Jul 19 to Apr 25:
Jul 19: 45, 39, 51, 23, 41, Aug 16: 18, 13, 12, Aug 30: 16, 13, 12, 11, Sep 27: 8, Oct 11: 19, 22, 27, 29, Nov 8: 19, 26, Nov 22: 32, 43, Dec 6: 16, 22, Dec 20: 7, 15, 16, Jan 17: 7, 6, 9, Jan 31: 5, 8, Feb 14: 15, Feb 28: 3, 4, 4, Mar 14: 3, 9, 10, 14, Apr 11: 4, 30, Apr 25: 11
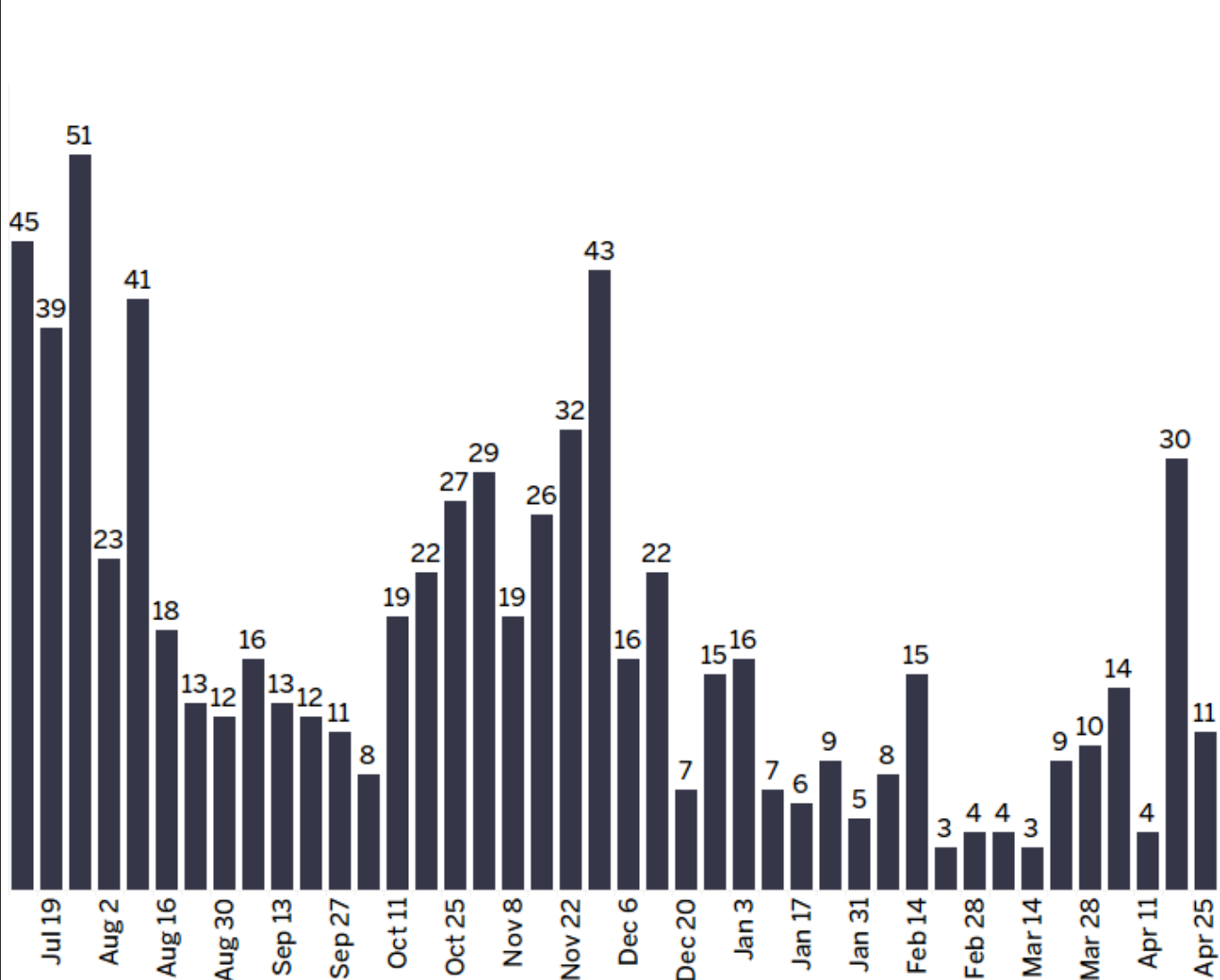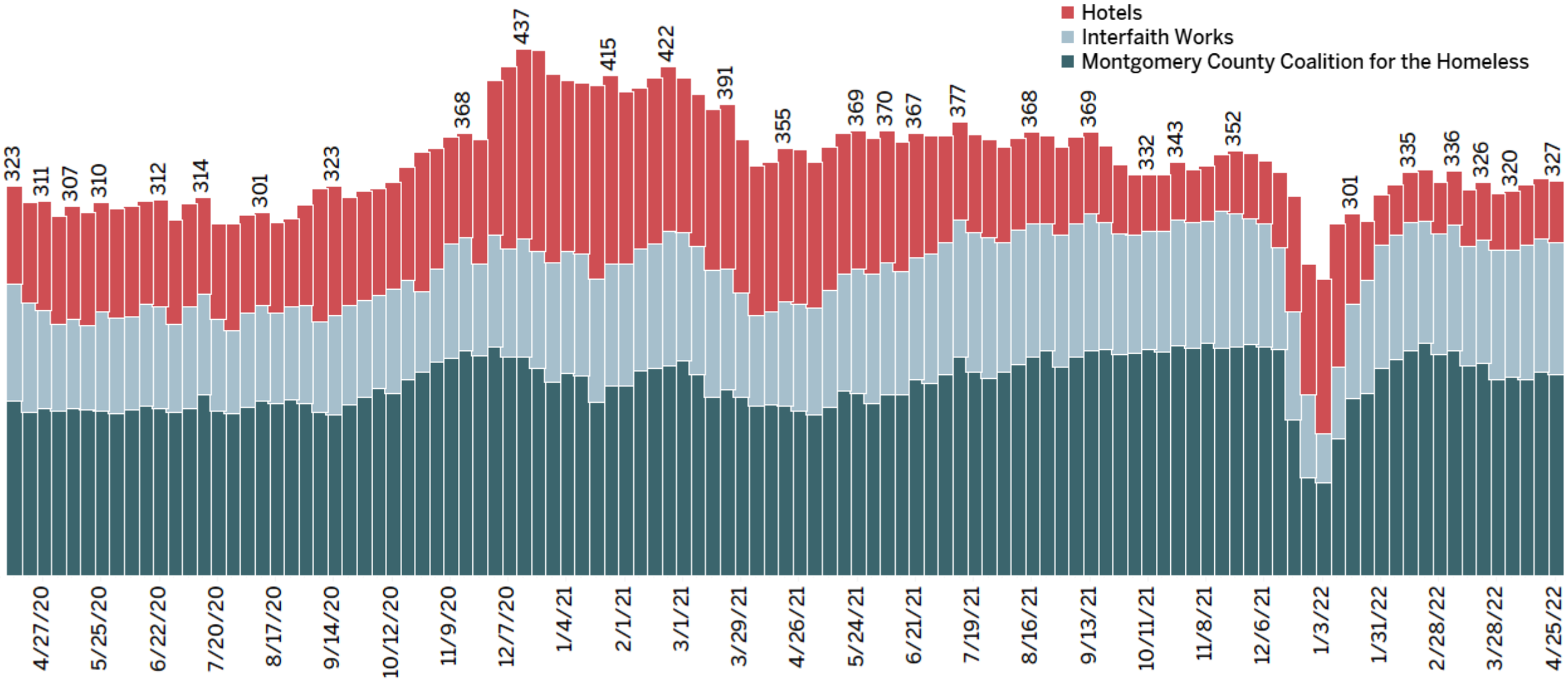
- **1,017** residents scheduled for eviction after July 19
- **45%** of households with writ have applied for emergency rental assistance
- Context: **fewer than 8%** of writs typically result in eviction

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

Legend: Hotels, Interfaith Works, Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

Values shown (Hotels totals by week): 323, 311, 307, 310, 312, 314, 301, 323, 368, 437, 415, 422, 391, 355, 369, 370, 367, 377, 368, 369, 332, 343, 352, 301, 335, 336, 326, 320, 327

X-axis dates: 4/27/20, 5/25/20, 6/22/20, 7/20/20, 8/17/20, 9/14/20, 10/12/20, 11/9/20, 12/7/20, 1/4/21, 2/1/21, 3/1/21, 3/29/21, 4/26/21, 5/24/21, 6/21/21, 7/19/21, 8/16/21, 9/13/21, 10/11/21, 11/8/21, 12/6/21, 1/3/22, 1/31/22, 2/28/22, 3/28/22, 4/25/22
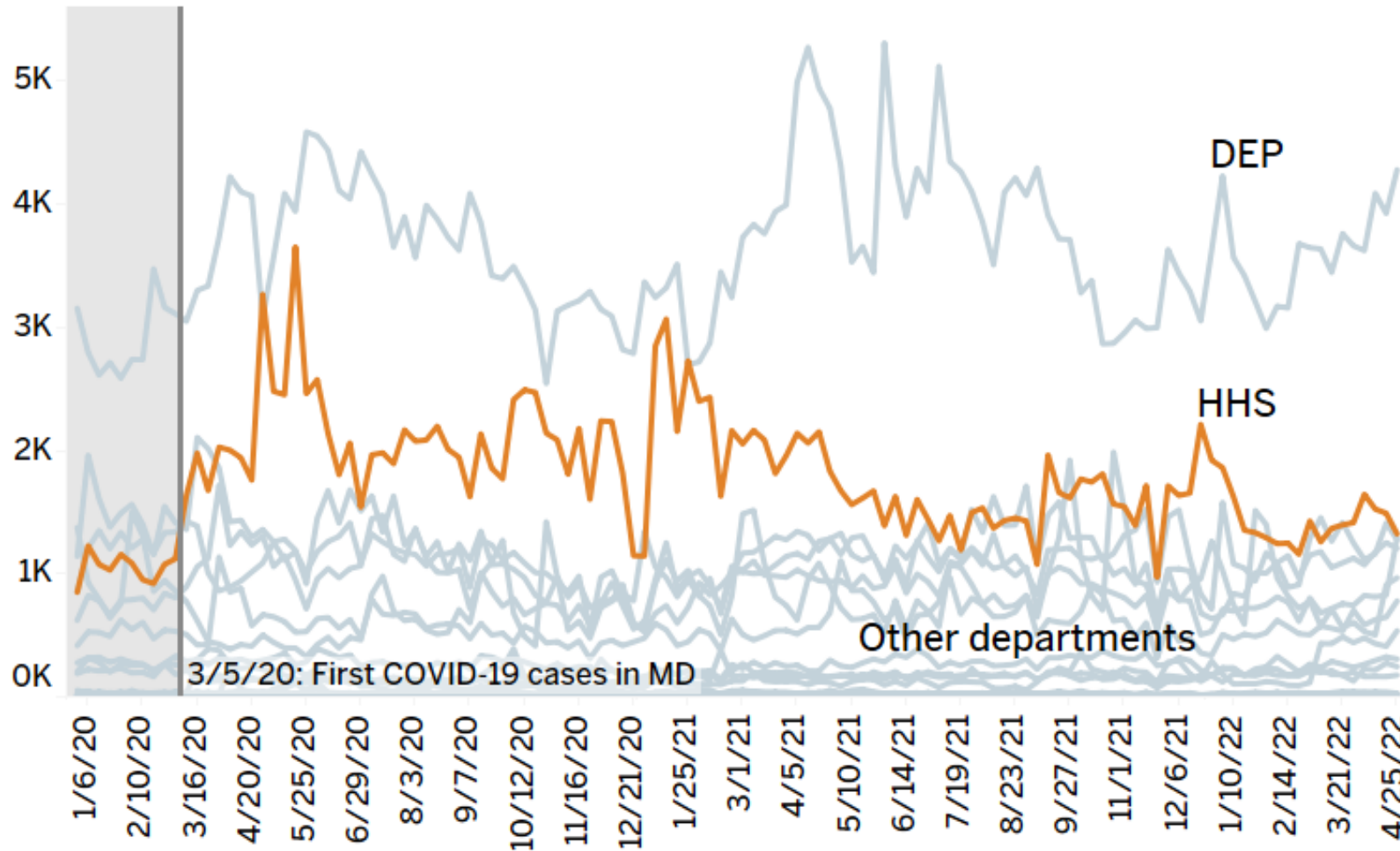
NOTE: Up to March 7, total occupancy did not include MCCH-affiliated hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

1,323 calls last week for DHHS services

DEP

HHS

Other departments

3/5/20: First COVID-19 cases in MD

- 47% 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
- 9% of DHHS calls to MC311 were about the COVID Rental Relief Program

MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

PUBLIC HEALTH
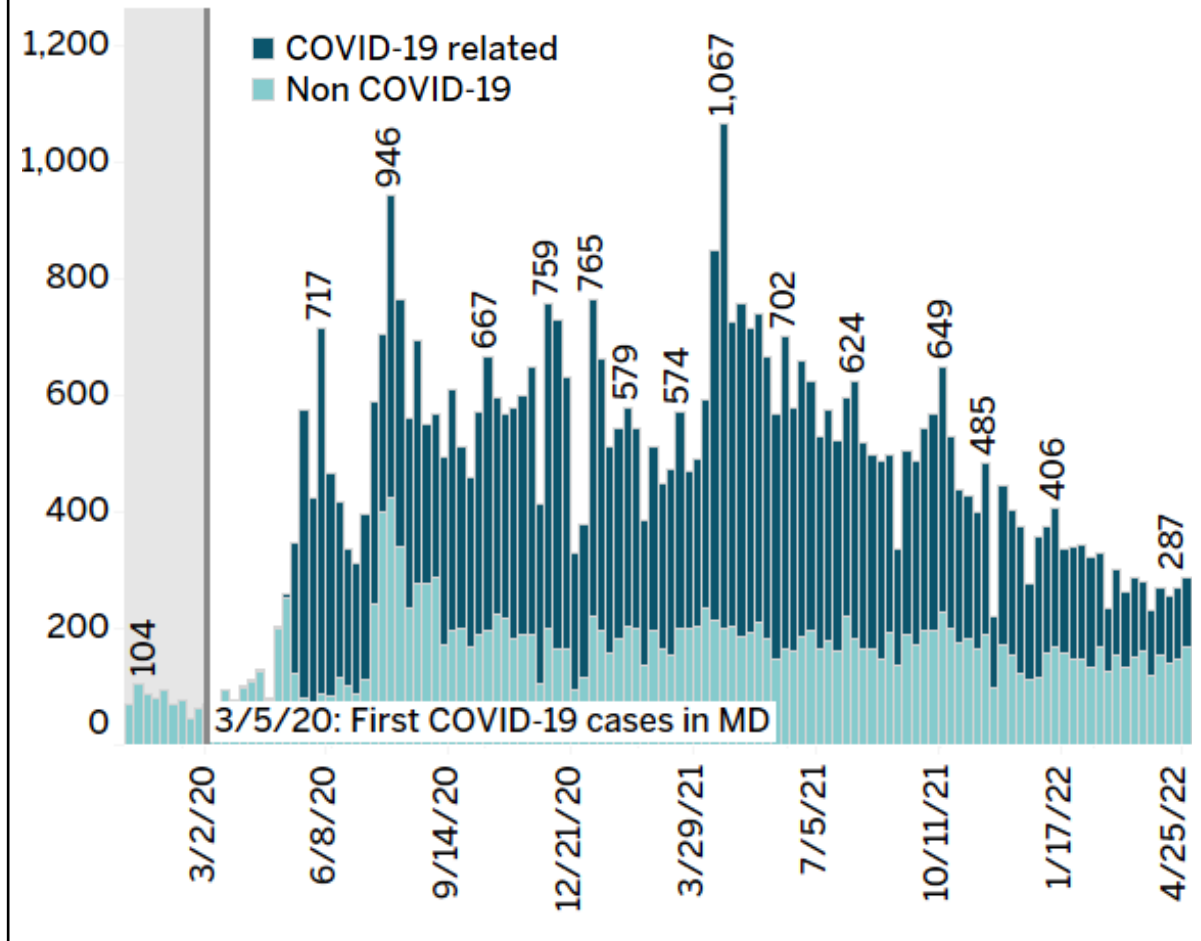
256 calls last week for Public Health

36% related to COVID-19
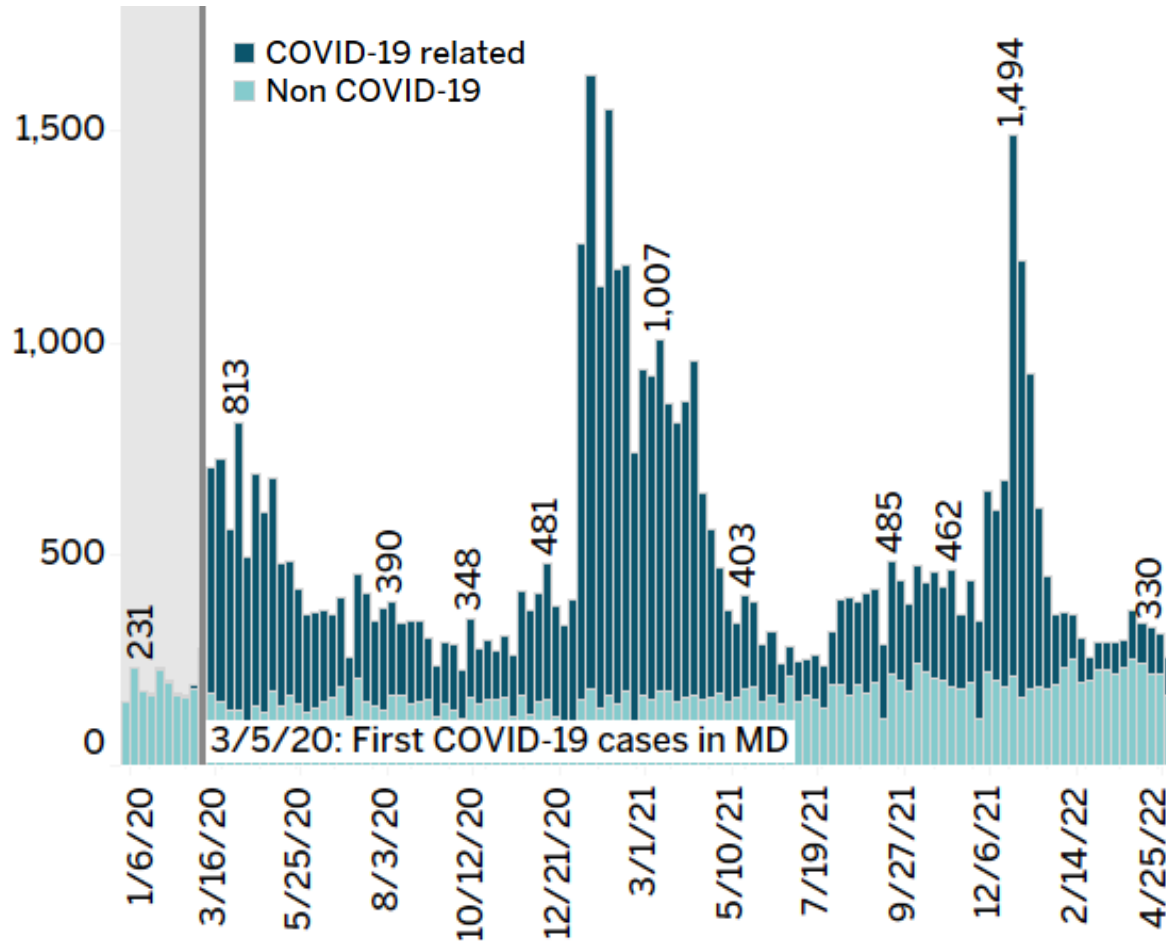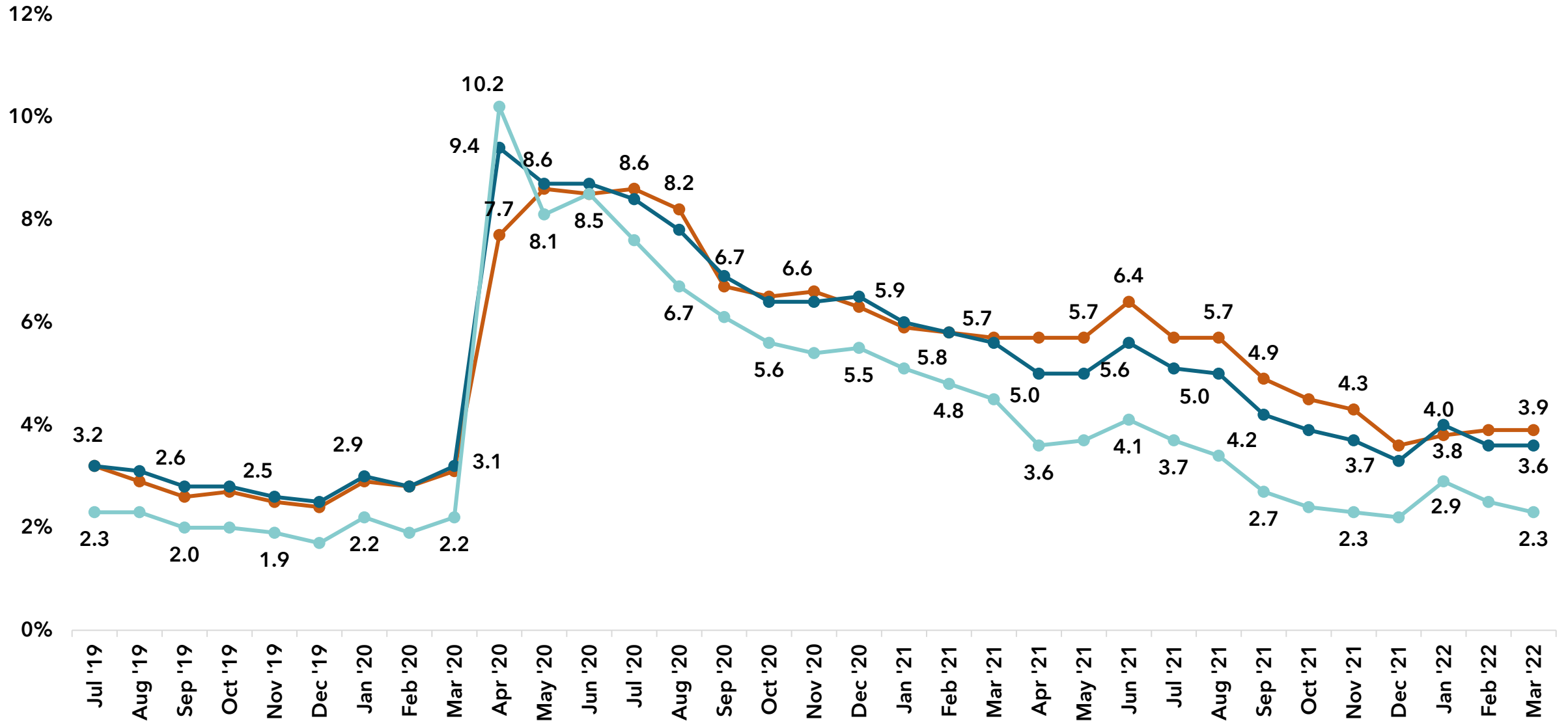

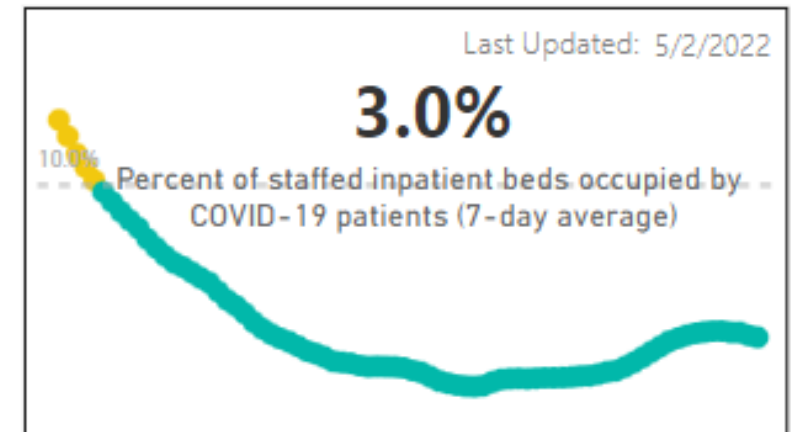## SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

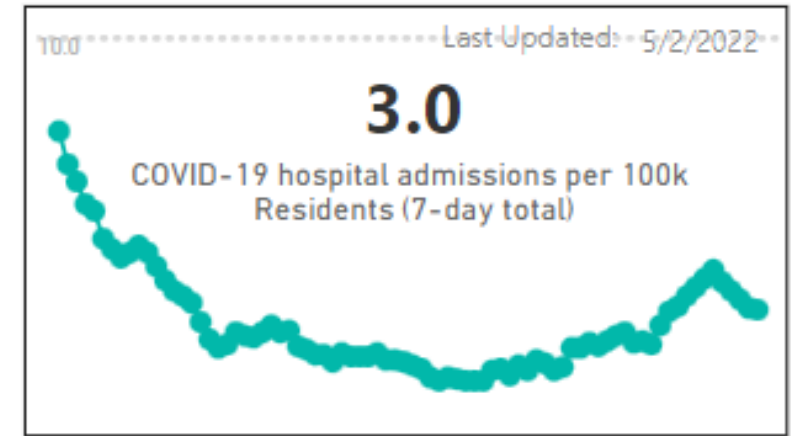**287** calls last week for SEPH

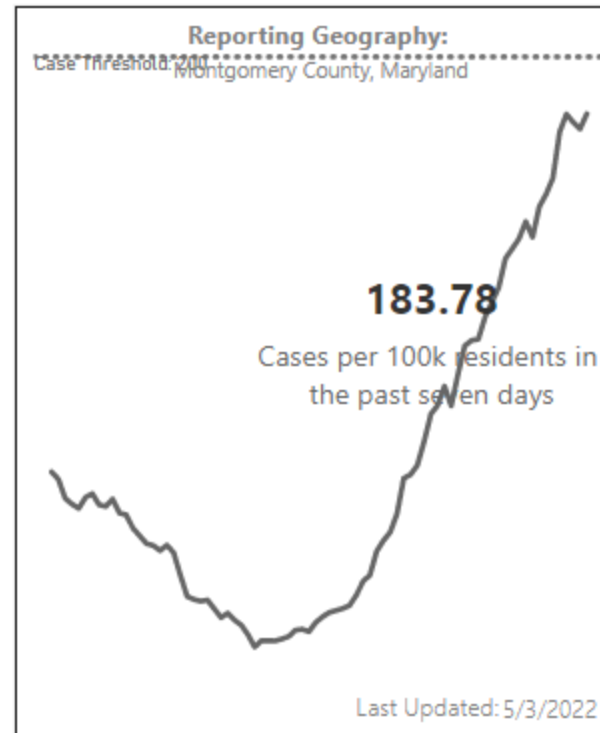**41%** related to COVID-19

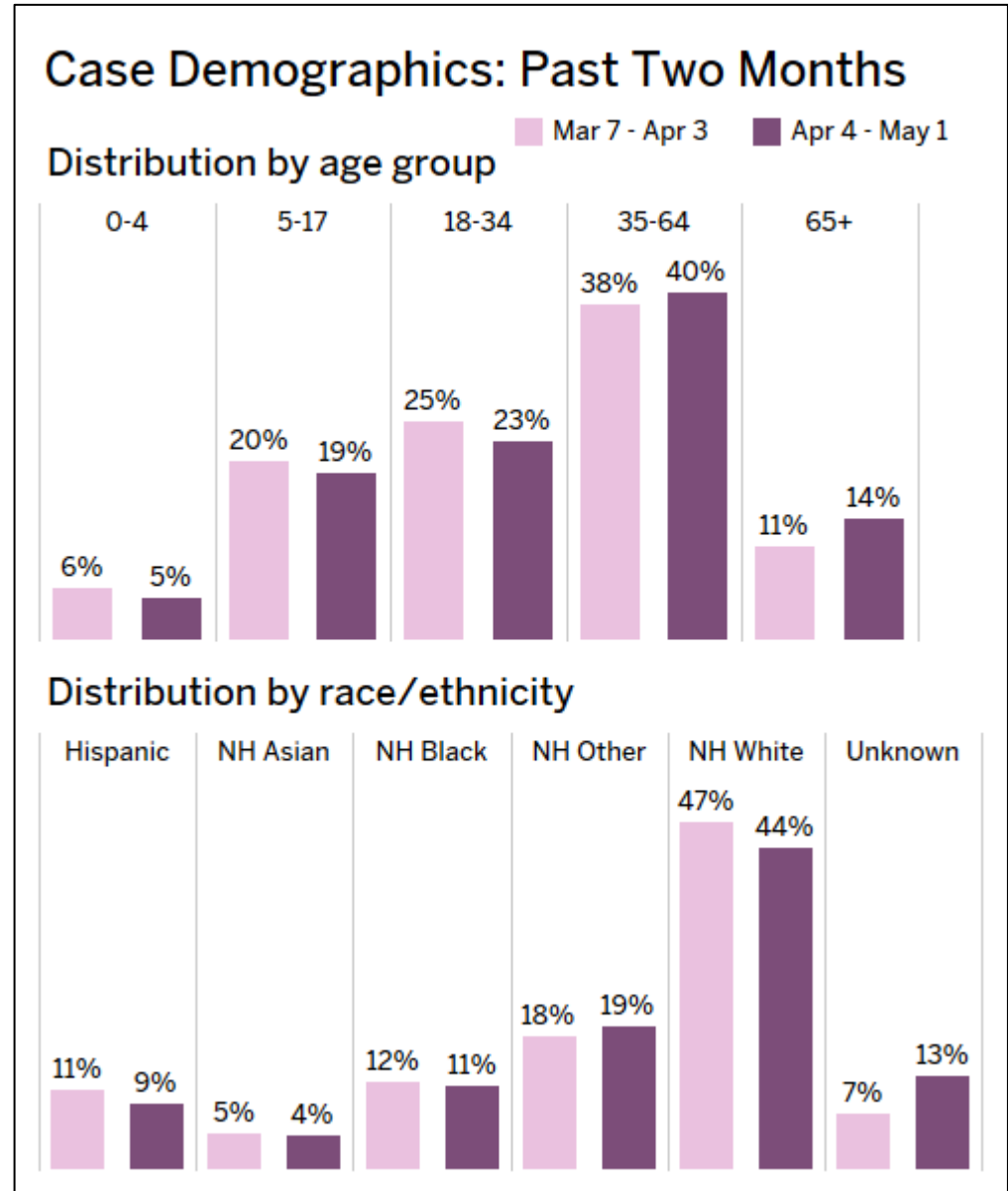COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING

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

Reporting Geography:
Case Threshold: 200 Montgomery County, Maryland

183.78
Cases per 100k residents in the past seven days

Last Updated: 5/3/2022

10.0   Last Updated: 5/2/2022

3.0
COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100k Residents (7-day total)

Last Updated: 5/2/2022

3.0%
10.0% Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)

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

COVID-19 CASES

Cases per 100k over 7 days

2,253

184 cases per 100k in the past 7 days as of 5/3

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

Case Demographics: Past Two Months

Mar 7 - Apr 3   Apr 4 - May 1

Distribution by age group

0-4	5-17	18-34	35-64	65+
6% 5%	20% 19%	25% 23%	38% 40%	11% 14%

Distribution by race/ethnicity

Hispanic	NH Asian	NH Black	NH Other	NH White	Unknown
11% 9%	5% 4%	12% 11%	18% 19%	47% 44%	7% 13%

COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

Total ICU and Acute Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Positive Patients
(Montgomery County Hospitals and the WAH Alternate Care Site)
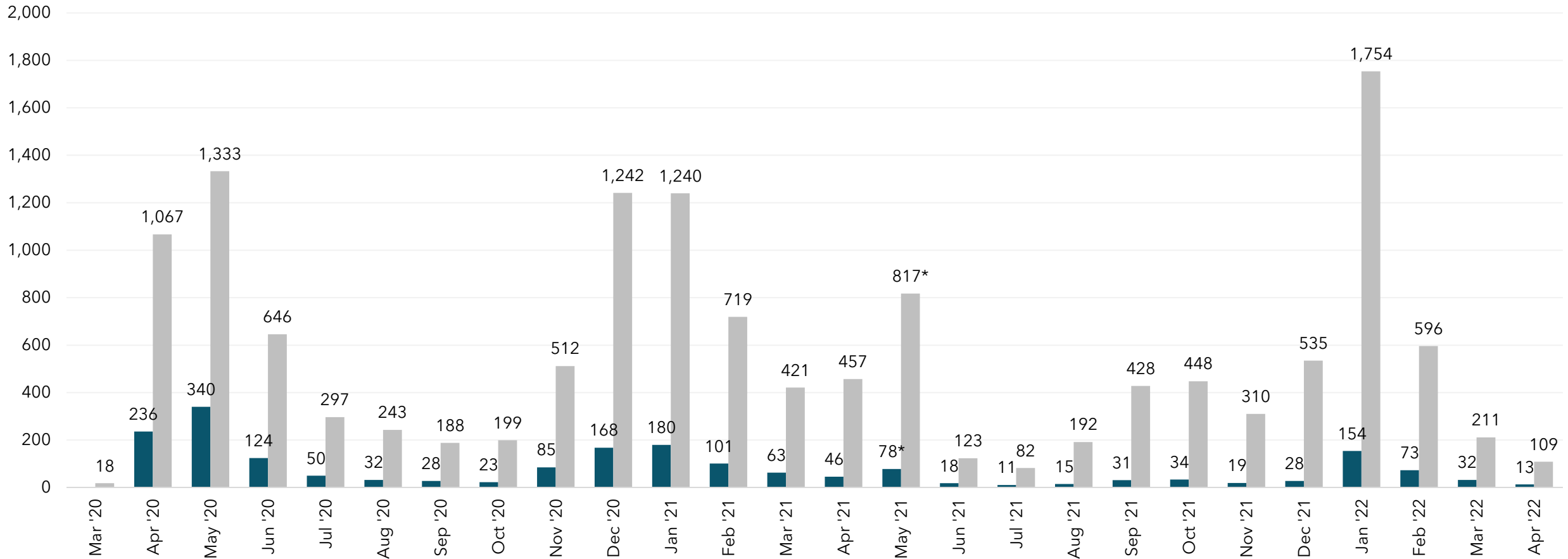*as of 8 am 5/2/22*
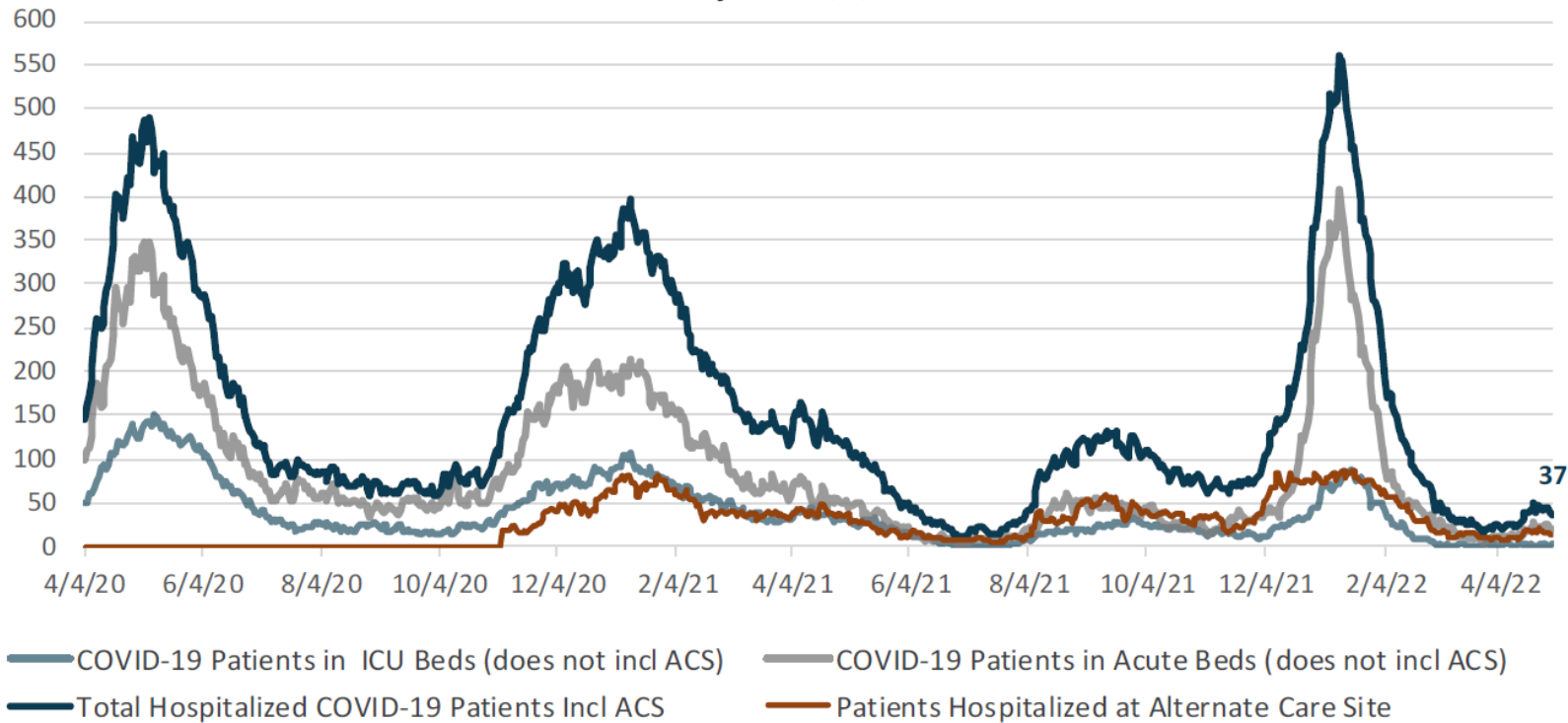
- There are 37 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 5/2. Acute care occupancy (20) has decreased since last week (-4) and ICU bed occupancy (3) has remained the same.

- 3% of hospital beds in the community are occupied by patients with a COVID diagnosis (as of 5/2).

- 14 patients are currently hospitalized at the alternate care site. These patients are transfers from other hospitals and may come from other jurisdictions.

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COVID-19 DEATHS

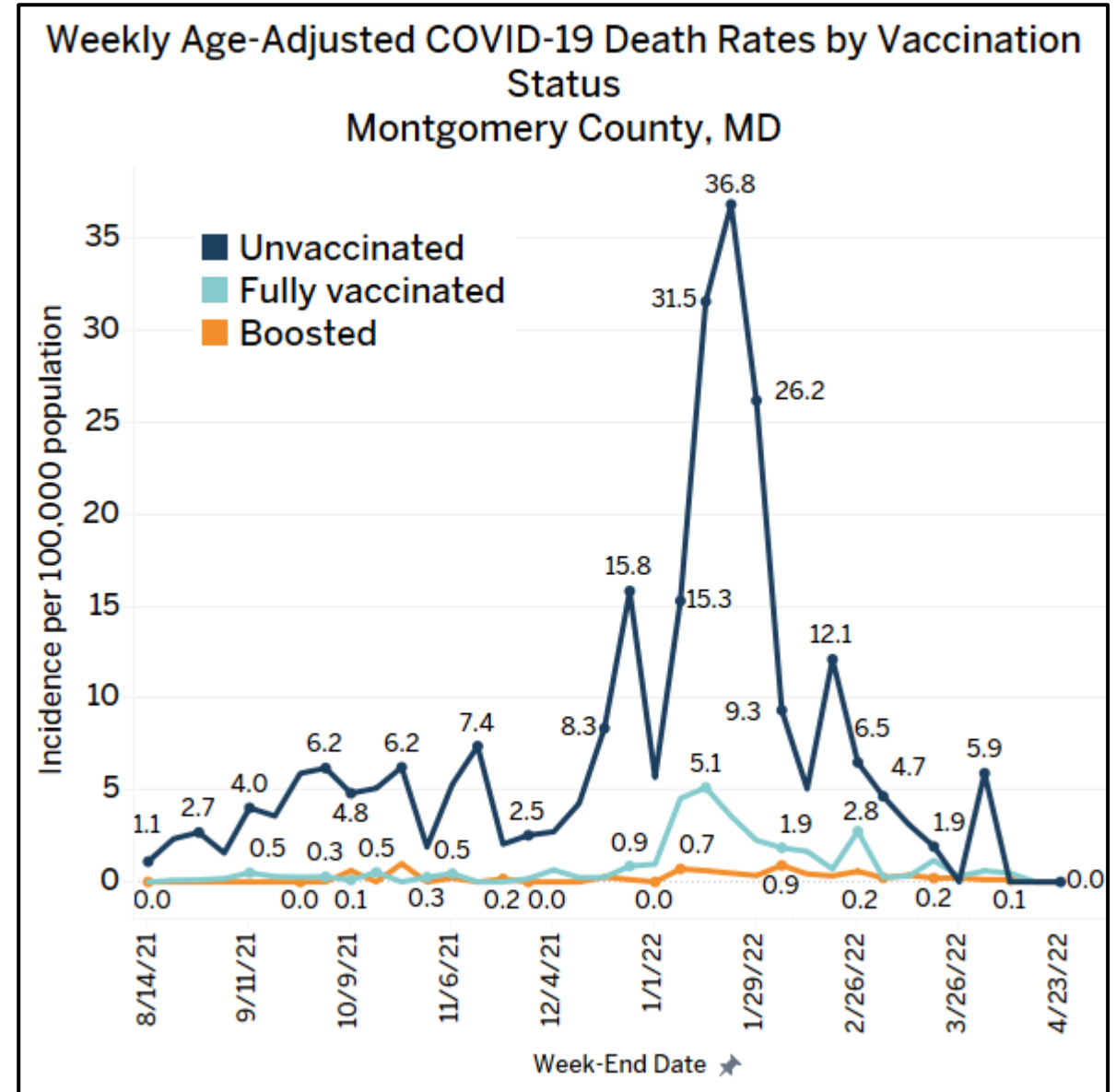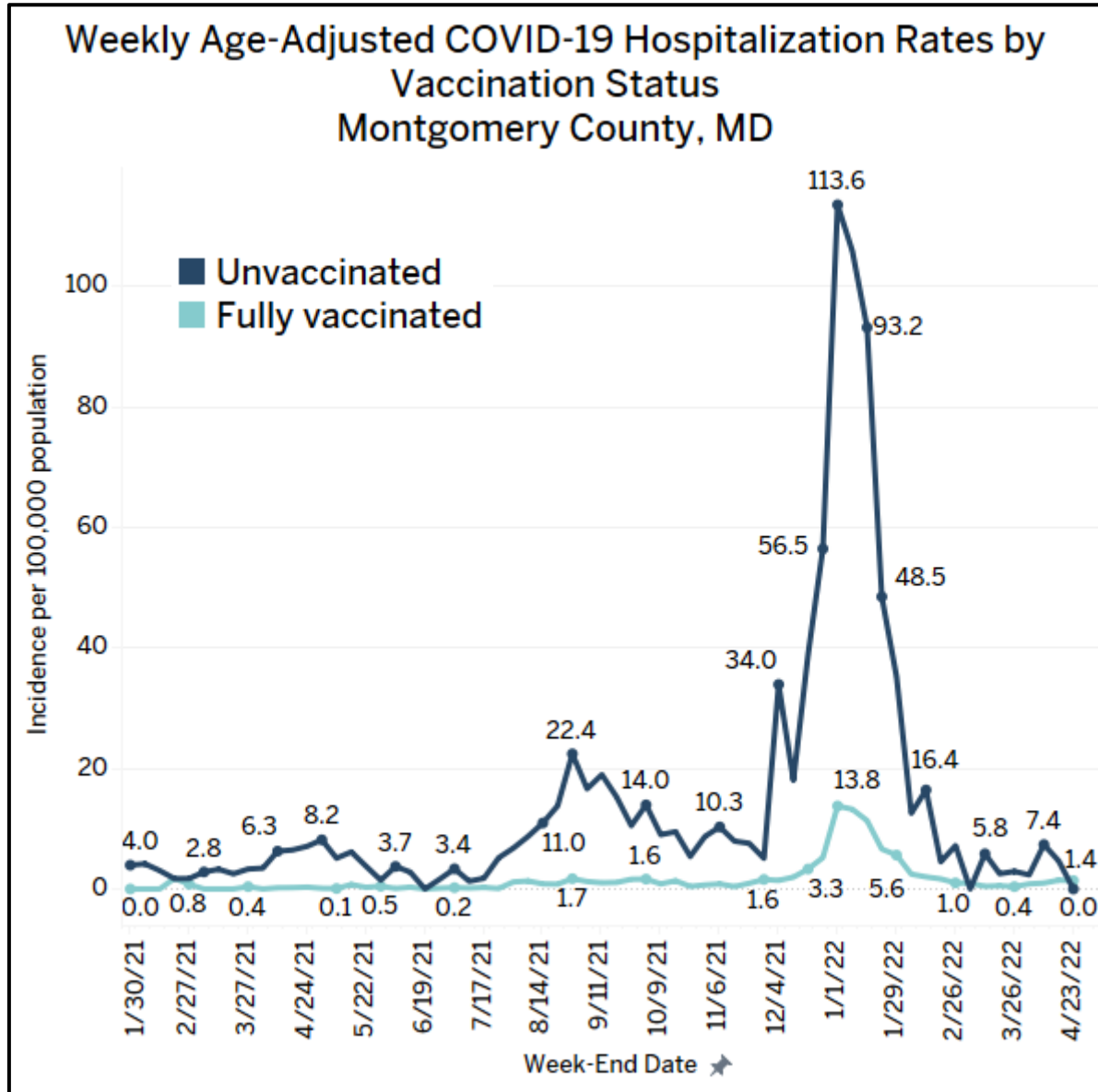## Monthly COVID-19 Deaths
Updated 4/29/22

■ 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.

Weekly Age-Adjusted COVID-19 Hospitalization Rates by Vaccination Status
Montgomery County, MD

Weekly Age-Adjusted COVID-19 Death Rates by Vaccination Status
Montgomery County, MD

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

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 5/2/22)

- **≥95%*** of <u>total</u> population received at least ONE DOSE [N=1,072,378]

- **87%** of <u>total</u> population received at least TWO DOSES (fully vaccinated) [N=915,750]

- **54%** of <u>fully vaccinated</u> population received a FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=498,462]

*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

Legend: ■ At Least 1 ■ Fully Vaccinated

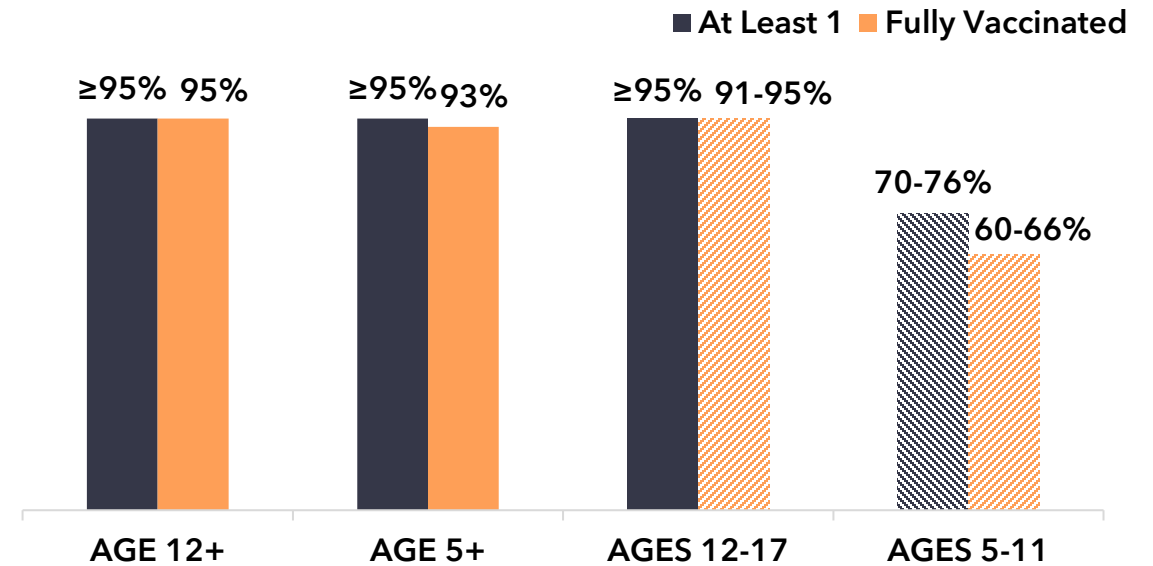|	At Least 1	Fully Vaccinated
AGE 12+	≥95%	95%
AGE 5+	≥95%	93%
AGES 12-17	≥95%	91-95%
AGES 5-11	70-76%	60-66%

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 <u>fully vaccinated 12+ population</u> received a FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITONAL DOSE [N=498,241]

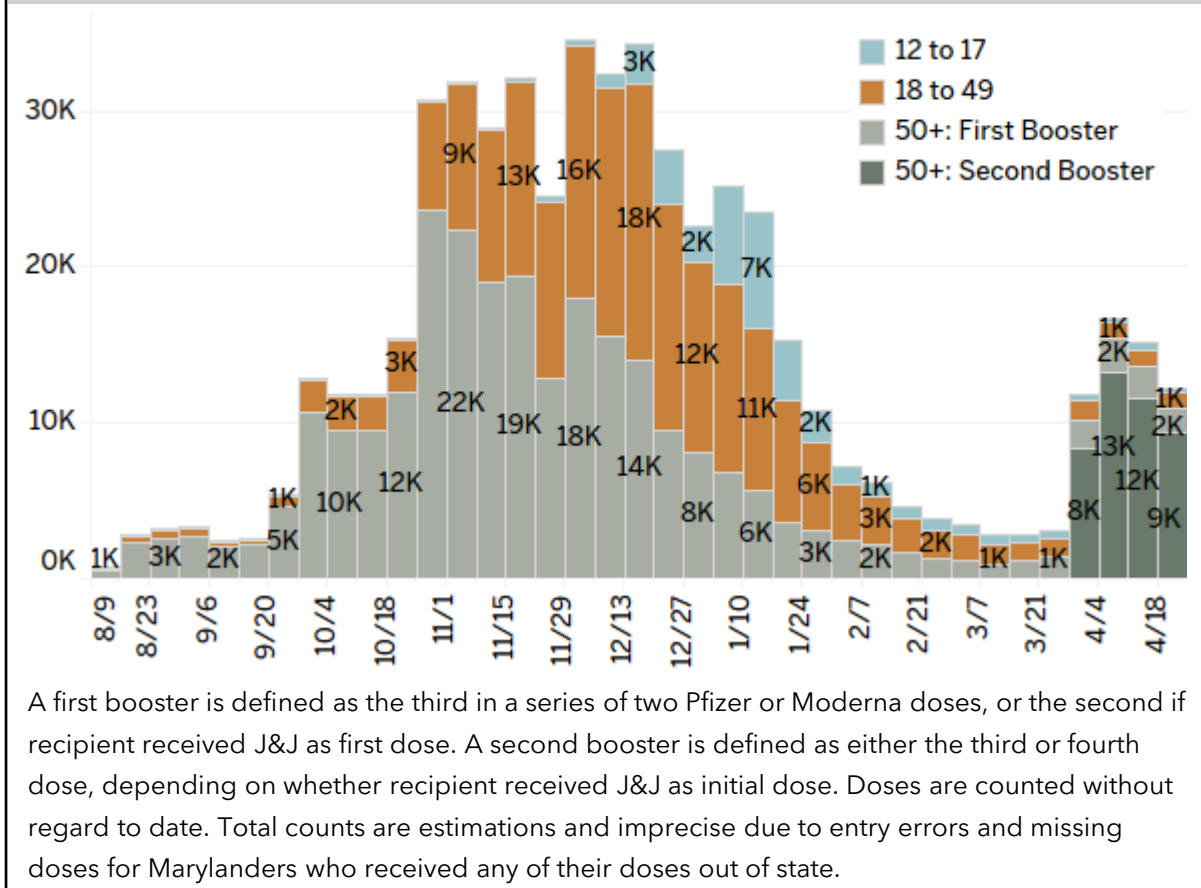- **78%** of the <u>fully vaccinated 65+ population</u> received a FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=131,333]

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: WEEKLY VOLUME

Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **April 24, 2022.**

VACCINATIONS BY DOSE

Legend: ADDITIONAL DOSE, SECOND, FIRST & SINGLE
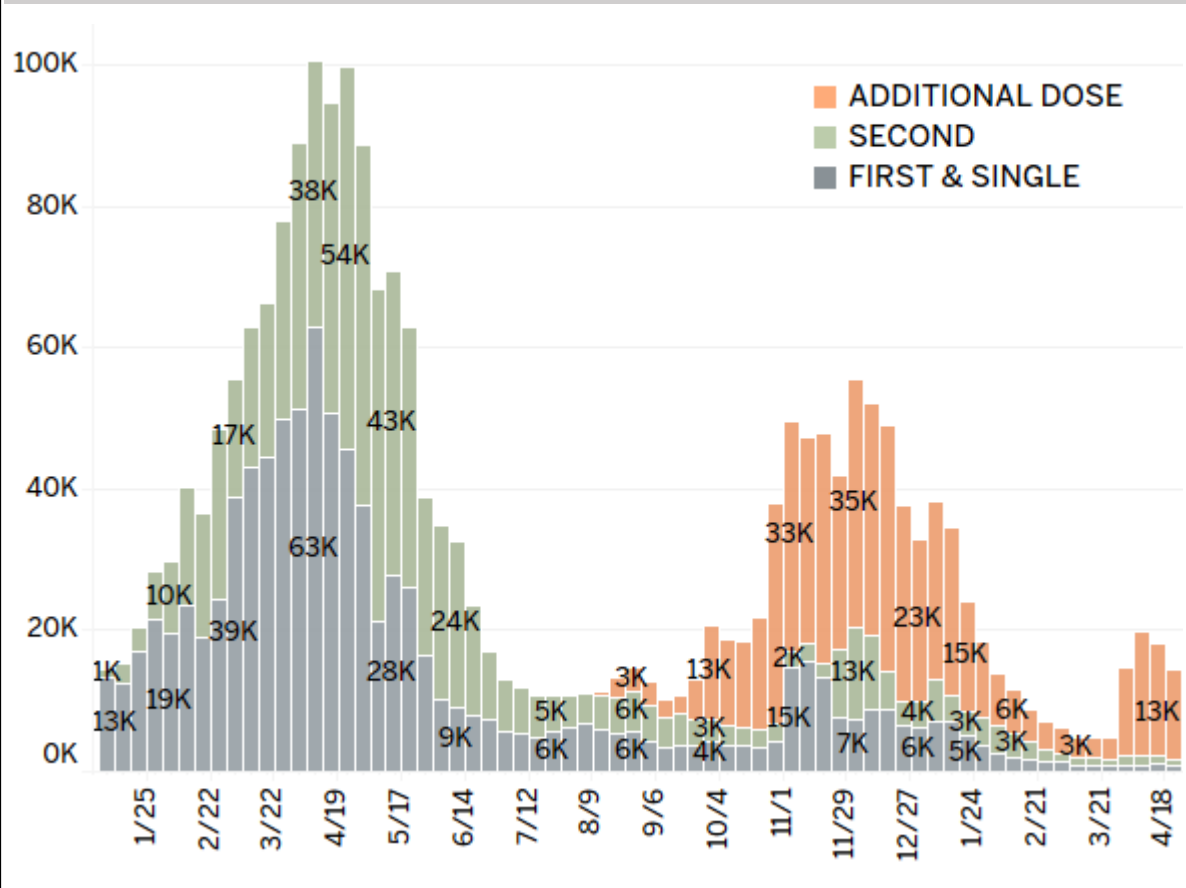
ADDITIONAL DOSES BY AGE GROUP

Legend: 12 to 17, 18 to 49, 50+: First Booster, 50+: Second Booster

A first booster is defined as the third in a series of two Pfizer or Moderna doses, or the second if recipient received J&J as first dose. A second booster is defined as either the third or fourth dose, depending on whether recipient received J&J as initial dose. Doses are counted without regard to date. Total counts are estimations and imprecise 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.
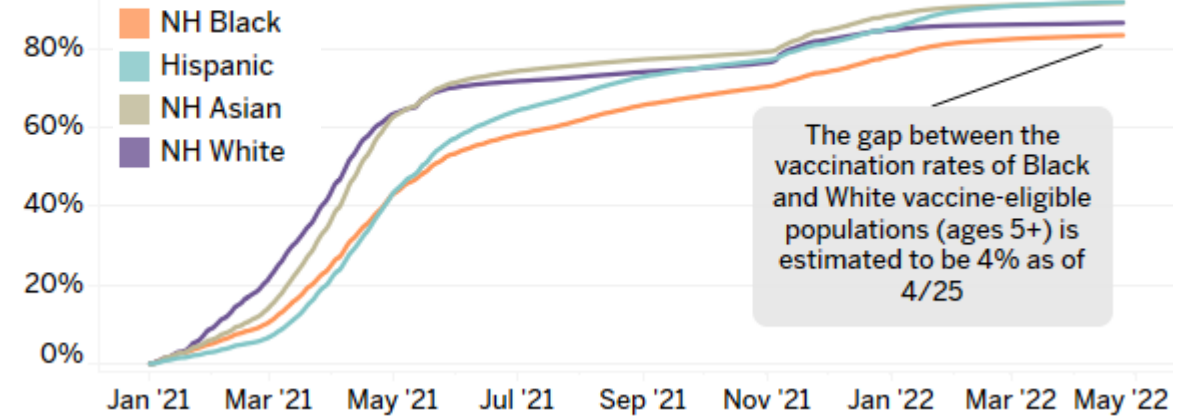
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: GAPS

TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES

% Vaccinated
55% — 80%

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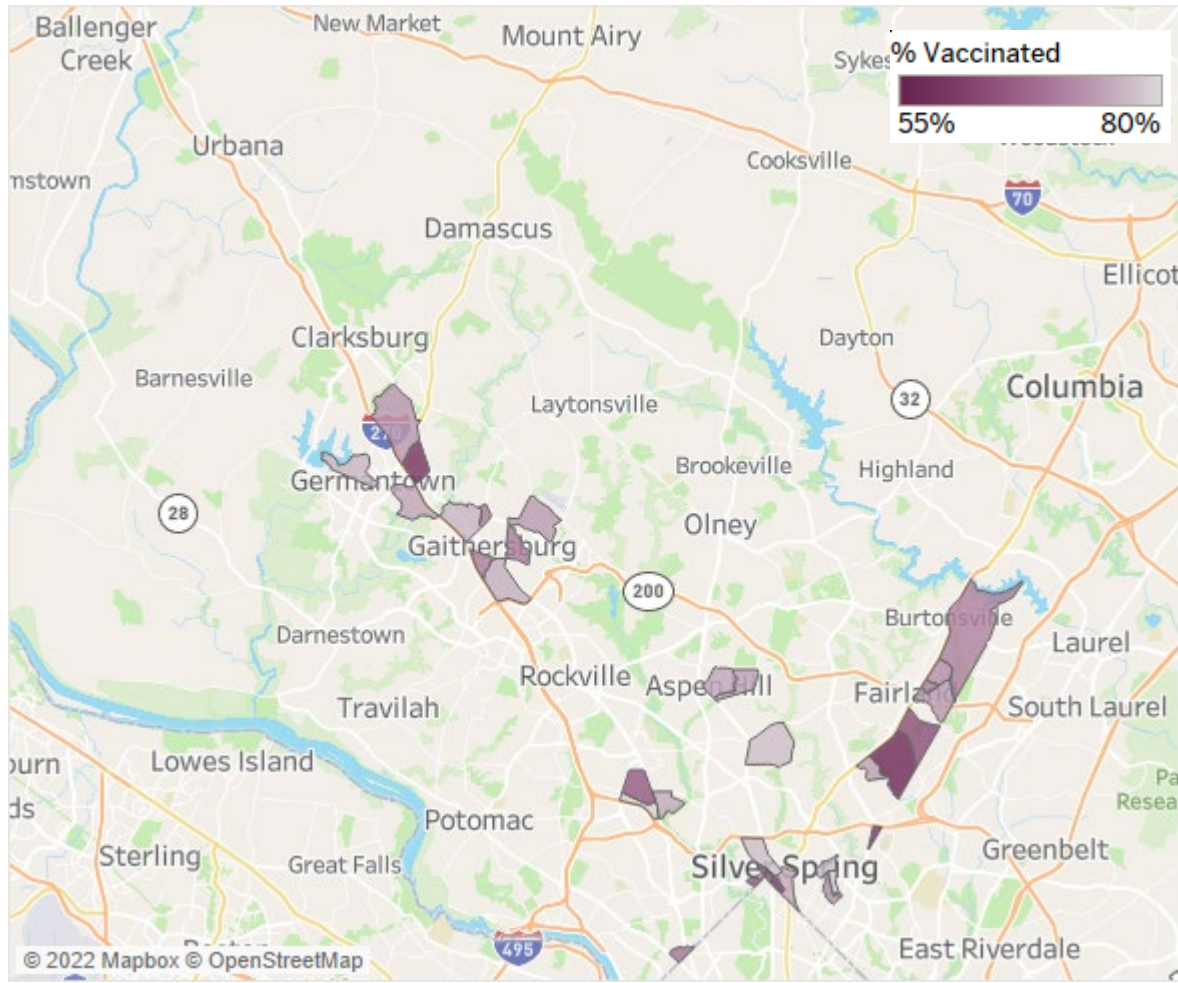
Across the highlighted tracts above, 30% of the population is White non-Hispanic, 30% is Black non-Hispanic, 24% is Hispanic, and 12% is Asian/Pacific Islander.

FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY RACE

Population Ages 5+ First-Dose Rates

- NH Black
- Hispanic
- NH Asian
- NH White

The gap between the vaccination rates of Black and White vaccine-eligible populations (ages 5+) is estimated to be 4% as of 4/25

ADDITIONAL DOSE RATES BY RACE & AGE

Percent of Vaccinated Who Received Booster

- NH Black
- Hispanic
- NH Asian
- NH White

12 to 17
31% | 31% | 54% | 57%
All: 44%

18 to 49
45% | 40% | 68% | 66%
All: 54%

50 to 64
66% | 62% | 77% | 77%
All: 71%

65+
74% | 70% | 81% | 83%
All: 79%
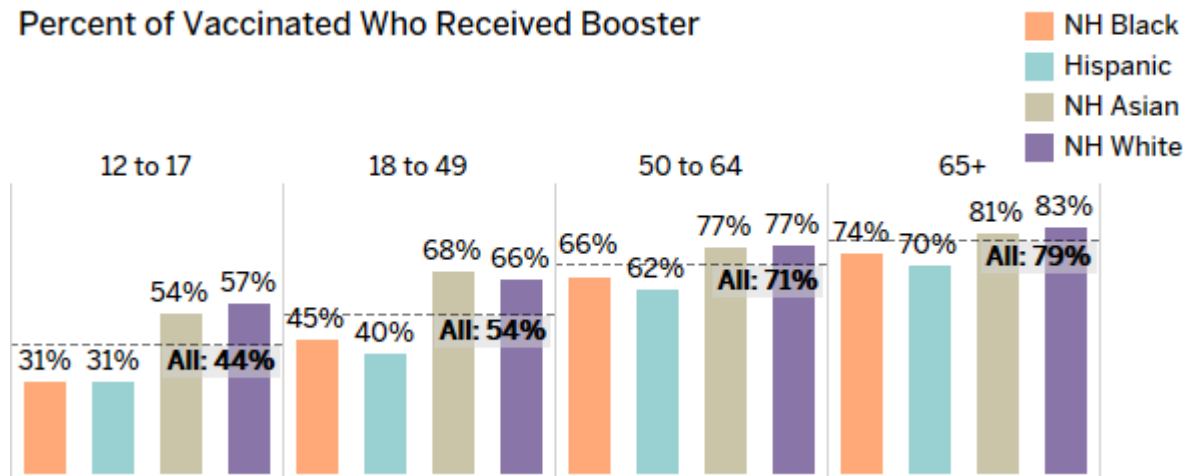
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

FIRST DOSES BY RACE/ETHNICITY

■ % of 5-11 population
■ % of 5-11 year olds who received first dose

	NH Black	Hispanic	NH Asian	NH Other	NH White
% of 5-11 population	20%	26%	13%	8%	34%
% who received first dose	16%	22%	16%	7%	39%
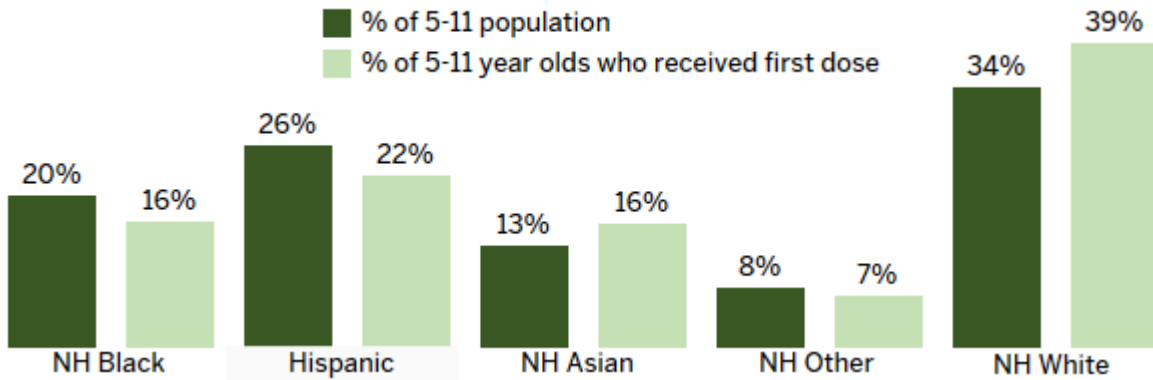
Charts reads: 20% of 5-11 population are NH Black, and 16% of vaccinated 5-11 population are NH Black.
<1% of vaccinated children identify as Native American; they are included in the "Other" category.
Approximately 3% of pediatric records do not contain race/ethnicity information.

PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROVIDERS

Other 3%
Hospitals 2%
Pharmacies & Grocery Stores 30%
Montgomery County DHHS 32%
Physicians' Offices & Medical Clinics 34%
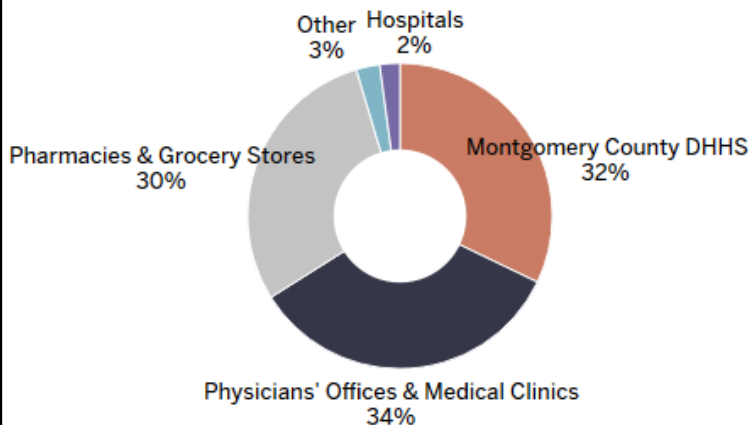
Pediatric vaccinations are distributed evenly between Montgomery County DHHS (in partnership with MCPS, physicians and medical clinics, and pharmacies and grocery stores.

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.
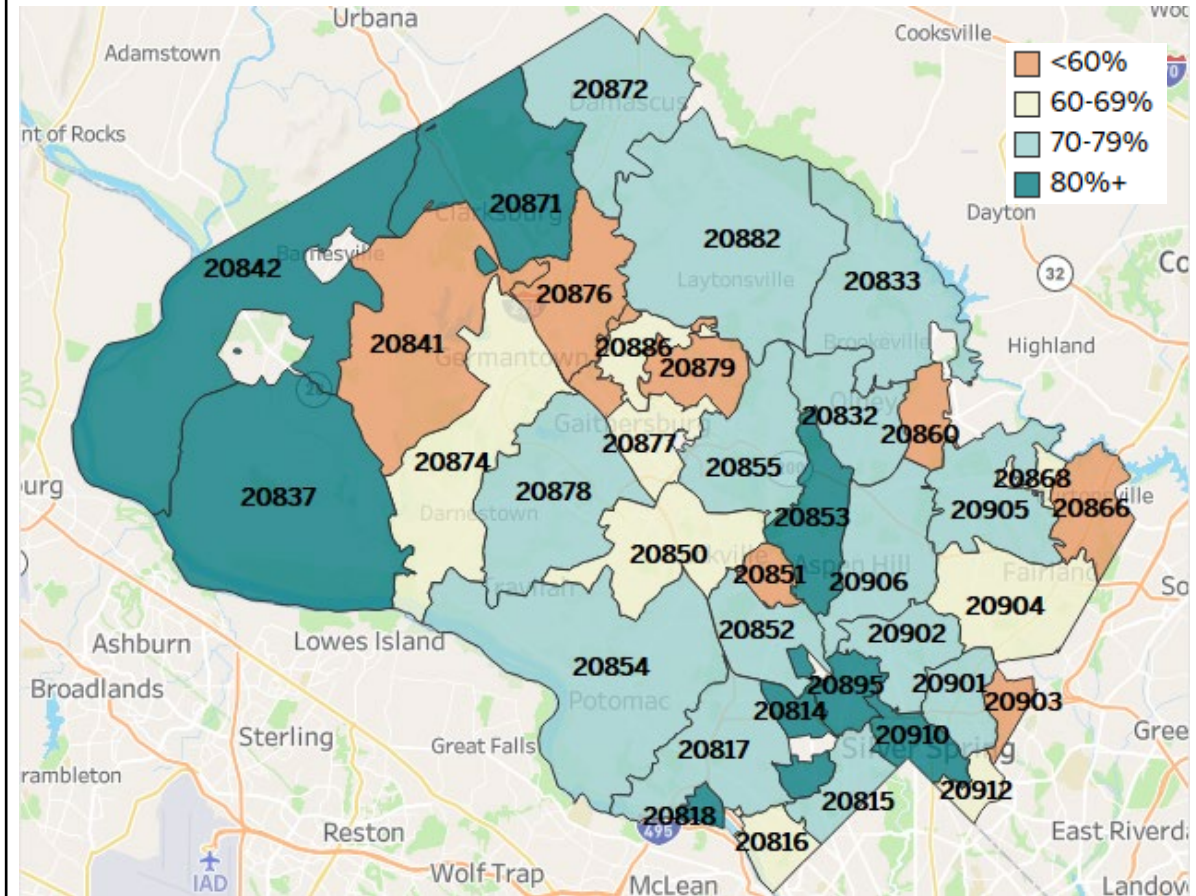
COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

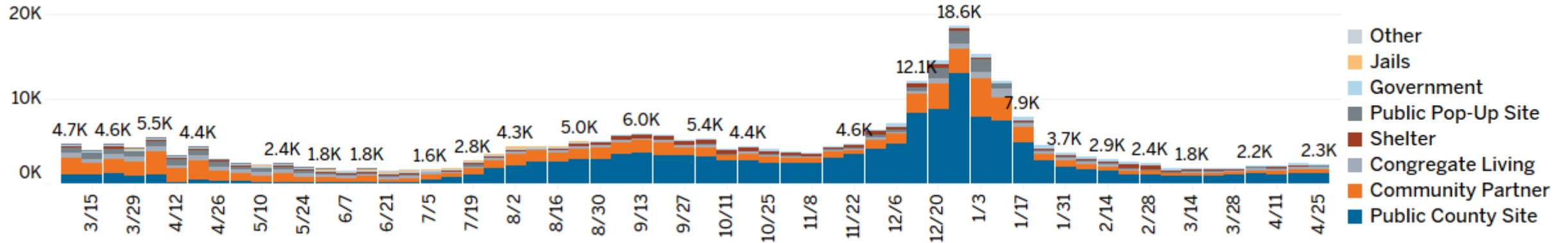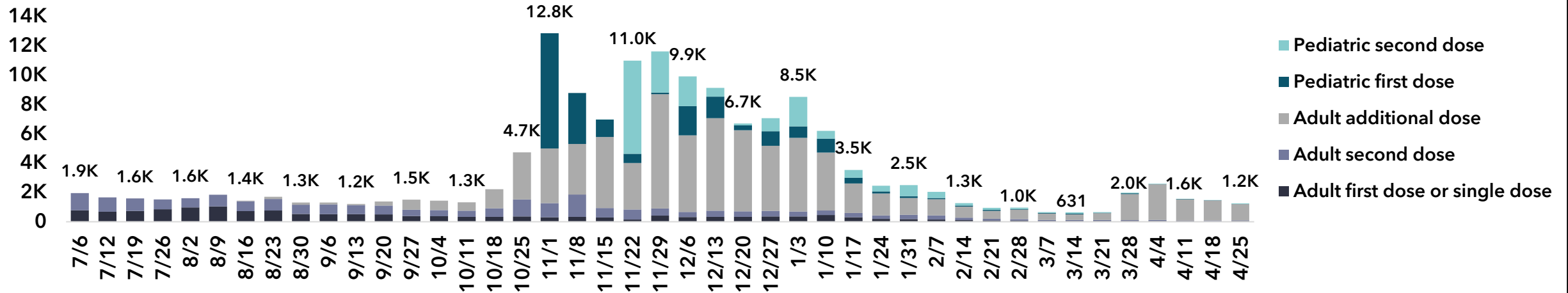## DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 2,325 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

Legend:
- Other
- Jails
- Government
- Public Pop-Up Site
- Shelter
- Congregate Living
- Community Partner
- Public County Site

Data values across weeks: 4.7K, 4.6K, 5.5K, 4.4K, 2.4K, 1.8K, 1.8K, 1.6K, 2.8K, 4.3K, 5.0K, 6.0K, 5.4K, 4.4K, 4.6K, 12.1K, 18.6K, 7.9K, 3.7K, 2.9K, 2.4K, 1.8K, 2.2K, 2.3K

X-axis (weeks): 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25

DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 1,249 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

Legend:
- Pediatric second dose
- Pediatric first dose
- Adult additional dose
- Adult second dose
- Adult first dose or single dose

Data values across weeks: 1.9K, 1.6K, 1.6K, 1.4K, 1.3K, 1.2K, 1.5K, 1.3K, 4.7K, 12.8K, 11.0K, 9.9K, 6.7K, 8.5K, 3.5K, 2.5K, 1.3K, 1.0K, 631, 2.0K, 1.6K, 1.2K

X-axis (weeks): 7/6, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25

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

- 1,001,652 kits and 1,236,809 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.