

# **DHHS PULSE REPORT**

**COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY**

**September 28, 2022**



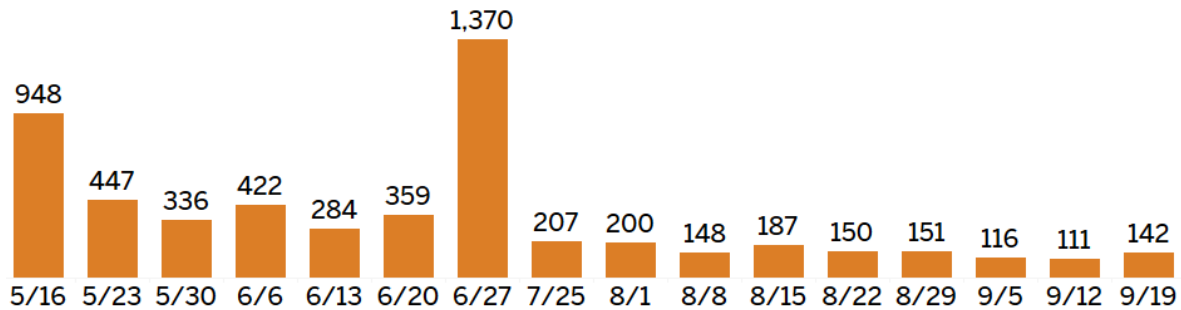
# **RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND**

# COVID-19 RENT RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF SEP 19 - 25

## ROUND 4 APPLICATIONS FOR TENANTS BY WEEK

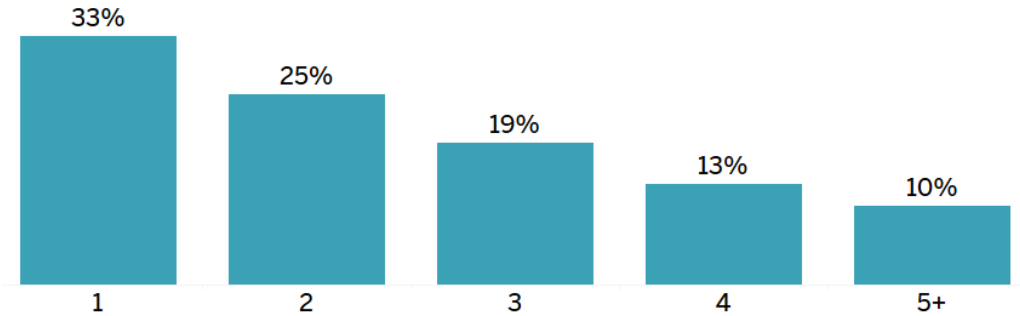
**5,578 Households**

(Application type: 94% tenant; 6% landlord)

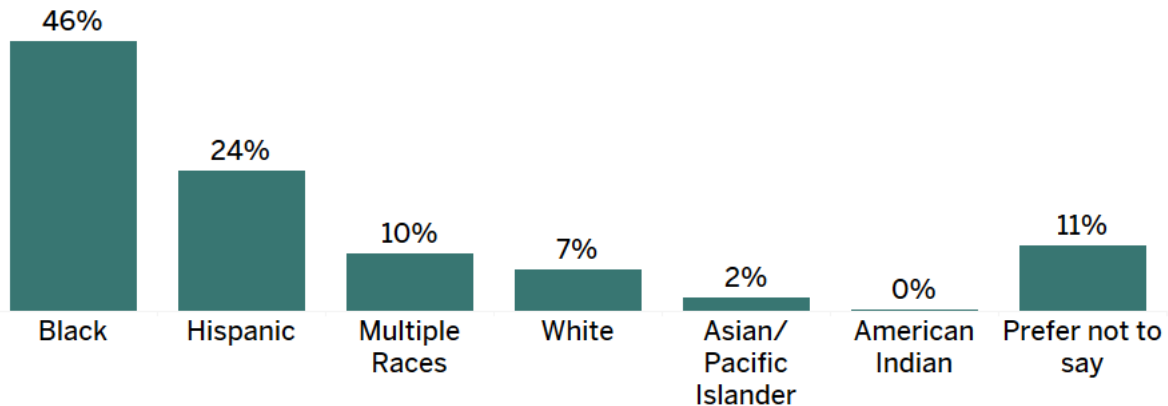


Note: Applications reopened to new users on 7/27. All applications will be reviewed.

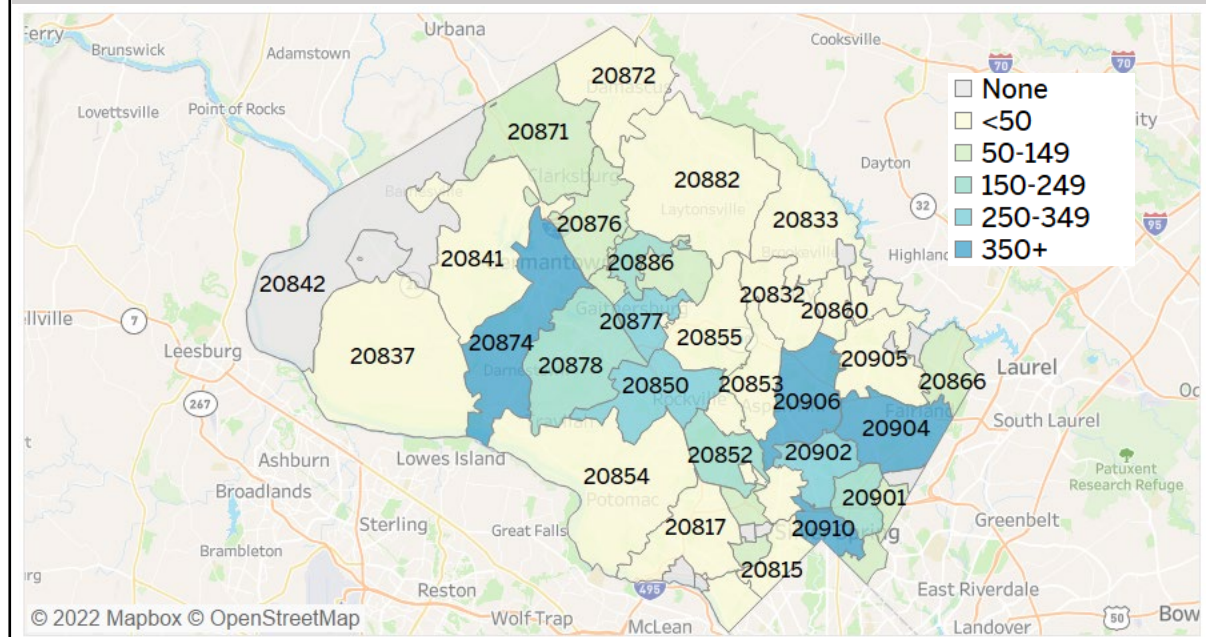
## HOUSEHOLD SIZE



## TENANT RACE/ETHNICITY



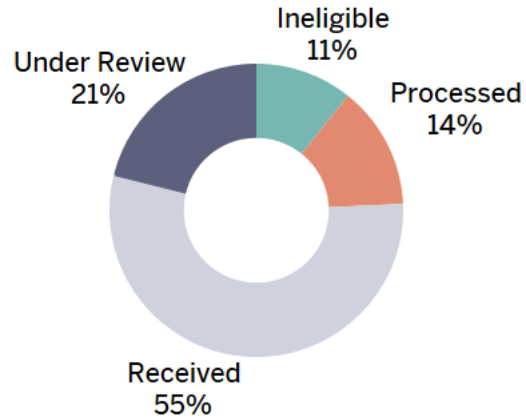
## TENANT APPLICANTS BY ZIP CODE





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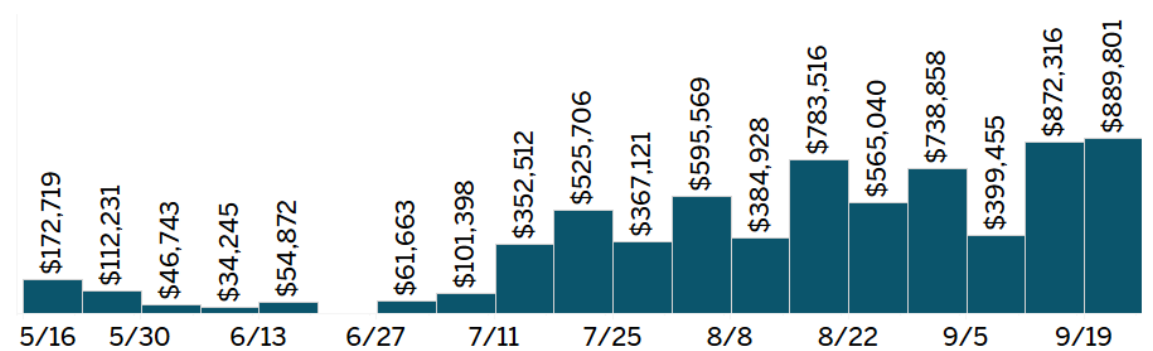


Applications deemed ineligible are typically fraudulent or are from applicants located out of jurisdiction or who are not behind on rent.

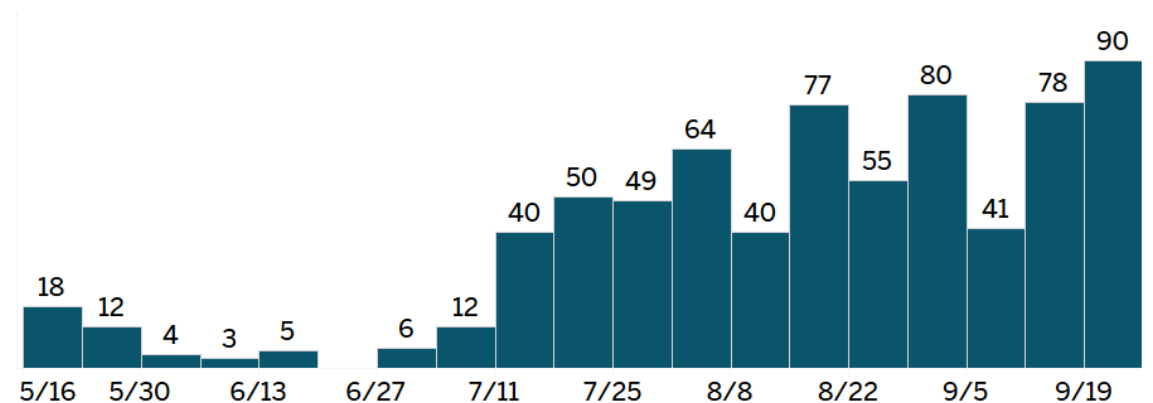
## APPROVALS BY WEEK

In total, the COVID-19 Rental Relief Program has approved **\$84.6M** in payments for **11,139** households.

**\$7,058,693**  
approved since May 16



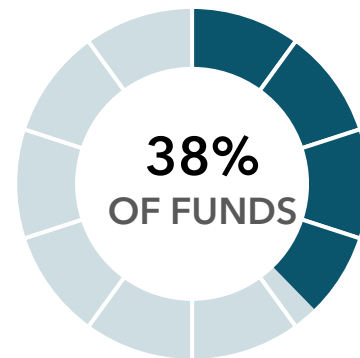
**705 Households**  
approved since May 16



## ERAP2 (DIRECT & STATE) EXPENDITURES

Award  
**\$40.5M**

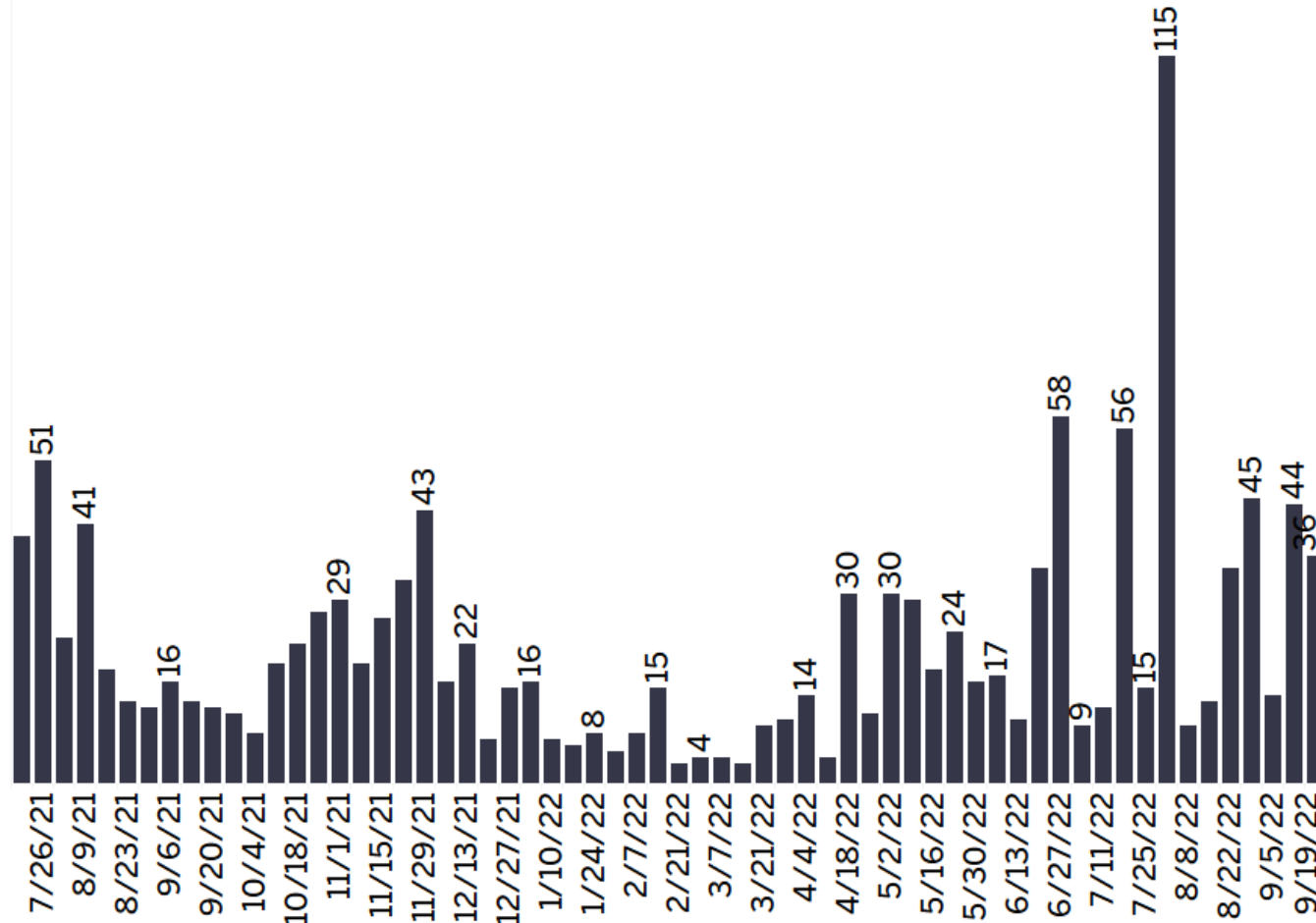
Current spending and encumbered  
**\$15.3M**



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

# EVICTIION TRACKER

## NEW WRITS BY WEEK

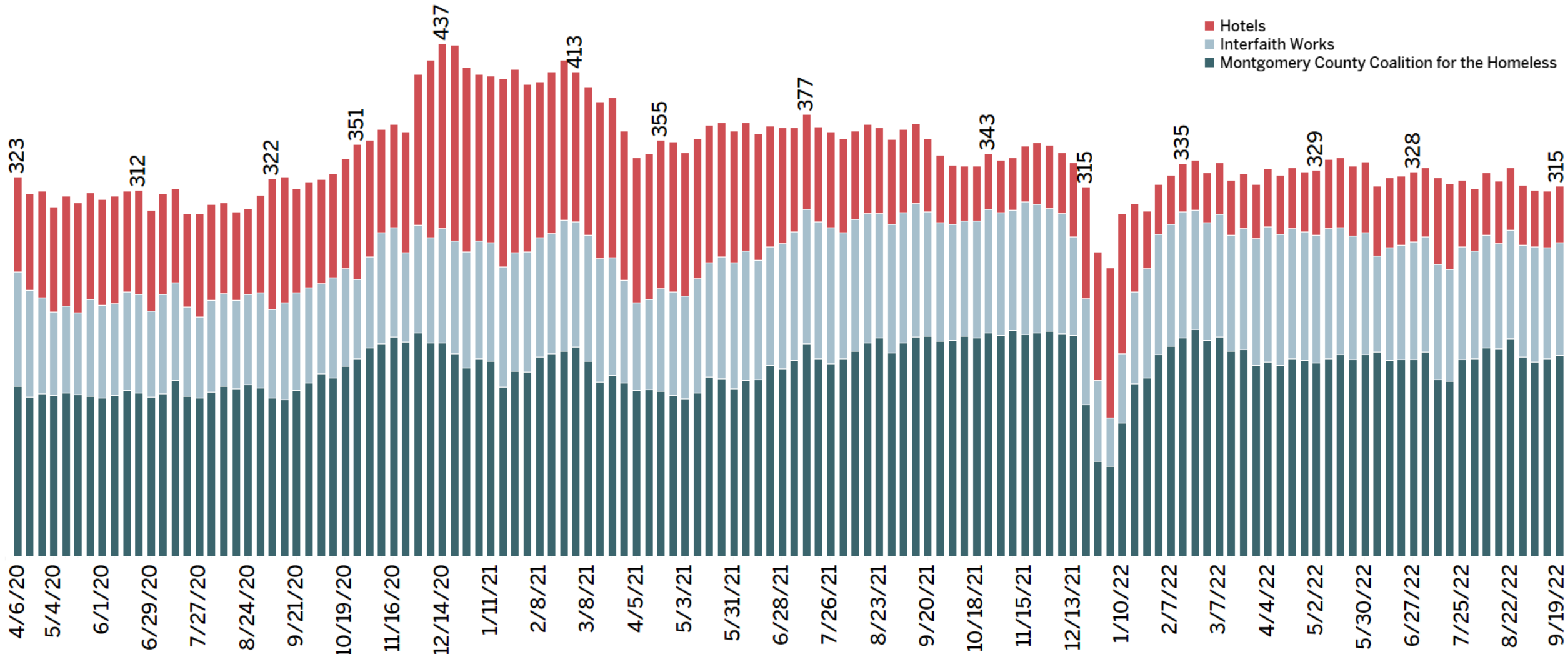


- **1,654** residents scheduled for eviction after July 19, 2021
- **35%** of households with a writ have applied for emergency rental assistance
- Context: **fewer than 8%** of writs typically result in eviction

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

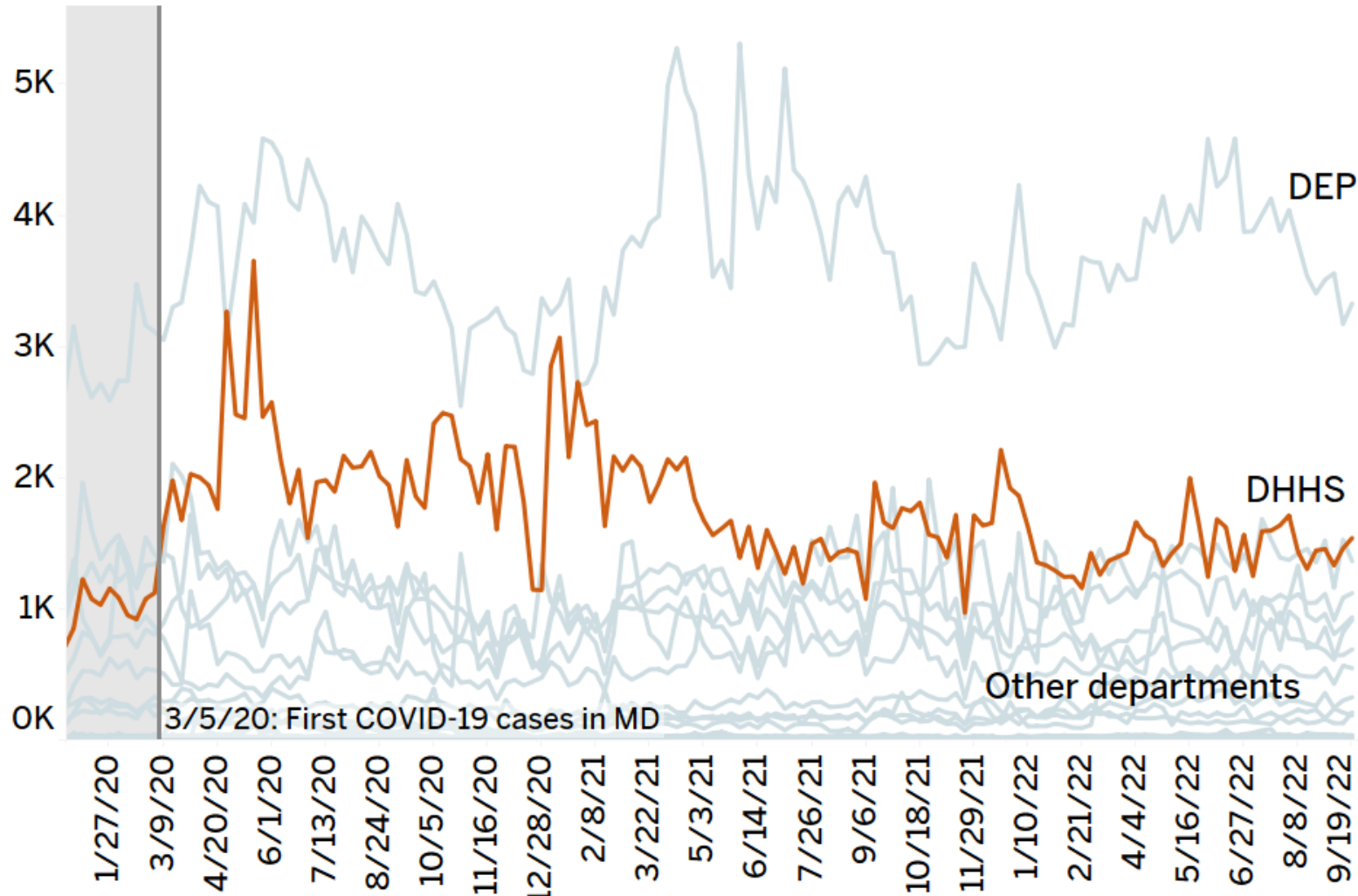


NOTE: Up to March 7, total occupancy did not include MCCH-affiliated hotels providing shelter to those who are in quarantine or isolation.

# MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

## WEEKLY CALLS BY DEPARTMENT

**1,539** calls last week for DHHS services



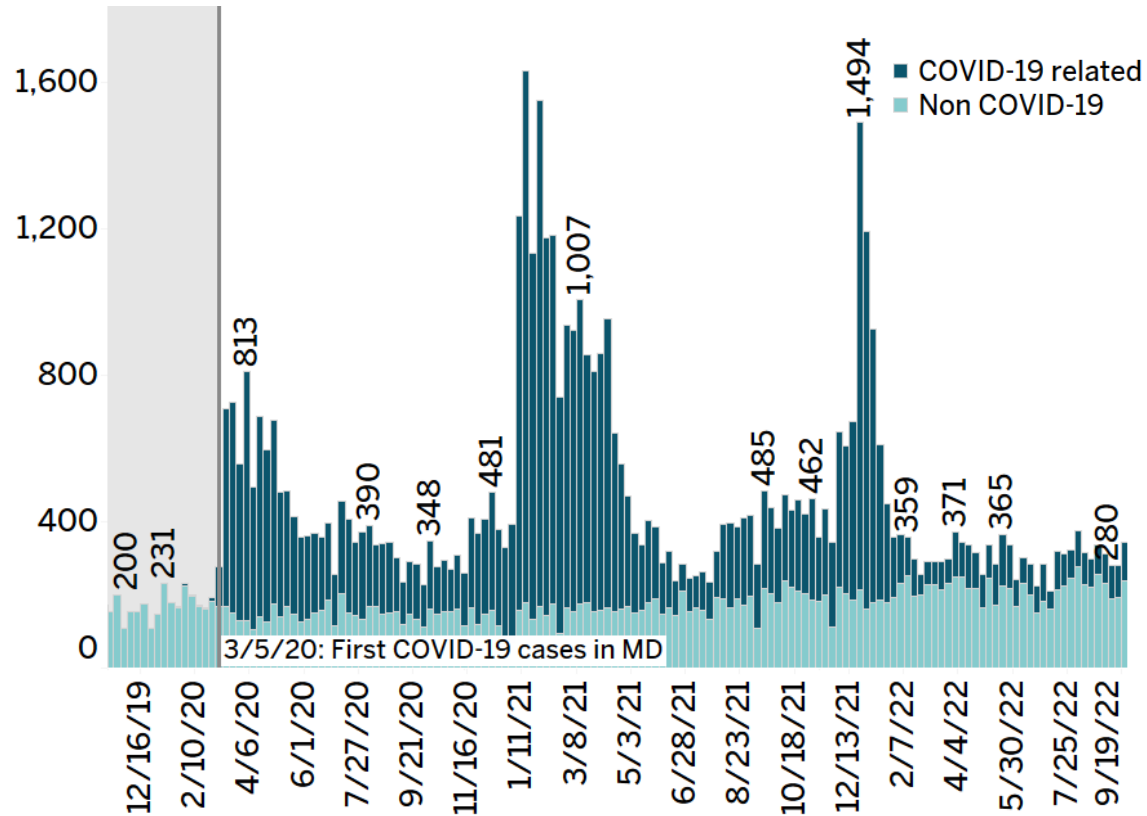
- 41% of last week's DHHS service calls were regarding public assistance programs
  - Most questions regarding public assistance are referred to the Office of Eligibility and Support Services, which typically fields around 2,000 direct calls and 3,000 referrals from MC311
- 15% of DHHS calls to MC311 last week were about the COVID Rental Relief Program

# MC311 WEEKLY CALL VOLUME: DHHS

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**345** calls last week for Public Health

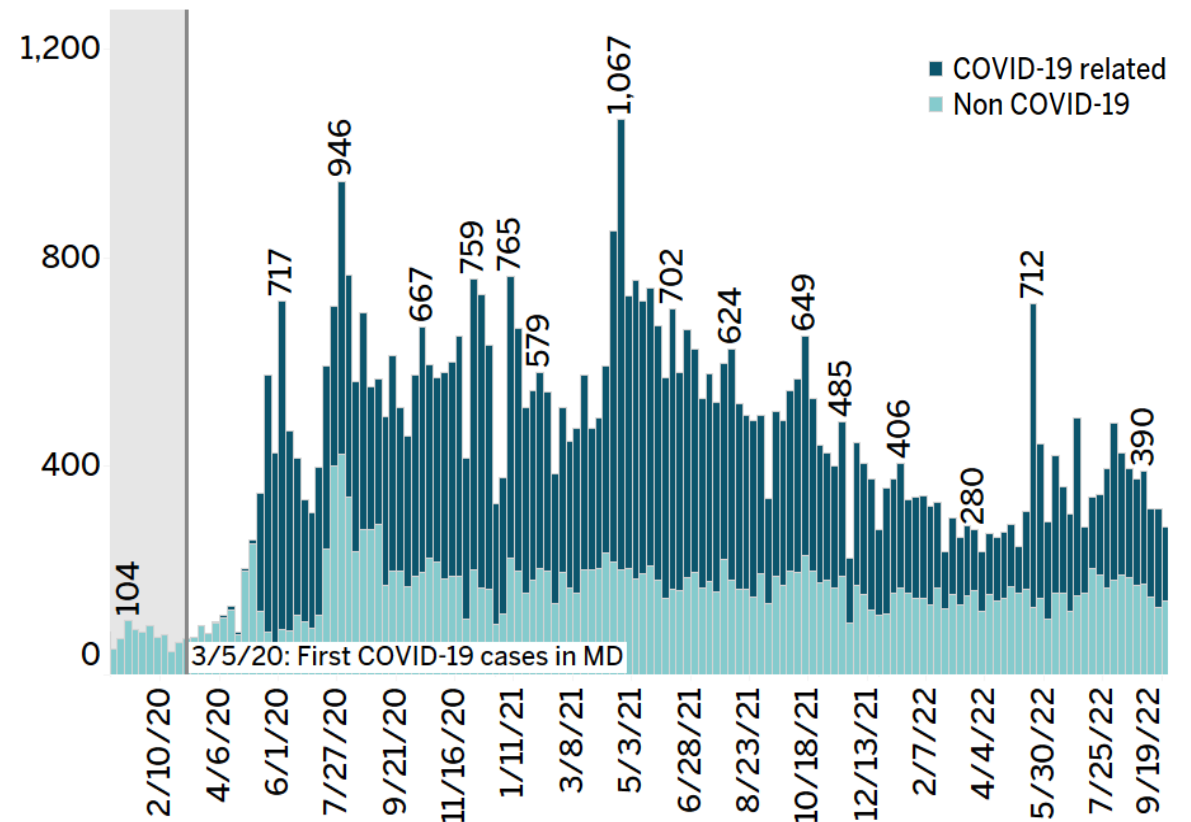
**30%** related to COVID-19



## SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

**283** calls last week for SEPH

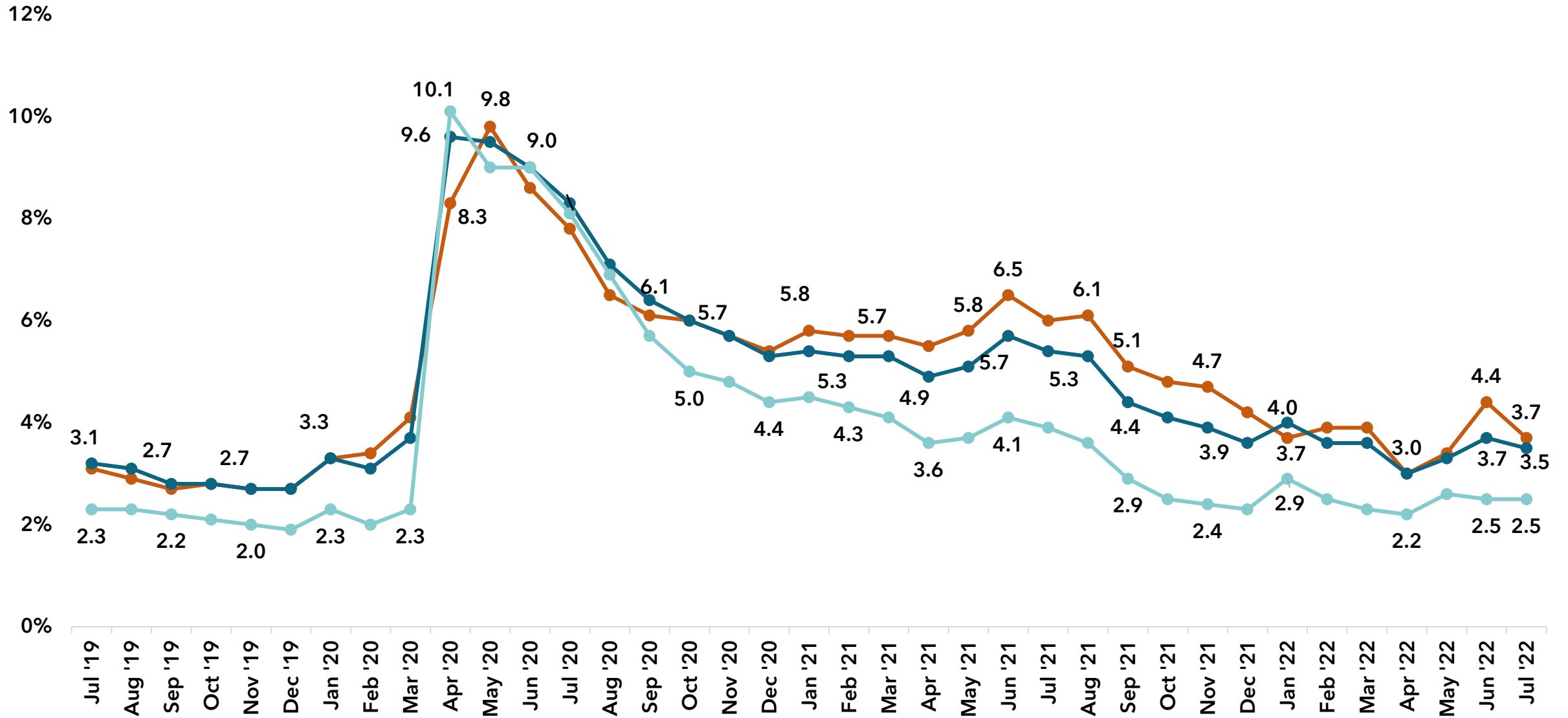
**50%** related to COVID-19





# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

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



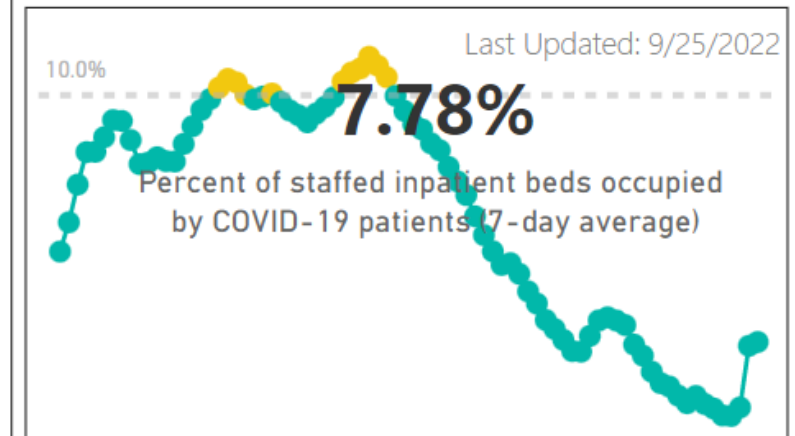
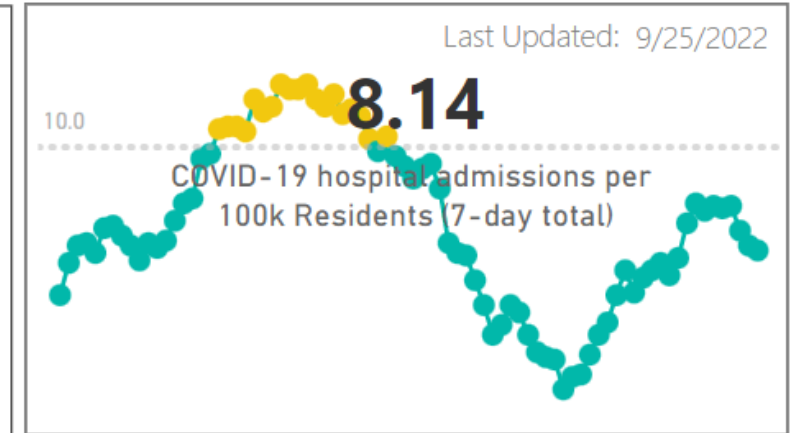
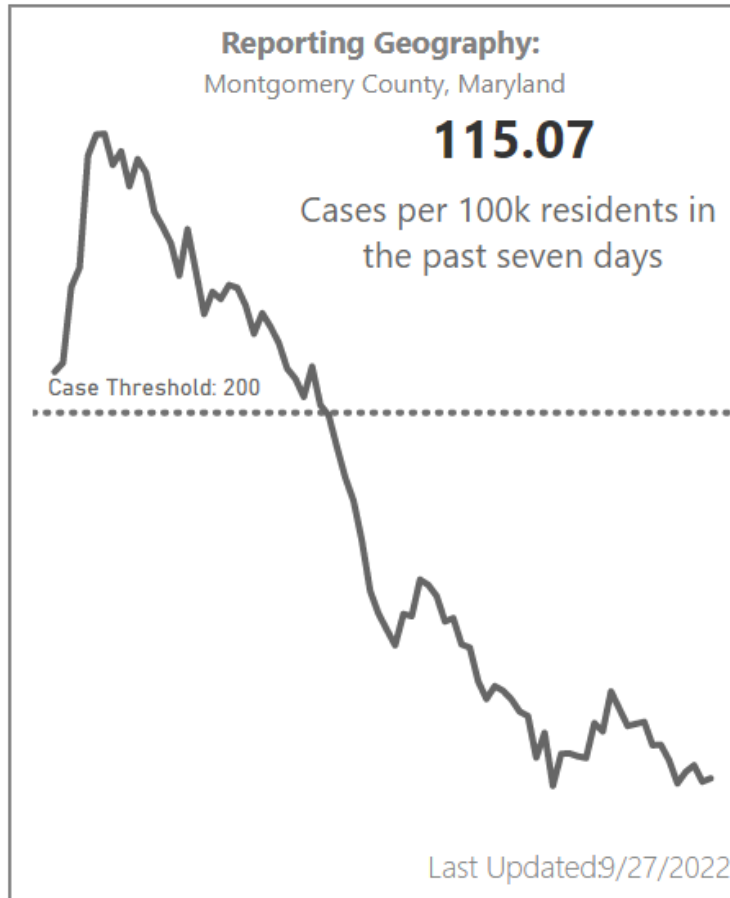
# COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING



# COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL STATUS

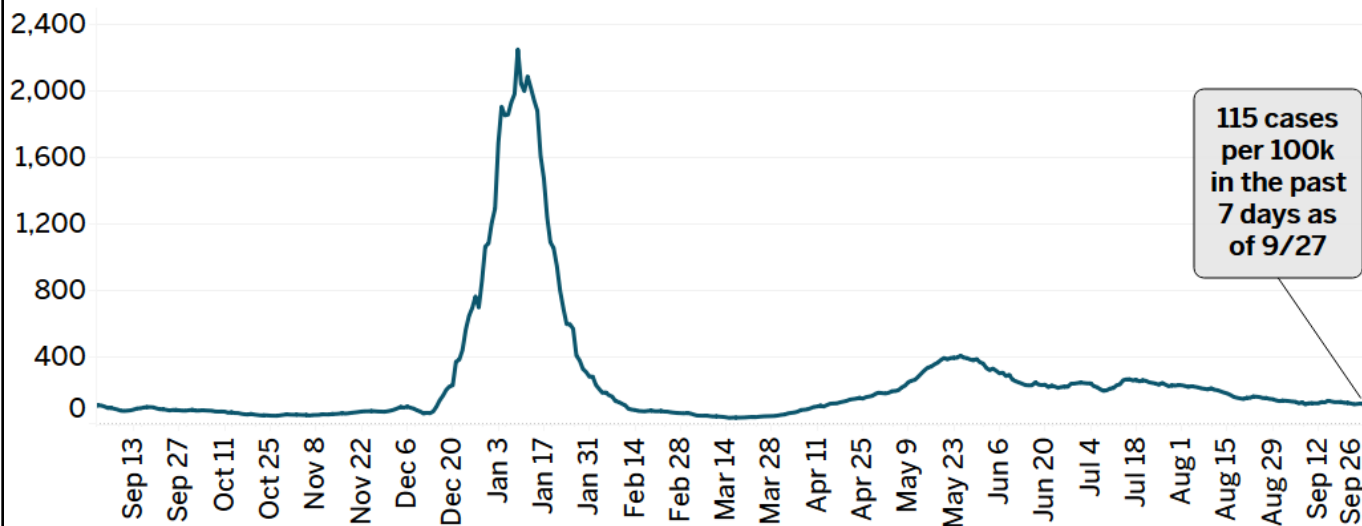
Based on CDC's community level indicators, Montgomery County's community level status is **LOW**.

- 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

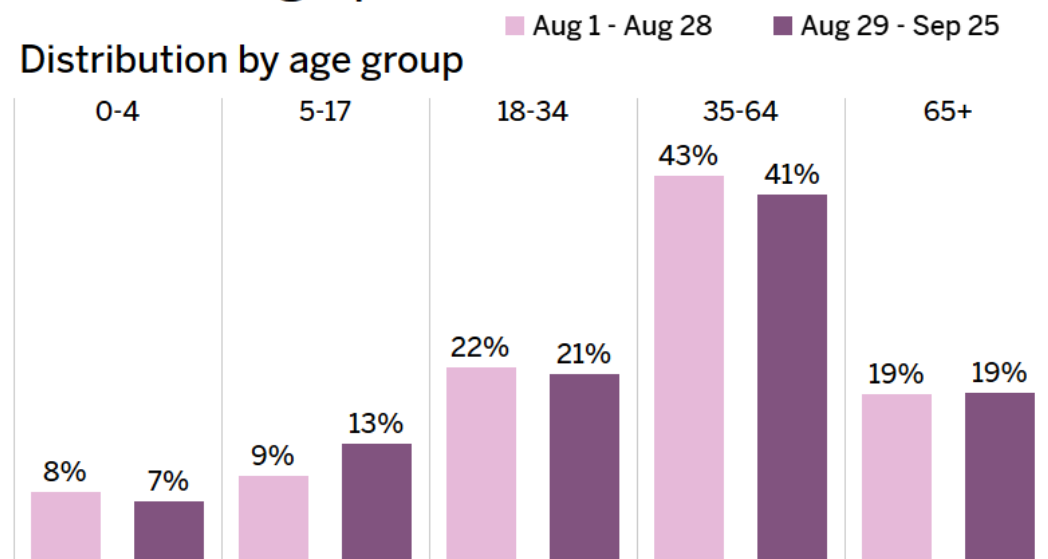


# COVID-19 CASES

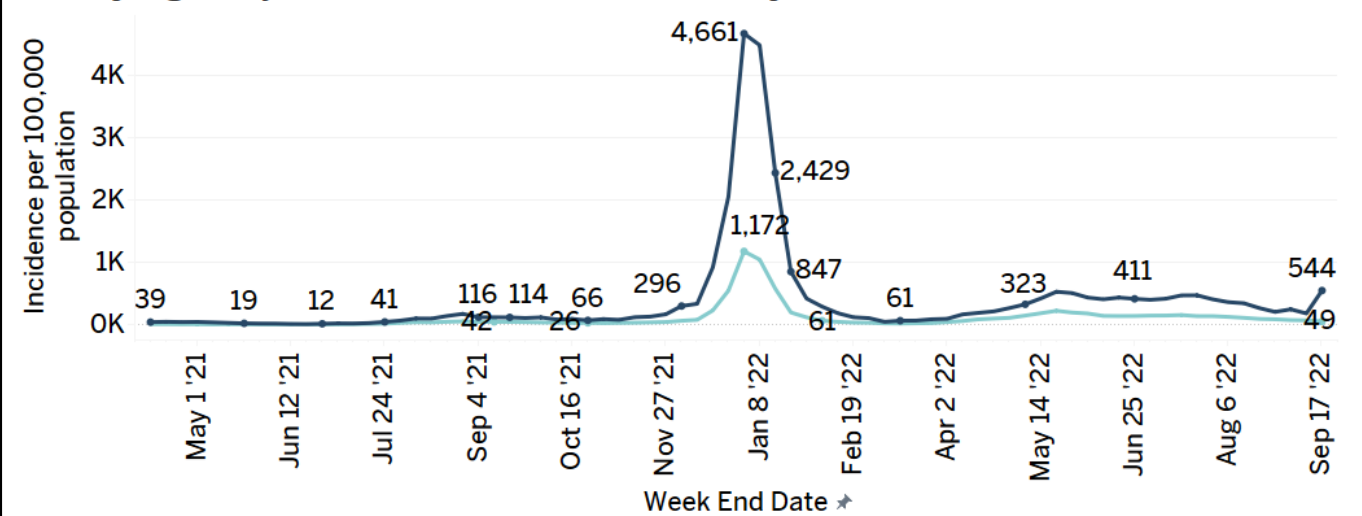
### Cases per 100k over 7 days



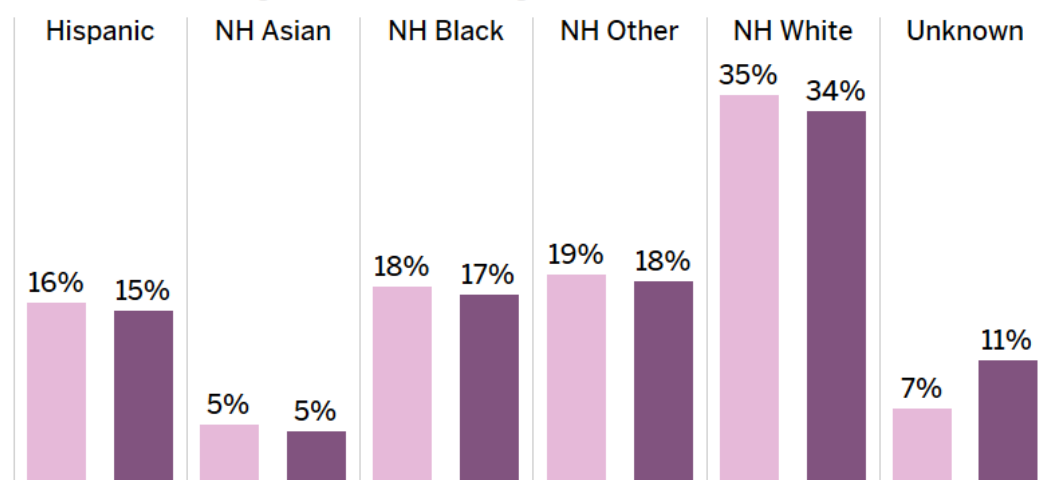
### Case Demographics: Past Two Months



### Weekly Age-Adjusted COVID-19 Case Rates by Vaccination Status



### Distribution by race/ethnicity

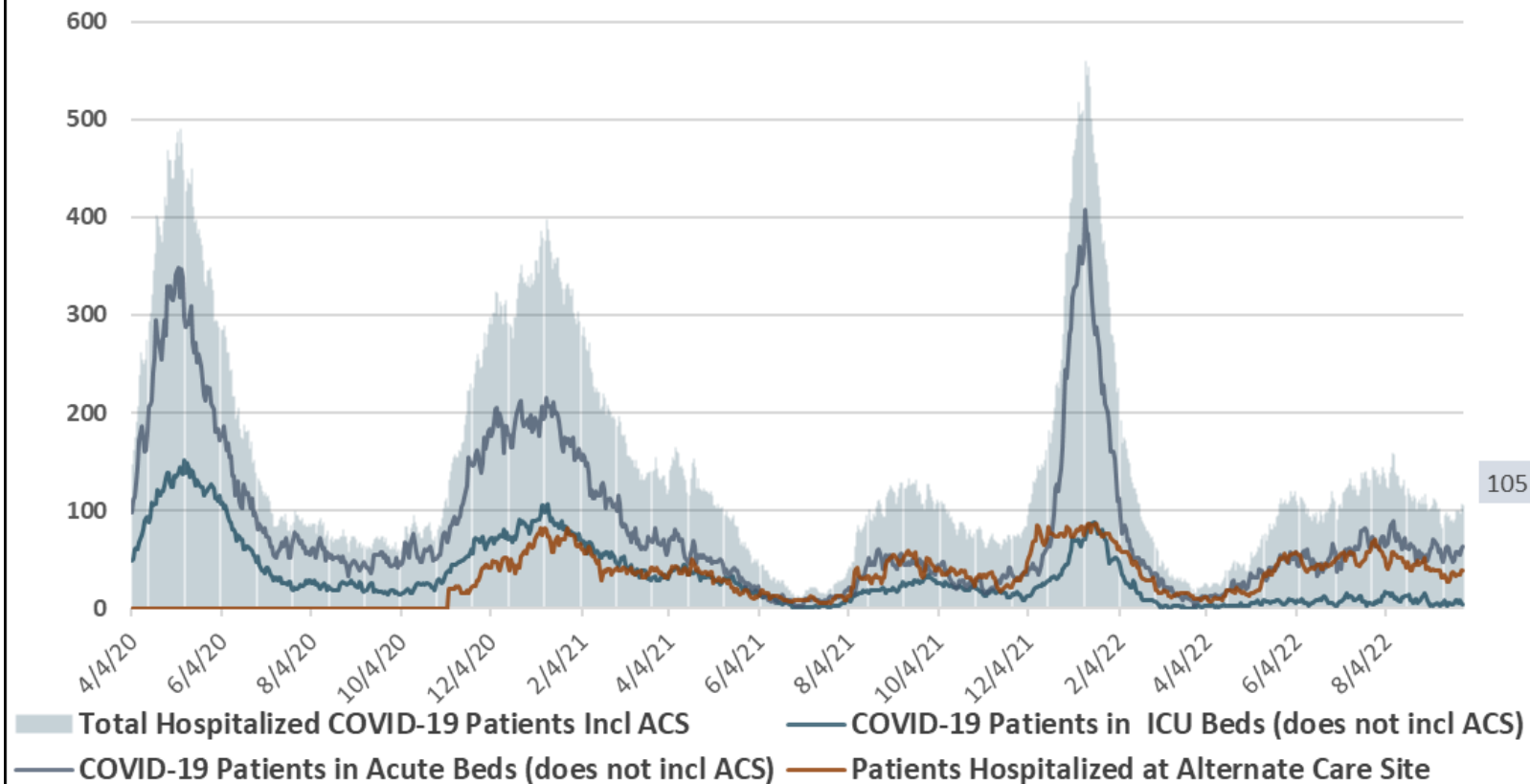


Note: Case data only reflect confirmed cases via PCR tests.



# 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 pm 9/25/22

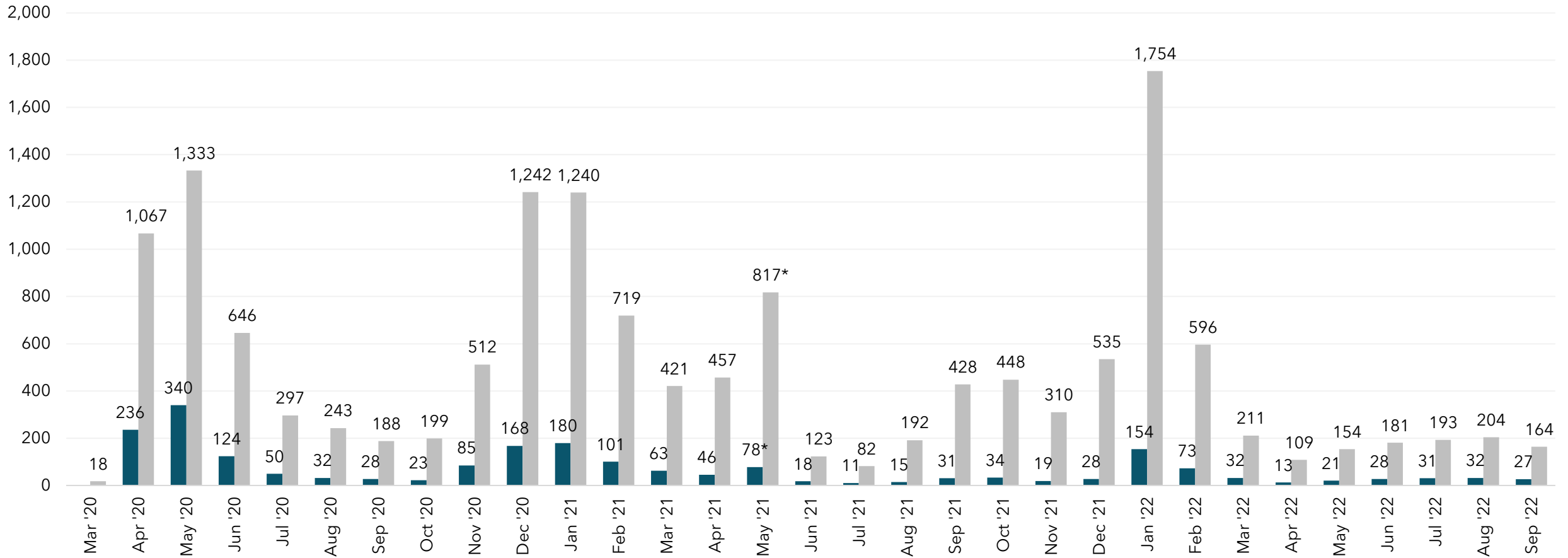


- There are 105 hospitalized COVID-19 patients as of 9/25. Acute care occupancy (63) increased, and ICU bed occupancy decreased (+14 and -2, respectively).
- 7.78% of hospital beds in the community are occupied by patients with a COVID diagnosis (as of 9/25).
- 38 patients are currently hospitalized at the alternate care site, an increase of 2 since last week. These patients are transfers from other hospitals and may come from other jurisdictions.

# COVID-19 DEATHS

Monthly COVID-19 Deaths  
As of 9/24/22

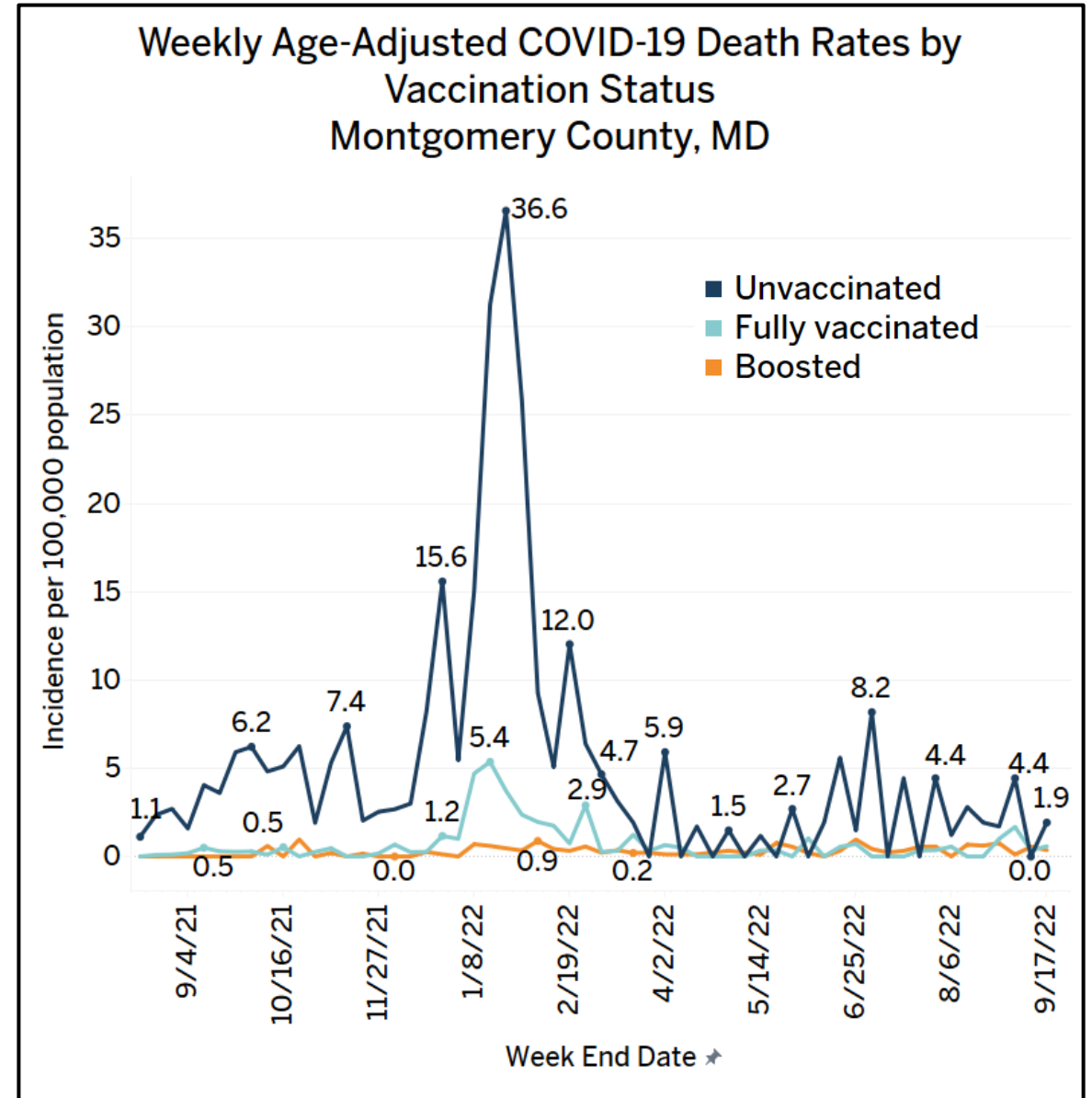
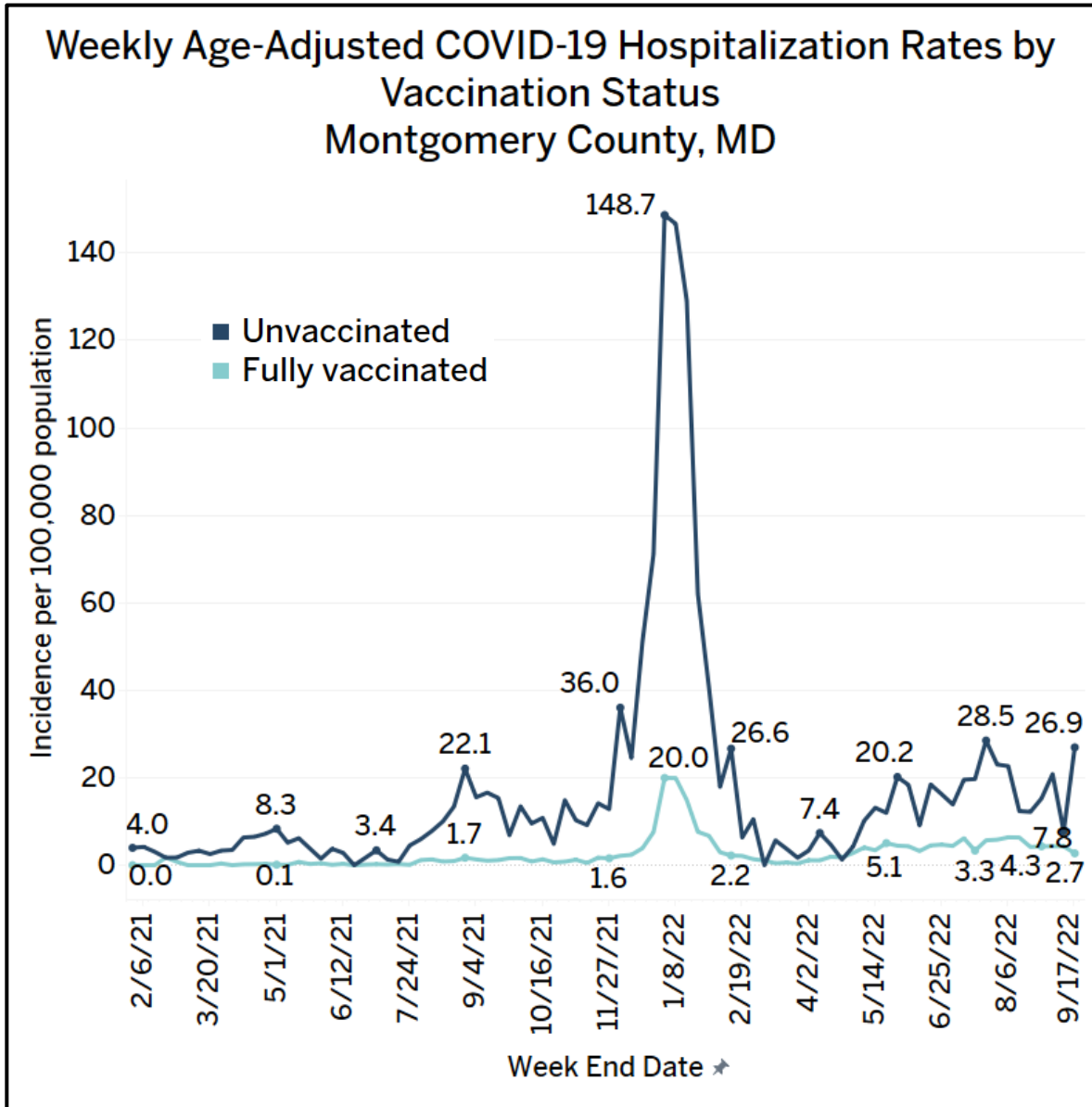
■ Montgomery County ■ Maryland



\*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.

# HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS BY VACCINATION STATUS



NOTE: Hospitalization rates for the boosted population are not available as a separate measure.

# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

## TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 9/21/22)

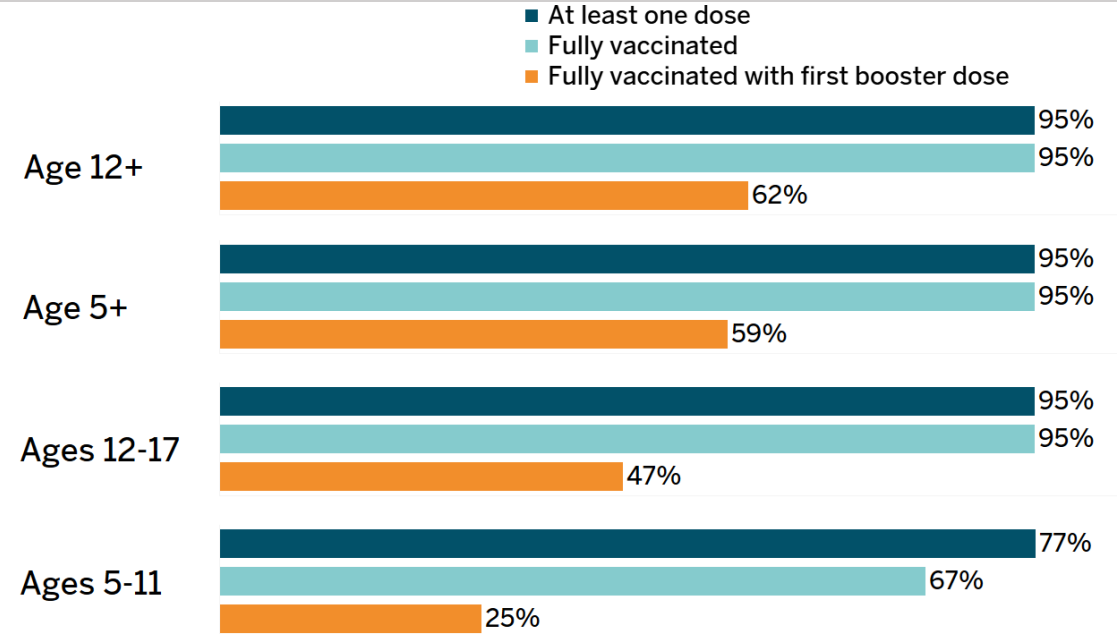
- **≥95%\*** of total population received at least **ONE DOSE** [N=1,117,824]
- **90%** of total population received at least **TWO DOSES** (fully vaccinated) [N=948,524]
- **59%** of fully vaccinated population received a **FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=557,580]

\*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



Percentage estimates for age groups 12-17 and 5-11 should be interpreted with caution due to higher margins of error in census population estimates.

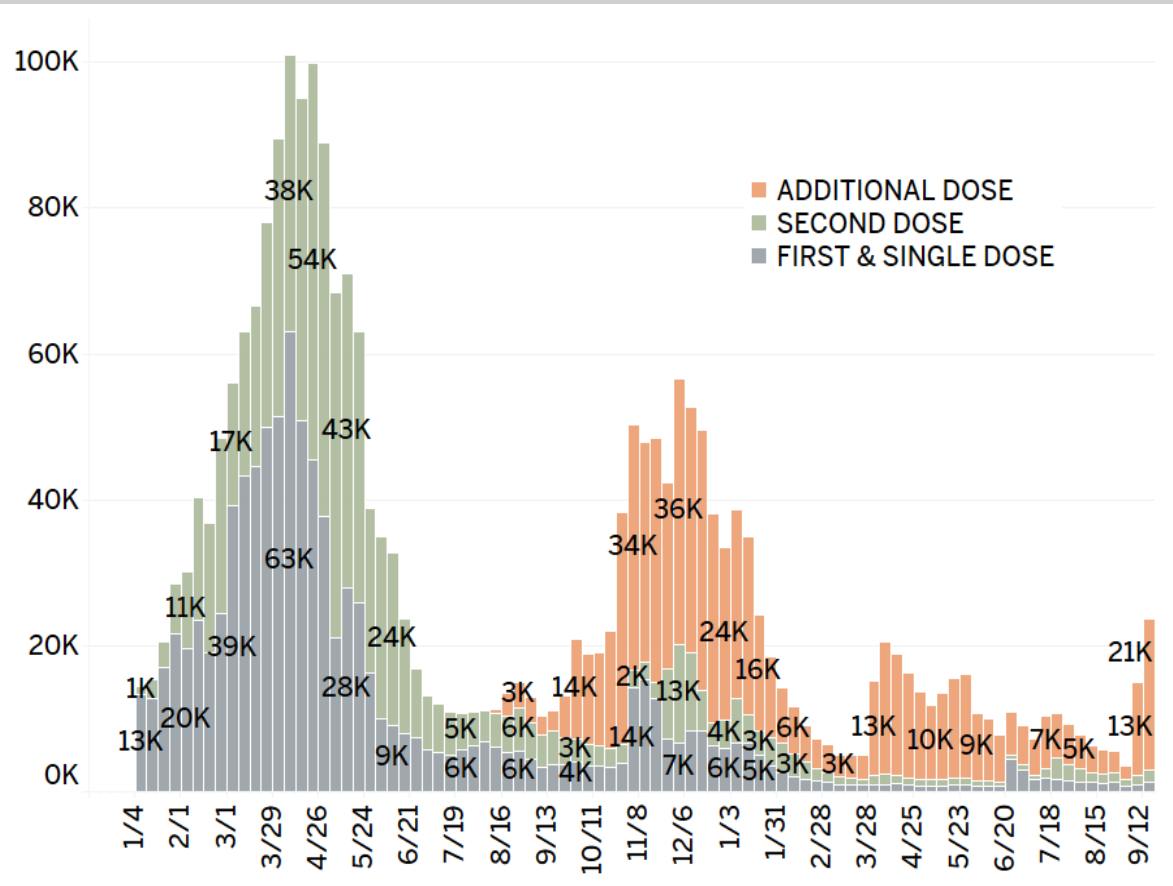
- **81%** of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a **FIRST BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE** [N=140,954]
- **53%** of the 50+ population with a first booster dose received a **SECOND BOOSTER** [N=151,340]



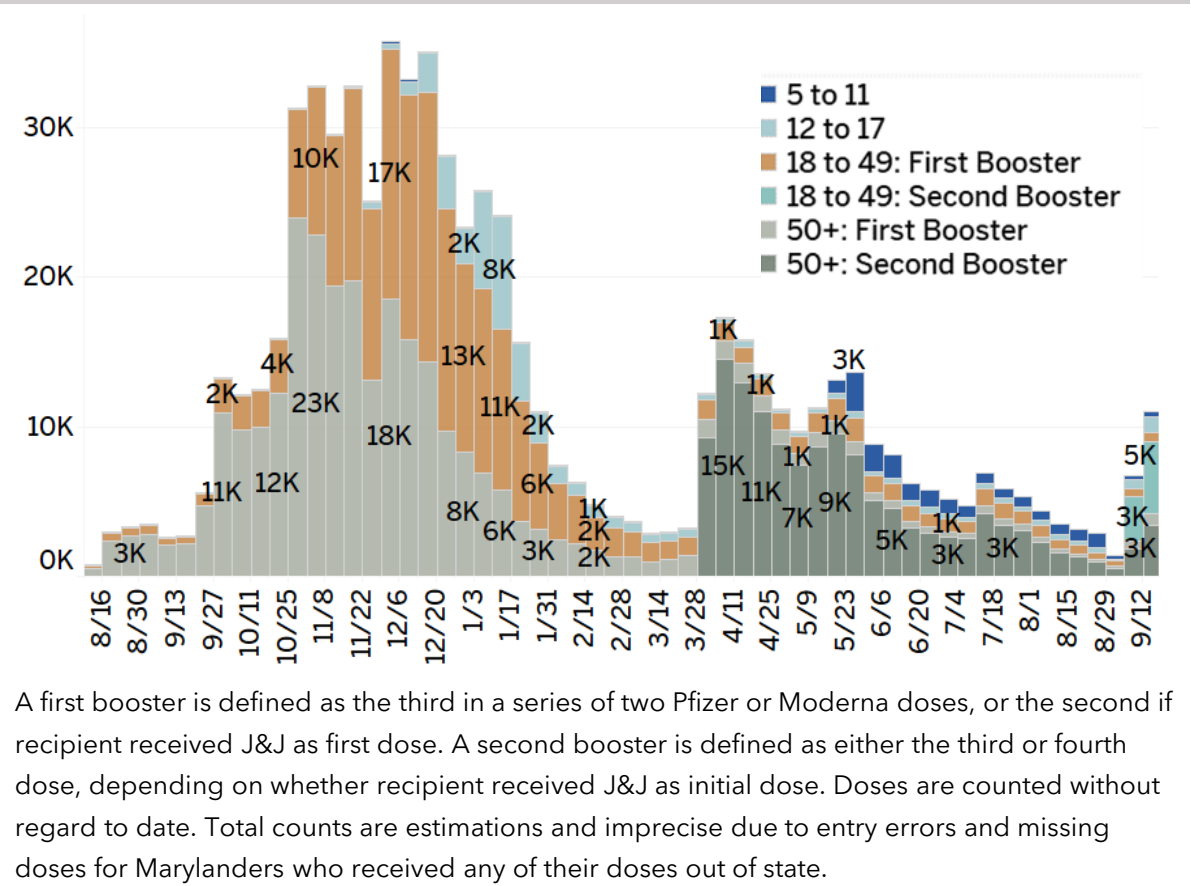
# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: WEEKLY VOLUME

Charts below show most recent full weeks of data, up to **September 18, 2022**.

## VACCINATIONS BY DOSE



## ADDITIONAL DOSES BY AGE GROUP

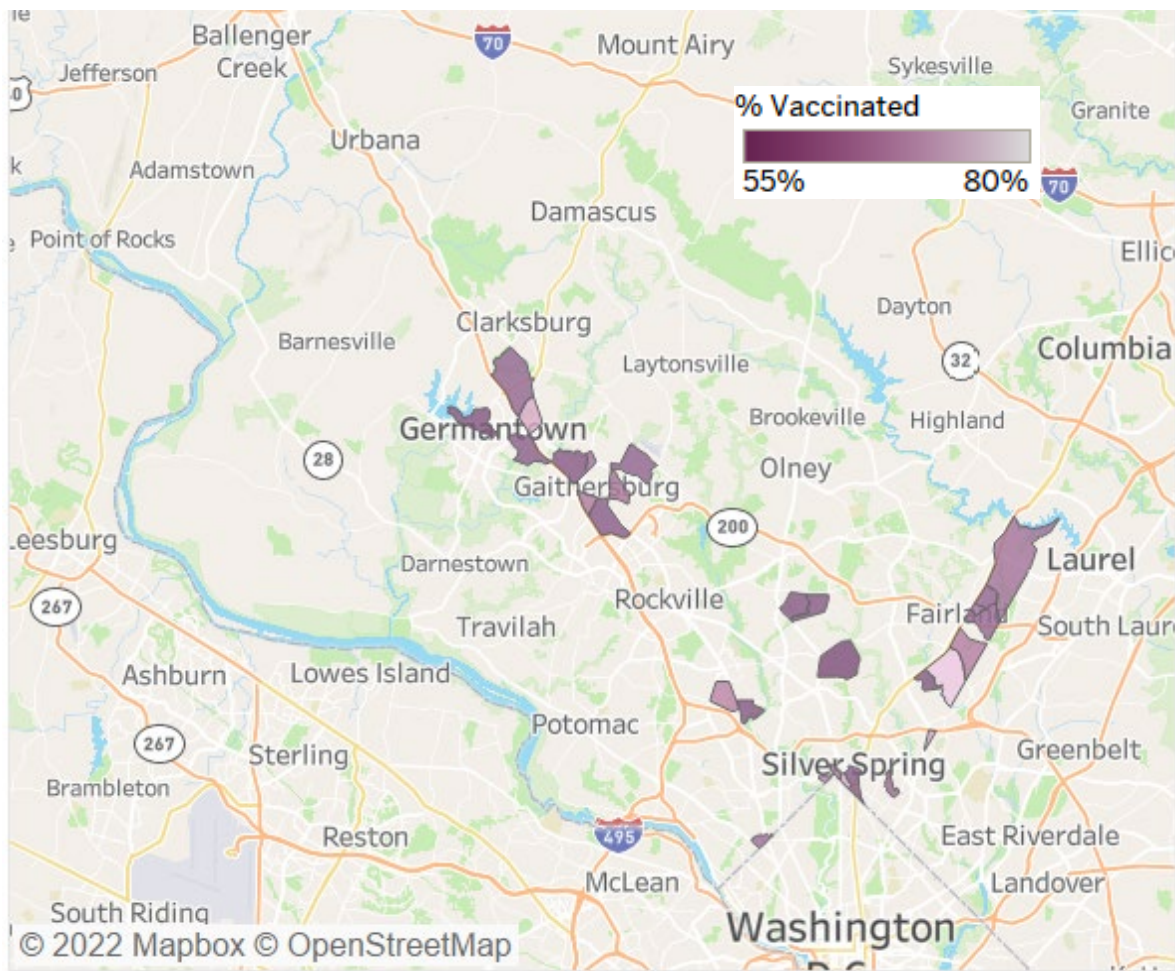


A first booster is defined as the third in a series of two Pfizer or Moderna doses, or the second if recipient received J&J as first dose. A second booster is defined as either the third or fourth dose, depending on whether recipient received J&J as initial dose. Doses are counted without regard to date. 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

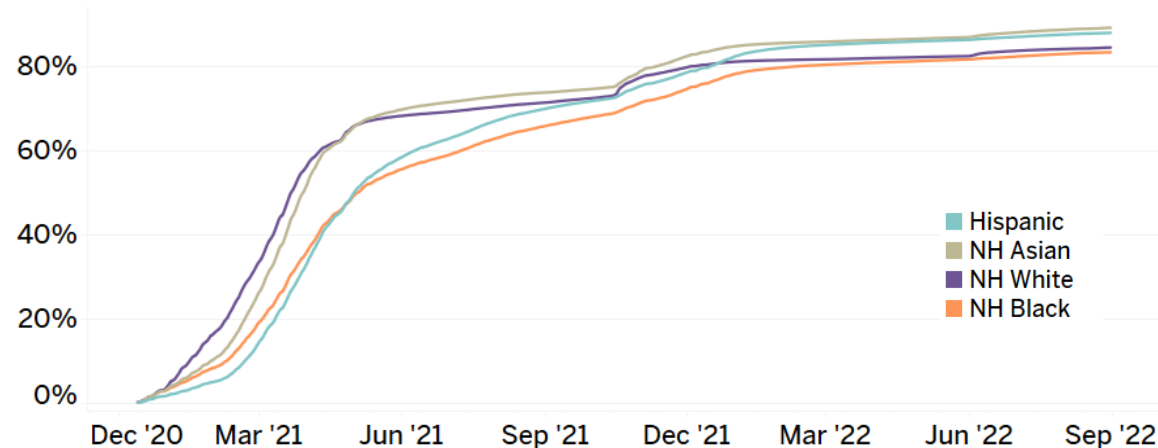
## TRACTS WITH BELOW AVERAGE FIRST-DOSE RATES



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.

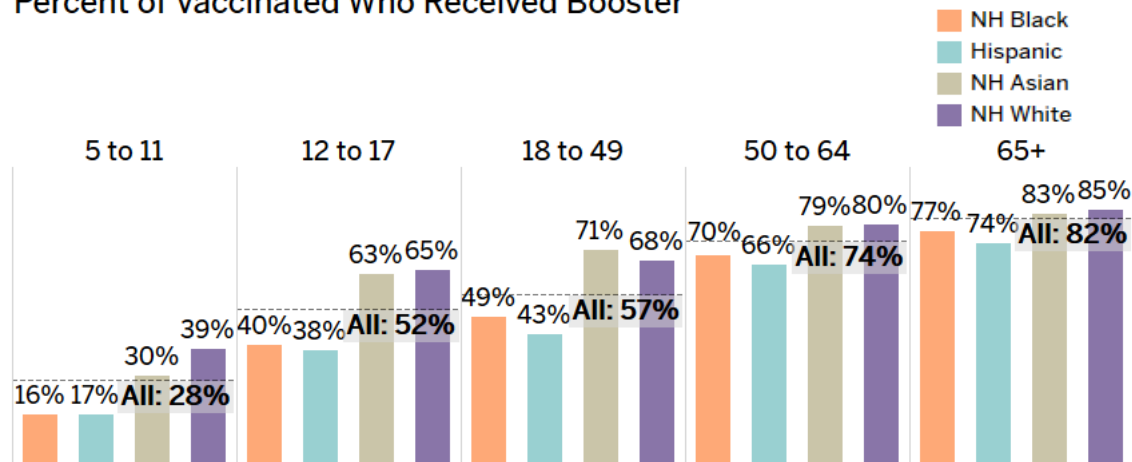
## FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY RACE

First-Dose Rates by Race/Ethnicity (all ages)



## ADDITIONAL DOSE RATES BY RACE & AGE

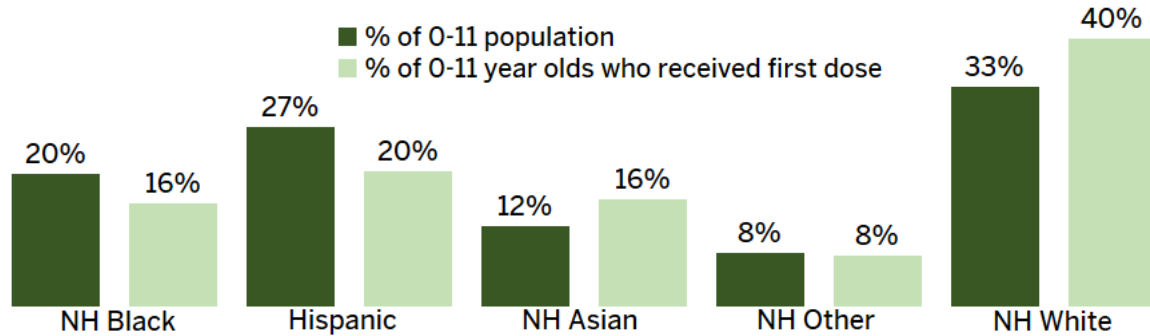
Percent of Vaccinated Who Received Booster



# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

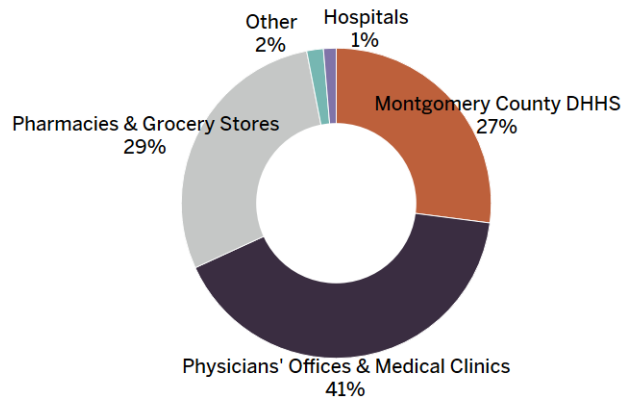
Data reflect vaccines administered to children aged 0-11 unless otherwise noted.

## FIRST DOSES BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Charts reads: 20% of 0-11 population are NH Black, and 16% of vaccinated 0-11 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.

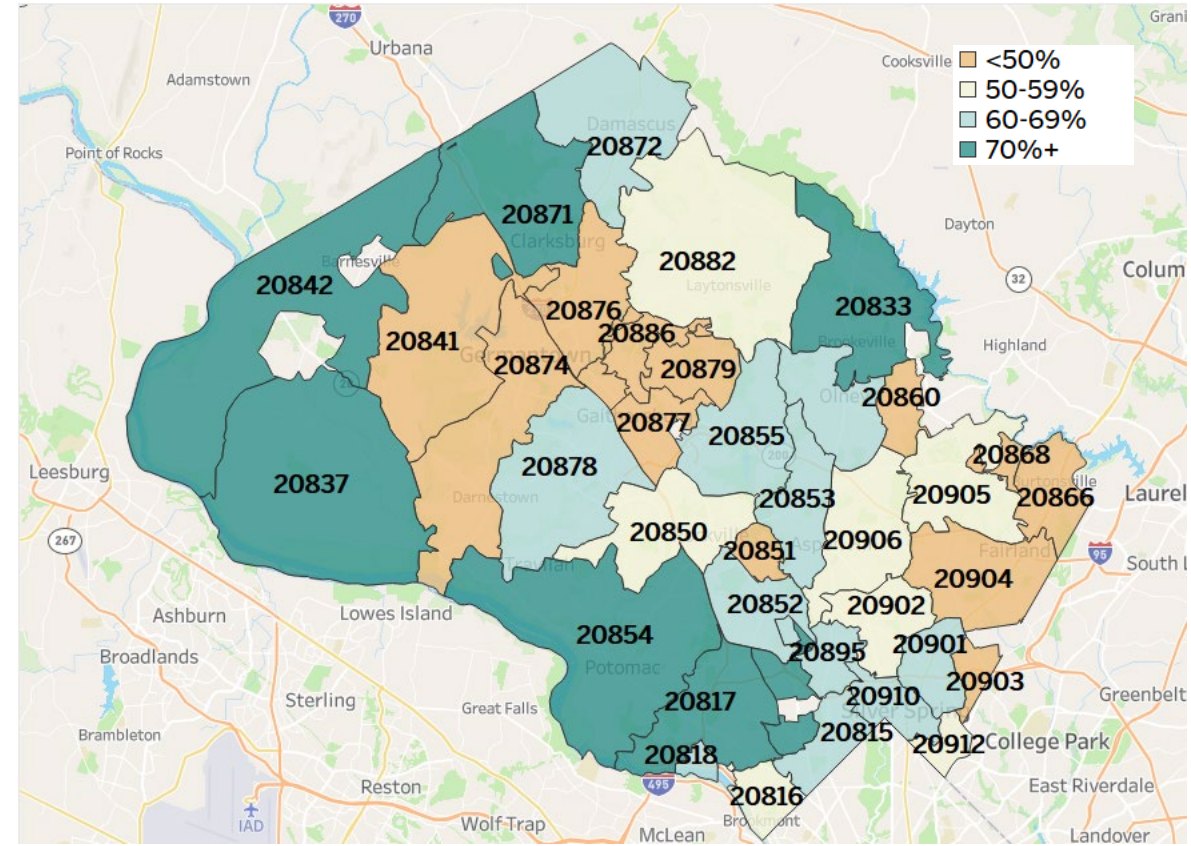
## PEDIATRIC VACCINE PROVIDERS



Physicians' offices and medical clinics administer the highest proportion of pediatric vaccinations, followed by pharmacies and grocery stores and Montgomery County DHHS.

## FIRST-DOSE VACCINATION RATES BY ZIP CODE

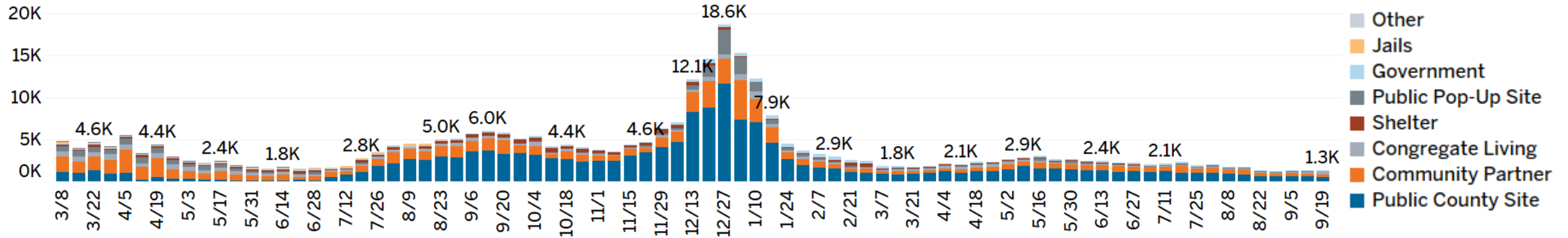
Vaccination rates among residents ages 0-14 are used as a proxy for pediatric vaccination rates in the map below due to the availability of population estimates only for certain age categories. Zip codes with fewer than 100 residents ages 0-14 are excluded.



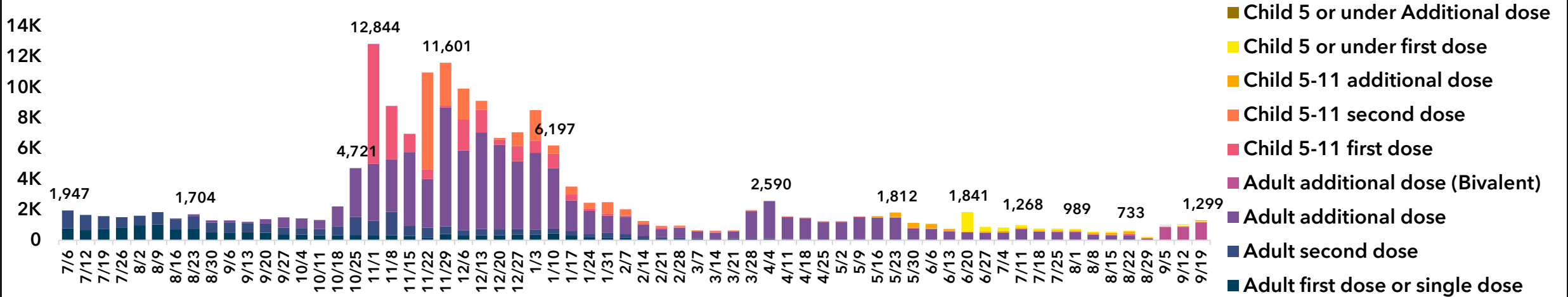


# COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

## DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 1,313 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



## DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 1,299 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK



Data are subject to retroactive changes. The current data collection system does not distinguish between first and second booster shots.



# 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.