DHHS PULSE REPORT
COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY
January 19, 2021
RESPONSE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & DEMAND
COVID-19 RENTAL RELIEF UPDATE: WEEK OF JAN 10-16

APPLICATIONS BY WEEK (ENDED 12/31)

11,190 total applications
(excluding 3,600 duplicate applications in grey)

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

APPLICANT HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

Household size

- 36% 1
- 23% 2
- 17% 3
- 13% 4
- 11% 5+

Percent of Area Median Income

- 60% 0%
- 20% 1-30%
- 11% 31-50%
- 4% 51-80%
- 5% 80%+
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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.

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:

- **$63.7M** in payments
- **9,010** households

Total Approved Payments: $45.8M

Total Approved Households: 4,514
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HEATMAP OF RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS

RECIPIENT RACE/ETHNICITY

- 53% Black
- 31% Hispanic
- 6% White
- 7% Multiple Races
- 3% Asian & Pacific Islander
- 1% Other
- 0% American Indian

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

85% OF FUNDS

Current spending and encumbered
$26.6M

STATE ERAP EXPENDITURES

Award
$28.1M

98% OF FUNDS

Current spending and encumbered
$27.7M

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

STATE EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY

As of 10.31.2021

Montgomery $20.4M
Prince George’s $14.8M
Wicomico $7.4M
Washington $5.9M
Baltimore City $4.5M
Cecil $3.3M
Charles $3.1M
Carroll $1.3M
Worcester $1.1M
St. Mary’s $1.1M
Calvert $1.0M
Caroline $1.0M
Talbot $0.9M
Allegany $0.9M
Queen Anne’s $0.6M
Somerset $0.4M
Dorchester $0.4M
Garrett $0.3M
Kent $0.1M
Anne Arundel $0.0M
Baltimore County $0.0M
Frederick $0.0M

EVICTION TRACKER

NEW WRITS BY WEEK

- **882** 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

1,624 calls last week for DHHS services

WEEKLY CALLS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

391 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

611 calls last week for Public Health
70% related to COVID-19

SERVICES TO END & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

406 calls last week for SEPH
59% related to COVID-19
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE REGION

- Fairfax County
- DC-Metro Region
- Montgomery County

- Jul '19: 3.2%, 2.6%, 2.5%
- Sep '19: 2.3%, 2.0%, 1.9%
- Nov '19: 2.2%, 2.2%
- Jan '20: 2.2%
- Mar '20: 3.1%
- May '20: 10.2%
- Jul '20: 8.6%
- Sep '20: 8.1%
- Nov '20: 6.7%
- Jan '21: 6.6%
- Mar '21: 5.9%
- May '21: 6.4%
- Jul '21: 5.7%
- Sep '21: 4.9%
- Nov '21: 4.3%
COVID-19 CASES, VACCINATIONS, & TESTING
*Cases may be underreported in part due to the growing use of self-test home kits. Montgomery County DHHS collects data on self-reported home test results in a separate database.

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 SCHOOL-AGE CASES: 4-WEEK SNAPSHOT

30-DAY CASE RATE PER 1,000 5-17 YEAR OLDS

BETWEEN DECEMBER 20, 2021 AND JANUARY 17, 2022:

- There were 12,838 confirmed cases among 5-17 year olds.
- 48% of these cases were among 5-11 year-olds and 52% among 12-17 year-olds.
- The zip codes with highest rate of cases among 5-17 year olds (adjusted for that age group’s population) are: 20871, 20872, 20886, 20874, and 20902.

Map reads: In zip code 20871, there were more than 99 cases among 5-17 year olds per 1,000 5-17 year olds between 12/20/21 and 1/17/22.
Case rate not calculated for zip codes with fewer than 1,000 5-17 year olds.
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: TOTALS FROM CDC

TOTAL VACCINATIONS (AS OF 1/18/22)

• ≥95%* of total population received at least ONE DOSE [N=1,047,858]

• 85% of total population received at least TWO DOSES (fully vaccinated) [N=891,852]

• 46% of fully vaccinated population received a BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=408,231]

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 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.

• 51% of the fully vaccinated 18+ population received a BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=391,294]

• 70% of the fully vaccinated 65+ population received a BOOSTER/ADDITIONAL DOSE [N=118,786]
COUNTY GOVT COORDINATED TESTING & VACCINATIONS

DHHS-ADMINISTERED TESTING: 12,347 TESTS ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

DHHS-ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS: 6,187 DOSES ADMINISTERED LAST WEEK

Data are subject to retroactive changes.
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.
- Vaccine data are downloaded from the CDC website each Tuesday.
- Data on county government coordinated testing and vaccinations are collected by DHHS daily.