



Advisory Committee on Aging

Managing Director's Report

September 22, 2021

Managing Additional Federal COVID Funds to Meet Community Needs

Federal Legislation	CAA*	VAC5	American Rescue Plan
Amount to ARC	\$1.3 million	\$403,307	\$13 million
Supportive Services			x
Nutrition Services	x		x
Caregiver Services			x
Wellness programs			x
Vaccine access		x	x
Contract received by ARC	July 2021	Not yet received	Not yet received depends on state match (likely spring 2022)

*Consolidated Appropriations Act, also called HDC-5

Federal Legislative Activity - Part 1

- \$3.5 Trillion Reconciliation package
 - House Education and Labor Committee:
 - \$1.2 Billion in Older Americans Act (OAA) increases (similar to CARES Act amounts)
 - Eliminates non-federal match in ARPA for OAA
 - House Energy & Commerce Committee:
 - Medicaid HCBS Waivers - TBD (President recommended \$400 Billion)
 - House members propose: Medicare Dental, Vision and Hearing Benefit Act

Federal Legislative Activity - Part 2

- Federal FY 22 (begins October 1, 2021)
 - Continuing Resolution expected
 - President's budget and House Committee versions both have significant OAA increases

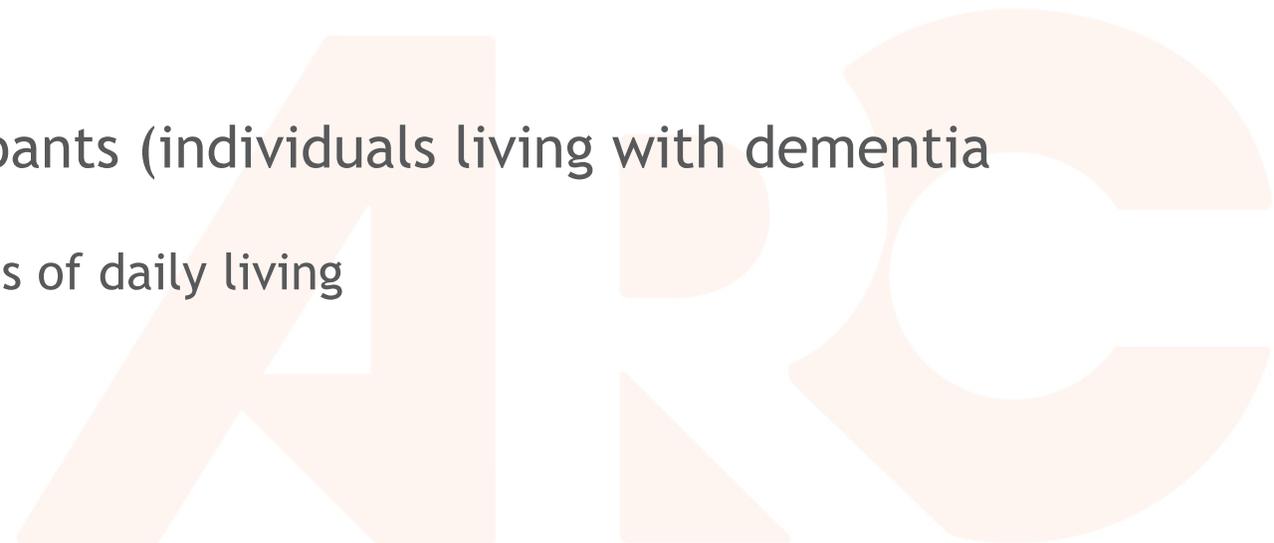
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ARC Office Reintegration

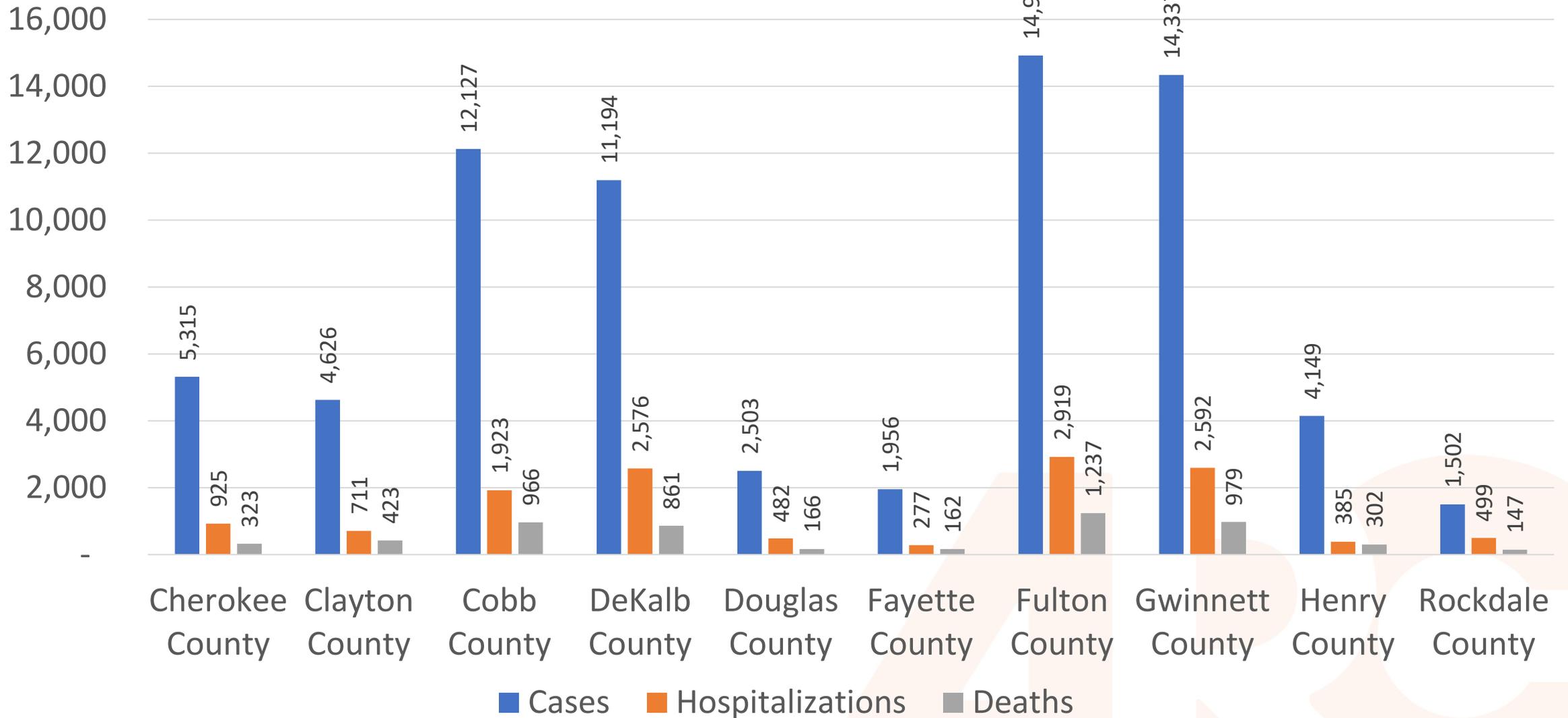
- Phase II: Pilot (mid-July - mid-August) to test office opening
 - Pilot 2: September - October: Mondays and Wednesdays only
- Phase III: Plan to begin in ~~September~~ ??
- Closely monitoring the delta variant
 - Staff return to office
 - Revised telework and remote work policy under development
 - Board and committees to meet in person (with virtual option)
- ARC Reintegration Plan available upon request

ARC receiving 3 new (non-COVID) grants

- Retirement Research Foundation:
 - Georgia Academy of Family Physicians applied
 - Purpose: Educate physicians in our region regarding access to aging services
- Kaiser Permanente
 - Purpose: Support ARC information counselors
 - using the Unite Us referral platform
- National Institute on Aging
 - MapHabit applied
 - Purpose: Assist in recruiting participants (individuals living with dementia and caregivers)
 - test technology to assist with activities of daily living

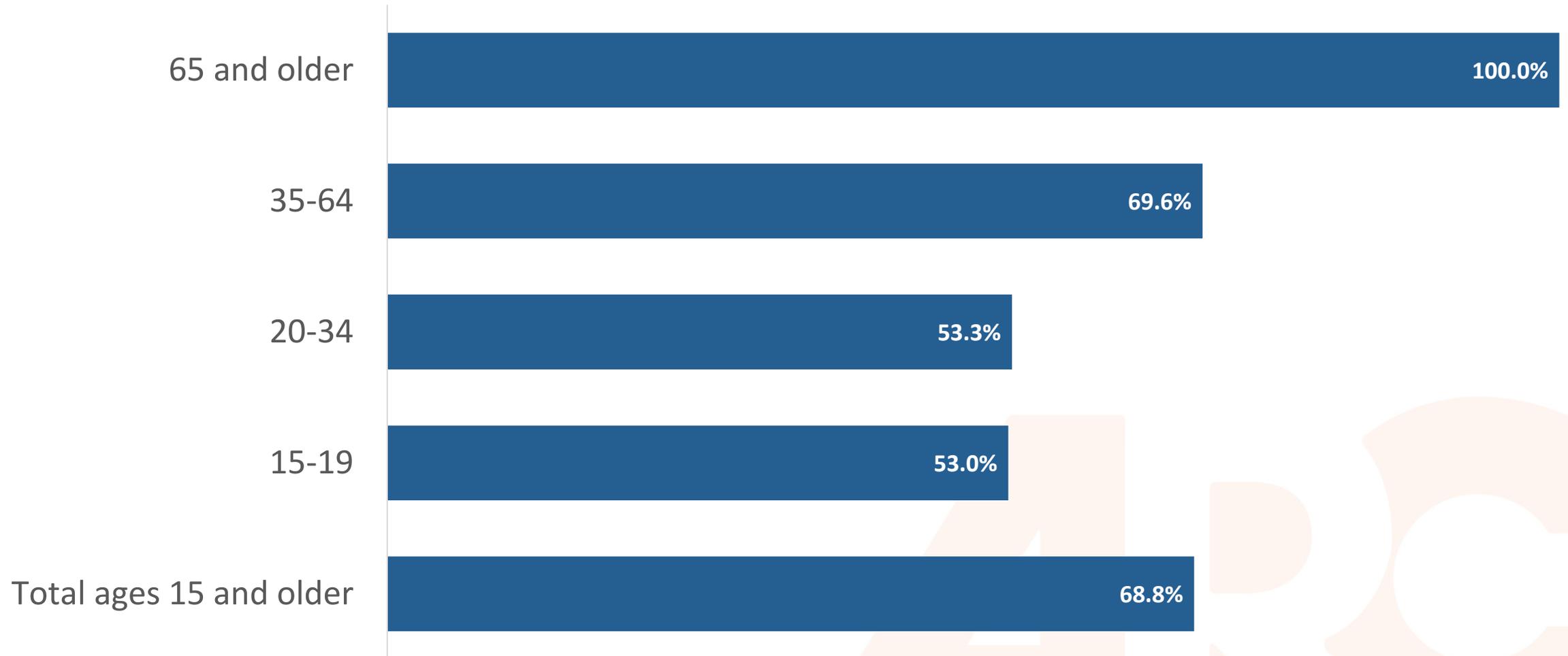


Number of People 60+



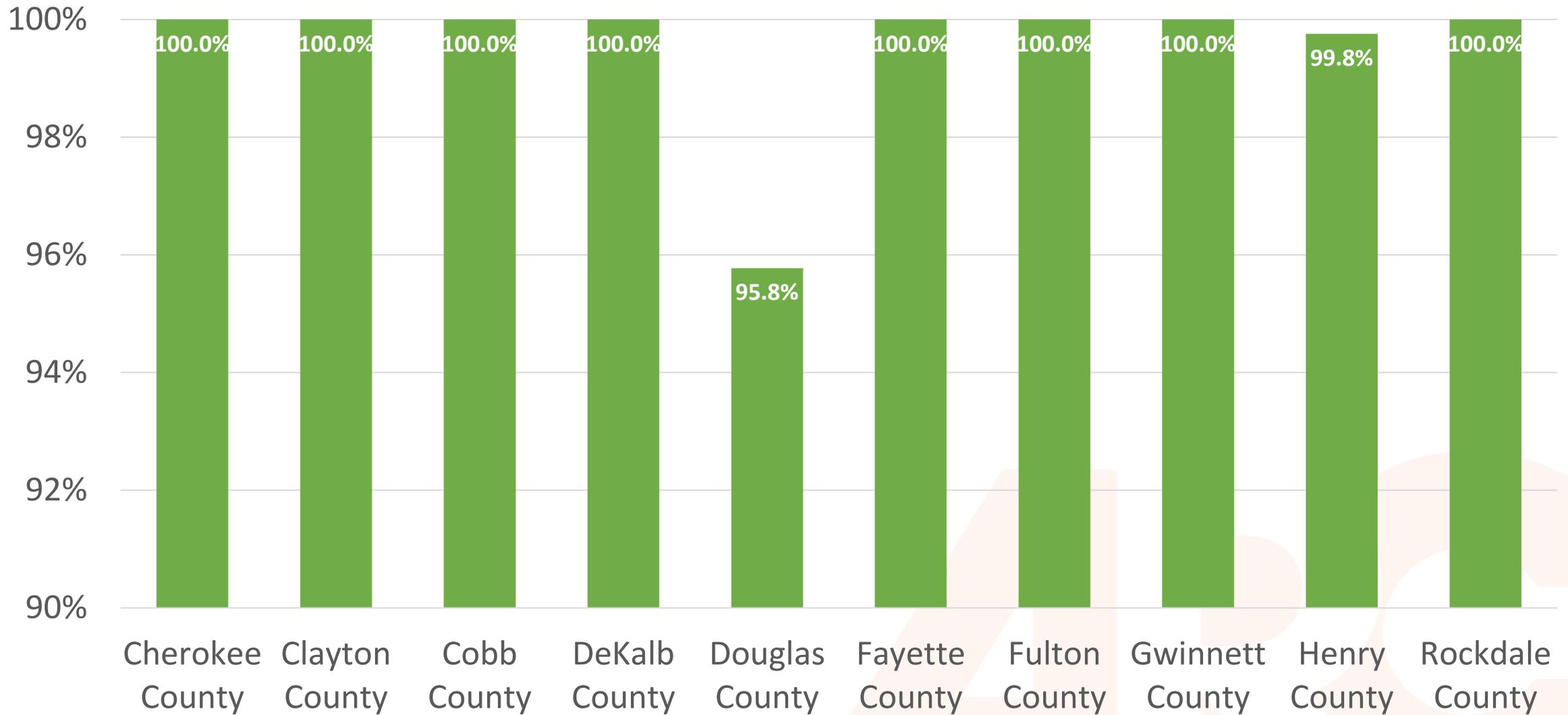
Data Source: GA DPH COVID-19 Daily Status Report, Data reported on 9/17/2021, 2:50:15 PM,
<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

Percent of Residents in the 10-County Atlanta Region with at least one Vaccine Dose



Data Source: GA DPH Vaccine Distribution Dashboard, Data reported on 2021-09-17 08:35:00,
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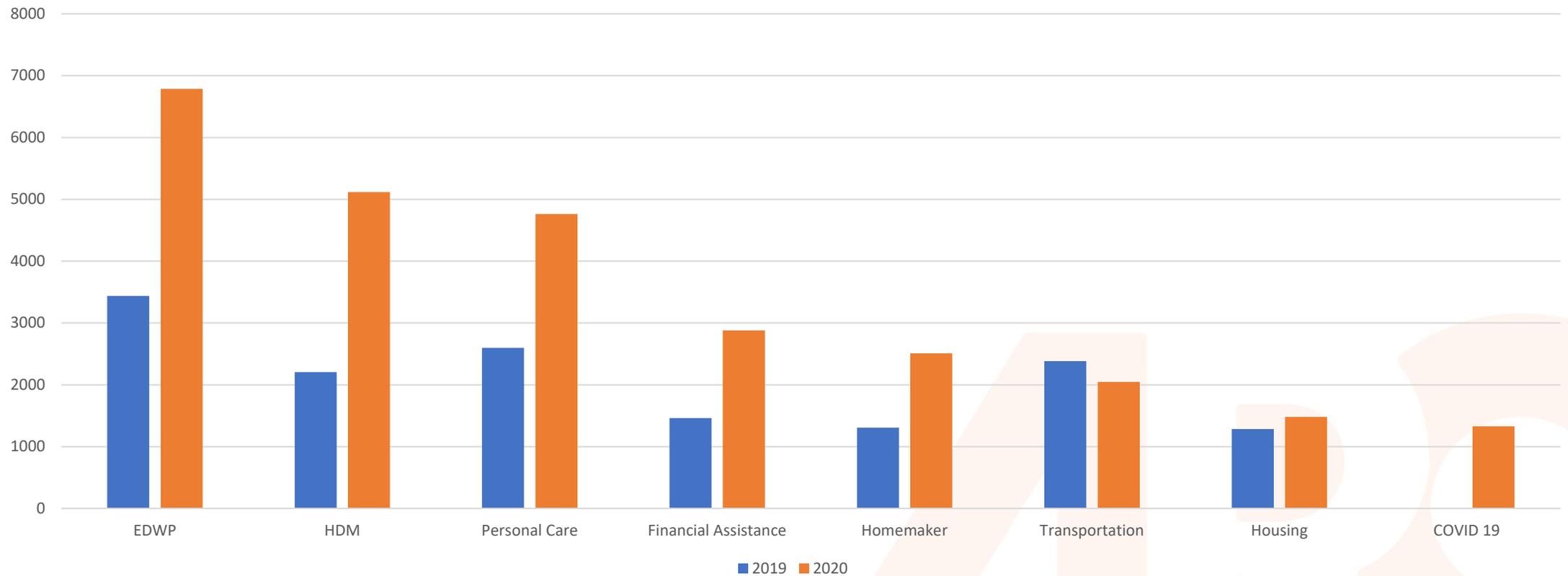
Percent of Residents 65 years or older with at least one Vaccine Dose



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Empowerline Contacts: Before and After Pandemic

Most Requested Services Pre- and Post-COVID 19



2019 reflects 3/1/2019-2/28/20

2020 reflects 3/1/20-2/28/21

Continuing Trend in 2021

Most Requested Services 3/1/21-8/31/21

