

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: 2023 JURISDICTIONAL PROFILES

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This document includes 25 profiles summarizing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) data for Maryland and its 24 jurisdictions. Each profile includes every household that participated in SNAP for at least one month in state fiscal year (SFY) 2023 (July 2022 to June 2023). Information is based on the Maryland SFY 2023 SNAP report. Each profile provides stakeholders with information about the composition and characteristics of SNAP households and recipients.

Methods

Population

The population includes every household that received SNAP for at least one month in SFY 2023. Analyses include households in the population only once. In other words, if a household received more than one month of SNAP in SFY 2023 or had multiple case closures and reentries to the program, data is based on the first month in the SFY in which the case received benefits although participation data captures months of benefit receipt prior to that date and during the SFY. In SFY 2023, there were 492,679 unduplicated SNAP households with 504,470 unduplicated adult recipients.

To provide stakeholders with a detailed overview of SNAP receipt in each jurisdiction, each profile segments analyses by household type and adult type. Household and adult types have different program eligibility rules and are based on the household compositions identified by the Food and Nutrition Service's national report on SNAP households and on groups specified in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. Household and adult types are not mutually exclusive, meaning families and individuals can fall into more than one type. Additionally, demographic and employment analyses are for adult recipients only, including adults who were not heads-of-households. Demographic and employment analyses exclude adults who were not recipients, such as heads-of-households who were ineligible for SNAP but received benefits on behalf of other eligible household members. Although some overlap may occur, separating analyses by type allows stakeholders to understand the nuances between distinct groups of recipients. For more information about the population, please review the Maryland SFY 2023 SNAP report.

Data Sources

Data for the profiles come from several sources. Information regarding individual- and household-level demographics and SNAP participation comes from the Client Automated Resource and Eligibility System (CARES) and the Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) system. Both E&E and CARES provide individual- and case-level program participation data for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and other services as well as demographic data on participants. Certain demographic data in this report

reflect the limited nature of the administrative data systems used (e.g., gender is a binary field). Race (e.g., Black, White) and ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic/Latinx) data represent individuals who self-identify or for whom case managers assign a race and ethnicity. This report uses the combined non-gendered term Hispanic/Latinx in place of Hispanic or Latino to be inclusive. Asian and Indigenous Peoples are included in the Other Race category to protect anonymity at the jurisdiction level. This report uses the terms adults with a disability and disabled adults interchangeably to acknowledge and respect the <u>individual preferences</u> of this exceptionally diverse group.

BEACON became the administrative data system for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in September 2020 (replacing MABS) and includes data from all employers covered by the state's UI law and the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program. Together, these account for approximately 91% of all Maryland civilian employment. However, BEACON data have a few limitations. First, BEACON provides aggregate earnings on a quarterly basis. Thus, it is not possible to compute or infer hourly wages or weekly or monthly salaries from these data. Second, the data do not include earnings from adults engaged in alternative work arrangements or informal work not covered by UI law. Finally, BEACON does not include out-of-state employment. Out-of-state employment by Maryland residents (14%) is four times greater than the national average (3.3%) and is even higher in certain jurisdictions.²

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¹ For more information, see the Family Investment Administration <u>Action Transmittal 08-29: Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data</u>. A final rule published in the <u>Federal Register on December 14, 2023</u> prohibits using visual observation as a data collection method for race and ethnicity effective February 12, 2024. The data in these analyses were collected prior to the date this policy became effective.

² Data were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau website (<u>data.census.gov</u>) using the 2017–2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for Sex of Workers by Place of Work—State and County Level (B08007).

DEFINITIONS & TERMINOLOGY

KEY DEFINITIONS

- Adult Type: Categories of adults who are in the SNAP household and meet specific criteria (e.g., are an ABAWD). Adult types are not mutually exclusive (i.e., an adult SNAP recipient can belong to more than one adult type).
- Case: A term used interchangeably with household.
- Household: An individual living alone or a group of individuals who live and prepare food together (Food and Nutrition Act of 2008).
- Household Type: Categories of households that receive SNAP and meet specific criteria (e.g., children are included in the household). Household types are not mutually exclusive (i.e., a household can belong to more than one type).
- Average: The average represents the total (e.g., all earnings) divided by the number of individuals included in the analysis.
- Median: The middle value of a set of numbers. One can find the median by arranging values from lowest to highest and selecting the midpoint value. Extreme values do not affect the median, which is why it is sometimes preferred over the mean.
- New to SNAP: Households that had no previous SNAP receipt prior to SFY 2023.
- Out-of-state employment: Workers 16 and older who reported working outside of Maryland. Data come from the American Community Survey, conducted by the <u>U.S.</u> <u>Census Bureau</u>.

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

- Households with children: Households with at least one child 17 years or younger at any point during the SFY. Although uncommon, this can include children aged 16 or 17 who are head-of-households.
- Households with an Able-Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD)*: Households with at least one adult recipient between 18 and 49 who does not have a documented disability and is subject to federal work requirements at any point during the SFY.
- Households with an adult with a disability: Households with at least one adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 59 years who has a temporary or permanent disability exemption at any point during the SFY.
- Households with older adults: Households with at least one adult recipient who is age 60 or older when SNAP receipt began during the SFY.
- Households with other adults: Households with at least one adult who does not fit criteria for any other household type at any point during the SFY.

*The <u>Fiscal Responsibility Act</u> revised the <u>ABAWD definition</u> in September 2023, *after* the period of examination in this study.

ADULT TYPES

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- Adults with a disability: An adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 59 years who has a temporary or permanent disability exemption at any point during the SFY.
- Older adults: An adult recipient who is age 60 or older when SNAP receipt began during the SFY.
- Other adults: An adult recipient who does not fit the criteria for any other household type at any point during the SFY.
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KEY DIFFERENCES BY JURISDICTION

This summary highlights jurisdictional variation on a few key SNAP findings.

Household Types

- Allegany County (29%), Baltimore City (29%), and Kent County (29%) had a lower percentage of households with children, while Howard County (40%), Montgomery (40%), and Prince George's (40%) counties had a higher percentage of these households than the state average (36%).
- Allegany County (20%) had a higher percentage of households with disabled adults than the state average (13%). Prince George's County (8%) had a lower percentage of these households.
- ➤ Garett (32%) and Montgomery (32%) counties had a higher percentage of households with older adults than the state average (24%).

Number of Recipients in Households

The percentage of single-recipient households ranged from 53% in Howard County to 69% in Baltimore City with a state average of 61%.

New SNAP Cases

➤ The percentage of new cases was within 2 percentage points of the state average (9%) in 18 jurisdiction although Dorchester County (5%) had a smaller percentage and Montgomery (13%) and Wicomico (14%) counties had a larger percentage of new cases.

Months of SNAP Receipt Prior to SFY 2023 by Households

Median months of receipt in the 10 years before SFY 2023 varied substantially by jurisdiction. Households in Prince George's County (29 months) had considerably fewer median months of receipt than the state average (50 months). In contrast, households in Kent County (65 months), Allegany County (67 months), Baltimore City (67 months), and Dorchester County (70 months) had considerably more months of receipt. These trends were consistent across household types.

Adult Recipient Race and Ethnicity

- ➤ The racial and ethnic makeup of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions vary considerably, and as a result these characteristics also differ among adult recipients of SNAP benefits.
- ➤ In Maryland, 57% of adult recipients identified as Black and 31% identified as White. Garret County (1%), Allegany County (8%), Carroll County (11%), and Cecil County (16%) had substantially smaller percentages of Black adult recipients and larger percentages of White adult recipients (97% in Garrett County, 89% in Allegany County, 81% in Carroll County, and 77% in Cecil County).
- Montgomery County (21%), Prince George's County (11%), and Frederick County (10%) had considerably higher percentages of Hispanic/Latinx adult recipients than the state average (6%).
- ➤ Howard County (22%) and Montgomery County (18%) had the highest percentages of recipients in the Other Race category which combines Asian, Indigenous, and other races. By comparison, 6% of recipients in Maryland were in the Other Race category.

Adult Recipient Employment while Receiving SNAP

A smaller percentage of recipients in Montgomery County (32%) and a larger percentage of recipients in Wicomico (46%) and Harford (45%) counties were employed compared to the statewide percentage (39%). Differences may relate to the varying proportion of adult recipient types in jurisdictions as employment varied considerably by adult recipient type. For example, adults with children were the most likely to be employed in every jurisdiction while older adults were the least likely to be employed. Findings may also indicate differences in employment opportunities across Maryland as well as the lack of data on out-of-state employment.

Adult Recipient Earnings while Receiving SNAP

The median quarterly earnings of all employed adults statewide were \$4,880, and these earnings varied considerably by jurisdiction and by adult type. Employed adult recipients in Washington County (\$4,220) and Allegany County (\$4,264) had the lowest median quarterly earnings while recipients in Baltimore County (\$5,558) and Howard County (5,514) had the highest.

Adult Recipient Employment Sectors

While not shown in the profiles, the top two employment sectors were healthcare and social assistance (20%) and retail trade (18%) across Maryland and within most jurisdictions. For eight jurisdictions, however, the top two sectors included either administrative and support services (Cecil County and Baltimore City) or accommodation and food services (Allegany, Calvert, Garrett, Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Worcester counties). Additionally, top sectors varied by adult type. At the state level, the top sector that employed adults with children was healthcare and social assistance and the top sector that employed every other type of adult was retail trade.

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Maryland

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2023

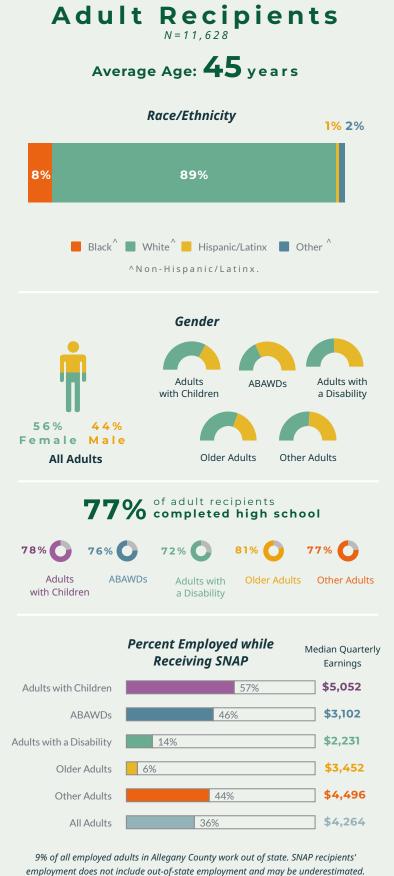
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Allegany County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2023

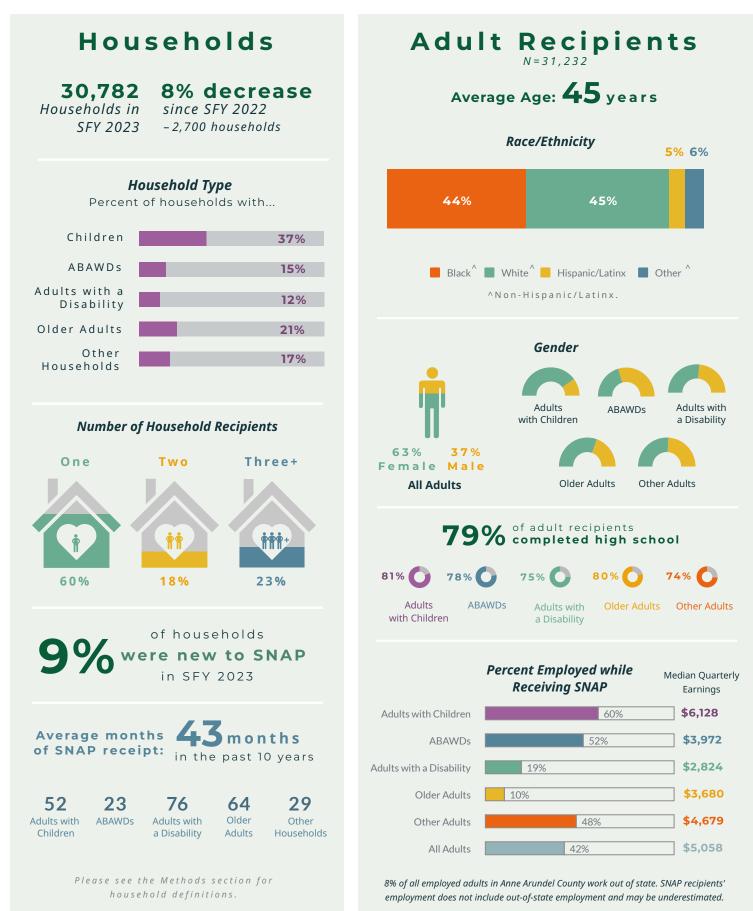
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Anne Arundel County

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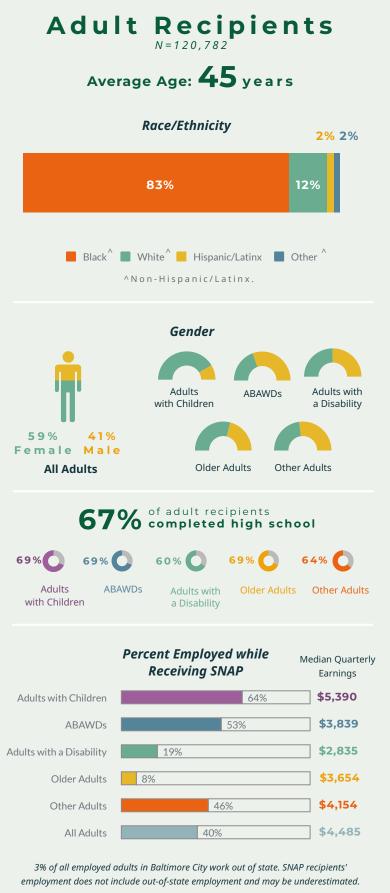




Baltimore City

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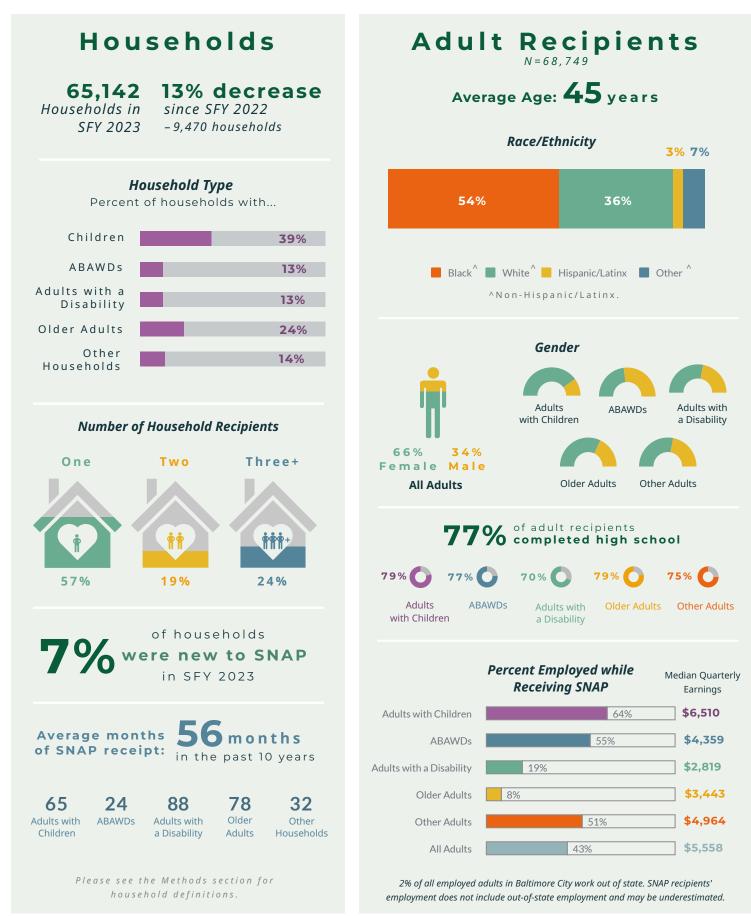
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Baltimore County

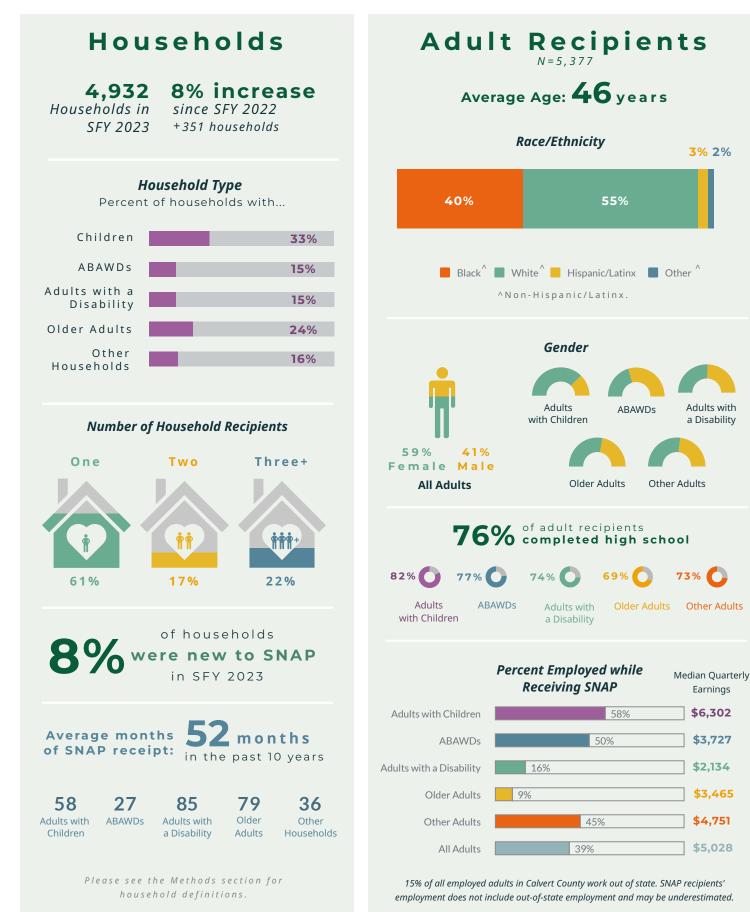
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Calvert County

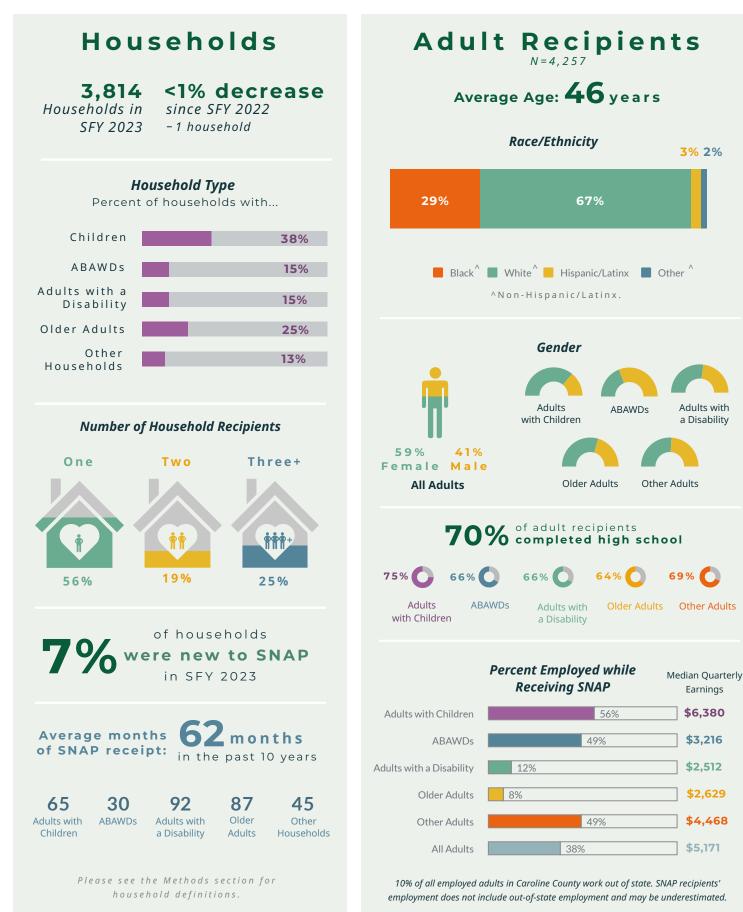
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Caroline County

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Carroll County

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Adults with

a Disability

Other Adults

Earnings \$5.939

\$3,602

\$2,501

\$3,252

\$4,195

\$4,861

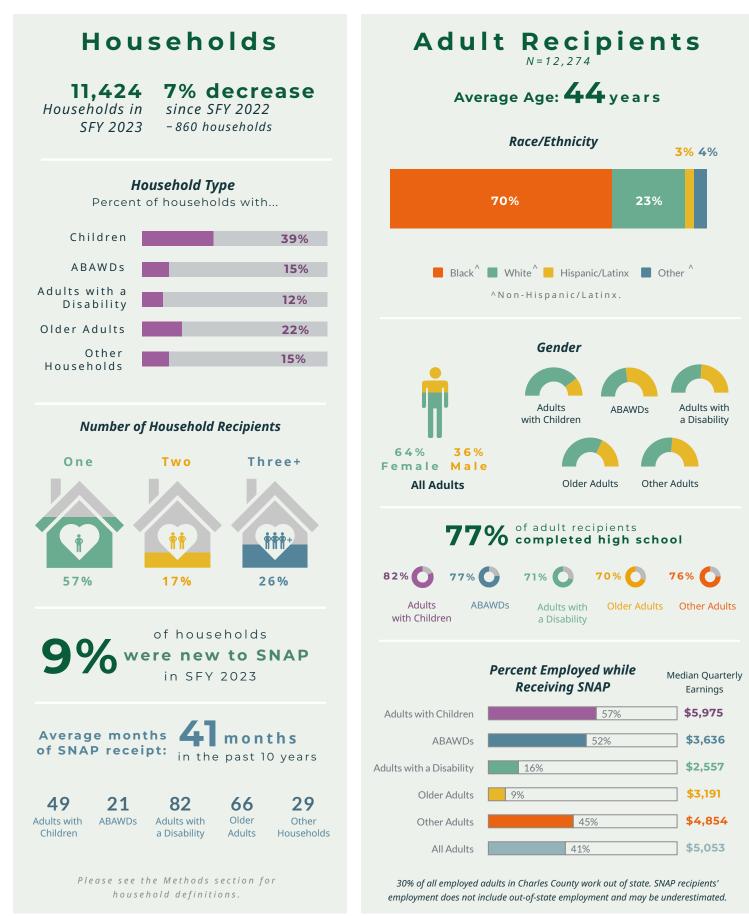
Cecil County

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Charles County

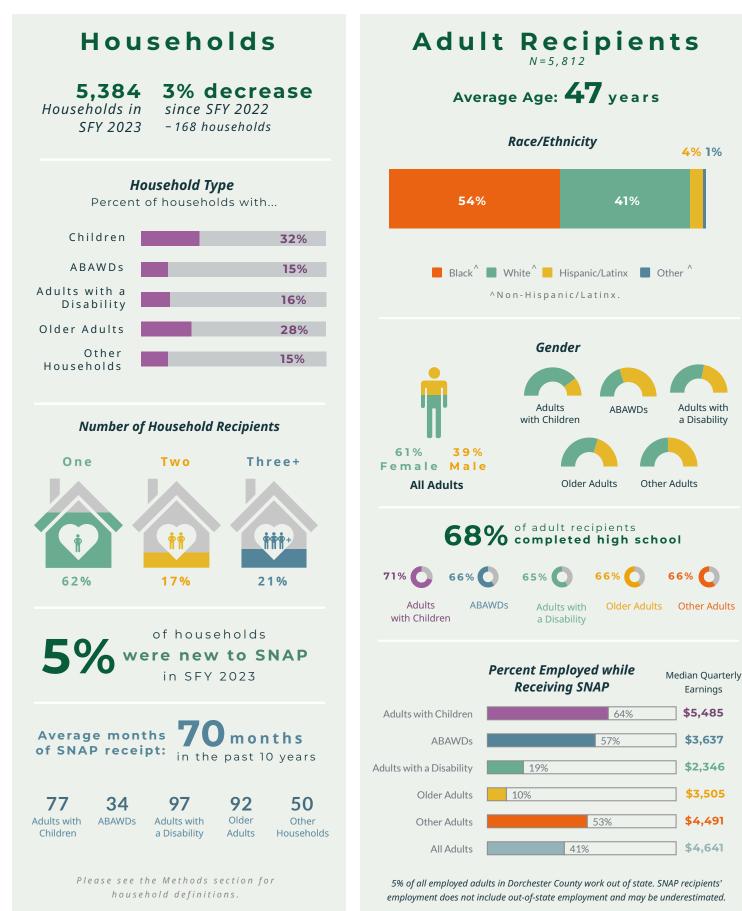
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Dorchester County

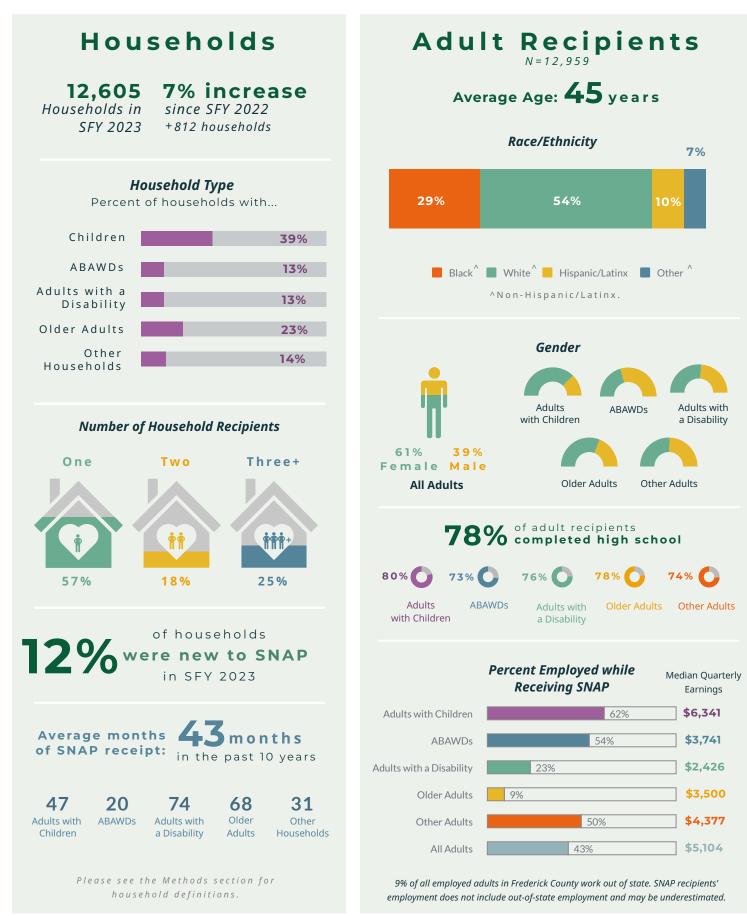
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Frederick County

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Garrett County

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1% 1%

Adults with

a Disability

Other Adults

Median Quarterly

Earnings \$5.644

\$3,017

\$1,079

\$3,962

\$4,584

\$4,612

Other Adults

Harford County

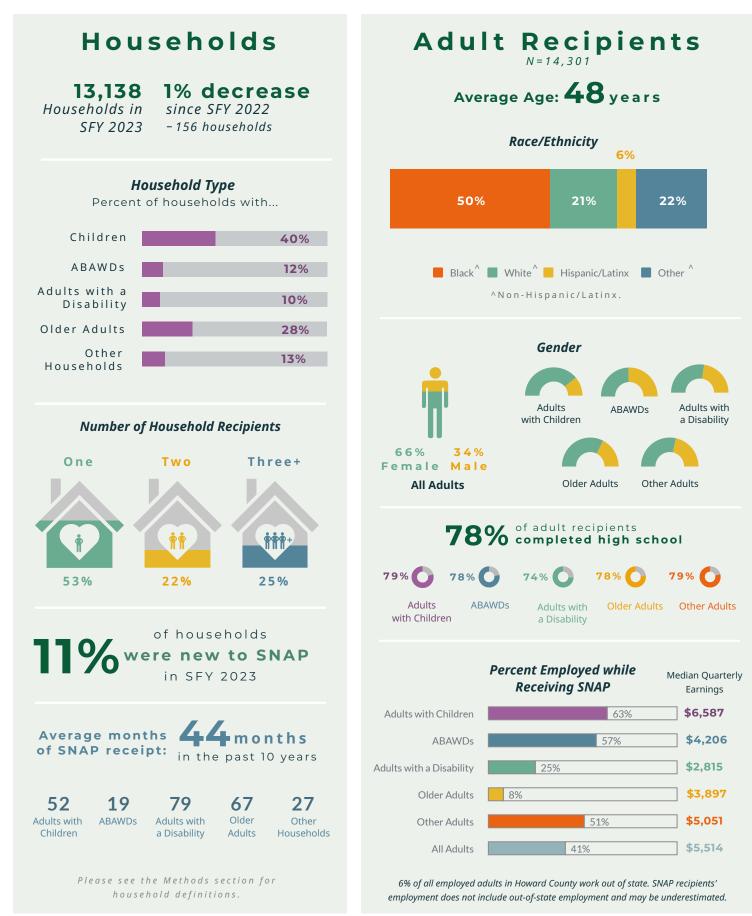
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Howard County

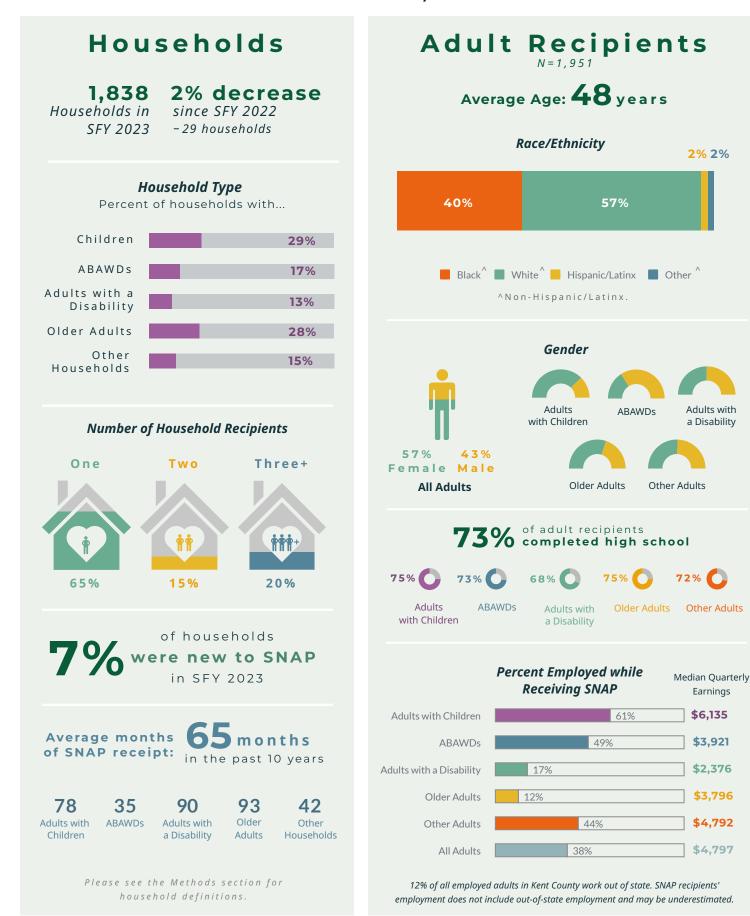
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Kent County

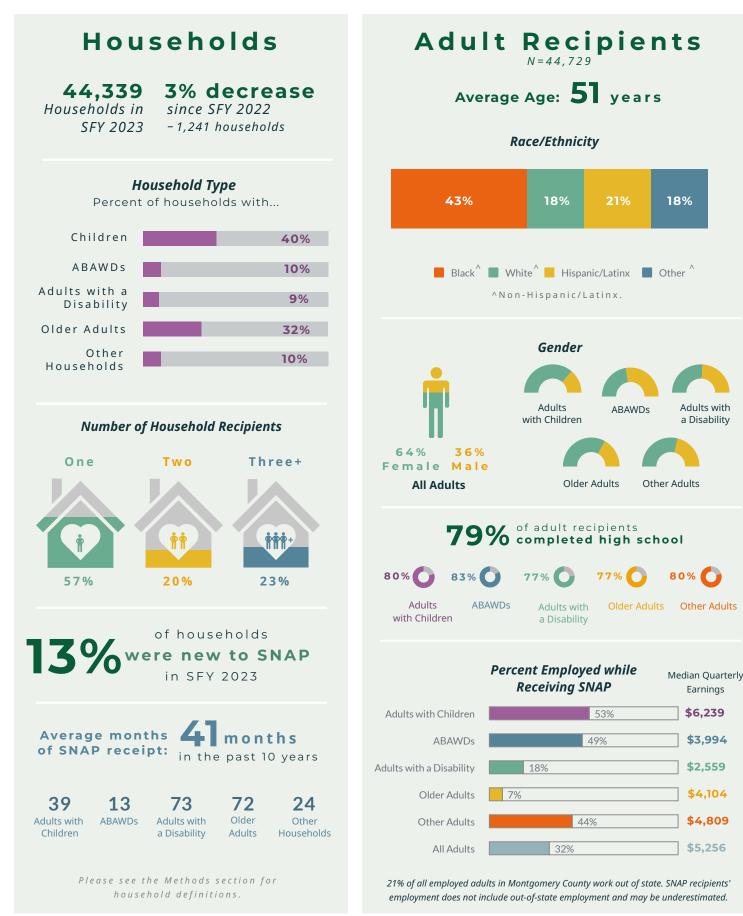
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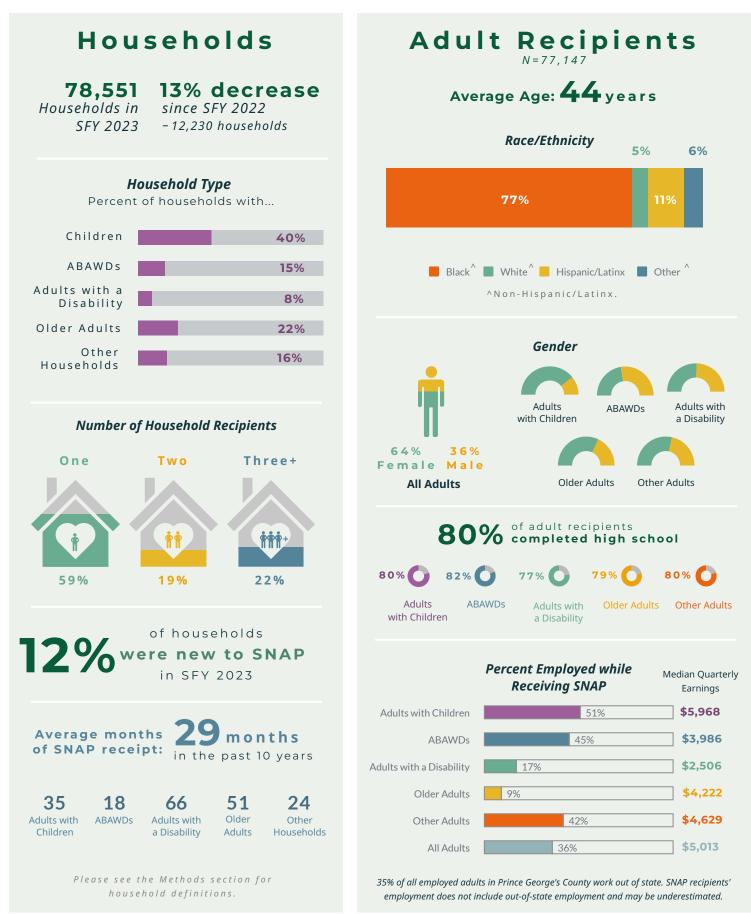
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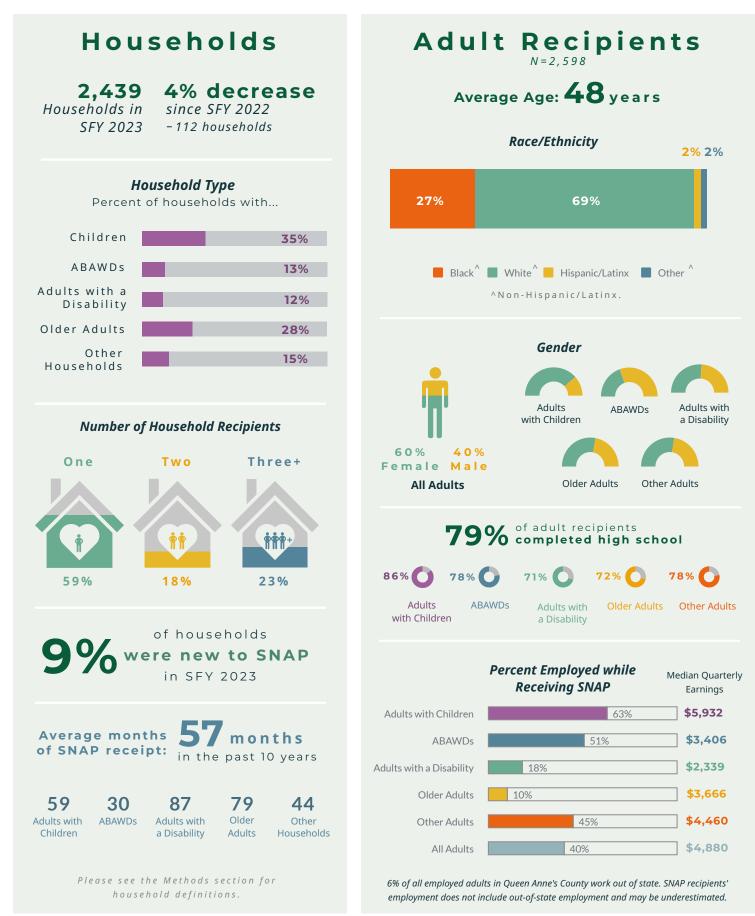
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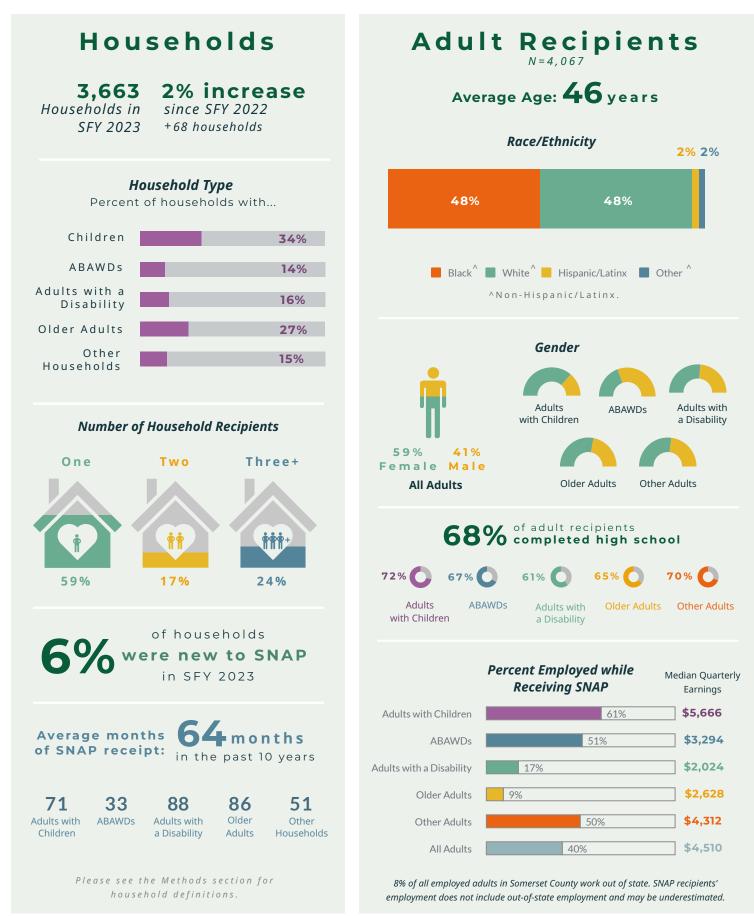
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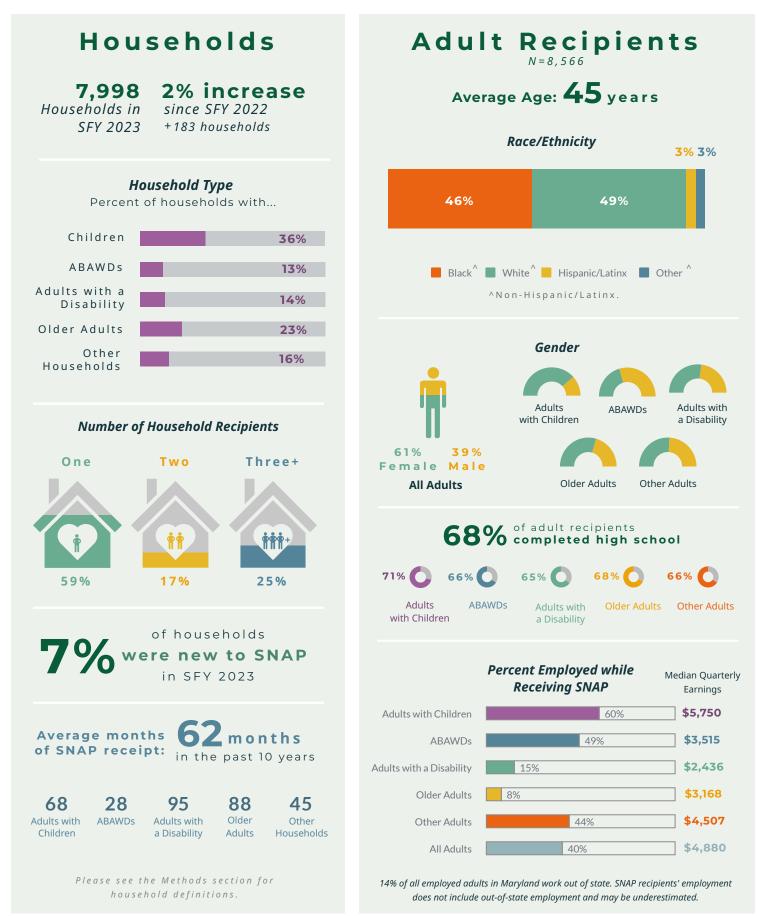
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St. Mary's County

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Talbot County

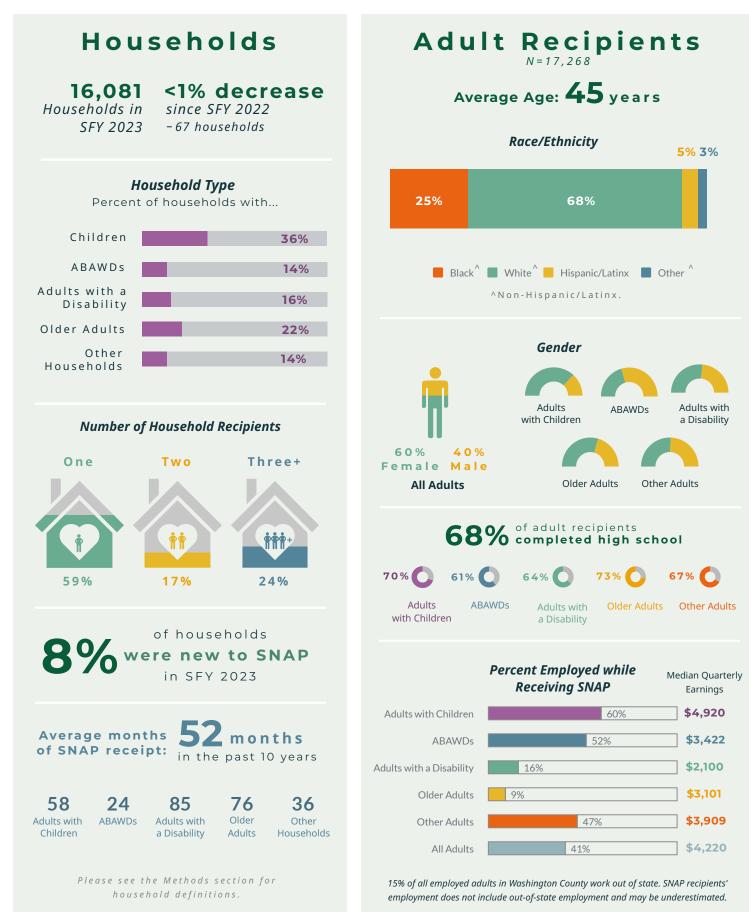
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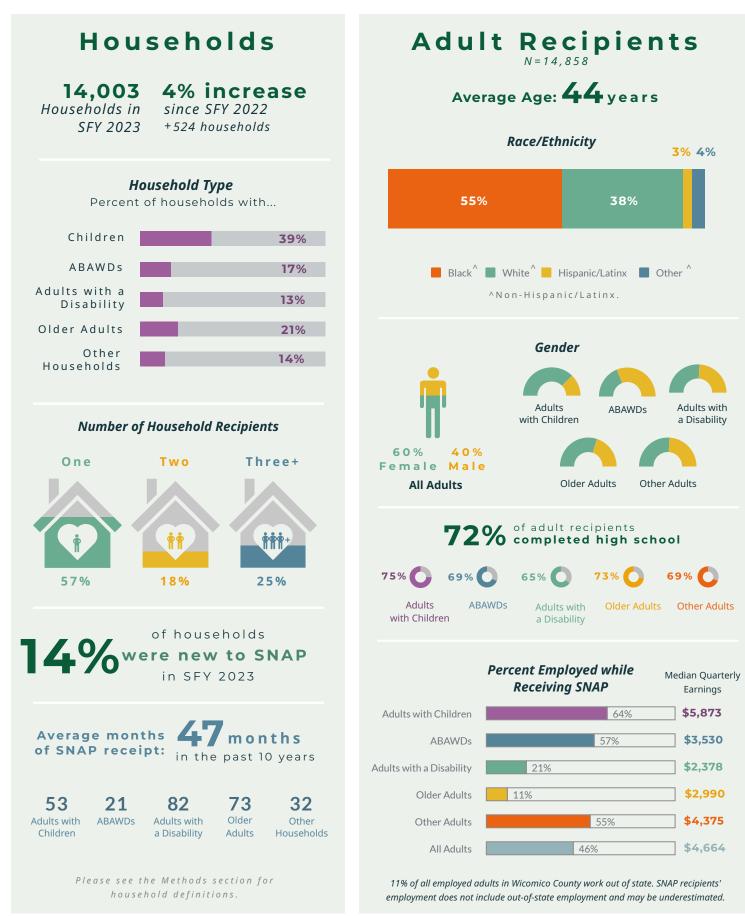
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Wicomico County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2023





Worcester County

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