

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: 2021 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 in each jurisdiction that participated in SNAP for at least one month in state fiscal year (SFY) 2021 (July 2020 to June 2021). Information is based on the Maryland SFY 2021 SNAP report. Each profile provides stakeholders with timely 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 2021. Households are only included in the population once. If a household received more than one month of SNAP in SFY 2021 or had multiple case closures and re-entries to the program, the first month in the SFY in which the case received benefits is the first month included in the analysis. In SFY 2021, there were 572,623 unduplicated SNAP households with 597,016 unduplicated adult recipients.

To provide stakeholders with a detailed overview of SNAP receipt in each jurisdiction, analyses are segmented by household type and adult type. Household and adult types 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. In jurisdictions with fewer SNAP recipients, some race and ethnicity categories are combined to ensure confidentiality. For more information about the population, please review the Maryland SFY 2021 SNAP report.

Data Sources

Data for the profiles come from several sources. Information regarding individual- and household-level demographics and SNAP participation come from the Client Automated Resource and Eligibility System (CARES) and the Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) system. CARES and E&E provide demographic and individual- and case-level program participation data for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and other services. CARES was operational between March 1998 and November 2021. The migration to E&E began in April 2021, and all jurisdictions migrated to E&E by November 2021. Due to the data system transition, there are limited data for cases in which the first month of SNAP benefits occurred during the migration.¹

¹ The jurisdictions that migrated from CARES to E&E during these months included Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, St. Mary's, and Washington counties. Caseload counts for these counties include data from both administrative data systems, but additional analyses exclude cases in which the first month of SNAP benefits occurred between April and June 2021.

Earnings and employment information come from the Maryland Automated Benefits System (MABS). MABS data accounts for approximately 91% of all Maryland civilian employment; however, the data does have some limitations. MABS does not contain data on certain types of employment, such as self-employment, independent contractors, and informal employment. MABS also contains no information on employment outside of Maryland. Because several jurisdictions in Maryland have very high rates of out-of-state employment, earnings and employment are more likely to be understated in some jurisdictions compared to others. For context, we provide out-of-state employment rates for each jurisdiction. Out-of-state employment information comes from the <u>U.S. Census Bureau</u> (using the 2016 – 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for Sex of Workers by Place of Work—State and County Level (B08007) table). Employment analyses also exclude adult recipients who were missing identifying information.

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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 together 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).
- Median: The middle value of a set of numbers. One can find the median by arranging all 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 2021.
- Out-of-state employment: Workers 16 and older who reported working outside of Maryland. Information comes from the American Community Survey, conducted by the <u>U.S.</u> <u>Census Bureau</u>.

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

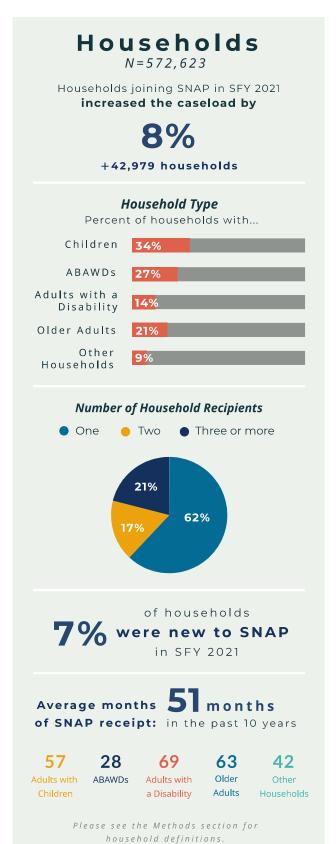
- Households with children: Households with at least one child 17 years or younger at any point during the SFY.
- Households with an Able-Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD): Households with at least one adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 49 who does not have a documented disability and is 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.

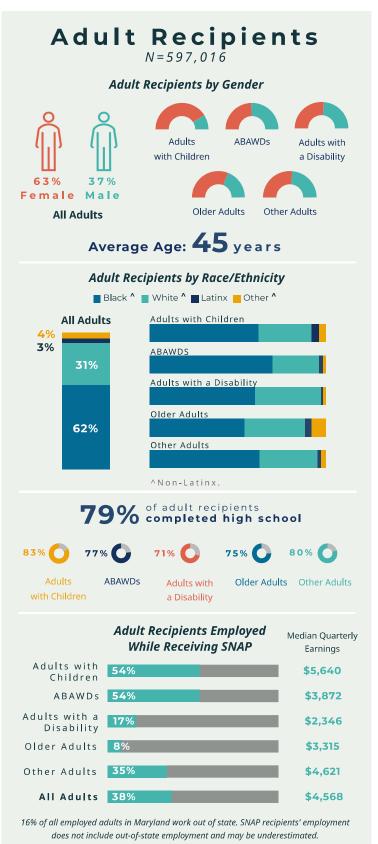
ADULT TYPES

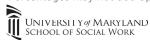
- Adults with children: An adult recipient who had at least one child 17 years or younger living in the household at any point during the SFY.
- Able-Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD): An adult recipient between the ages of 18 and 49 who does not have a documented disability and is subject to federal work requirements at any point during the SFY.
- 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.

Maryland

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021

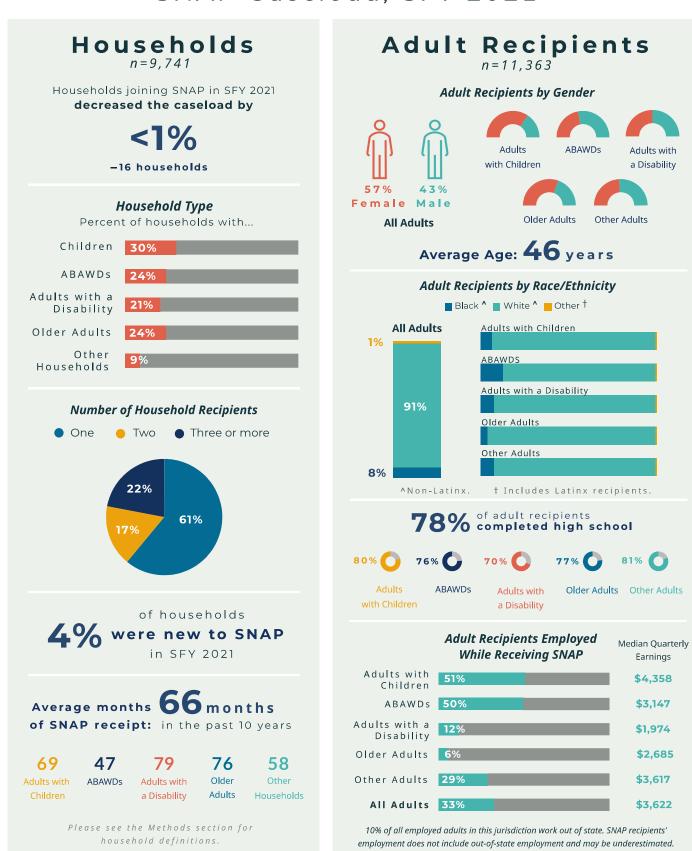


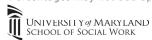




Allegany County

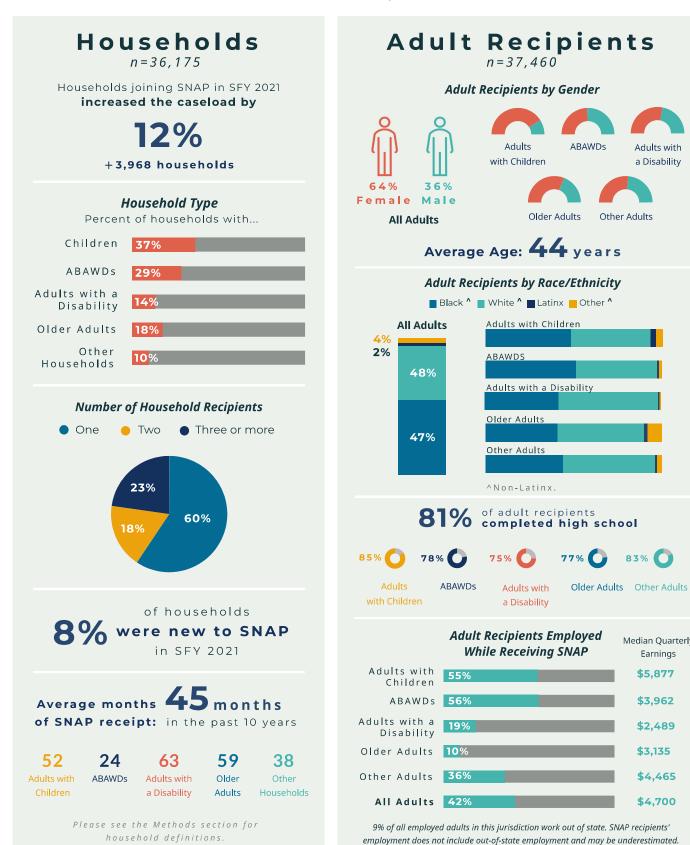
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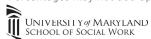


Anne Arundel County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021



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Median Quarterly

Earnings

\$5,877

\$3,962

\$2,489

\$3,135

\$4,465

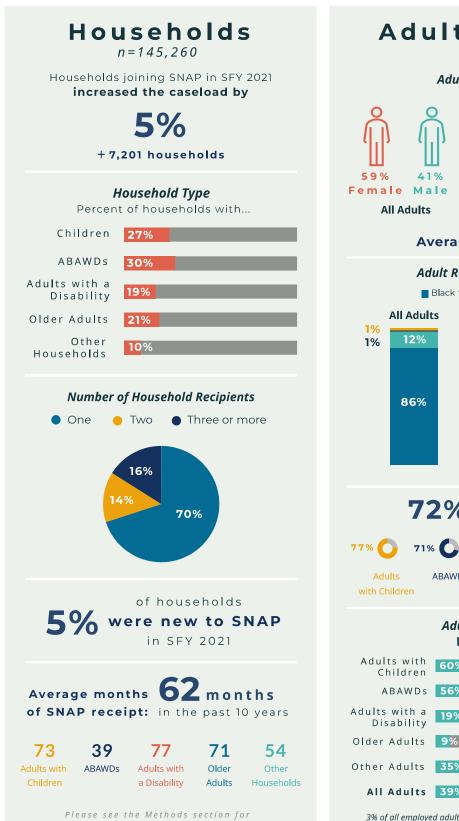
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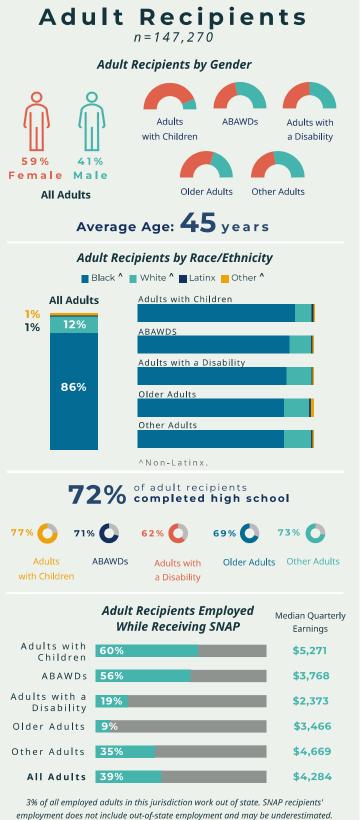
Adults with

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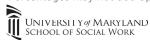
Baltimore City

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021





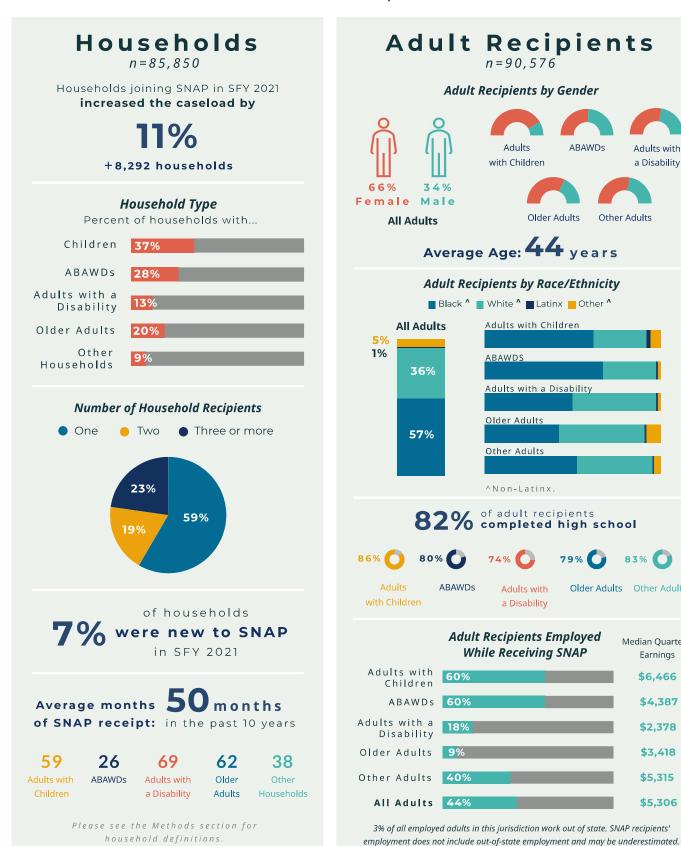
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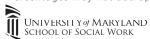
household definitions.

Baltimore County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021



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ABAWDs

Adults with

a Disability

Older Adults Other Adults

Median Quarterly

Earnings

\$6,466

\$4,387

\$2,378

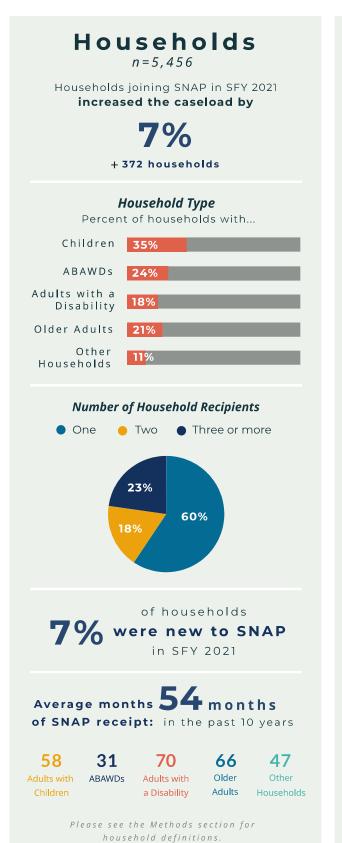
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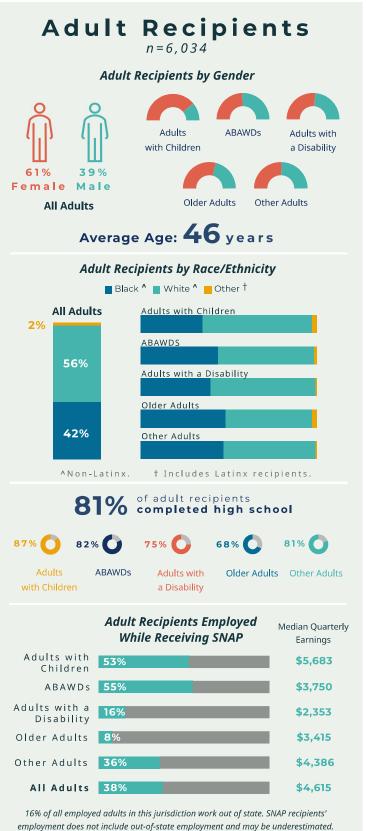
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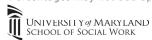
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Calvert County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021

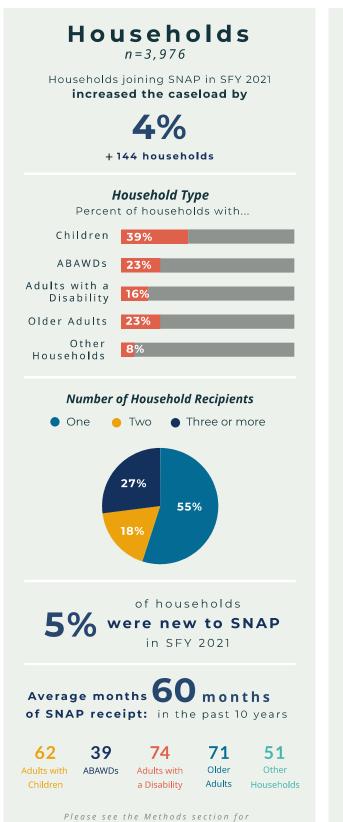




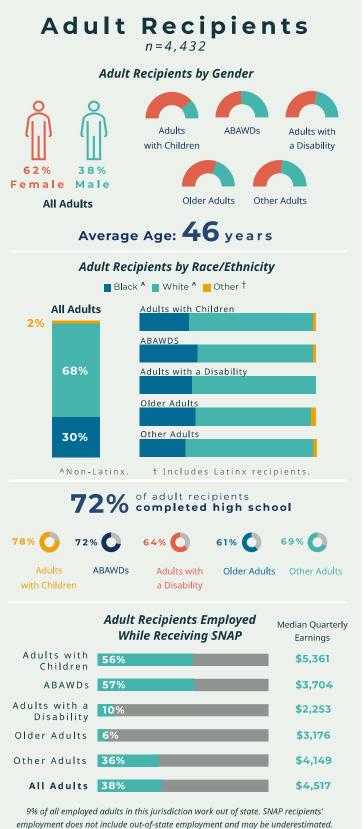


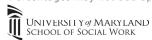
Caroline County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021



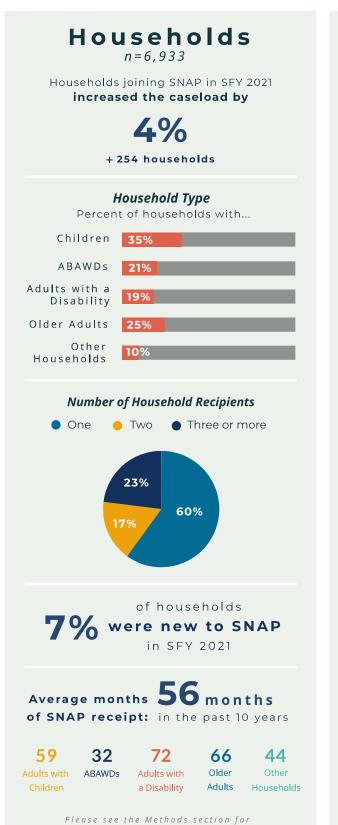
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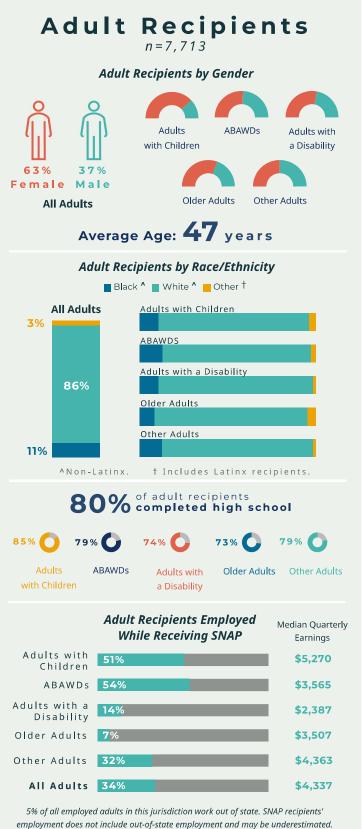


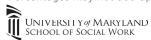
Carroll County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021



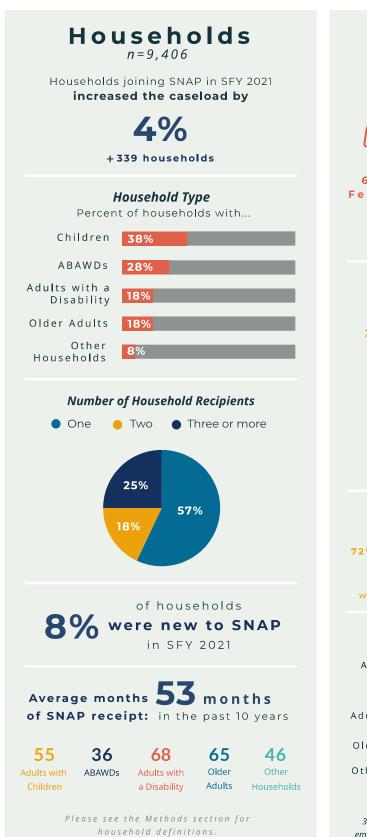
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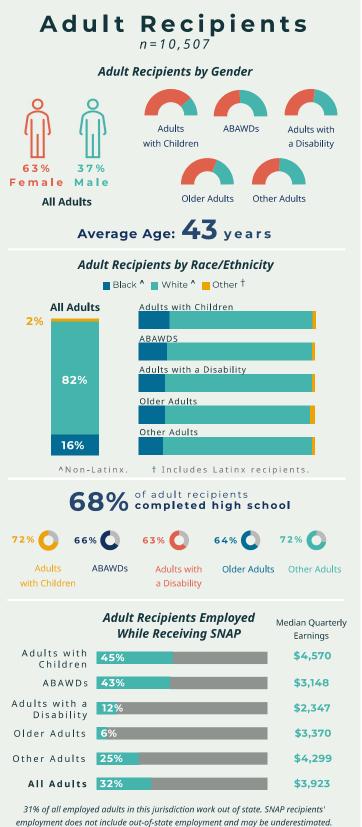


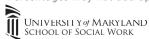


Cecil County

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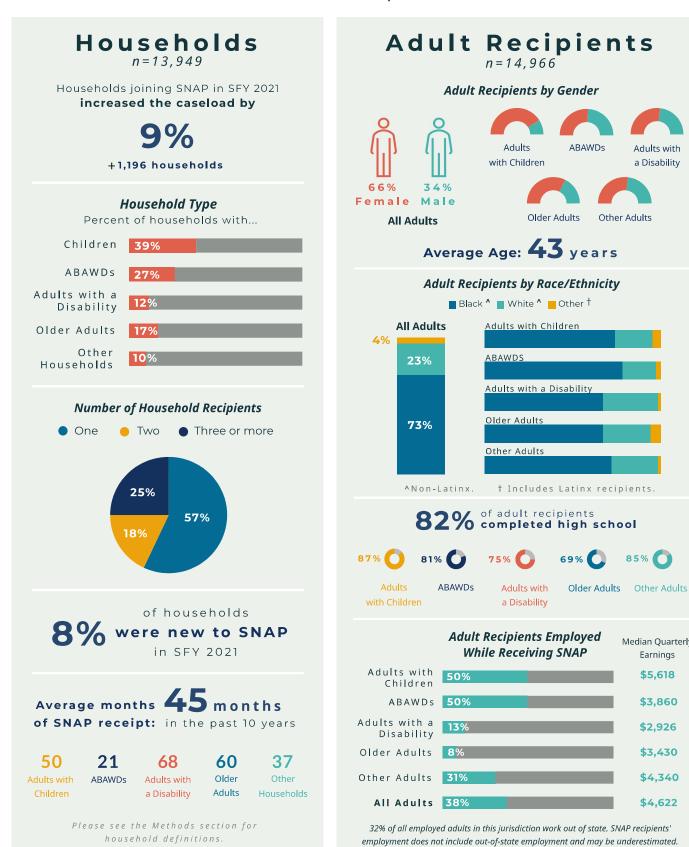




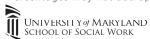


Charles County

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Median Quarterly

Earnings

\$5,618

\$3,860

\$2,926

\$3,430

\$4,340

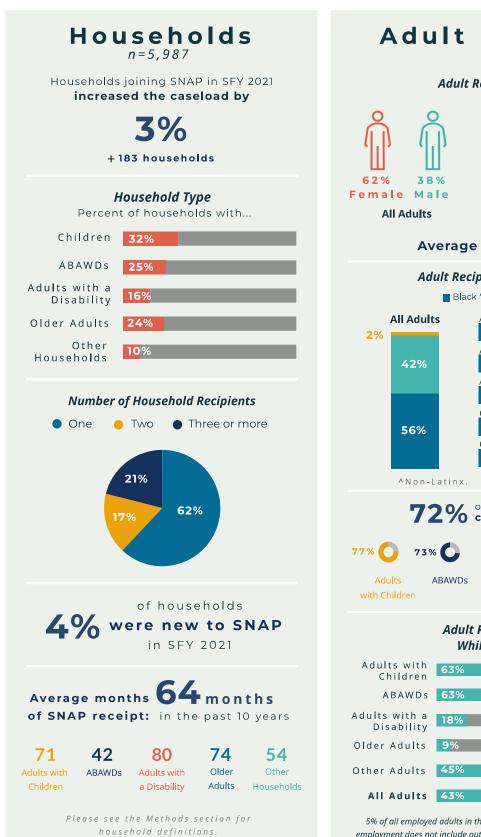
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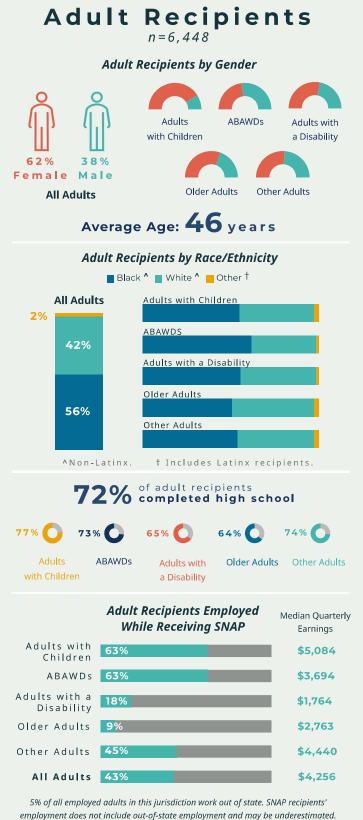
Adults with

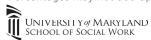
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Dorchester County

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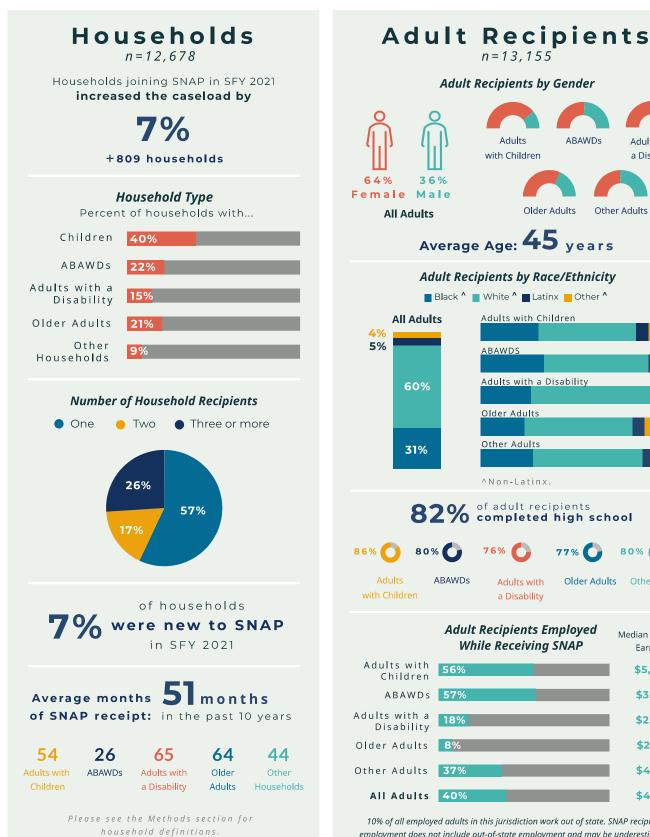


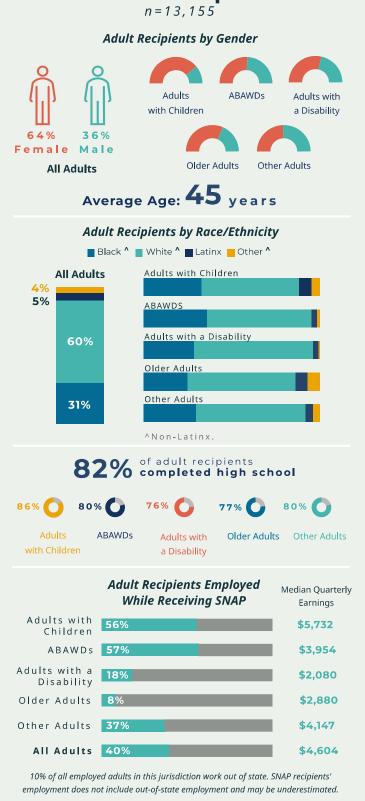


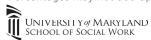


Frederick County

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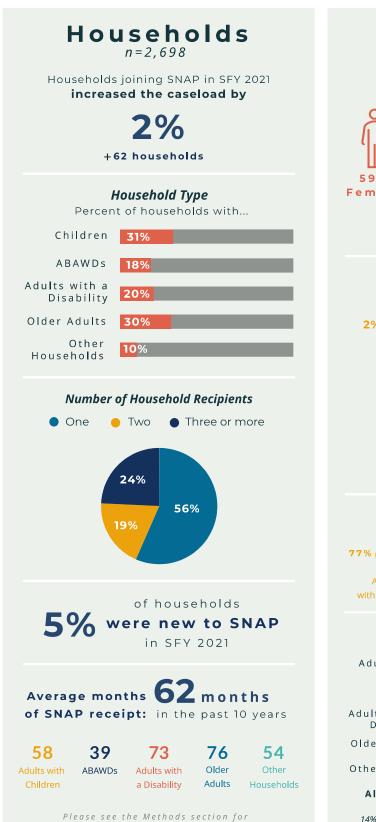


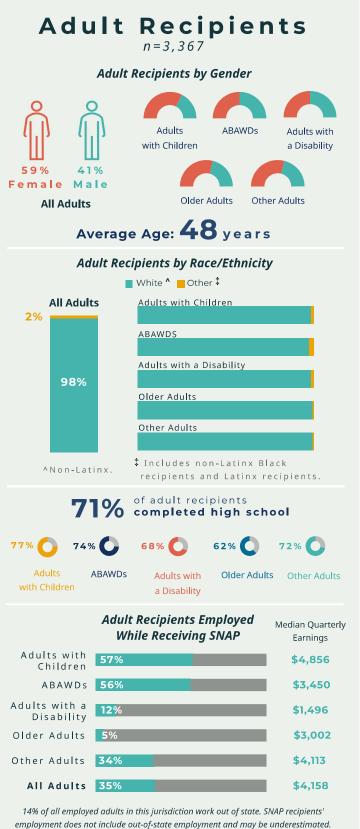




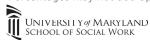
Garrett County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021





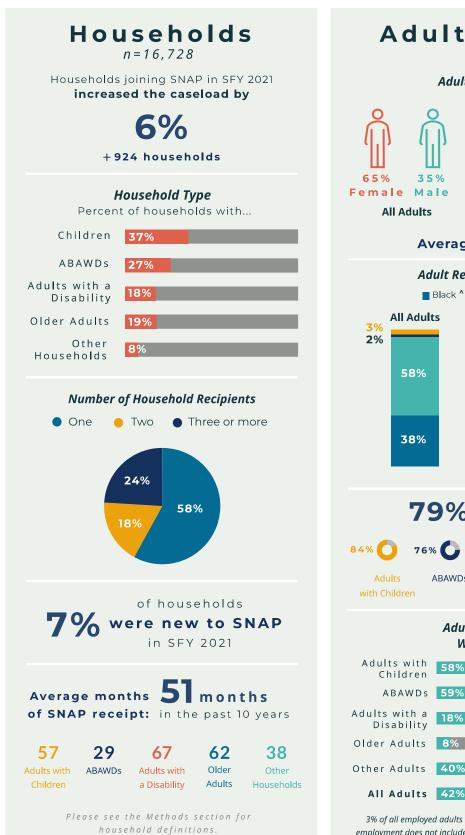
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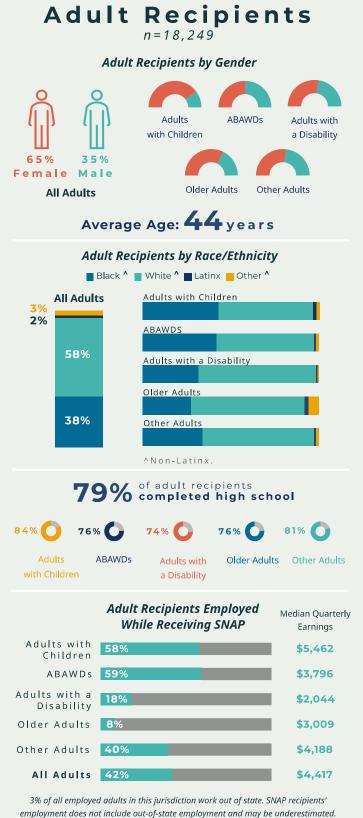


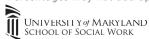
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Harford County

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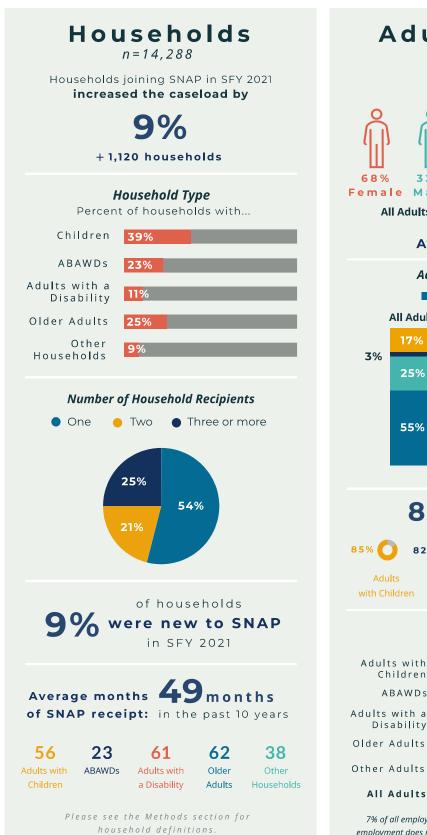


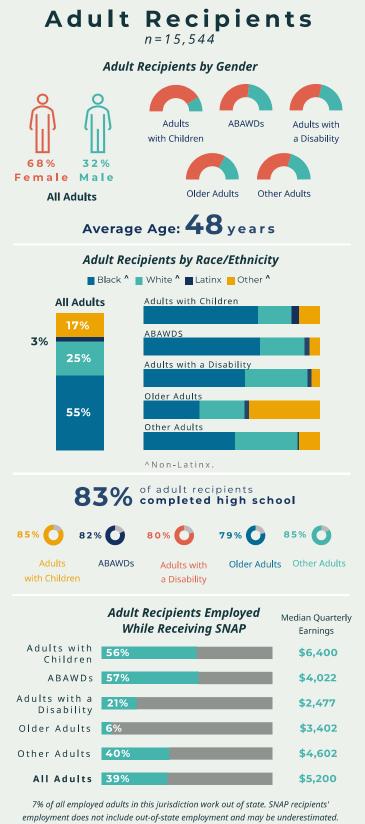


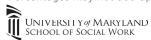


Howard County

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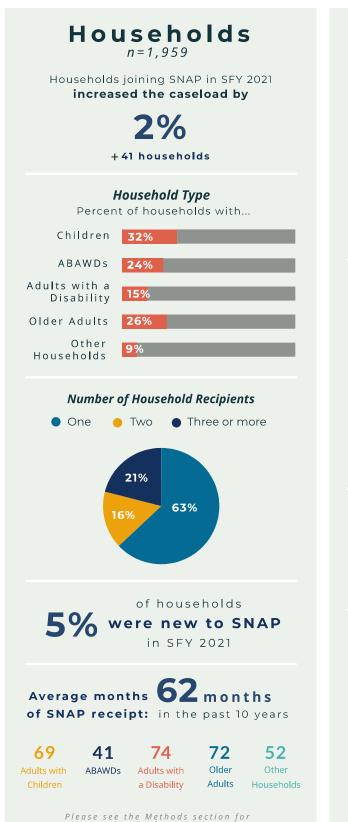


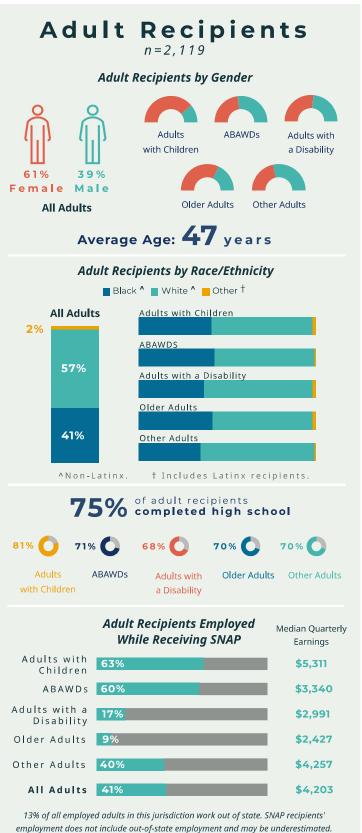




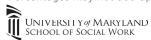
Kent County

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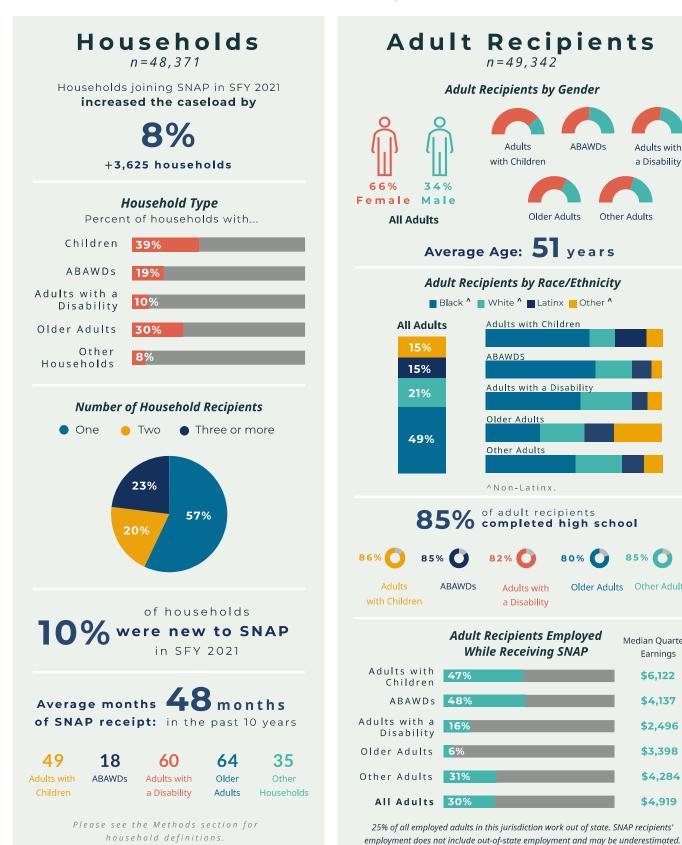
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Montgomery County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021



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ABAWDs

Adults with

a Disability

Older Adults Other Adults

Median Quarterly

Earnings

\$6,122

\$4,137

\$2,496

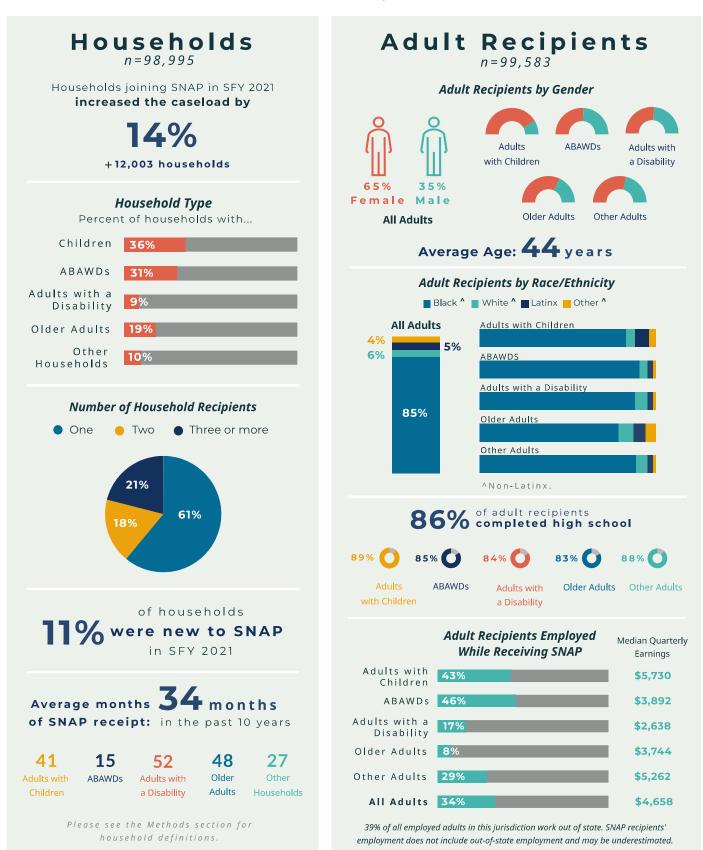
\$3,398

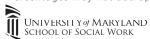
\$4,284

\$4,919

Prince George's County

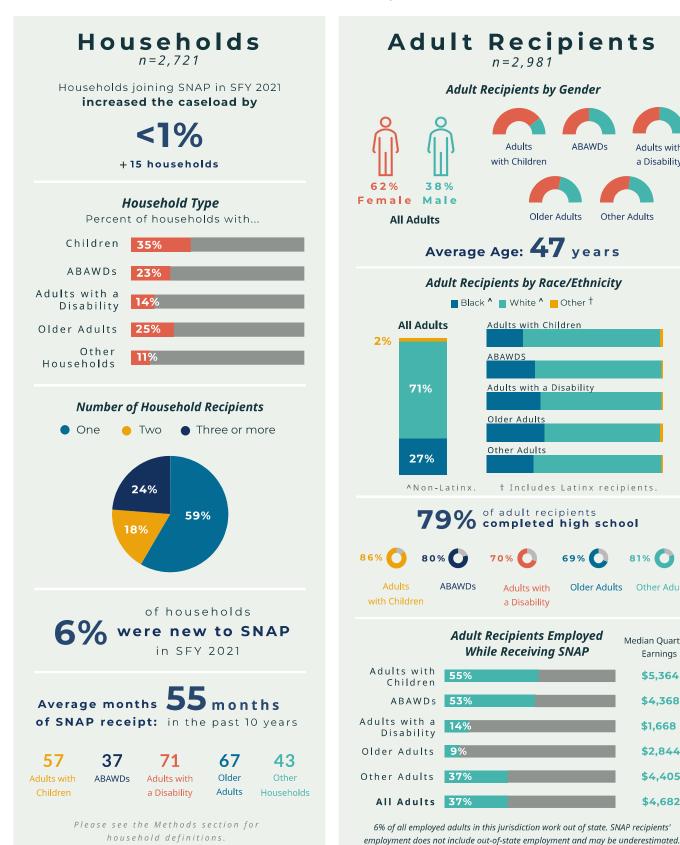
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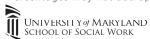


Queen Anne's County

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ABAWDs

Adults with

a Disability

Older Adults Other Adults

Median Quarterly

Earnings

\$5,364

\$4,368

\$1,668

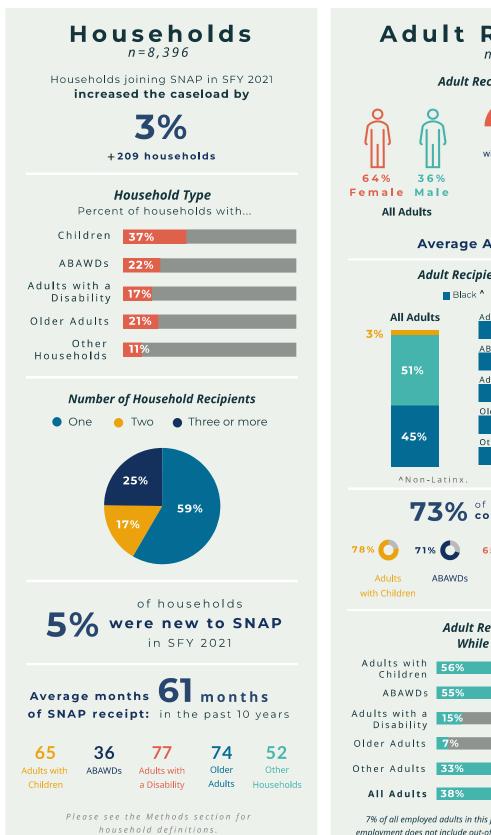
\$2,844

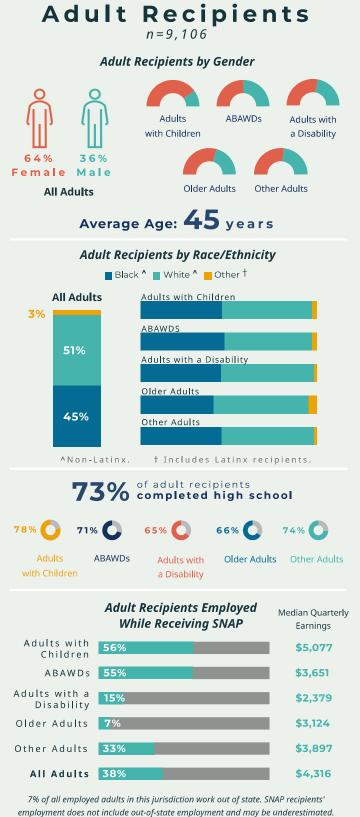
\$4,405

\$4,682

St. Mary's County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021

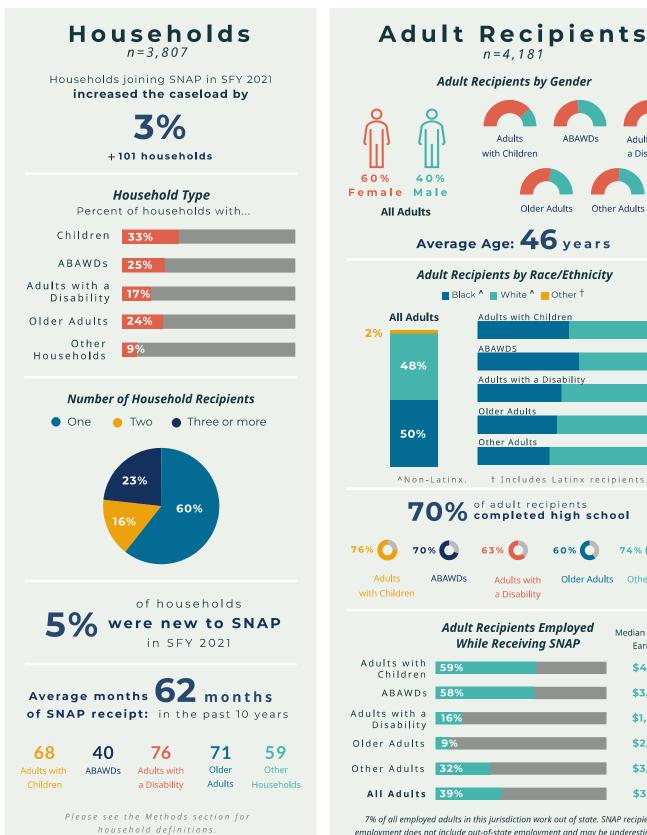




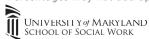


Somerset County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021

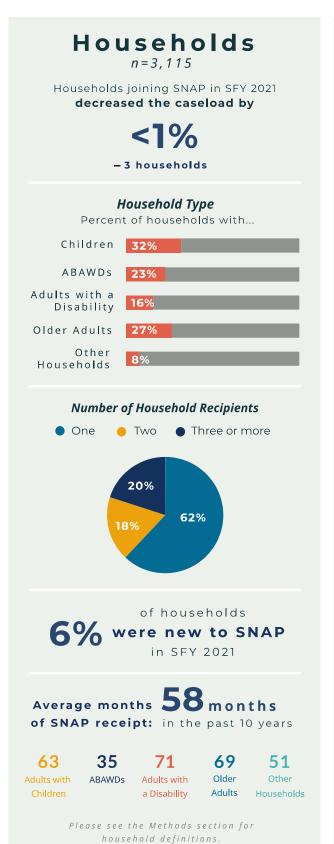


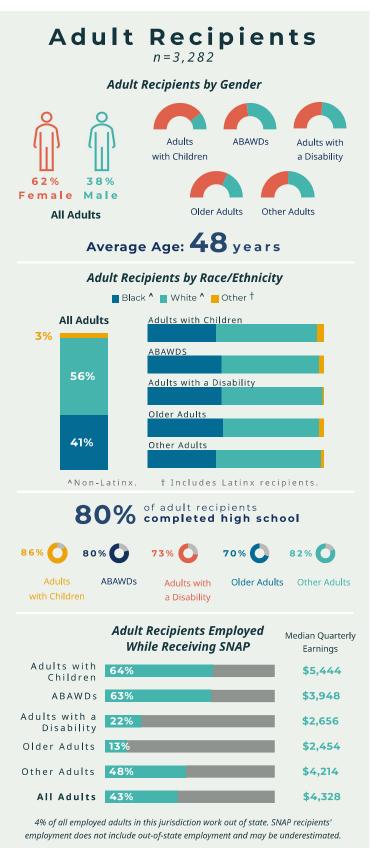
Adult Recipients by Gender **ABAWDs** Adults with a Disability Older Adults Other Adults Average Age: 46 years Adult Recipients by Race/Ethnicity ■ Black ^ ■ White ^ ■ Other † Adults with Children Adults with a Disability † Includes Latinx recipients. 70% of adult recipients completed high school Older Adults Other Adults **Adult Recipients Employed** Median Quarterly While Receiving SNAP Earnings \$4,575 \$3,452 \$1,832 \$2,310 \$3,442 \$3,732 7% of all employed adults in this jurisdiction work out of state. SNAP recipients' employment does not include out-of-state employment and may be underestimated.

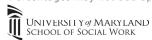


Talbot County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021

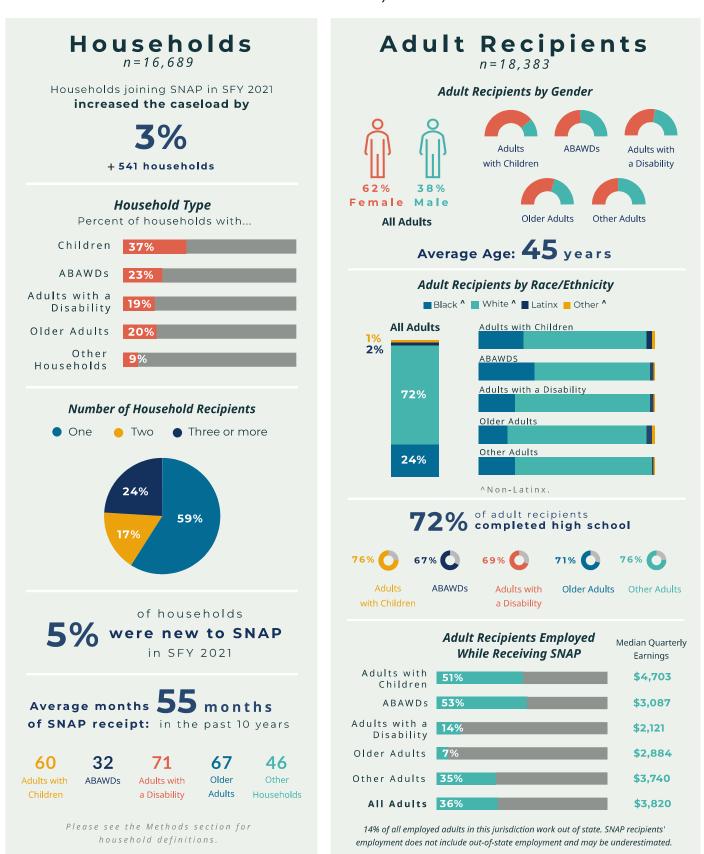


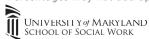




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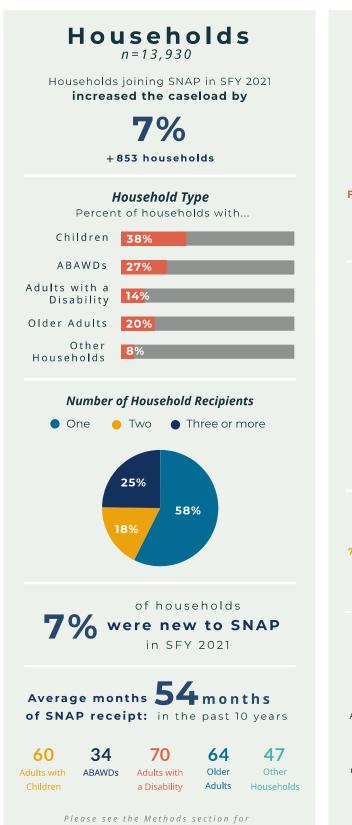
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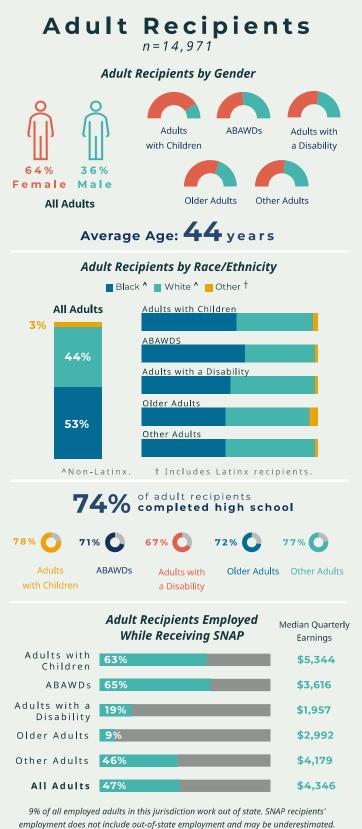




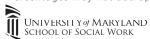
Wicomico County

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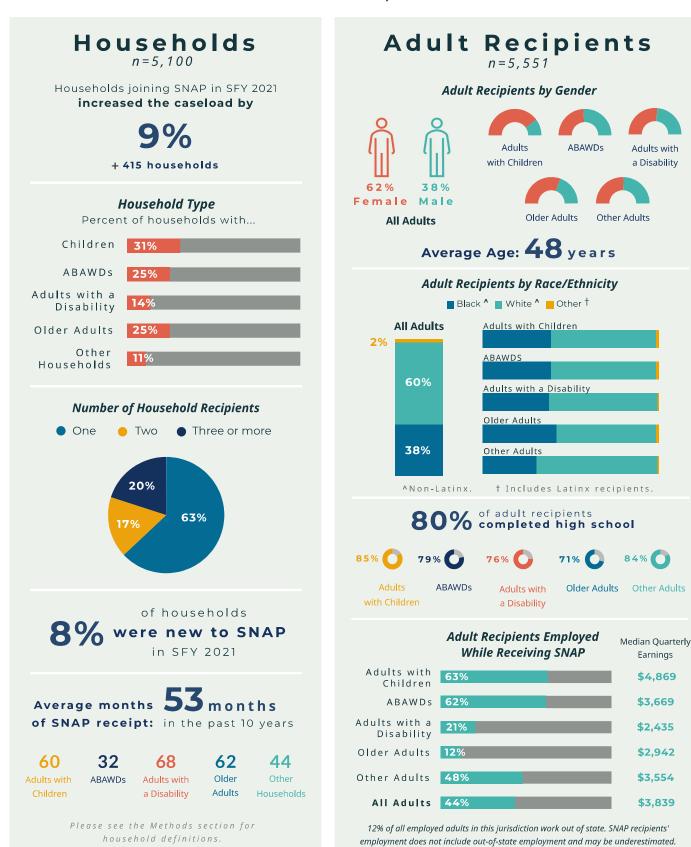
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Worcester County

SNAP Caseload, SFY 2021



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Earnings

\$4,869

\$3,669

\$2,435

\$2,942

\$3,554

\$3,839