

MONTHLY CASE REPORT FOR EXTERNAL USE

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Key Takeaways

Cases

Cases in both districts appear to have begun to **decrease** over the past month, with a **7-day total case rate** of 306.38 new cases per 100,000 population in Richmond and 239.41 new cases per 100,000 population in Henrico. Both districts have community transmission levels that are considered **High**, according to the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#).

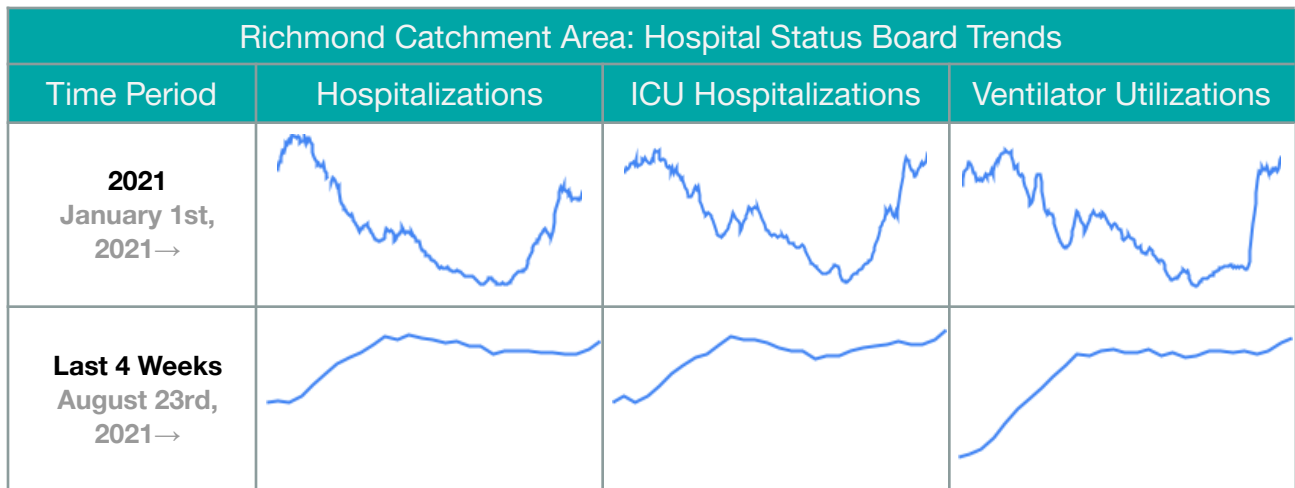
Richmond & Henrico	
Demographic	Highest Proportion
Age	20-29 Year Olds
Sex	Female
Race	Black

Hospitalizations & Fatalities

Hospitalizations based on date of admission among Richmond residents are relatively low and decreasing. In Henrico, **hospitalizations** are also low and decreasing.

Fatalities rose throughout August in Richmond and Henrico, but appear to have decreased in September. *Hospitalizations & Deaths by subgroup (sex, age, and race) are reported on a monthly basis. Data may be impacted by a lag in reporting.*

Cumulative Demographic Trends				
Demographic Measure	Hospitalizations		Fatalities	
	Richmond	Henrico	Richmond	Henrico
Age	61 (0-98)	67 (0-104)	76 (3-98)	80 (18-106)
Sex	Female	Female	Females	Female
Race	Black	Black	Black	White



- *9 out of 11 hospitals in the Richmond Catchment Area are operating at a 'Normal' clinical status. 2 are operating at "full" status

Vaccinations

Richmond and Henrico Health Districts are in Phase 2 of vaccination; anyone 12 or older is eligible to receive a vaccine. Health Department events/providers appear to be administering the largest percentage of vaccines to Richmond and Henrico residents, compared with other providers.

Local Vaccination Stats & Regional Comparison		
Location	≥ 1 Dose	Complete
Richmond & Henrico	60.6%	53.1%
Region	61.5%	54.2%

Vaccination Demographic Trends		
Demographic	Richmond	Henrico
Age Groups ≥ 70% Vaccinated	65+	30+
Sex	Female	
Race	Asian/Pacific Islander & Latino	

In both Richmond and Henrico, older age groups have consistently been vaccinated at a higher rate than younger age groups. Individuals aged 30-44 in Henrico recently met the 70% vaccination benchmark. The Vaccination Section includes an estimated breakdown of vaccination uptake by race and age subgroups.

1.0 COVID-19 SNAP SHOT

1.1 Total Tests and Percent Positivity by Modality in Richmond and Henrico

Total tests by testing modality and the associated 7-day average in percent positivity are summarized in the table below. Data is from the [VDH public dashboard](#) on September 20, 2021.

	Richmond		Henrico	
	Tests	Positivity	Tests	Positivity
PCR*	300,632	9.6%	462,108	8.2%
Antigen	73,653	8.7%	139,832	7.7%
Total (PCR, antigen, and antibody)	379,278	9.6%	612,501	8.3%

**All testing metrics included in previous reports have been based on PCR tests*

1.2 Confirmed & Probable Cases, Hospitalizations & Fatalities by County

CASE STATUS	Richmond	Henrico	VIRGINIA
New cases this month	3088	3567	94981
New cases this week (September 19)	679	739	25061
All cases	21924	31667	836140
Confirmed cases	17312	22442	627843
Hospitalizations	875	1161	33750
Deaths	254	598	10388
Probable cases	4612	9225	208297
Hospitalizations	24	52	1970
Deaths	39	72	1924
Case rate per 100,000	9514.1	9572.3	9796

Population totals are based on 2019 data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Please note- this is a change from some previous reports which used aggregated Census data regarding population by age group.

*Case rate refers to the number of cases per 100,000 people in the population. Calculation: ((Confirmed Cases + Probable Cases)/Population Estimate)*100,000*

1.3 Current COVID-19 Richmond Catchment Area Hospitalizations

The following section utilizes data from the Virginia Healthcare Alerting & Status System (VHASS) COVID-19 Hospital Status Board. This data reflects the following hospitals in the Richmond Catchment Area (Chesterfield County, Hanover County, Henrico, & Richmond): VCU Health System, Retreat Doctors', Bon Secours Community, CWJ Chippenham, CWJ Johnson Willis, VA Medical Center, Bon Secours St. Mary's, Henrico Doctors, and Parham Doctors, Bon Secours St. Francis, and Memorial Regional Medical Center.

	TOTAL IN USE FOR COVID-19	CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
Confirmed Hospitalizations	274	200
Pending Hospitalizations	18	
Confirmed - ICU	84	78
Pending - ICU	*	
Confirmed - Ventilators	54	239
Pending - Ventilators	*	

Within these 11 hospitals that comprise the Richmond catchment area, there are currently 200 total available hospital beds, 78 available adult ICU beds, and 239 available ventilators. Based on the VHASS hospital dashboard on September 20, 2021, 9 hospitals in the Richmond Catchment area are operating at normal clinical status. Both CJW Johnston Willis and Bon Secours St. Francis are operating at full clinical status'.

**A clinical status of "normal" indicates that hospital clinical resources are operating within normal conditions. A clinical status of "full" indicates that hospital clinical resources are exceeded and acceptable care cannot be provided to additional patients. Diversion or Community surge response is required.*

2.0 COVID-19 TESTING ENCOUNTERS AND POSITIVITY

2.1 Testing Summary

PCR percent positivity has decreased in Richmond to 11.3%, after rising from 2.1% to 12.6% in the last two months, with the highest values found in zip codes 23223 and 23222. Percent positivity also decreased in Henrico to 7.8%, after rising from 4.8% to 9.2%, with the highest values found in zip codes 23150 and 23075. The number of PCR tests administered across providers has also risen notably in Henrico in the last two months, compared to the preceding three months. Testing has increased in Richmond particularly in 23226. 23220 and 23219 in Richmond, and 23230 and 23227 in Henrico had the highest testing rate per ZCTA population, consistent with the last 6 months.

2.2 Number of PCR Tests Relative to Statewide Testing Goal

The counts below are based on the total number of testing encounters provided by the Virginia Department of Health for Richmond and Henrico. **It is important to note that the number of testing encounters is different from the number of people tested, as some individuals may be tested more than once.**

MONTH	TOTAL PCR TESTS/MONTH	
	Richmond	Henrico
September 2021	22,565	24,795
August 2021	18,103	20,397
July 2021	9,608	12,632
June 2021	6,514	12,630
May 2021	9,066	17,393
April 2021	13,590	24,550
March 2021	16,505	27,164
February 2021	22,475	31,293
January 2021	35,001	50,108
December 2020	29,921	40,568

The testing date was not reported for 483 PCR testing encounters in Richmond and not reported for 909 PCR testing encounters in Henrico, inclusive of all PCR tests since January 2020.

3.0 COVID-19 CASES

3.1 Summary of Cases

Following increases during the month of August, cases in both districts have appeared to plateau into *potential* decreases during the first three weeks of September. In Richmond, the current 7-day total case rate is 306.38 new cases per 100,000 population, and in Henrico the 7-day total case rate is currently 239.41 new cases per 100,000 population. Additionally, in both Richmond and Henrico, the level of community transmission is considered **High** according to the [CDC Covid Data Tracker](#).

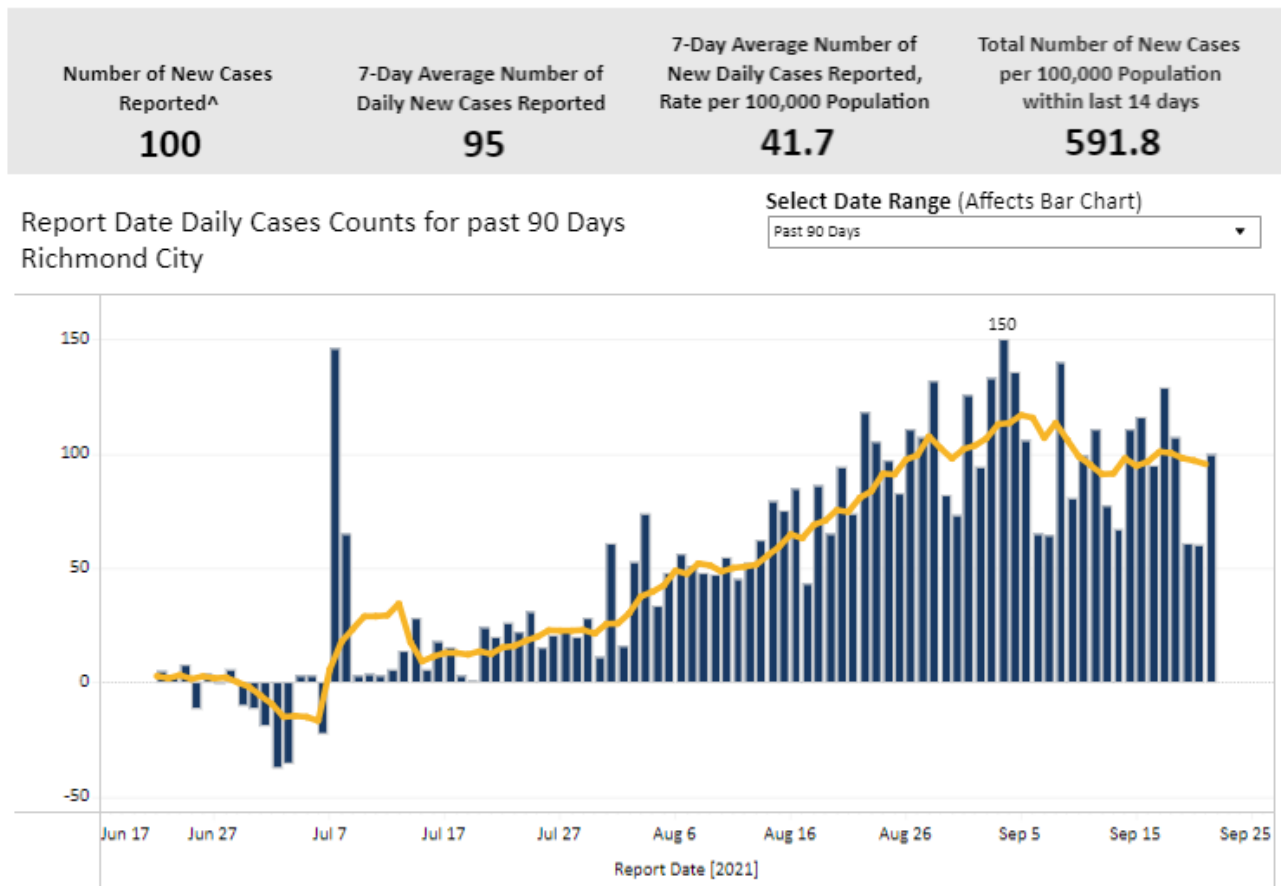
Female individuals in both Richmond and Henrico comprise a higher proportion of cases compared to male individuals, both in the last month and cumulatively.

In Richmond, 20-29 year olds continue to have the highest case rate by age group overall, but over the last four weeks, individuals aged 0-9 and 10-19 have shown the highest case rates by age group. In Henrico, individuals over the age of 80 years show the highest cumulative case rate, whereas over the past four weeks, the highest case rates can be observed in individuals aged 0-9 and 10-19.

Regarding race and ethnicity, in Richmond, the highest proportion of cases is still among Black individuals, again both cumulatively and in the last 4 weeks. In Henrico, cumulatively White individuals comprise the highest case burden, but the case burden among Black individuals has been highest over the last four weeks.

3.2 Case Reports Trends By Date (Source-VDH Website)

NOTE: Data quality control efforts over the last few weeks have led to the retroactive district reassignment of previously reported cases, sometimes leading to "negative" cases on a given day in Richmond or Henrico when the number of cases move to another district is greater than the combination of cases moved to Richmond or Henrico along with the new cases reported on that day.



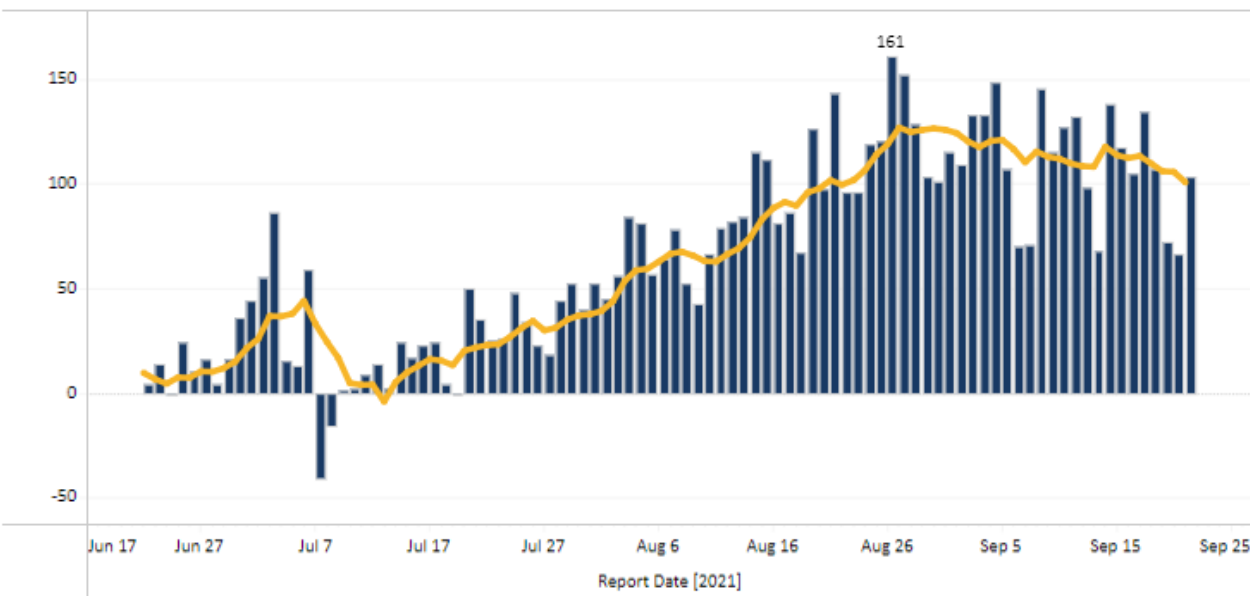
- From late July through late August, daily new cases generally increased, with some fluctuations. Starting in September, however, cases began to decrease into a plateau.
- A potential decrease can be noted during the first week of September. All data is subject to lags in reporting.

Number of New Cases Reported^	7-Day Average Number of Daily New Cases Reported	7-Day Average Number of New Daily Cases Reported, Rate per 100,000 Population	Total Number of New Cases per 100,000 Population within last 14 days
103	101	30.5	463.8

Report Date Daily Cases Counts for past 90 Days
Henrico

Select Date Range (Affects Bar Chart)

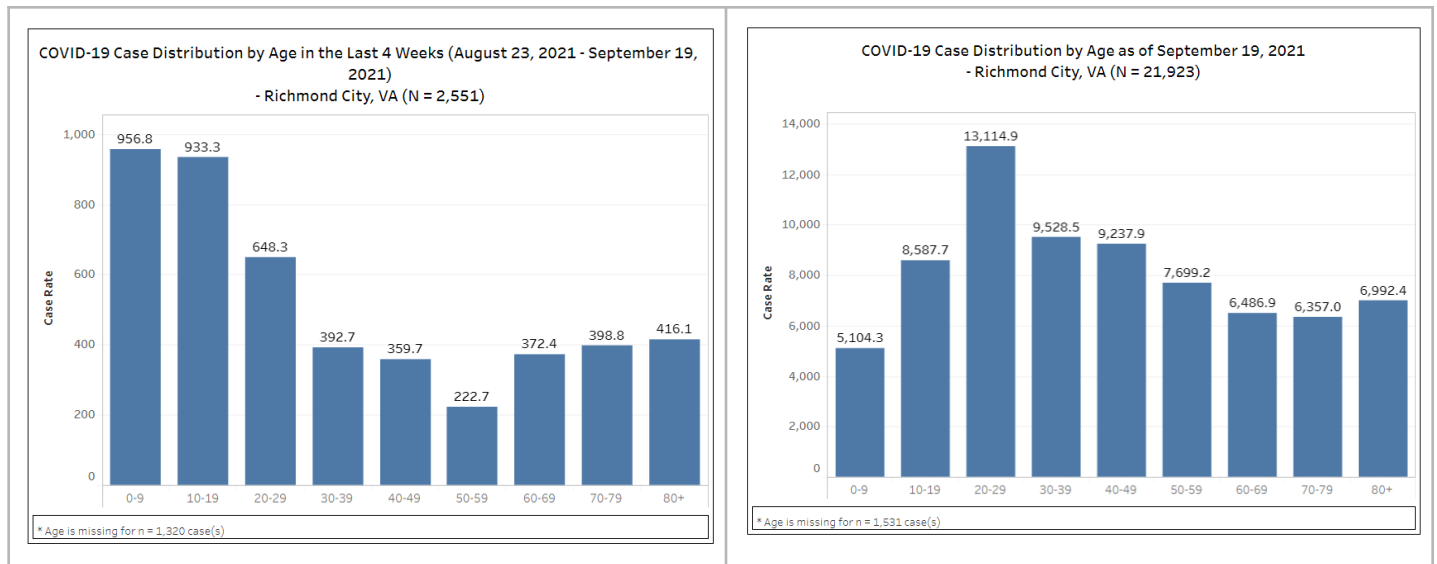
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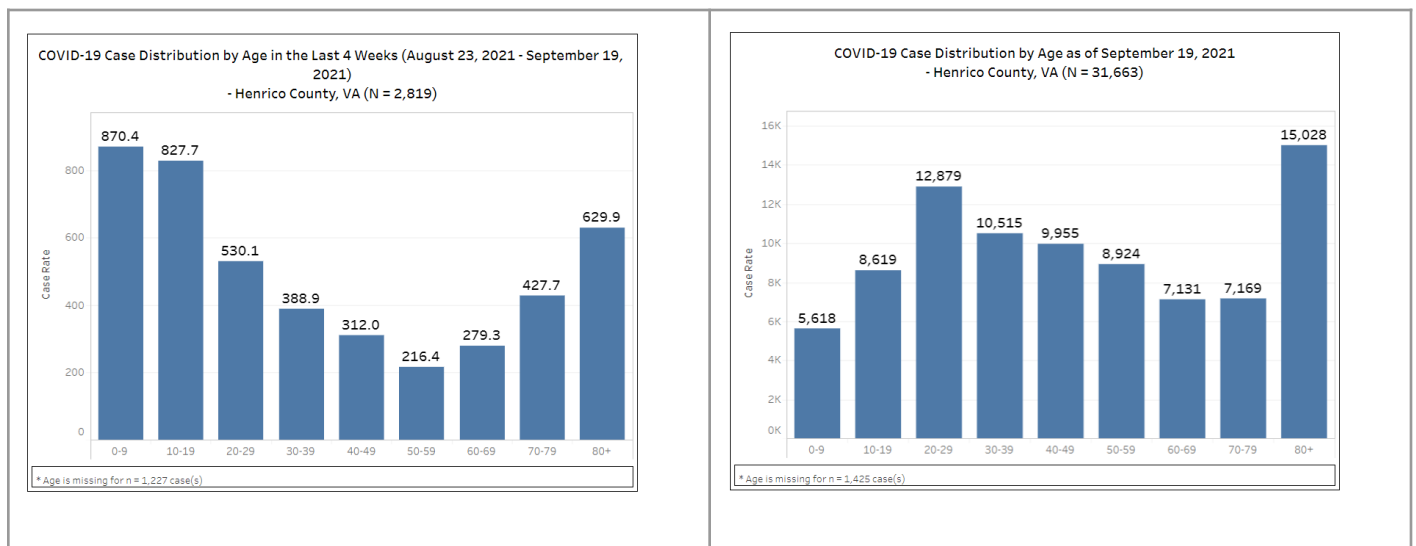
- In Henrico, the number of new cases reported per day has also been fluctuating due to recent efforts to reallocate older cases to appropriate localities.
- From the middle of July through late August, daily new cases generally increased. During the last week of August into September, however, data indicate a potential decrease.
- All data is subject to lags in reporting.

3.3 Cases by Age Group by County

Population totals are based on 2019 data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).



- In Richmond City, individuals aged 0-9 have the highest case rates in the last four weeks, followed by individuals aged 10-19. Individuals aged 20-29 have the highest case rate cumulatively.
- Case burdens for individuals 50 and over are notably down in the last four weeks compared to cumulatively.

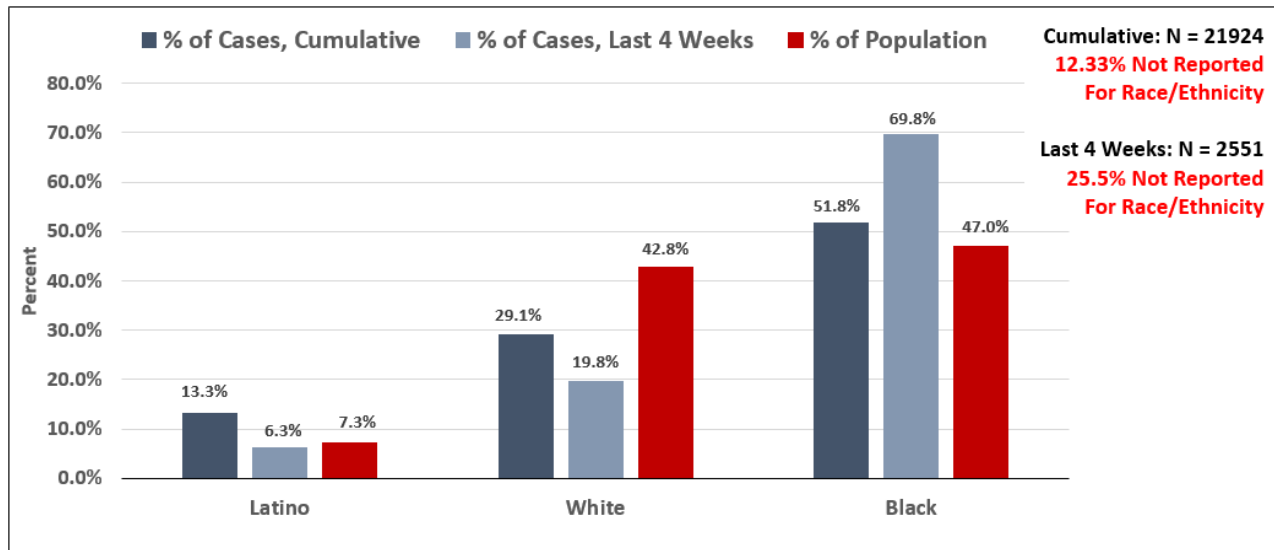


- In Henrico, case rates over the past four weeks show a high frequency of cases occurring in individuals aged 0-9, followed by those aged 10-19 and 20-29, whereas cumulative case rates indicate a large burden being placed on individuals aged 80 and over and those aged 20-29.
- Case rates are down for older age groups (60 and over), with a notable drop for individuals 70 to 79.

3.4 Cases and Population Proportions by Race and Ethnicity by County

UPDATE: Population estimates for race and ethnicity subgroups have been changed for this report from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 2019 5-year estimates to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) 2019 estimates to align with estimates used by other VDH metrics. This change also involves new race and ethnicity categories: Latino or Hispanic, Non-Hispanic White, Black or African-American, Asian or Pacific Islander, and Native American.

COVID-19 Case Distribution by Race and Ethnicity in the Last 4 Weeks (August 23 – September 19, 2021) and Cumulatively through September 19, 2021 – Richmond City, VA



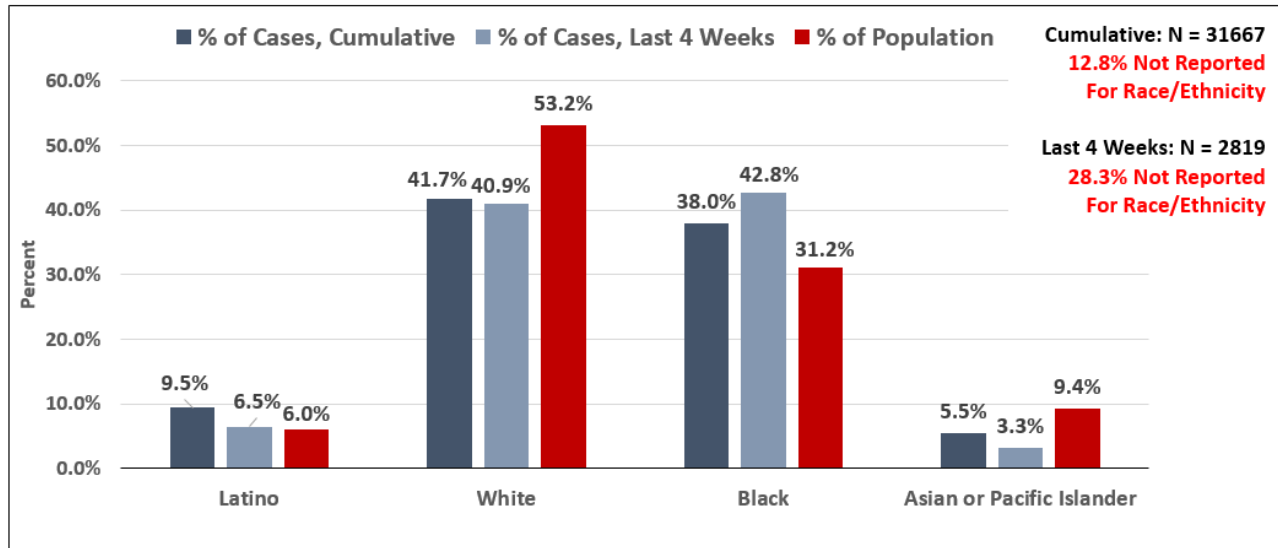
* NCHS population estimates are not available for Two or More Races (235 total cases) or Other Race (394 total cases) and thus they are absent from the plots.

* Missing and Unknown Ethnicities were assumed to be of Non-Hispanic ethnicity.

* Cases among individuals identifying as Asian or Pacific Islander or Native American are suppressed (counts < 5)

- In Richmond, the case burden for Black individuals over the last 4 weeks (68.9%) is disproportionately high relative to their population percentage (47%), while the case burden for White individuals is disproportionately low (20.3%) relative to their population percentage (42.8%).

**COVID-19 Case Distribution by Race and Ethnicity in the Last 4 Weeks (August 23 – September 19, 2021)
and Cumulatively through September 19, 2021 – Henrico County, VA**



* NCHS population estimates are not available for Two or More Races (375 total cases) or Other Race (849 total cases) and thus they are absent from the plots.

* Missing and Unknown Ethnicities were assumed to be of Non-Hispanic ethnicity.

* Cases among individuals identifying as Native American are suppressed (counts < 5)

- In Henrico in the last four weeks, the case burden for Black individuals (42.8%) is higher than the proportion of the population (31.2%). Meanwhile, the case burdens for White individuals (40.9%) and Asian or Pacific Islander individuals (3.3%) are relatively low compared to their proportions of the population (53.2% and 9.4%, respectively).

4.0 COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS & FATALITIES

4.1 Summary of Hospitalizations & Fatalities

After upticks in August and early September, hospitalizations have begun to decrease within both districts with (based on VEDSS data, which is subject to lags in data reporting). See [VDH Dashboard](#) for additional trend data.

Regarding hospitalization demographics, cumulative hospitalizations are highest among females and Black individuals in both districts. The median age of hospitalization has not changed since last month and is still 61 in Richmond and 67 in Henrico.

Minor upticks in deaths based on date of death can be noted in Richmond throughout August and September, but deaths in Henrico have remained relatively low and stable. Cumulatively, deaths are highest among male individuals and Black individuals in Richmond and highest among female individuals and White individuals in Henrico. The median age of death has remained consistent over the past month at 76 for Richmond and 80 for Henrico.

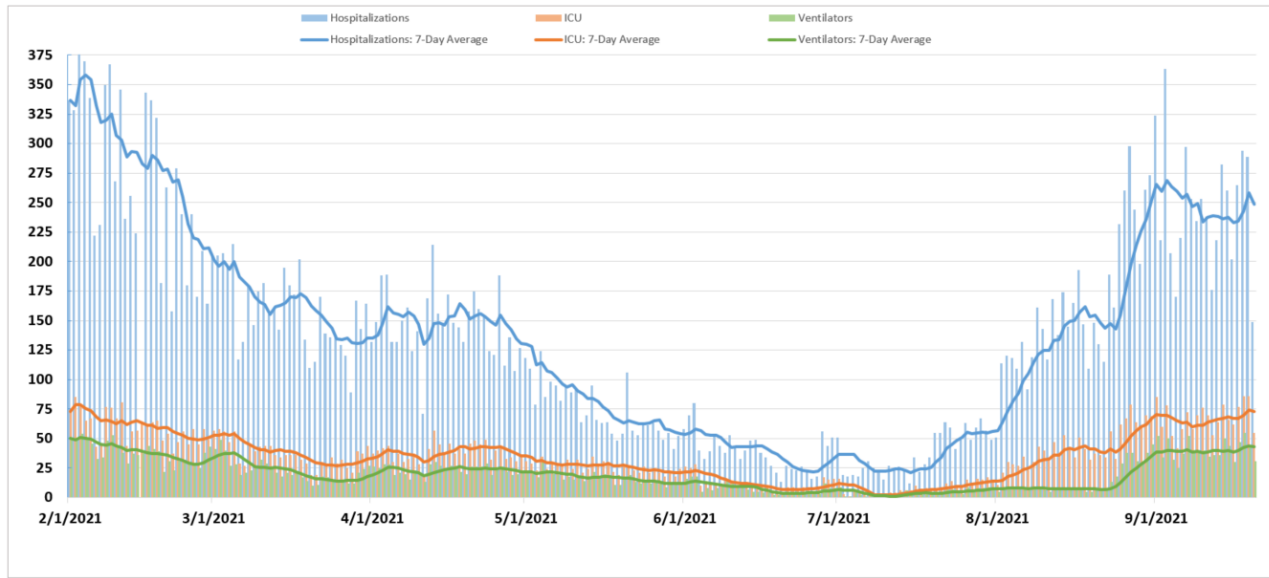
4.2 Hospitalizations & Fatalities by Sex, Race, and Age by County

The minimum age ranges correspond to ages in months, which have been converted to years.

Confirmed and Probable		Hospitalizations		Fatalities	
		Richmond (n = 899)	Henrico (n = 1213)	Richmond (n = 281)	Henrico (n = 644)
Gender	Male	48% (429)	48% (583)	49% (144)	46% (306)
	Female	52% (470)	52% (630)	51% (149)	54% (364)
	Missing/Unknown				
Age	Median (range)	61 (0-98)	67 (0-104)	76 (3-98)	80 (18-106)
Race/ Ethnicity	White	14% (123)	40% (488)	30% (88)	55% (370)
	Black	67% (603)	45% (549)	62% (182)	37% (246)
	Latino	16% (141)	7% (84)	5% (16)	4% (26)
	Asian or Pacific Islander	1% (7)	3% (36)	1% (2)	3% (18)
	Other Race	1% (10)	3% (39)	0% (1)	0% (1)
	Two or more races	0% (4)	1% (11)	0% (0)	0% (0)
	Not reported	1% (11)	0% (6)	4% (11)	1% (6)

4.3 COVID-19 Hospitalization, ICU, and Ventilator Utilization (VHASS)

Total Daily COVID-19 Hospitalizations, ICU Hospitalizations, and Ventilator Utilizations
February 1, 2021 – September 20, 2021
Richmond Catchment Area



- Hospitalizations, ICU Hospitalizations, and Ventilator Utilizations in the Richmond Catchment area saw upward trends over the course of August, with an apparent leveling off throughout September. All data is subject to lags in reporting.

5.0 VACCINATION

5.1 Vaccine Summary

As of September 20, 61.5% of the region's population has received at least one dose of the vaccine and 54.2% of the region's population has been fully vaccinated. Approximately 60.6% of the combined Richmond and Henrico population has received at least one dose and 53.1% of the two districts' combined population has been fully vaccinated. Cumulatively, local health departments have administered the largest percentage of vaccines to Richmond and Henrico residents, compared with other providers. Over the last four weeks, however, pharmacies have delivered the majority of vaccines.

The majority of vaccine recipients in both districts have been female. In both Richmond and Henrico, older age groups have consistently been vaccinated at a higher rate than younger age groups. In Richmond, the 70% vaccination benchmark has been met by individuals aged 65 and over, and in Henrico that same benchmark was recently met by individuals aged 30 and over. This section includes an estimated breakdown of vaccination uptake by race, sex, and age subgroups.

5.2 Percentage of Vaccination Goals Reached by Population

		POPULATION	POPULATION GOAL (70%)	PEOPLE WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE	PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED
Richmond	12-17	11,150	7,805	6,157 (55.2%)	4,479 (40.2%)
	18+	190,750	133,525	117,334 (61.5%)	102,693 (53.8%)
	65+	31,809	22,266	24,456 (76.9%)	22,325 (70.2%)
Henrico	12-17	25,954	18,168	18,680 (72%)	14,617 (56.3%)
	18+	256,660	179,662	198,111 (77.2%)	176,340 (68.7%)
	65+	52,720	36,904	46,763 (88.7%)	43,488 (82.5%)

Population totals are based on 2019 data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Please note - this is a change from previous reports which used Census data to estimate population by age group.

Nationally, the Biden administration is using the **percentage of adults (individuals 18 and over)** to track progress in vaccination.

5.3 Vaccinations by Locality as of August 23, 2021

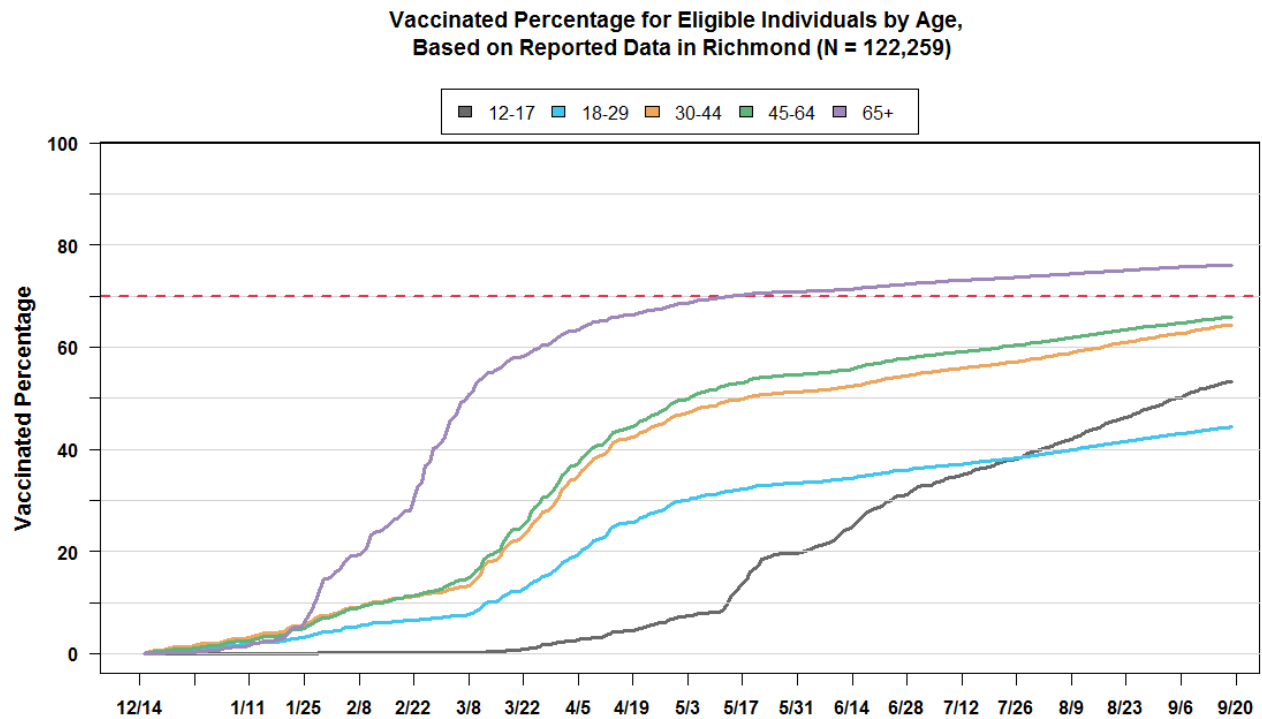
HEALTH DISTRICT	LOCALITY	TOTAL POPULATION	PEOPLE WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE	PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	352,802	220,473	192,618
	Colonial Heights	17,370	9,613	8,055
	Powhatan	29,652	16,114	14,317
Chickahominy	Charles City	6,963	4,231	3,834
	Goochland	23,753	16,665	15,361
	Hanover	107,766	70,192	63,965
	New Kent	23,091	13,114	11,779
Henrico	Henrico	330,818	216,791	190,957
Richmond	Richmond City	230,436	123,491	107,172
Total		1,122,651	690,684	608,058

Population totals are based on 2019 data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

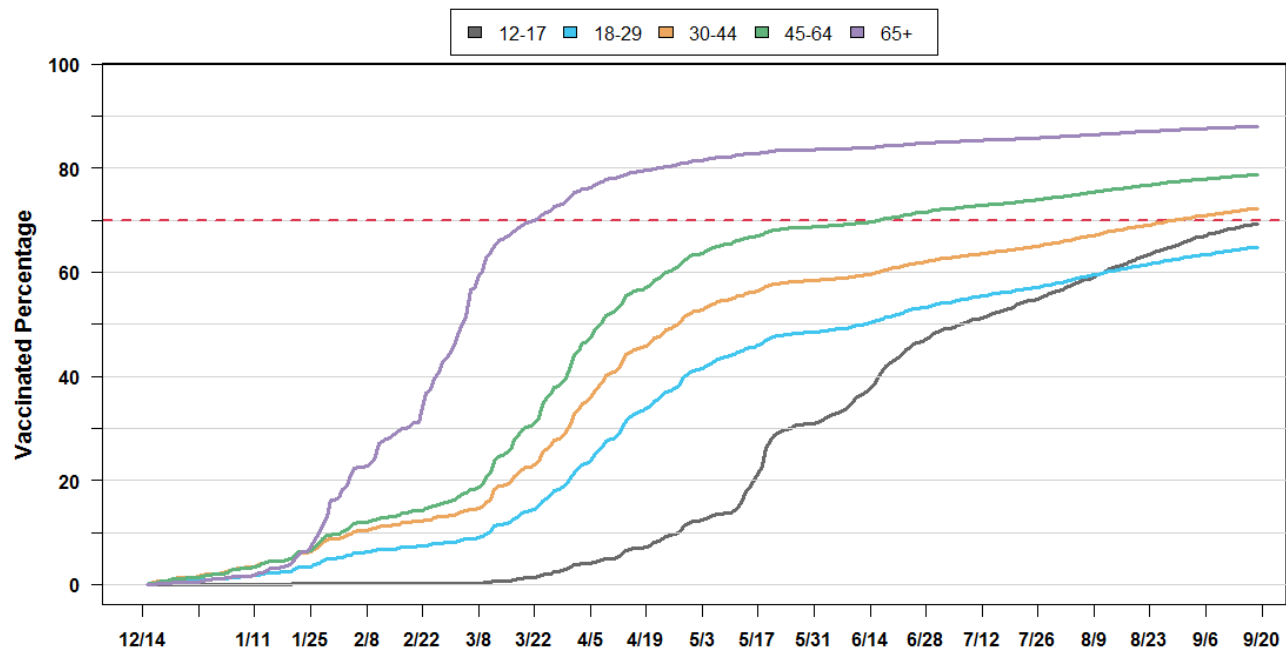
5.4 Vaccine Distribution by Age Group over Time

The following charts track vaccination rates by age group over time since vaccinations first began in mid-December.

- Individuals 65 and over in Richmond, and 30 and over in Henrico have all reached the 70% vaccinated threshold.
- Individuals 12 to 17 in Henrico are close to the 70% threshold.
- Henrico age groups have achieved higher vaccination rates than their corresponding Richmond age groups and many younger age groups in Henrico have achieved higher rates than older age groups in Richmond.
- After later access to vaccination, individuals 12 to 17 have seen a notable increase in vaccination rates while individuals 18 to 29 have slowed in their rate of new vaccinations, leading to the younger age group surpassing the older one in both Richmond and in Henrico over this past month.
- All data is subject to lags in reporting, particularly in recent weeks.



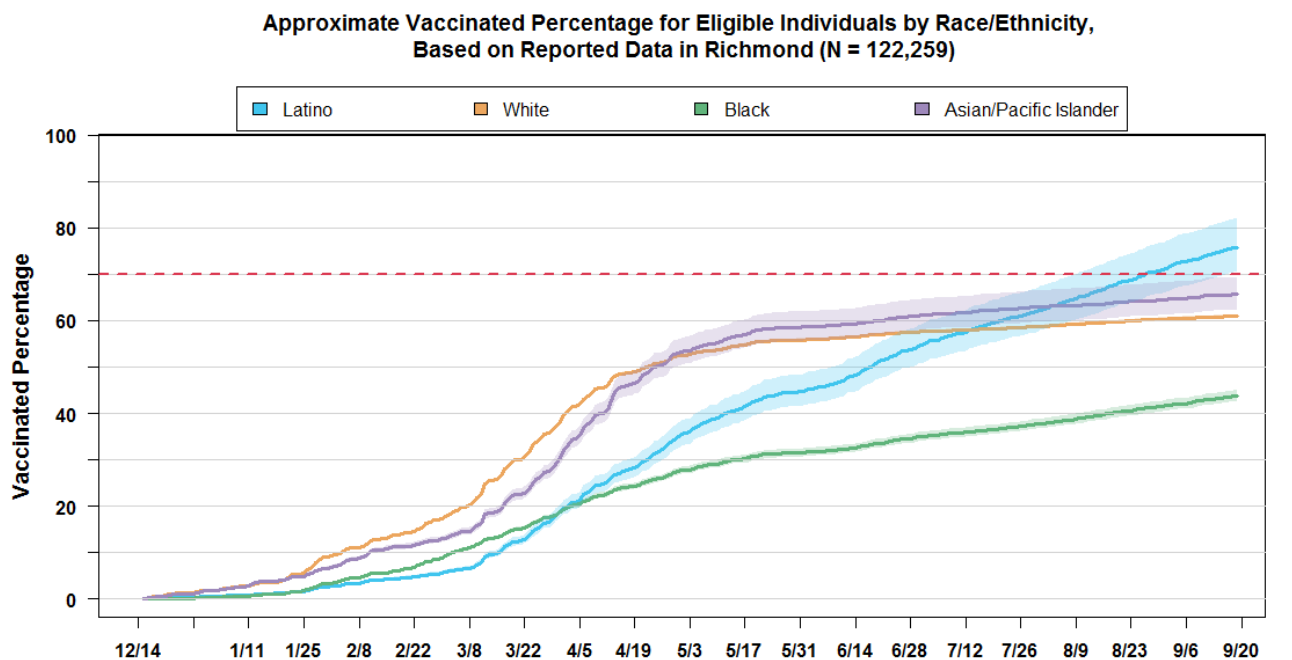
Vaccinated Percentage for Eligible Individuals by Age,
Based on Reported Data in Henrico (N = 213,630)



5.5 Vaccine Distribution by Race/Ethnicity over Time

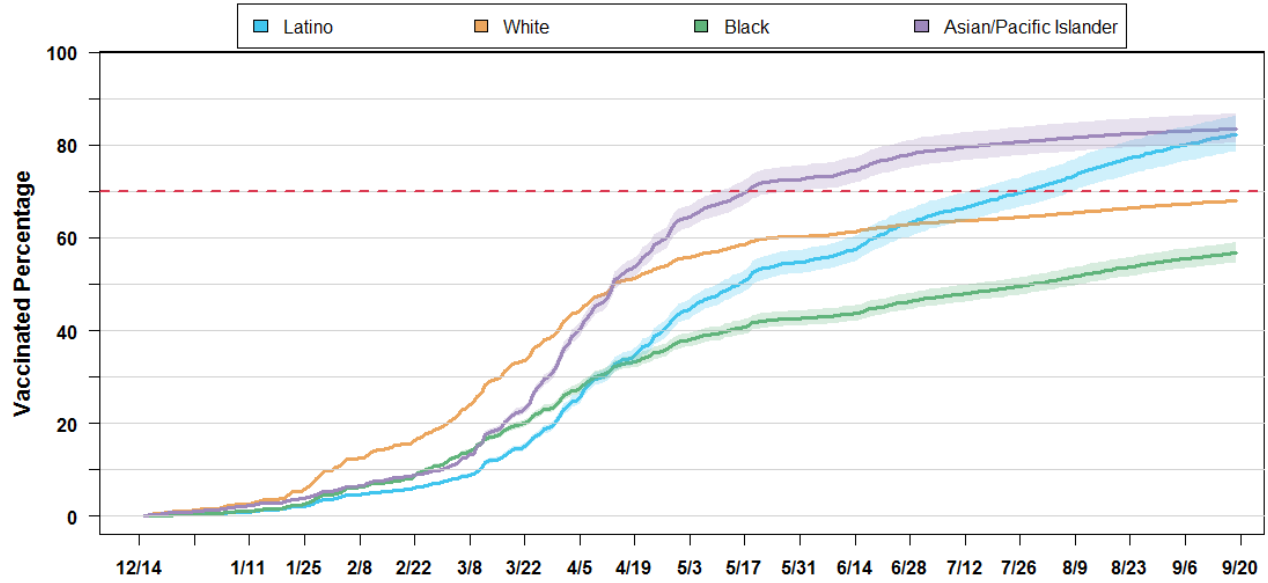
The following charts track vaccination rates by race and ethnicity over time since vaccinations first began in mid-December.

- Through spring, White individuals and Asian or Pacific Islander individuals generally had higher vaccination rates in both Richmond and Henrico
- White individuals maintained the highest vaccination rates through early April in Richmond and late April in Henrico before Asian or Pacific Islander individuals surpassed them for the highest rates.
- In early months, vaccination rates of both Latino and Black individuals were lower, with Black individuals still comprising the lowest vaccine uptake as of today.
- Latino individuals saw an acceleration in vaccination rates beginning in early March after a slow start and have since surpassed White individuals in vaccine uptake in both Richmond and Henrico. They also possess the highest vaccination rate overall in Richmond and are right at the 70% vaccination goal (though still within margin of error).
- In Henrico, Asian or Pacific Islander individuals and Latino individuals have already surpassed the 70% vaccination goal, with White individuals not far from this threshold.
- Vaccination rates are notably lower in both Richmond and Henrico for Black individuals, well short of the 70% goal.
- All data is subject to lags in reporting, particularly in recent weeks.



Vaccination rates by subgroup are underestimates due to individuals not disclosing race/ethnicity (7388 vaccinations).
American Indian individuals (603 vaccinations) excluded due to unreliable vaccination rate calculations.

**Approximate Vaccinated Percentage for Individuals by Race/Ethnicity,
Based on Reported Data in Henrico (N = 213,631)**



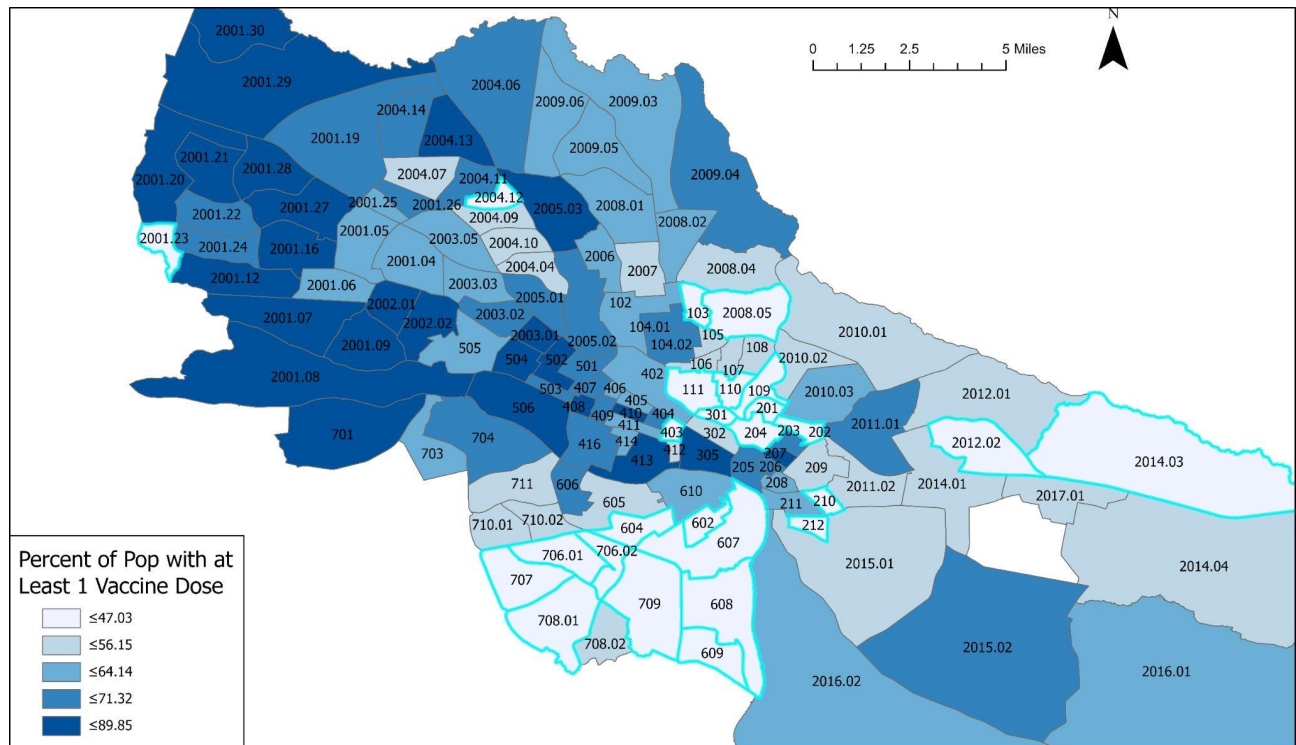
Vaccination rates are underestimates due to individuals not disclosing race/ethnicity or reporting 'Other Race' (15823 and 8648 vaccinations, respectively).
American Indian individuals (1434 vaccinations) excluded due to unreliable vaccination rate calculations.

5.6 Census Tract Maps of Vaccine Uptake

The following 3 maps visualize vaccination uptake (percentage of total population receiving at least one dose within each census tract), case burden (cumulative cases per 100,000 by census tract) and social vulnerability (defined by the CDC's social vulnerability index).

These maps are intended to guide further outreach and vaccination planning only..

Vaccination Uptake and Outreach locations Richmond & Henrico, VA -- Sept 20th, 2021



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Social Vulnerability Rank and Lowest Percentage Vaccinated by Census Tract in Richmond & Henrico, VA -- Sept 20th, 2021

