

# AGING, ELDERLY AND INCARCERATED



# OBJECTIVES



- ▶ Discuss the implications of the aging population related to cost, capacity and changing needs
- ▶ Discuss the preparation for future accommodations related to the rapidly growing aging population
- ▶ Identify special considerations necessary for the care of older prisoners
- ▶ Touch on the Re-Entry challenges of this population.

# AGING POPULATION NEEDS

- ▶ Chronic Care Issues
- ▶ Mobility
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Dementia
- ▶ Time Considerations
- ▶ Security issues



# AGING POPULATION ACCOMMODATIONS

## WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- ▶ Handicapped accessible buildings, cells, toilets, showers



# AGING POPULATION ACCOMMODATIONS

- ▶ Assistive devices-wheelchairs, canes, walkers
- ▶ Caregivers



# PRISON AGING POPULATION

- ▶ System Modifications
  - ▶ Are our facilities built for an aging population
  - ▶ Shortage of low bunks
  - ▶ Doorways wide enough for assistive devices
  - ▶ Enough beds on the low tier



# PRISON AGING POPULATION

- ▶ System Modifications
  - ▶ Not just housing units are other buildings accessible as well?



# TRANSPORTATION OF AGING POPULATION

- ▶ Increased offsite appointments for specialists
- ▶ Handicap accessible vans
- ▶ Ambulances
- ▶ Transport services
- ▶ Restraints



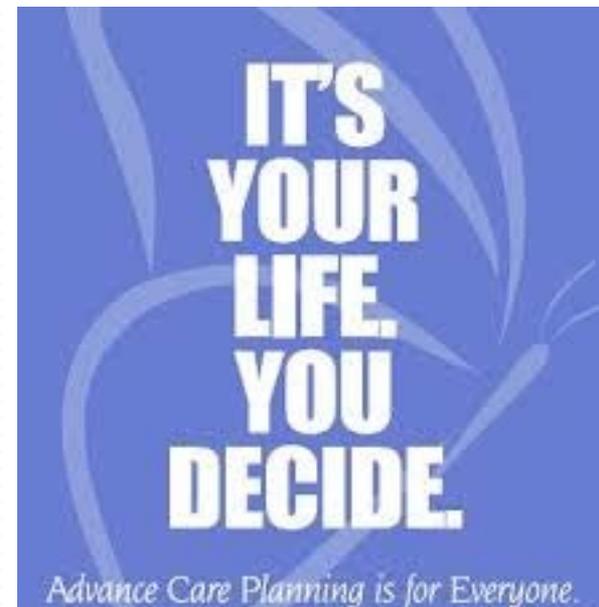
# RELEASES

- ▶ Identifying of potential release candidates
- ▶ Who qualifies?
- ▶ Who makes the decisions?
- ▶ Placement-where do they go?
- ▶ Who is willing to take them in?



# ADVANCED DIRECTIVES/LIVING WILLS

- ▶ Who should initiate the conversation with the patient?
- ▶ Who assists the patient in making the document? Witnesses?
- ▶ How does the nurse advocate for the patient?



# GUARDIANSHIP

- ▶ Lack of families that are willing to commit to this
- ▶ Need for volunteer or corporate guardians

Guardianship



# END OF LIFE CARE

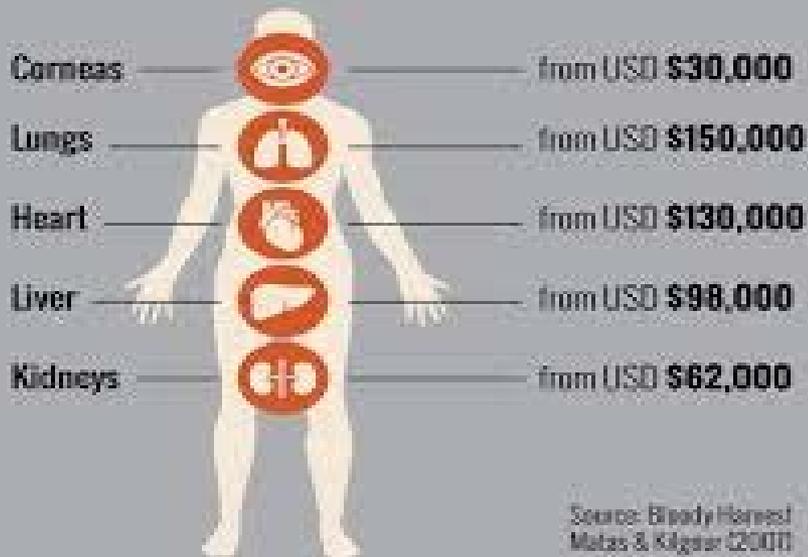
- ▶ Palliative Care vs Hospice
- ▶ Caregivers-Outside Care
- ▶ Inmate Hospice workers



# COSTS

- ▶ How are we dealing with the escalating costs?
  - ▶ Increased costs of just the chronic conditions/care
  - ▶ Costs of equipment
  - ▶ Costs of an Infirmary patient vs regular patient
  - ▶ Medical advances-who gets what treatment? Hep C?

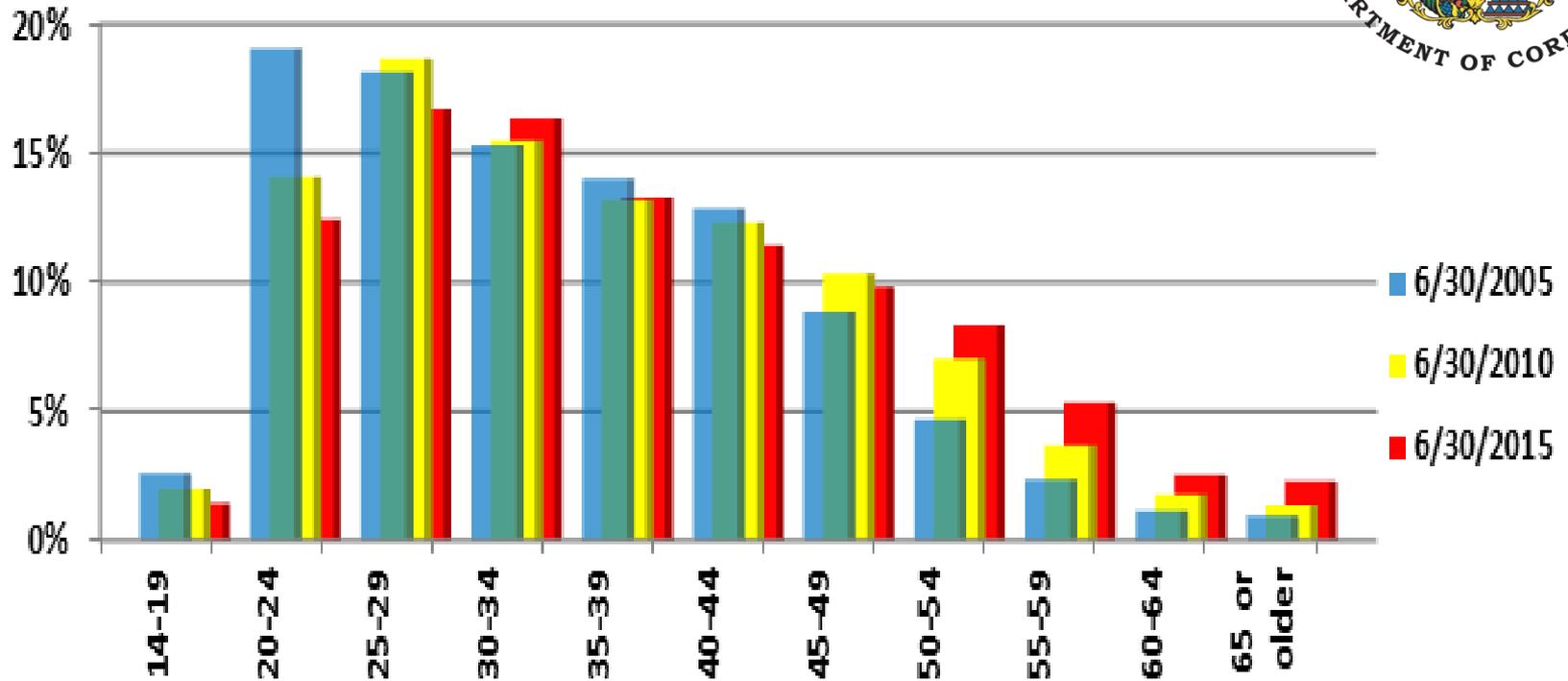
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FOR  
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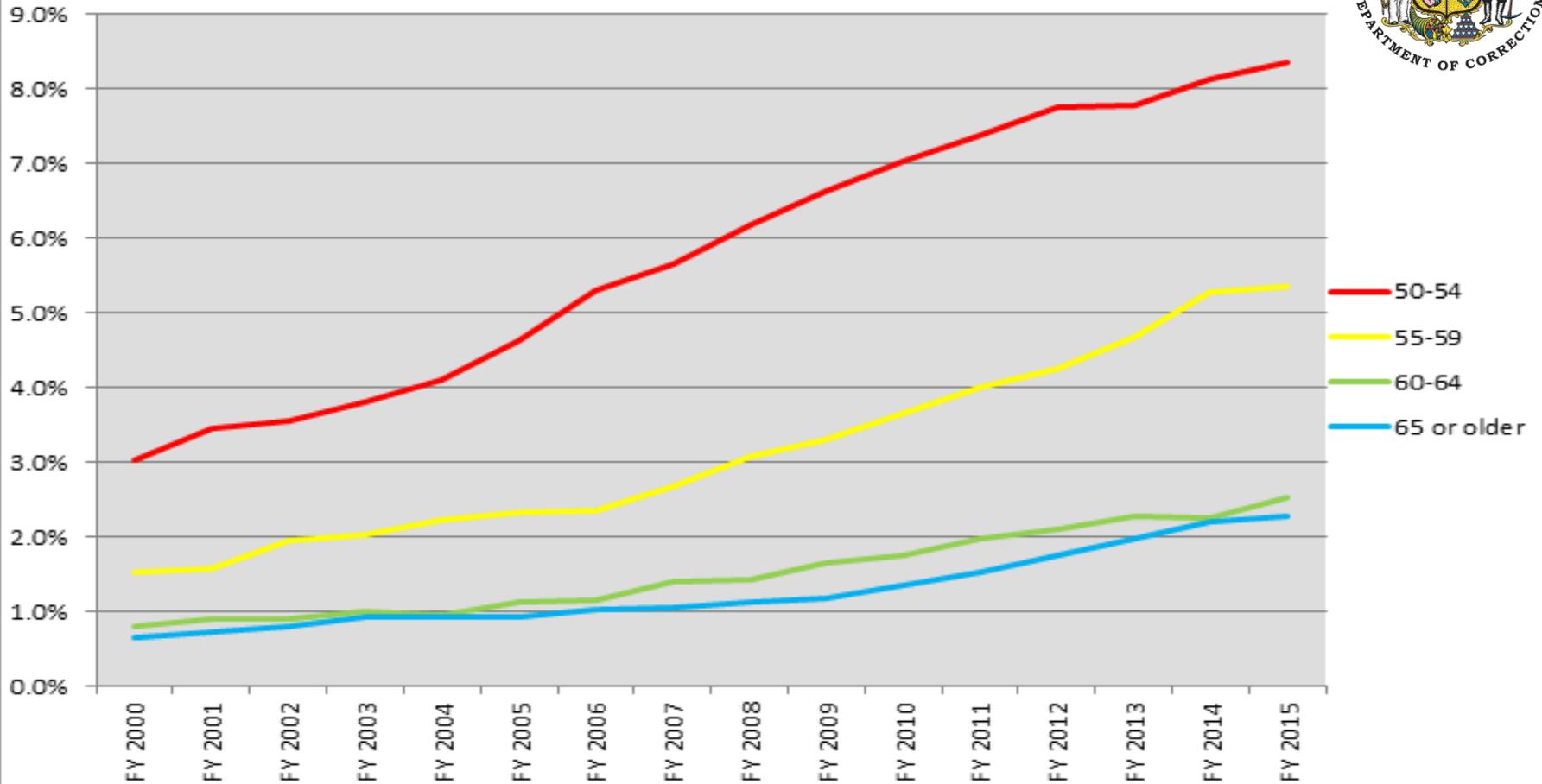
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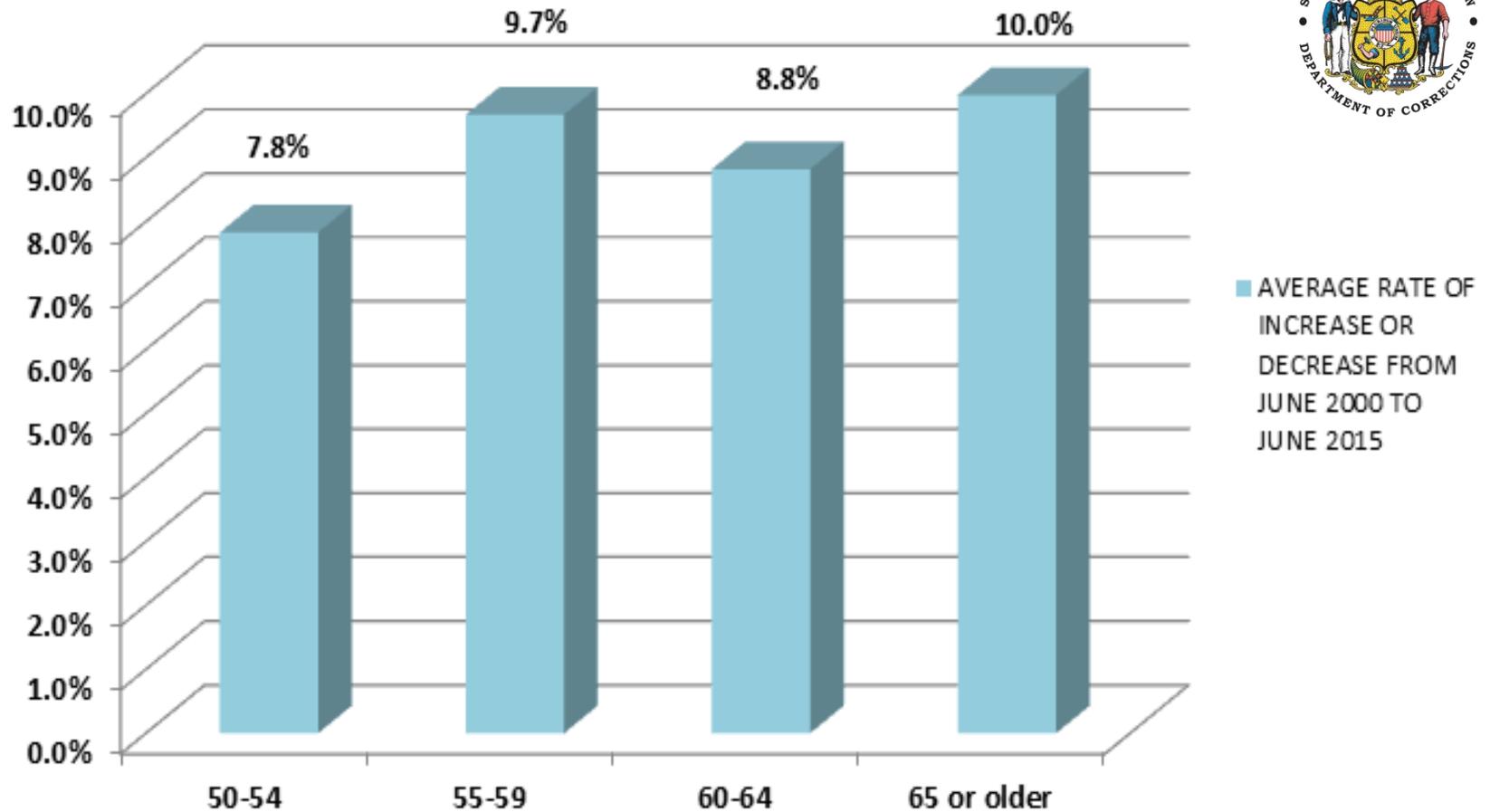
# AGE AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ADP



# PERCENT OF ADP OF INMATES 50 AND OLDER FROM JUNE 2000 TO JUNE 2015

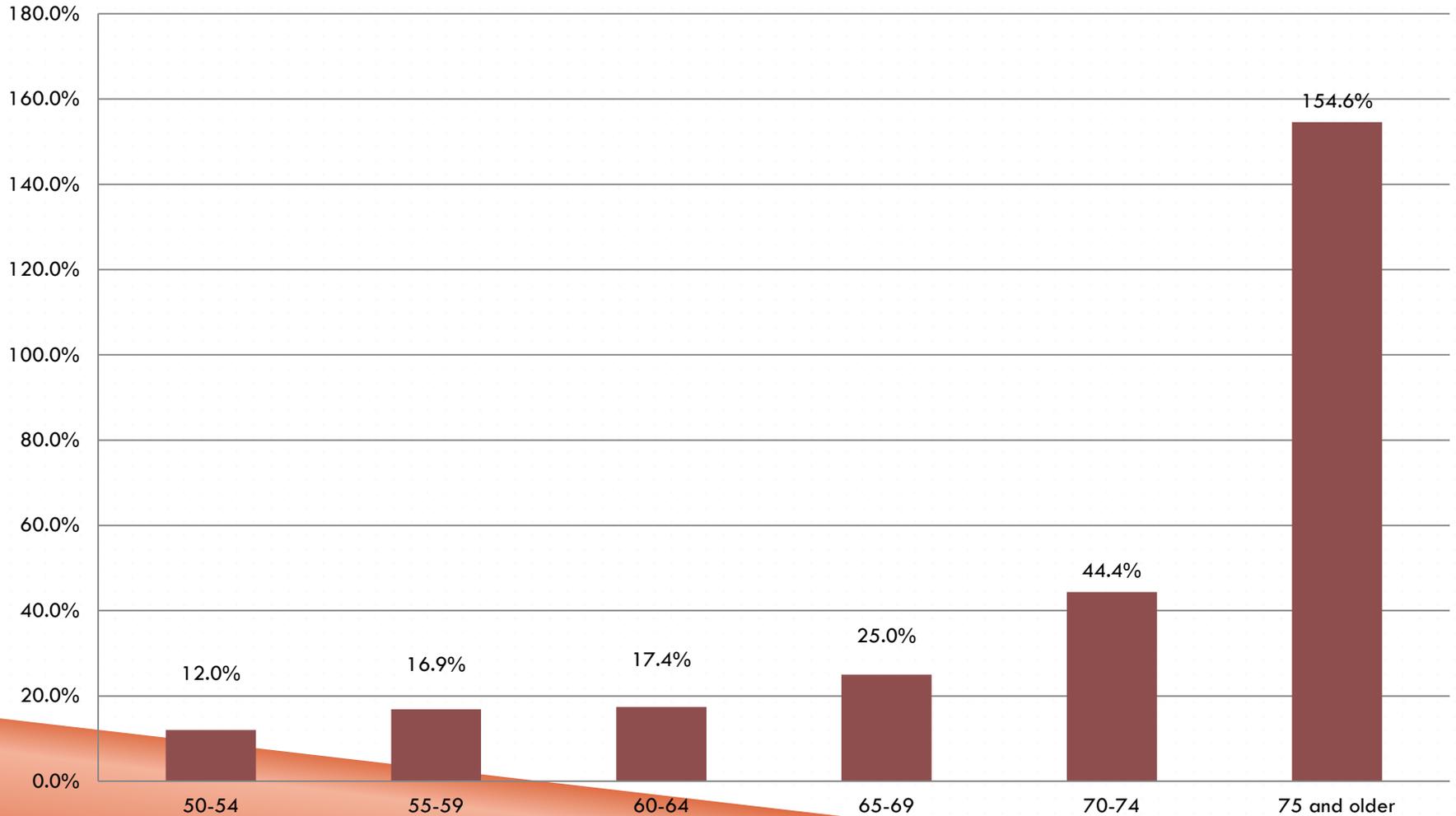


# AVERAGE RATE OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OLDER AGE CATEGORIES FROM JUNE 2000 TO JUNE 2015

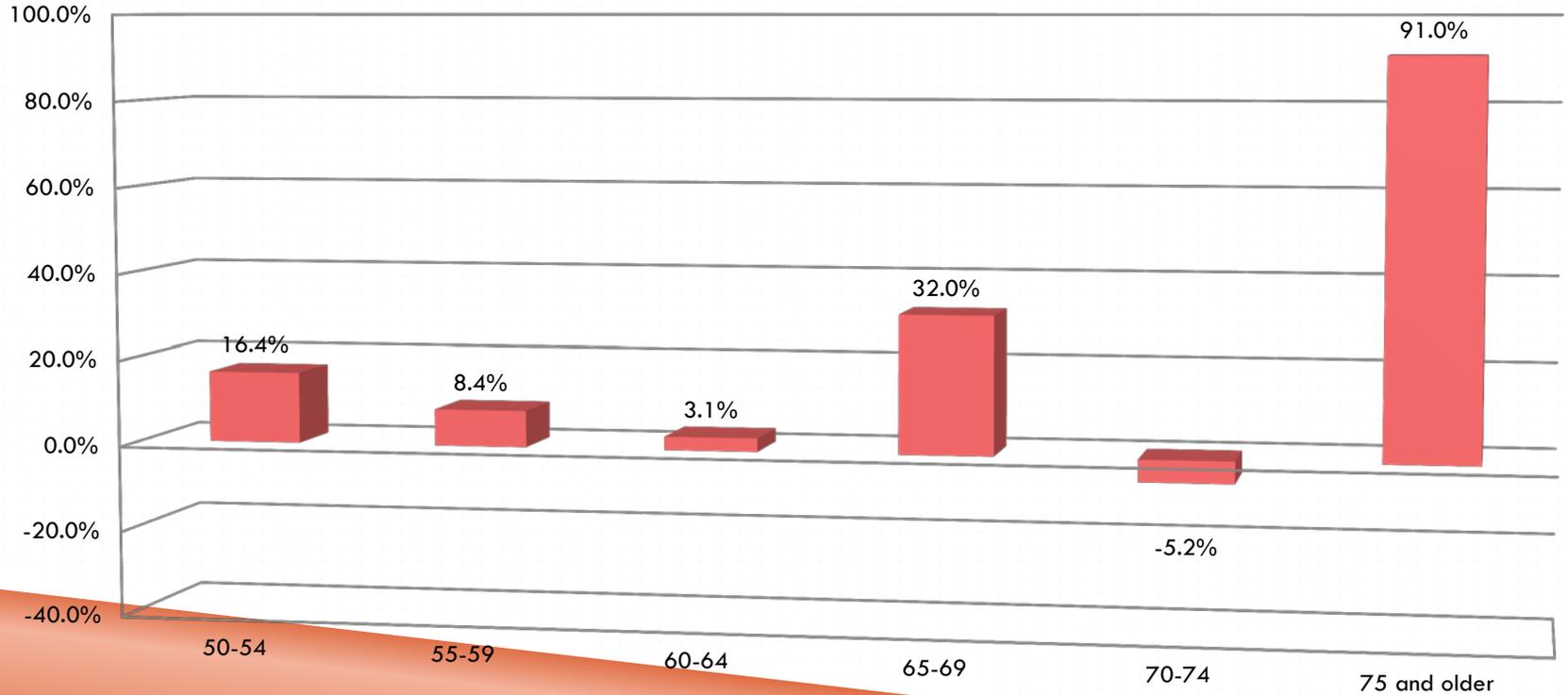




# PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2007 TO 2014 CY - INMATES AGE 50 AND OLDER WITH MORE THAN FIVE YEARS TILL THEIR RELEASE



# PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2007 TO 2014 CY - INMATES AGE 50 AND OLDER WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION



# AGING POPULATION

- ▶ How do we advocate?
- ▶ How do we assist with Re-Entry?
- ▶ Challenges to reintegration into the community



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