



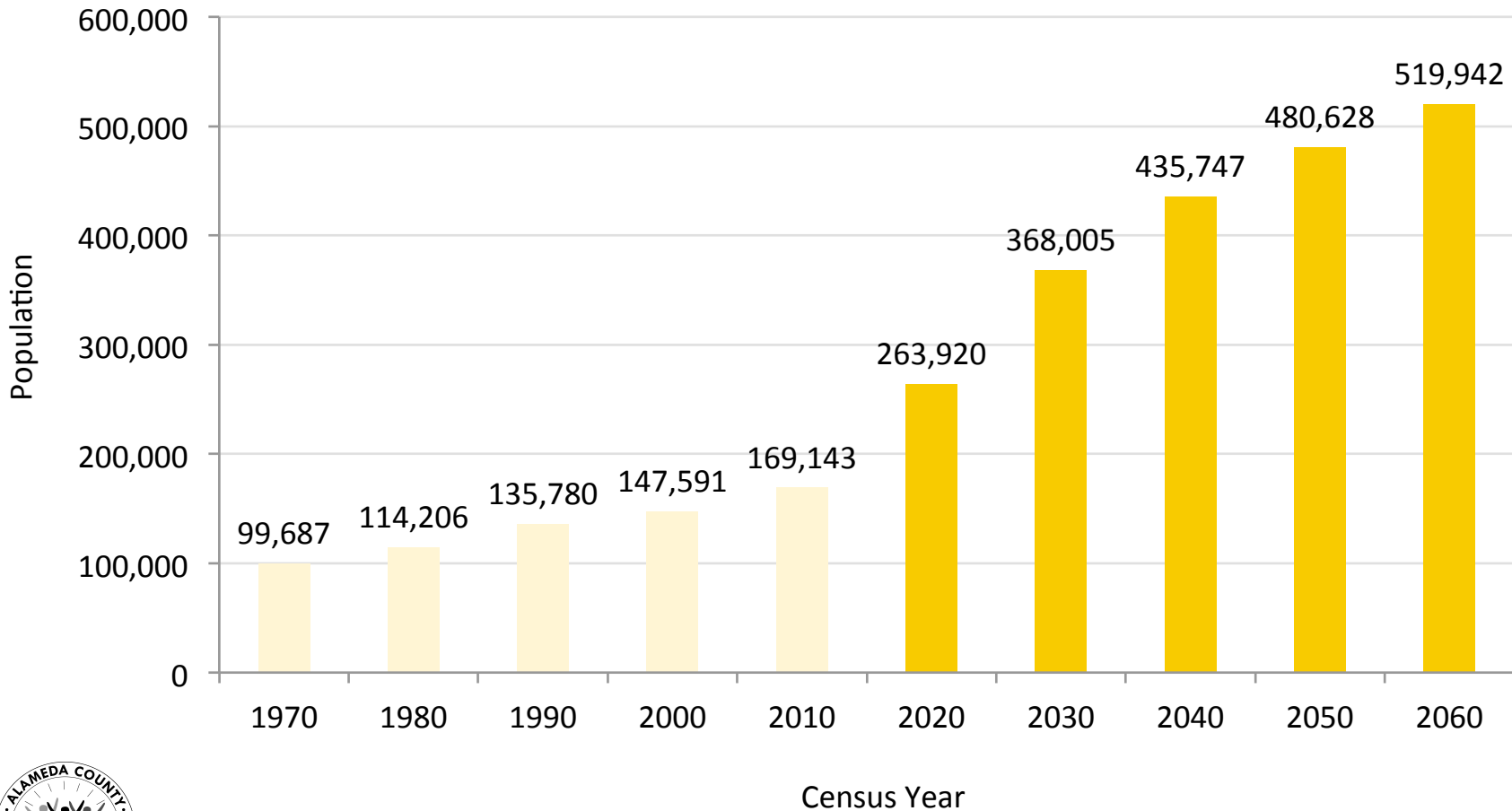
# Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

## THE POWER OF COLLABORATION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE:  
SYSTEMS CHANGE TO SOCIAL MOVEMENT  
NOVEMBER 3, 2017

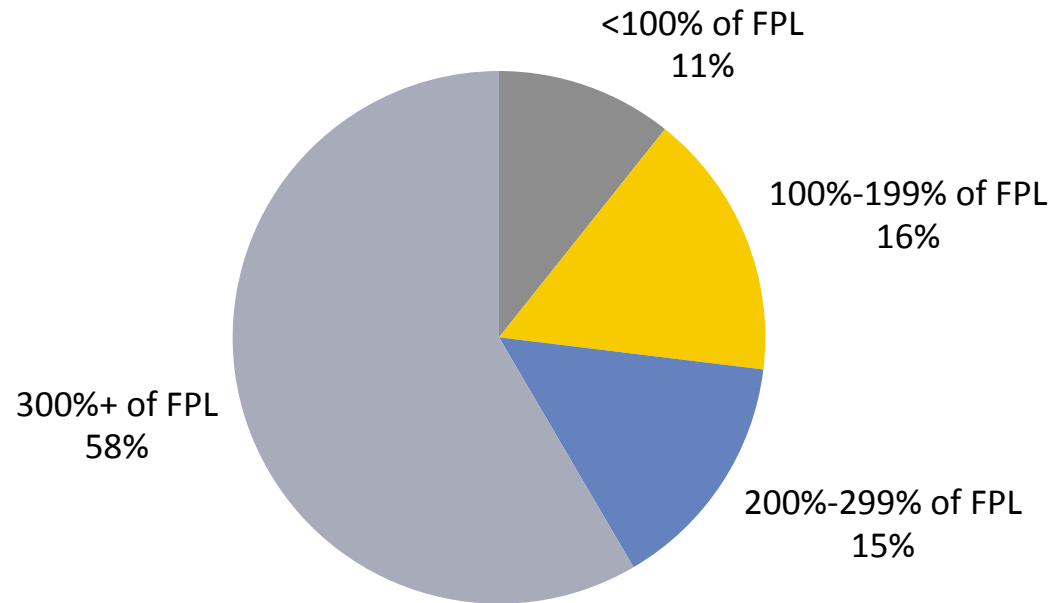
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# POPULATION PROJECTIONS AGES 65+ 2020-2060



# OLDER ADULT SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

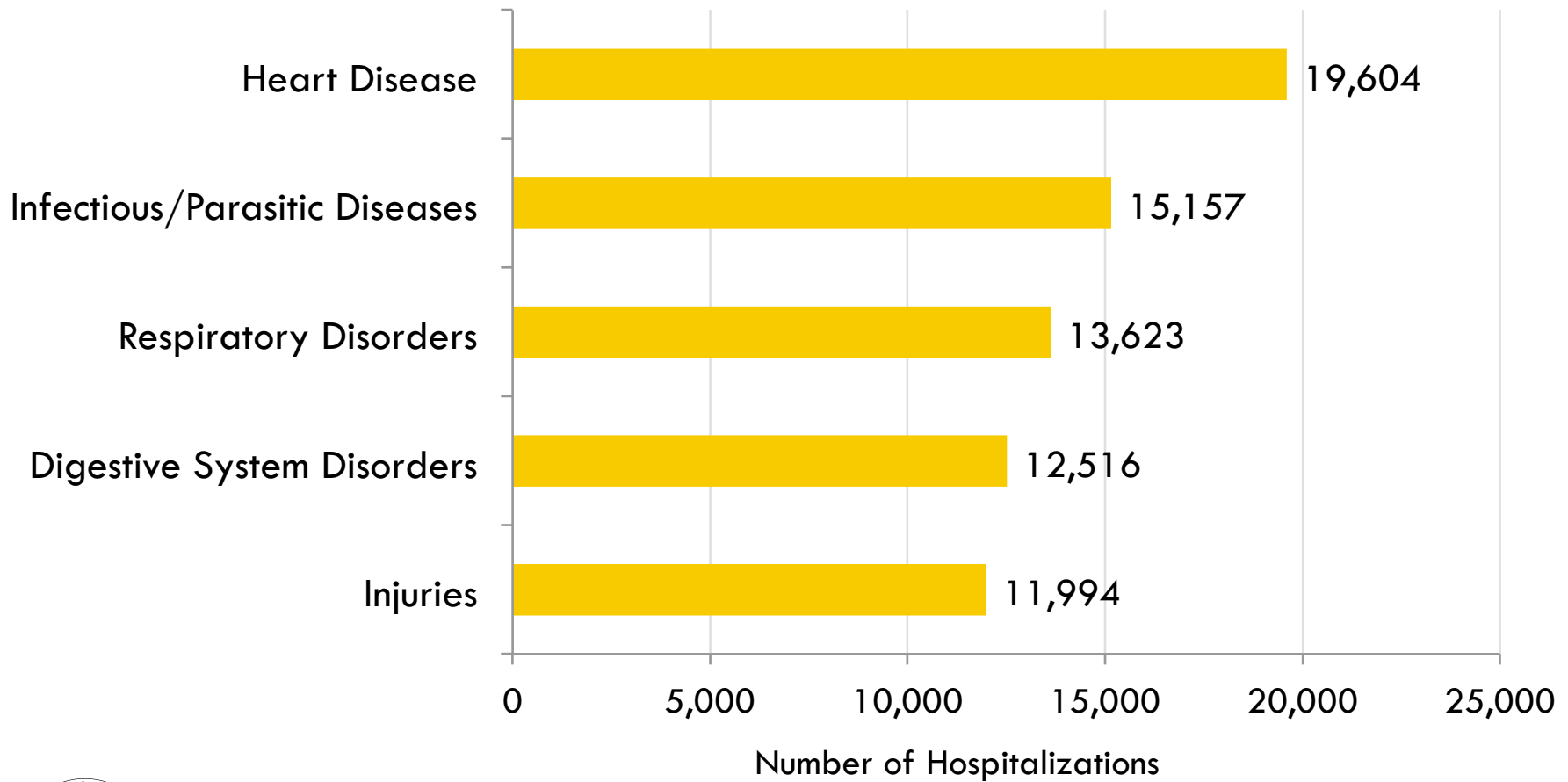
## Poverty Levels among Older Adults



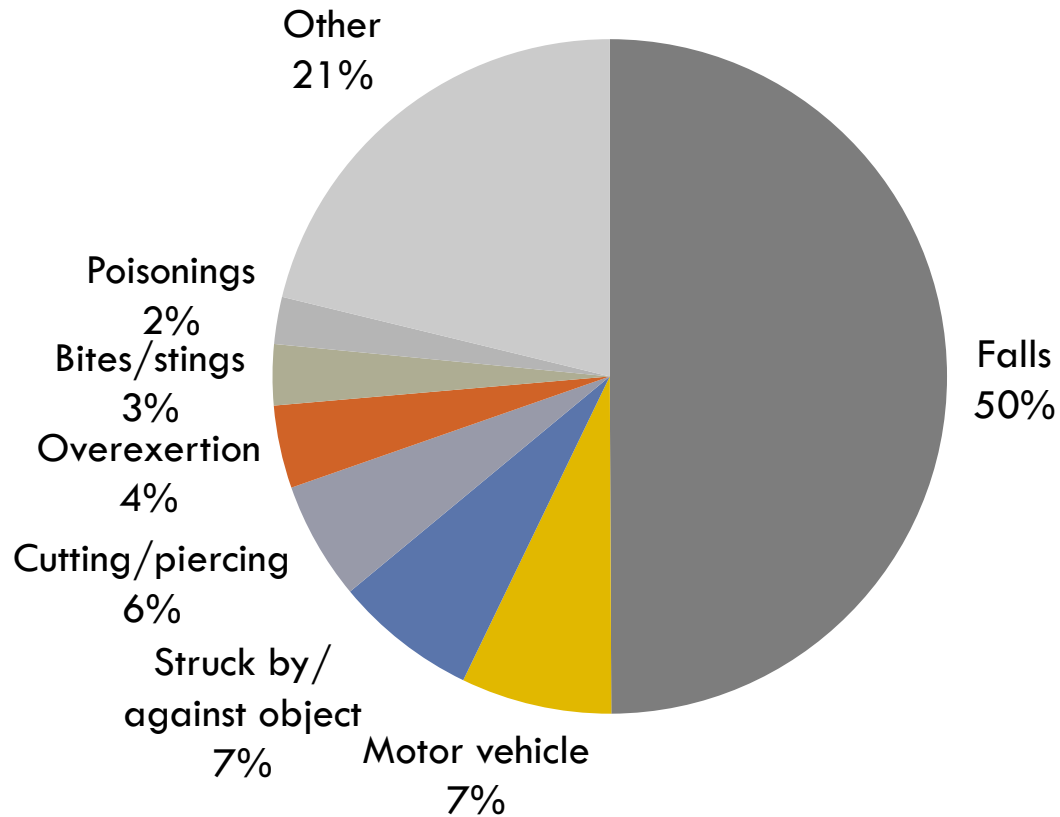
- Just over 1 in 10 older adults live under the federal poverty line
- Over 1 in 4 older adults earn <200% of FPL



# LEADING CAUSES OF HOSPITALIZATION AMONG OLDER ADULTS (65+)



# OLDER ADULT UNINTENTIONAL INJURY ED VISITS BY MECHANISM OF INJURY

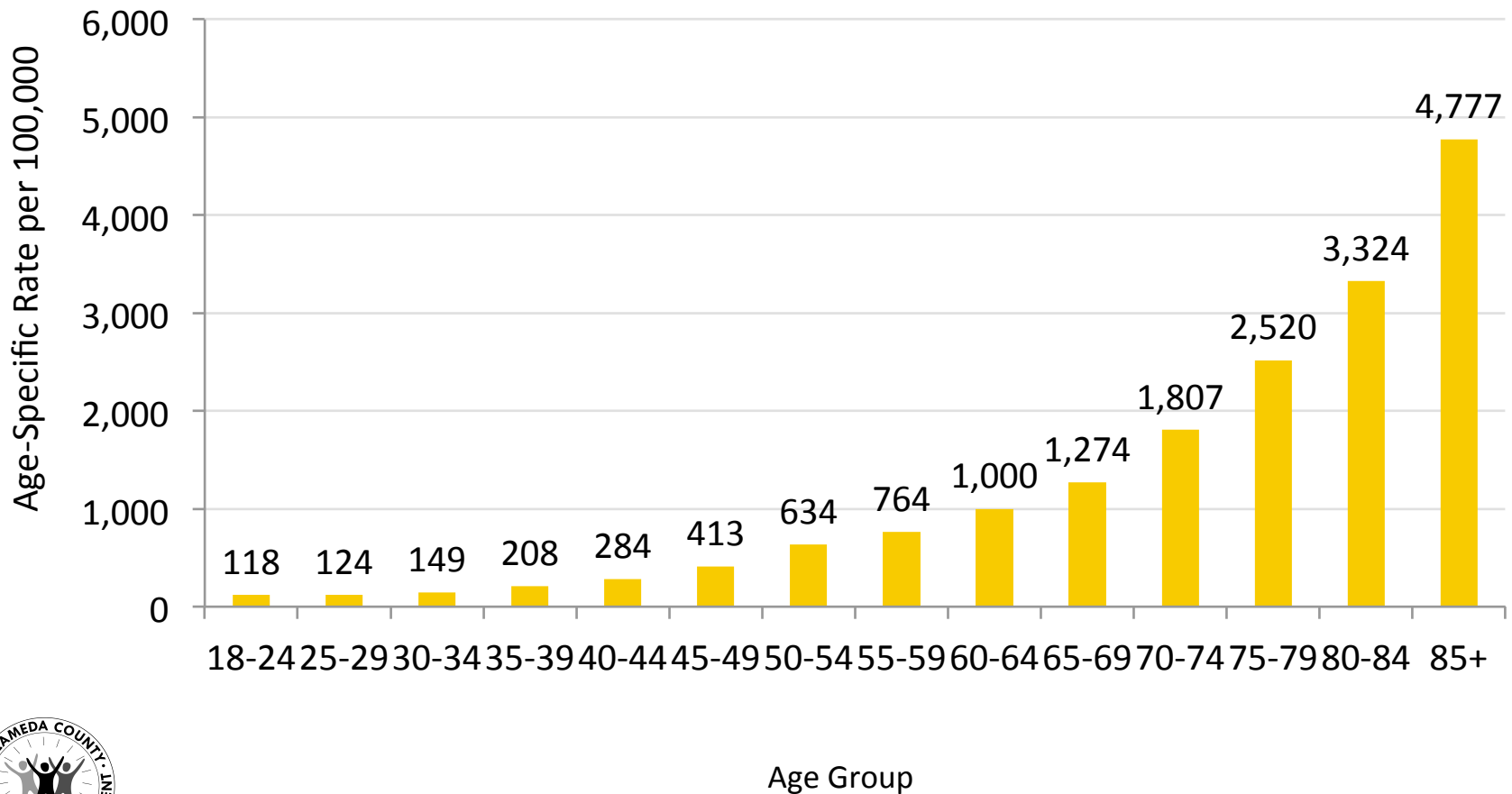


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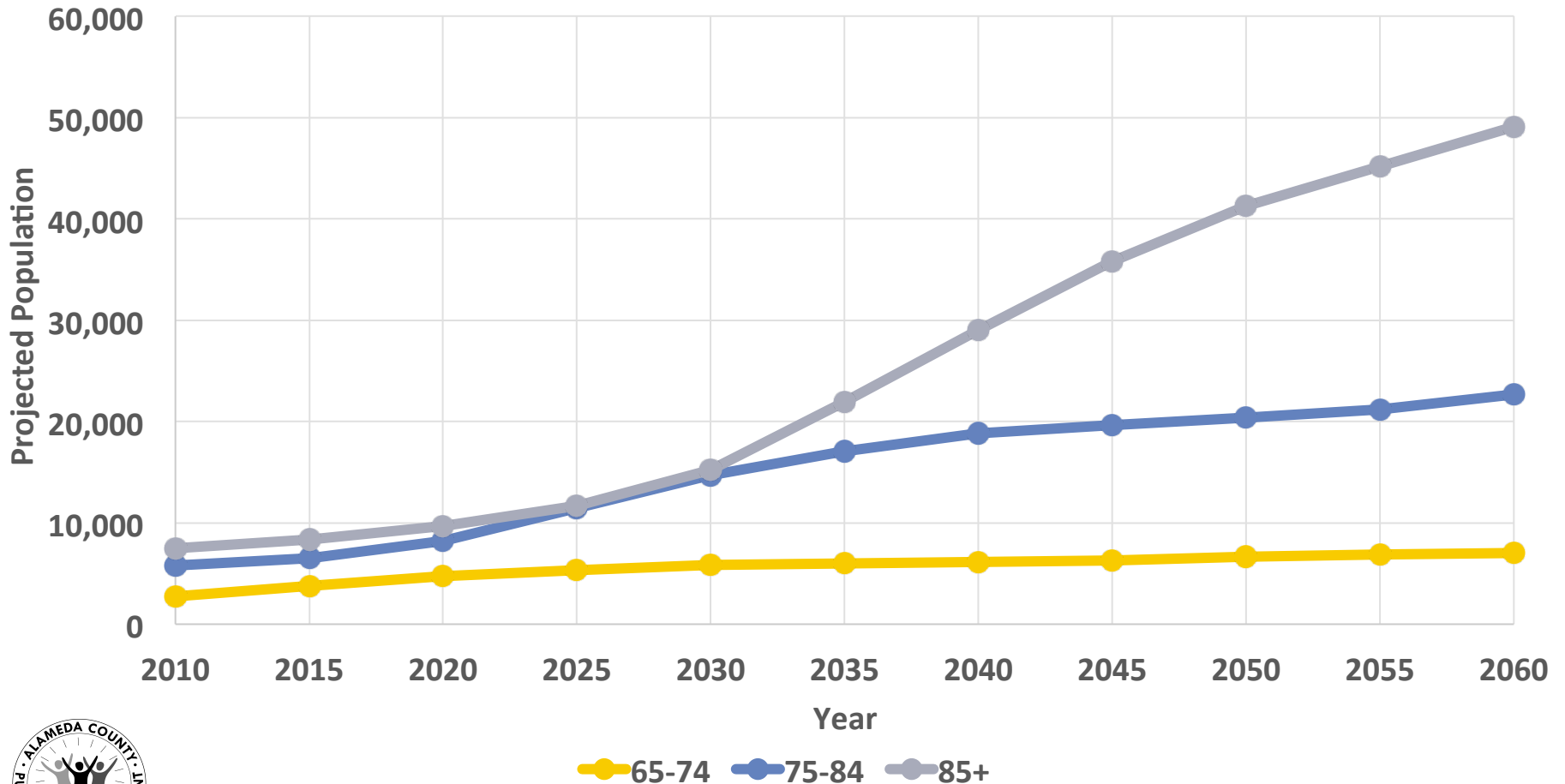
Source: Alameda County OSHPD Emergency Department Data, 2012-2014

# PREVENTABLE HOSPITALIZATIONS

## Rate of Preventable Hospitalizations – Chronic Disease Composite



# PROJECTED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY



# ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA HOSPITALIZATION COSTS ALAMEDA COUNTY, 2014

- Total hospitalization costs for Alzheimer's/dementia for ages 65+ = \$2,872,691
- Average hospitalization cost per visit for Alzheimer's/dementia = \$16,734
- Median number of days of visit for Alzheimer's/dementia = 4 days.
- Of Alzheimer's/dementia hospitalizations among those ages 65+, 82.5% of hospitalizations are paid for by Medicare, 7.3% by private coverage, 9.5% by Medi-Cal, 0.3 % by self pay, and 0.5% by other





# IMPLICATIONS OF THE DATA

- As the population has grown:
  - The costs and social burden of preventable hospitalizations is rising
  - The support system for older people has remained flat or has been reduced
- There is a need for increased funding, more comprehensive services and new solutions for older adults in Alameda County.

# RE-THINKING THE STATUS QUO

- Historically, much of the work to support older adults has been driven by:
  - Funding streams
  - Silos
- More and more, leaders both within and outside the County system are working together toward a more collaborative approach to support older adults.
  - No single agency can solve this problem alone.
  - Systems leadership is critical to success.

# RE-THINKING THE STATUS QUO

- Partnerships across multiple systems allow for sharing of resources and ideas to identify gaps and possible solutions.



# CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATION

## I. Council for Age-Friendly Communities

## II. Whole Person Care Pilot and Expanded Funding

- Obtained with support from agencies across the County supports Alameda County Care Connect (Whole Person Care Pilot).
- \$1.5M from Measure A funding per year for three years beginning in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for:
  - Injury prevention and nutrition/meals (\$750,000)
  - Home visitation nurse case management services (\$500,000)
  - Advance health care planning & hospice programs (\$250,000)

# CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATION

## III. Community Paramedicine Pilot Program

- The goal of the Community Paramedic Program is to guide clients towards better health and well-being.
- Connect clients with appropriate services.
- Intervene when clients are unable to take an active role in the management of their healthcare.

# CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATION

## IV. Alzheimer's and Dementia Working Group

- HCSA has hosted two convening planning workgroups with CAPE, Social Services Agency and community partners serving older adults and people with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia.
- Expand systems involvement and learning:
  - Sharing and learning together
  - Goal to increase care options for older adults and caregivers

# CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATION

## V. The Older Adult System of Care Programs

- Served over 2,500 clients over age 60 and over
  - Mobile Services
  - Early Intervention Services
  - Evidence Based Treatment Models
  - Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Services
  - Full Service Partnerships

# CROSS-SYSTEM COLLABORATION: CHALLENGES

- **Working across silos is a long-term effort**
  - Different organizations have different approaches.
  - Developing capacity of new providers.
  - Finding common goals takes time.
  - Understanding government requirements.



# WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON

- **HCSA is developing a needs assessment of health care needs for older adults in the County that will be completed later this year.**
  - The health safety net, community partners, and County staff were interviewed and have provided existing data
- **The needs assessment will identify:**
  - Service gaps and existing resources
  - Where fund development can best be targeted for maximum impact to improve conditions and expand services for older adults

**THANK YOU!**

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