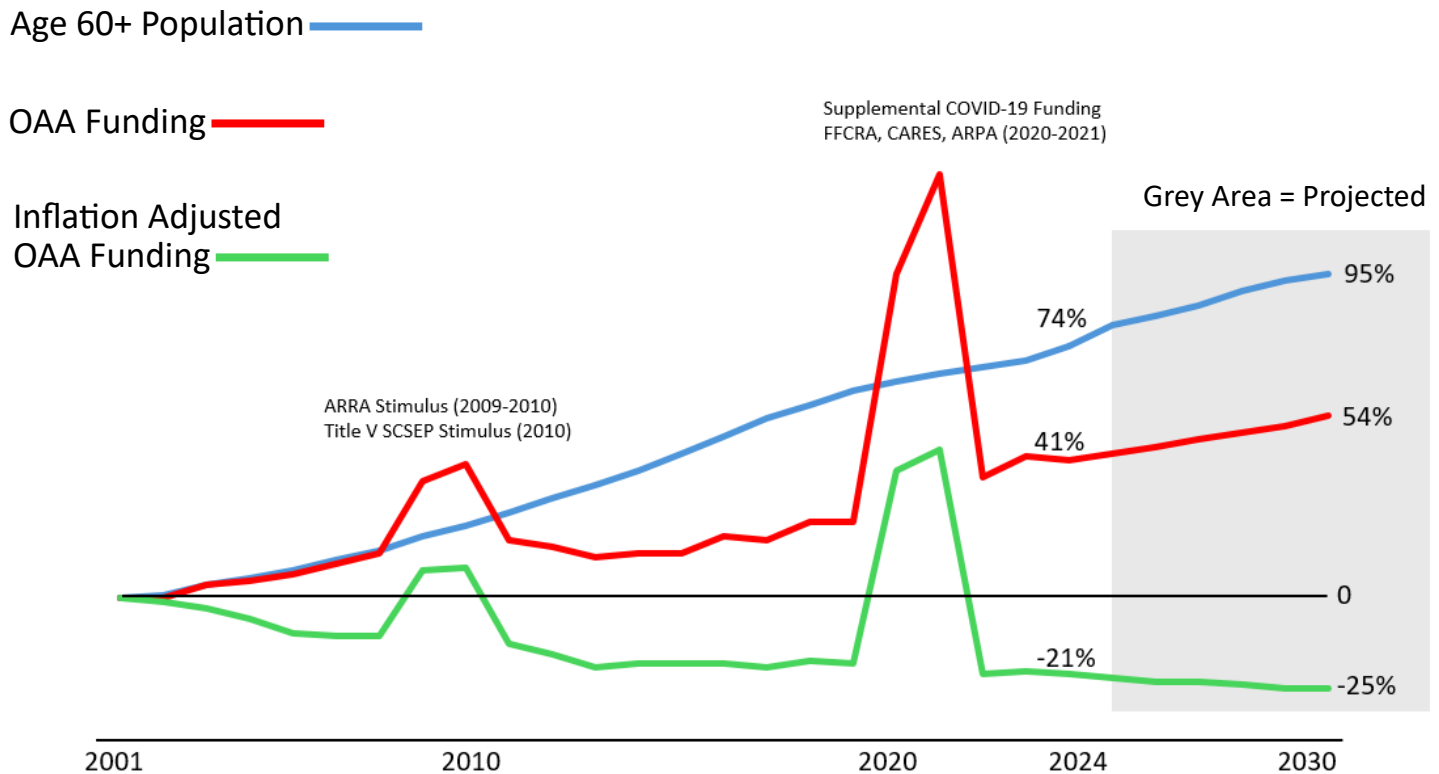


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Nationwide, From 2001 – 2024

The age 60+ population	grew by 74%
OAA Funding	grew by 41%
Inflation Adjusted OAA Funding	shrank by -21%

Sources: Historical funding appropriations for FY 2001–04 from CRS Report for Congress, Older Americans Act: History of Appropriations, FY 1966–FY 2004, June 18, 2004; for FY 2005–09 from CRS Report for Congress, Funding for the Older Americans Act and Other Aging Services Programs, February 22, 2013; for FY 2010–15 from CRS Older Americans Act: Overview and Funding, November 14, 2018; for FY 2016–FY 2024 from CRS Older Americans Act: Overview and Funding, May 6, 2024. Population estimates and projections from US Census Bureau, Population Division, Table 1. Intercensal Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex and Age for the United States: April 1, 2000, to July 1, 2010 (US-EST00INT-01), released September 2011; Annual Resident Population Estimates by Selected Age Groups and Sex for the United States: April 1, 2010, to July 1, 2019; April 1, 2020; and July 1, 2020 (NC-EST2020-AGESEXSEL), last revised October 2021; Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Selected Age Groups by Sex for the United States: April 1, 2020, to July 1, 2022 (NC-EST2022-AGESEX), released July 2023; and Projected Population by Single Year of Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for the United States: 2022 to 2100 (Main Series), released November 2023. Inflation adjustment and projected future appropriations by AARP Public Policy Institute based on Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) from 2021 to May 2024 (<https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/consumer-price-index-and-annual-percent-changes-from-1913-to-2008/>, last accessed June 17, 2024) and projections based on average trend since 2001.

Note: ARRA, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; SCSEP, Older Americans Act Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program; FFCRA, Families First Coronavirus Response Act; CARES, Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act; ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act.

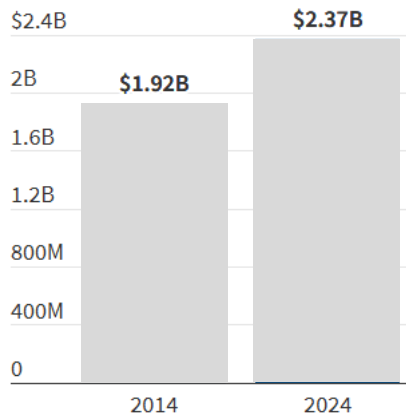
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*If total appropriations for the Older Americans Act had kept up with inflation since 2001, federal funding for fiscal year 2024 would have been about **\$620 million higher** than it actually was. That's how much purchasing power the program has lost over time.

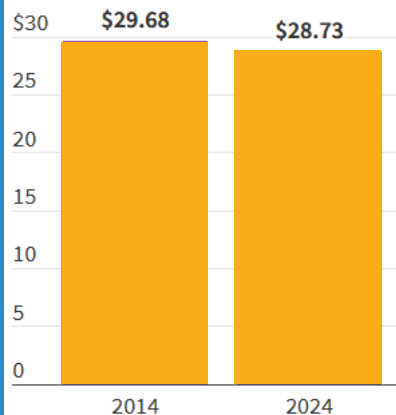
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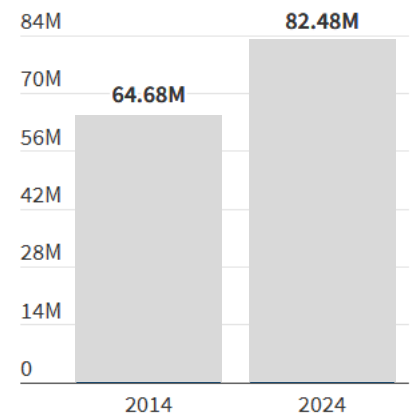
Total OAA funding
2014-2024: +23%



Per capita OAA funding
2014-2024: -3%



People 60 and older
2014-2024: +28%



Even without accounting for inflation, between 2014-2024 OAA per capita funding went down by **-3%**

Sources:

* [Cutting Older Americans Act Funding Could Cost Older Americans Their Independence](#), By Carl Dmitri, *Brown University School of Public Health*

** [What to Know About the Older Americans Act and the Services it Provides to Older Adults](#), By Meredith Freed, Juliette Cubanski, and Tricia Neuman, *KFF*