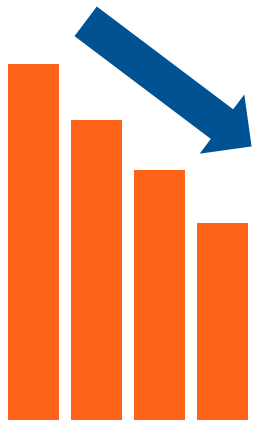




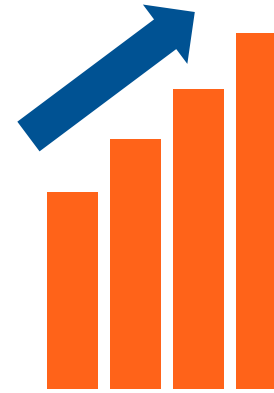
**More Funding is Needed For Home Delivered
Meals in Illinois**

July 2026



Shrinking Resources

Flat/Reduced Funding
Depletion of ARPA \$\$
Increased 60+ population



Escalating Need

Increased Poverty Rates
Loss of SNAP Benefits
Increased costs/inflation



New and Growing Problems Facing Illinois Older Adults



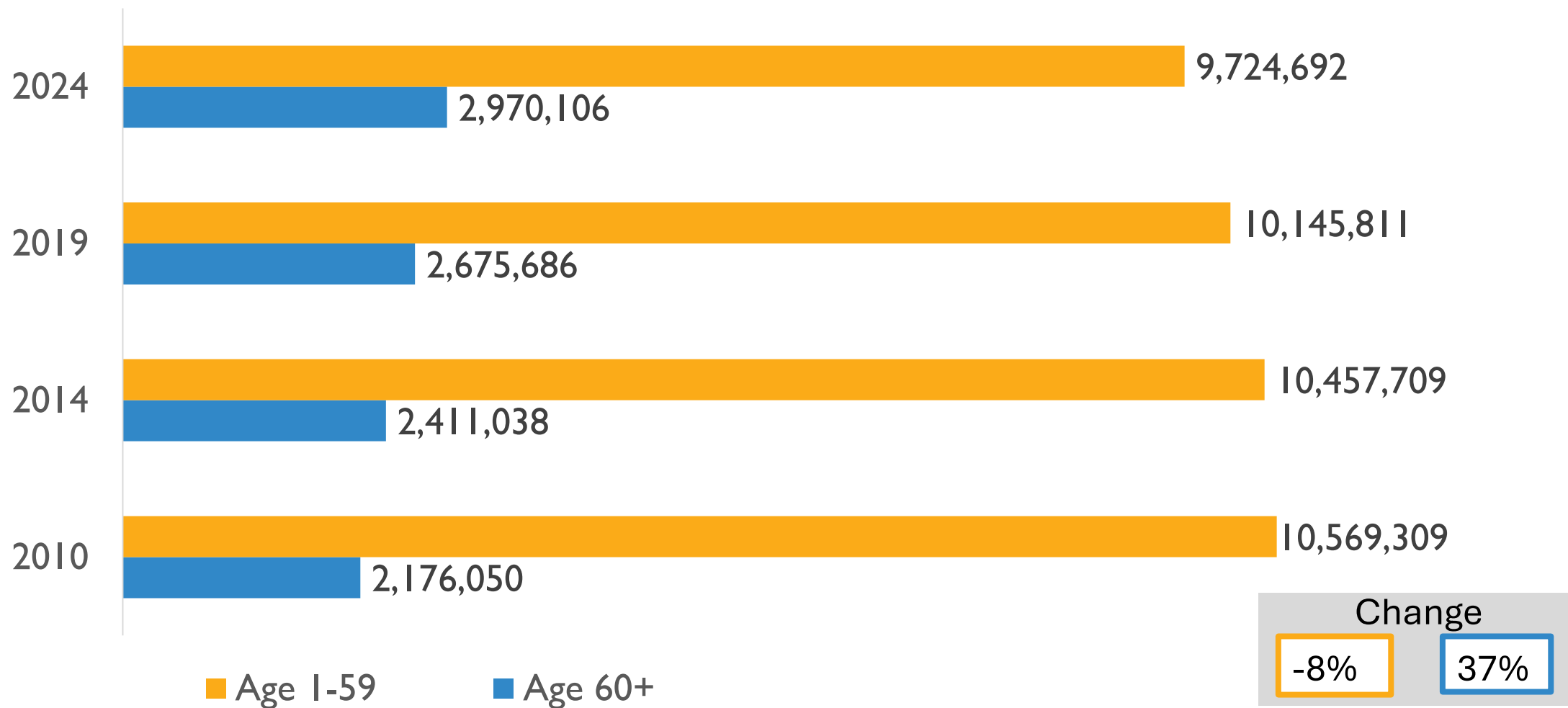
- **Waiting lists** and rationing
- Older adults on **fixed incomes** cannot absorb extra costs
- Greater reliance on **food banks**, already **under strain**



- Poor management of **chronic conditions**
- **Increased burden** on family caregivers to fill gaps
- Increased **hospital readmission** rates

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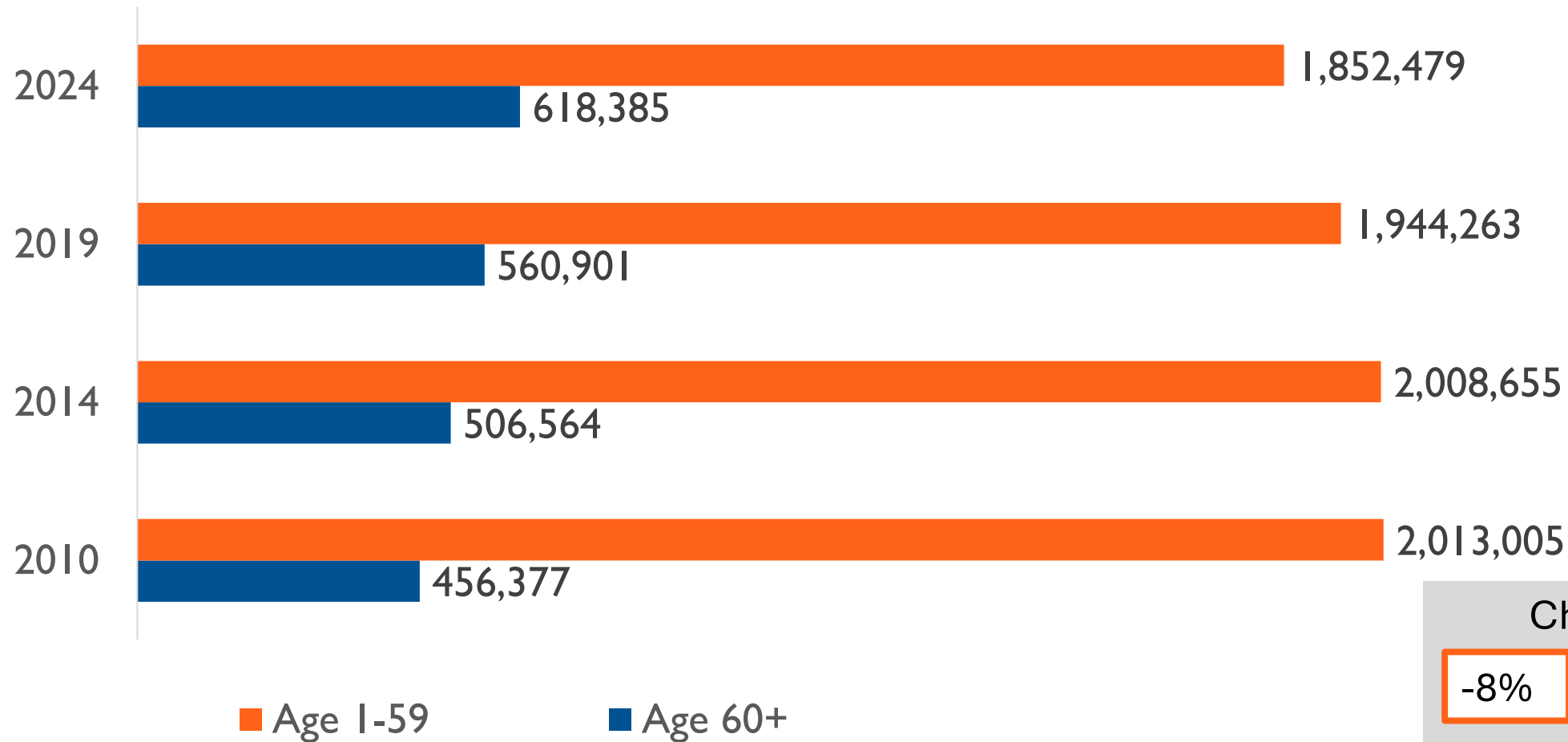
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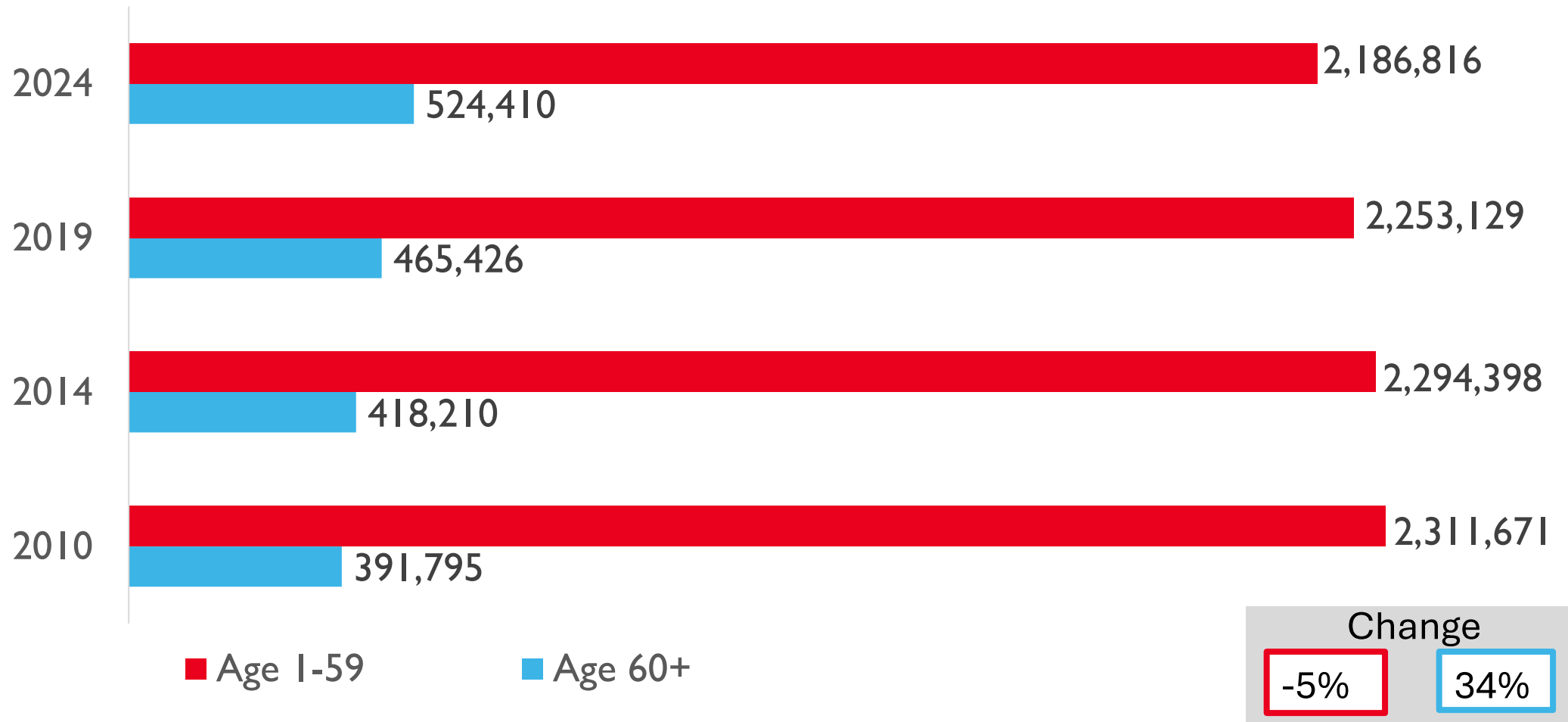
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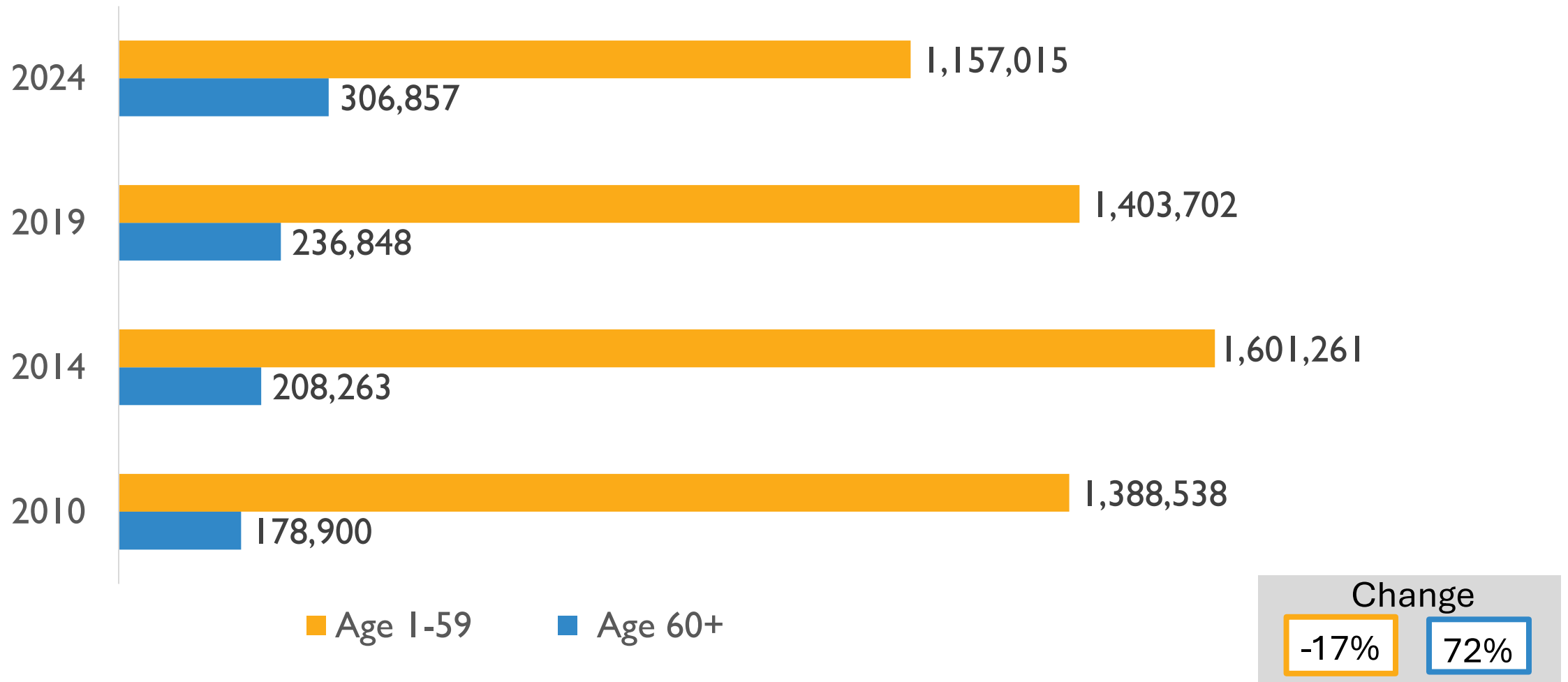
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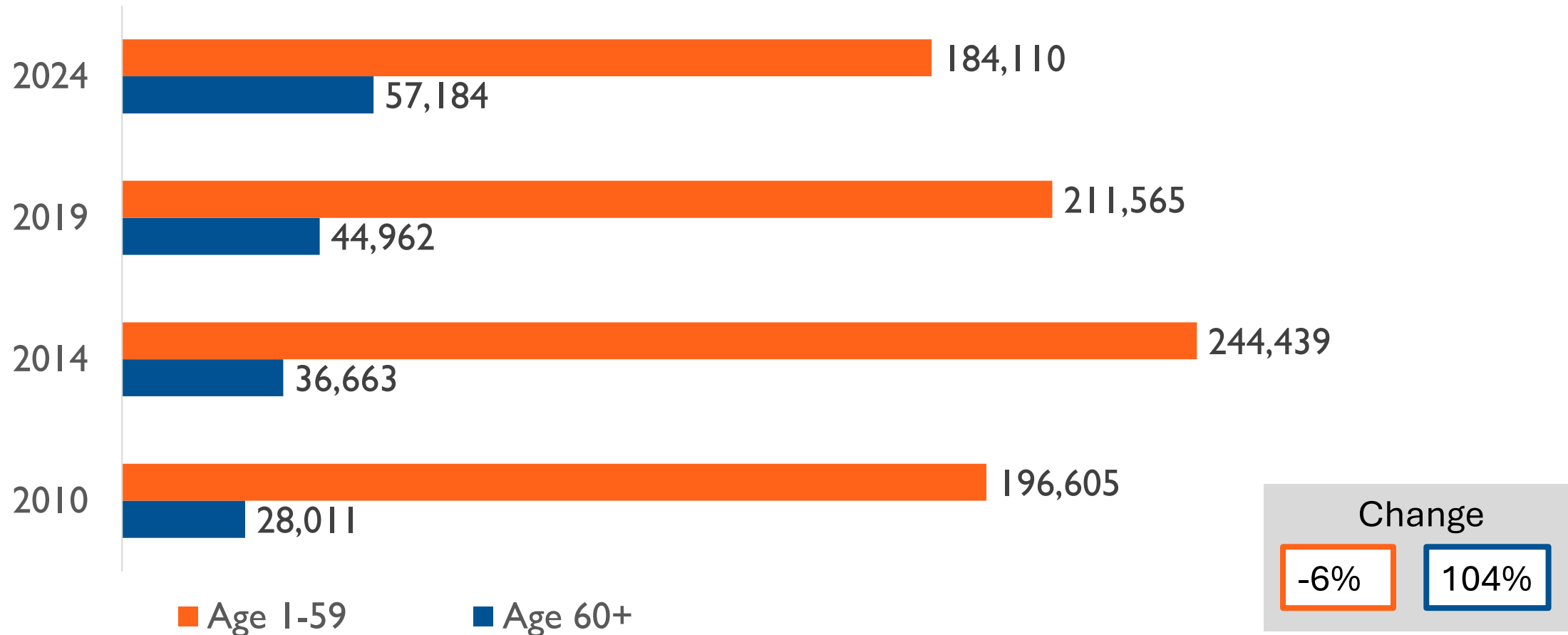
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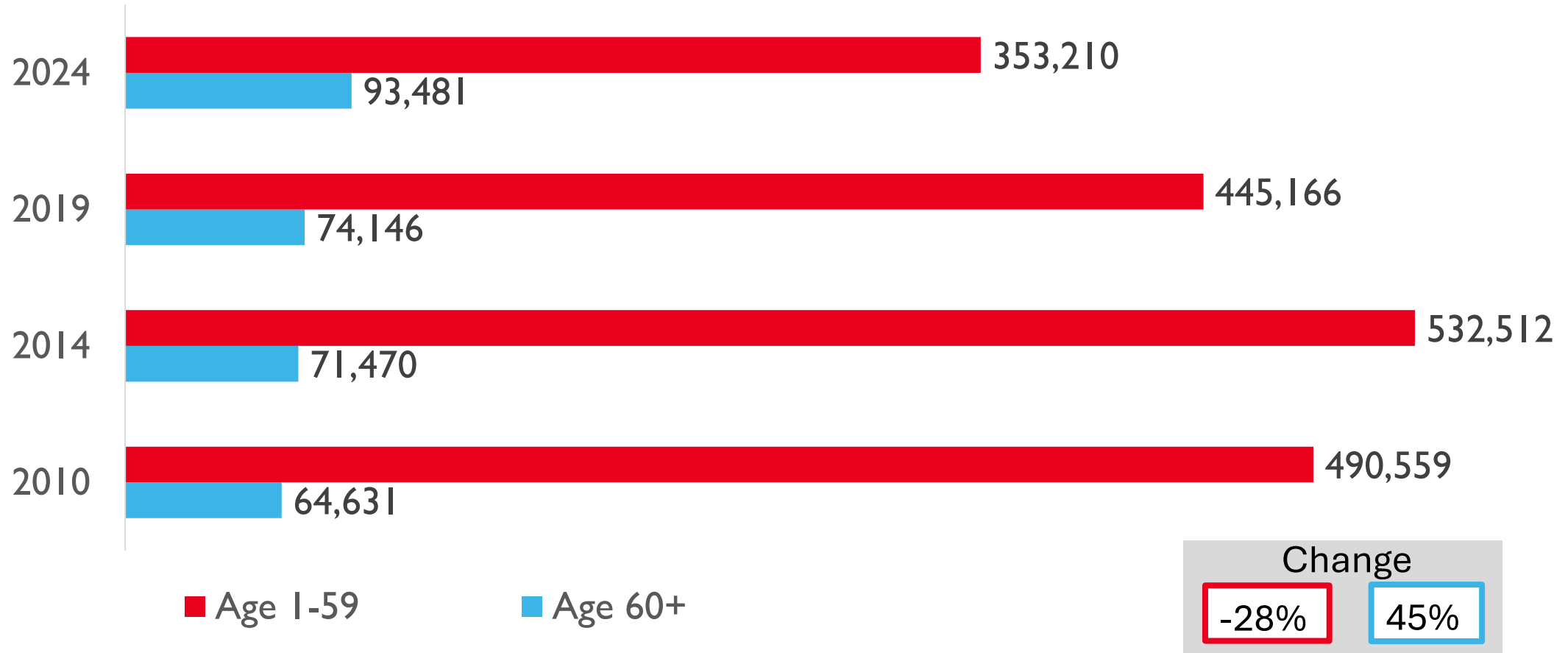


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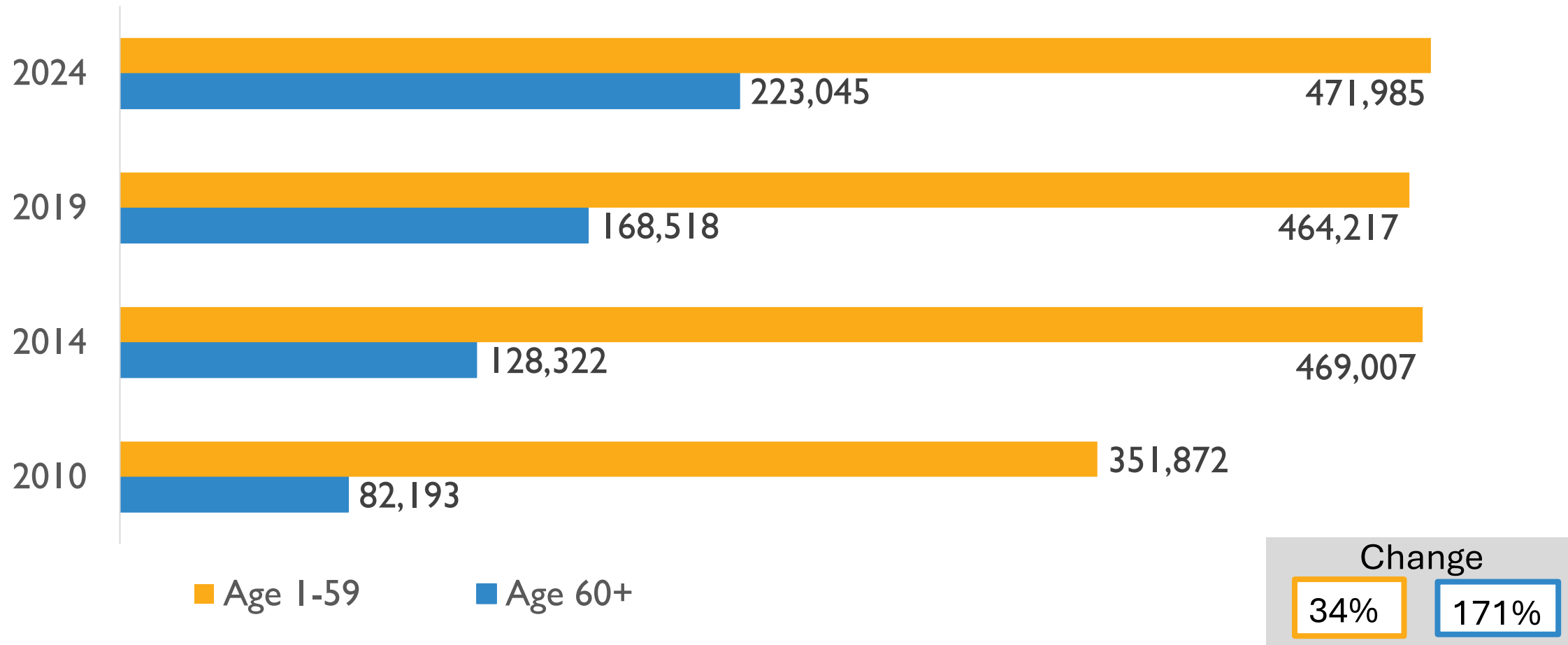


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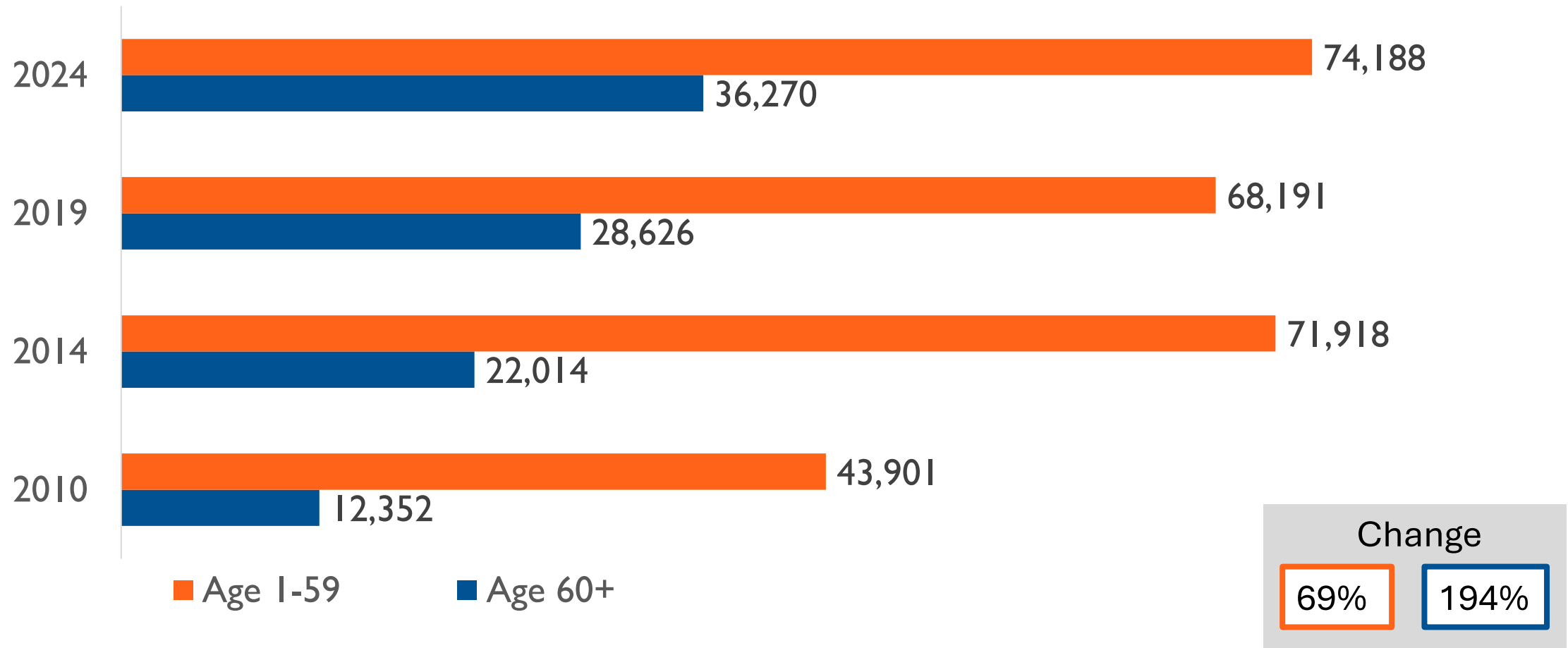
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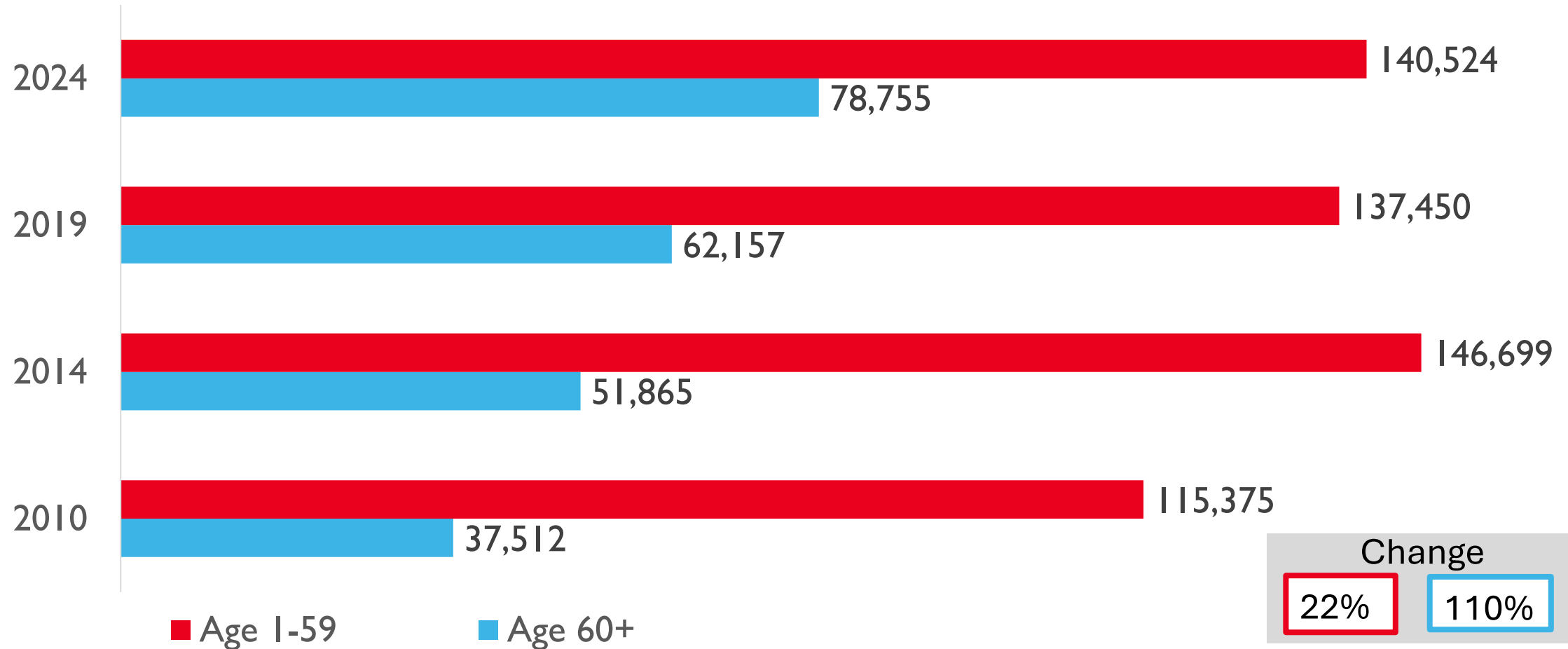
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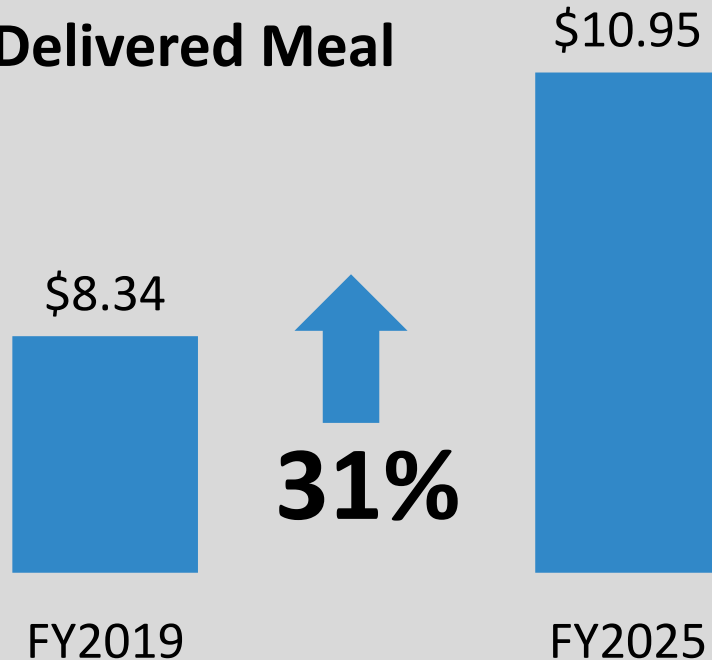
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Rising Costs Limit Funding Impact

More Home Delivered Meals Funding is Needed

Recent changes to SNAP and Social Security will exacerbate hunger issues tied to rising poverty rates. Loss of purchasing power limits our ability to meet the needs of hungry older adults.

Cost Per Home Delivered Meal



Source: AgeOptions partner reports

Overall costs have increased due to higher prices for;

- Labor
- Gas
- Food
- Storage
- Packaging
- Fertilizer