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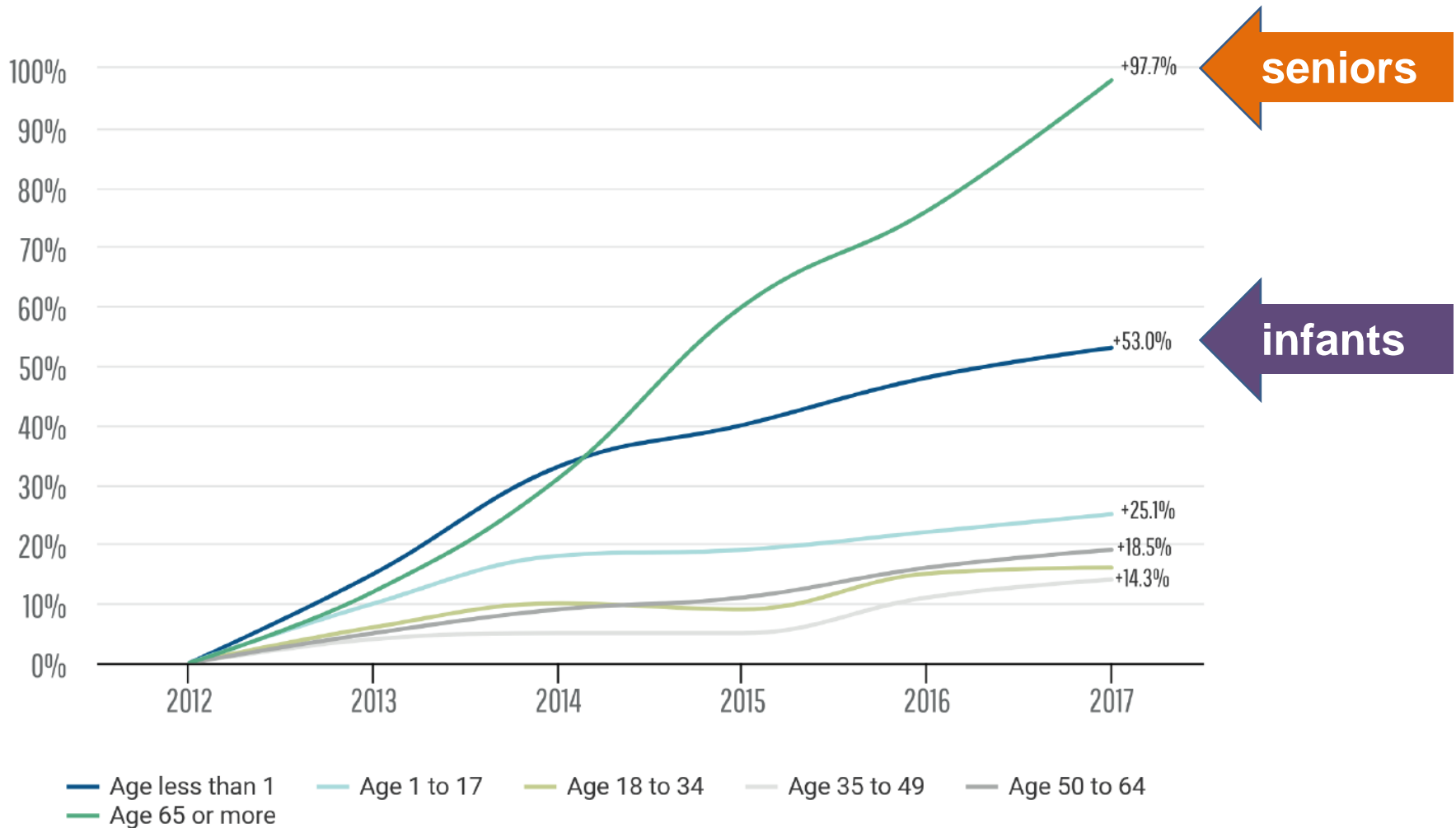
Coalition on Homelessness
and Housing in Ohio

Senior Housing Needs

- Nearly 400,000 households spend over half their income on rent (1 out of 4 renters)
- Older adults are more likely to experience housing cost burden
- 52% of tenants 65 or older can't afford rent, compared with 42% of younger renters
- 25% of homeowners 65 or older can't afford housing costs, compared with 19 percent of younger householders

Senior Homelessness

Figure 3: Increases in Clients Served by Age at First Entry



Senior Homelessness

UCSF study on homeless people age 50 and older

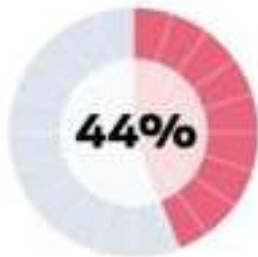
Over the past five years, UCSF researchers followed 450 homeless people 50 years or older. Here is some of what they found, by the numbers:



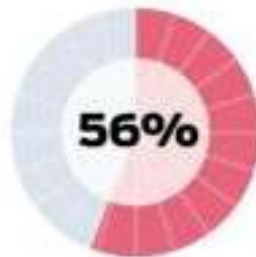
Characteristics of homeless people in the study

50+

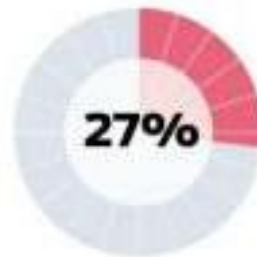
Became homeless after the age of 50:



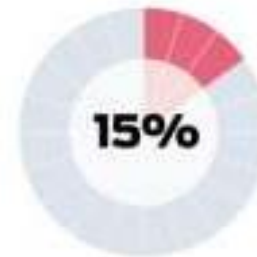
Reported their health as being poor or merely fair:



Had difficulty walking:



Had severe symptoms of alcohol use:



Had severe symptoms of illicit drug use:



Sources: UCSF Hope-Home study, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Chronicle research

Ohio Housing Trust Fund

The Trust Fund provides grants and loans for a wide range of activities:

- Homeless services (shelters, supportive housing, rapid rehousing)
- Home repair/accessibility upgrades for low-income seniors, people with disabilities
- Construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing

OHTF Home Repair, Accessibility Modifications

- The Housing Assistance Program funds home repair and accessibility upgrades
- 85,000 seniors and Ohioans with disabilities have been served over the past 25 years





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