



California Broadband Council

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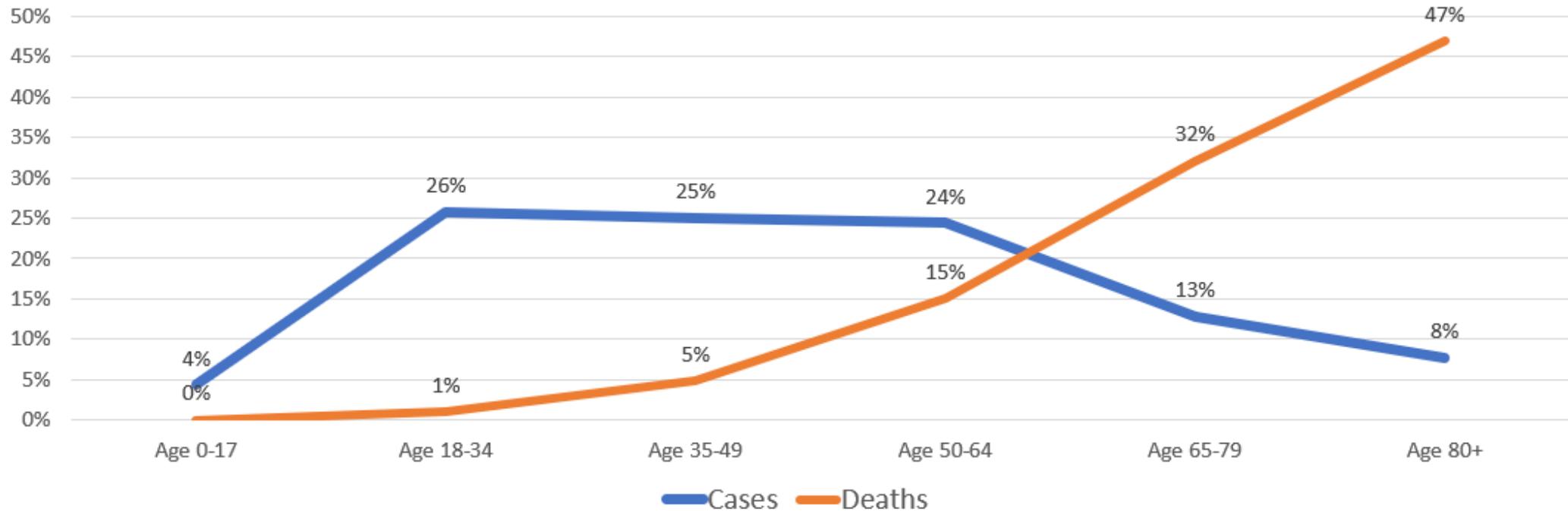
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Percent of CA COVID-19 Cases and Deaths, by Age Group

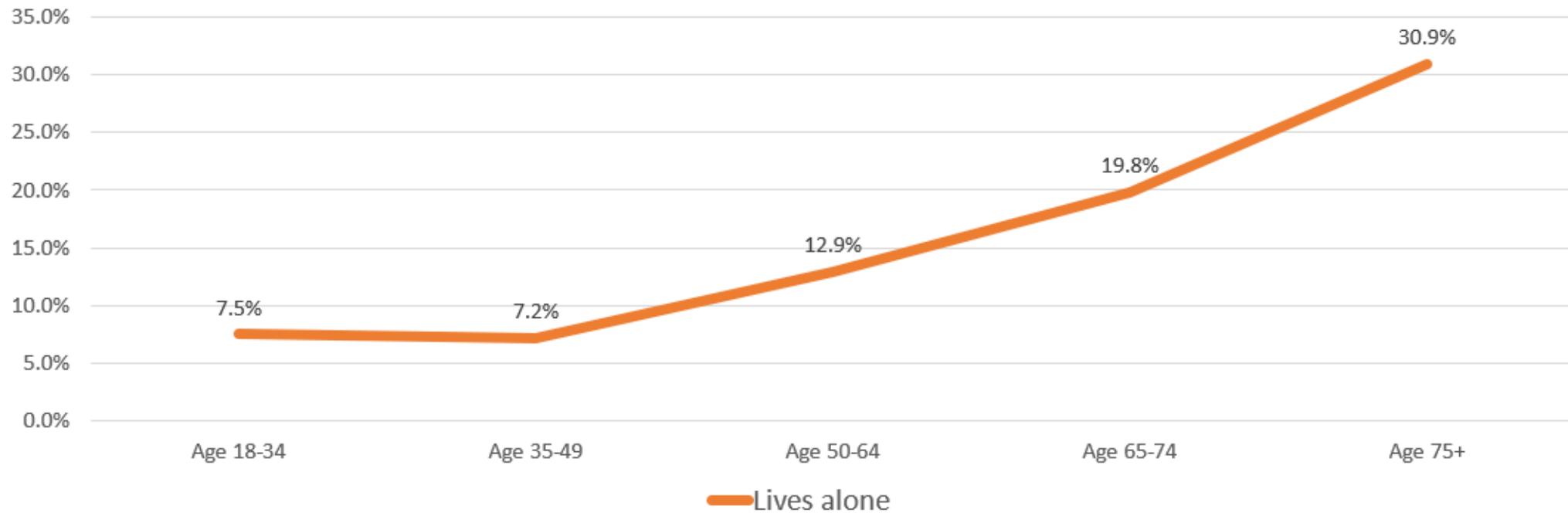
Source: CDPH as of May 19, 2020





Percent of CA Adults Who Live Alone, by Age Group

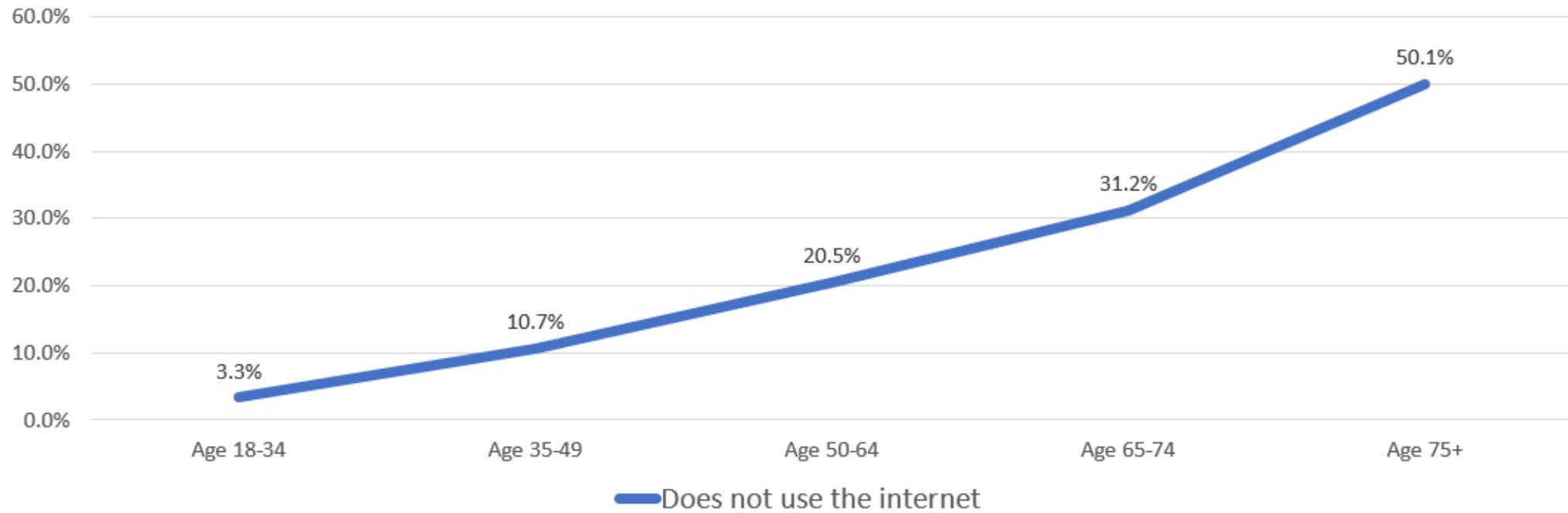
Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2018





Percent of CA Adults Who Do Not Use the Internet, by Age Group

Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2016





Broadband-Enabled Opportunities for Older Adults & People with Disabilities

- Telehealth - physical and behavioral
- Connection with friends and family to prevent isolation and loneliness
- Purpose and engagement via online community gatherings, activities, work, and volunteerism
- Delivery services, such as grocery and other shopping needs
- Content for entertainment, education, exercise, more



CDA Broadband Initiatives in Response to COVID-19

1. Rapidly pivot services from congregate settings to remote options, both at community/senior centers and in senior living
2. Provide trainings to [providers](#) and [families](#) to assist older adults, people with disabilities, and [caregivers](#) to get online and take greater advantage of broadband-enabled tools
3. Develop a new state/local program initiative to bridge the digital divide for older adults and people with disabilities, both at home and in senior living - including harder to reach (LEP, live alone, rural, more)



CDA Recommended CBC Priorities

- Ensure affordable internet service for all older adults and people with disabilities for an additional 18 months
- Bridge the digital divide for older adults and people with disabilities – particularly in communities with limited English proficiency - by improving broadband access in underserved areas where they live; securing affordable devices to meet their needs; and facilitating their access to digital skills training.