

**“Dependency and Disability  
among the elderly.  
Argentina 2002-2003.”**

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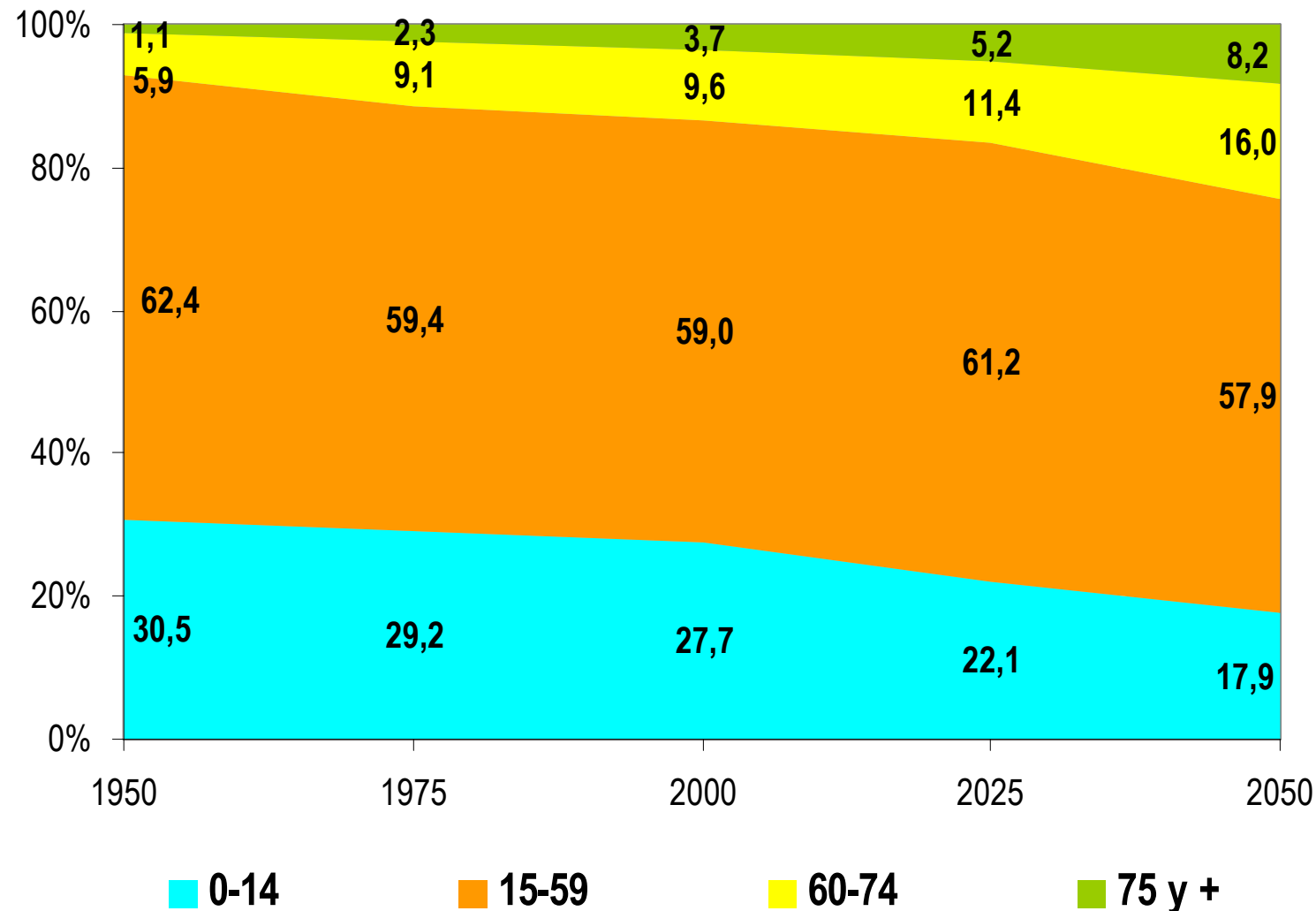
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# Introduction

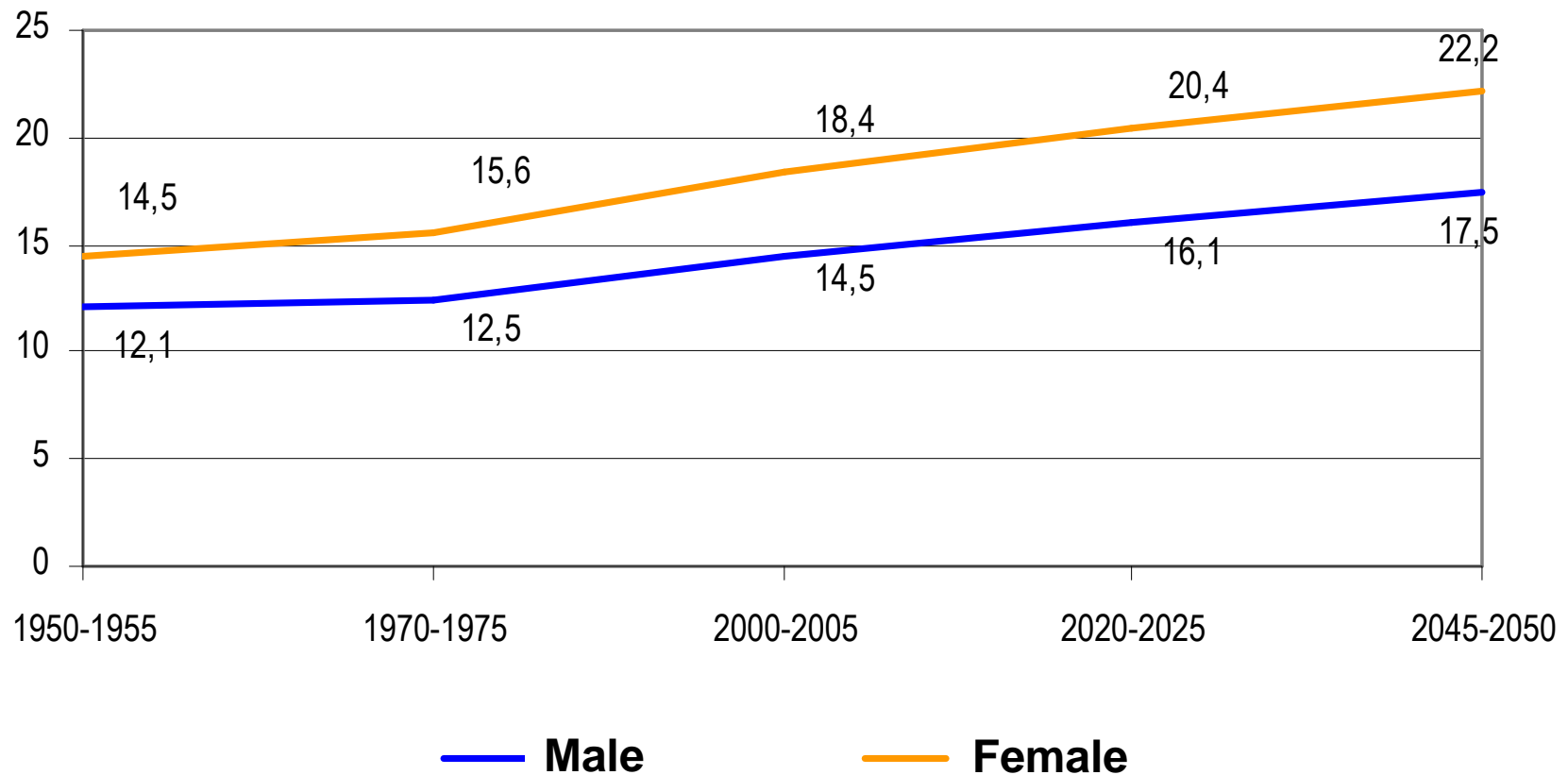
- Ageing of population: degenerative diseases as main causes of disabilities.
- Objective: To describe disabilities and dependency of population over 50 years old in Argentina.
- Source: National Disability Survey (ENDI) 2002-03, localities over 5.000 inhabitants.

# Ageing in Argentina, 1950-2050

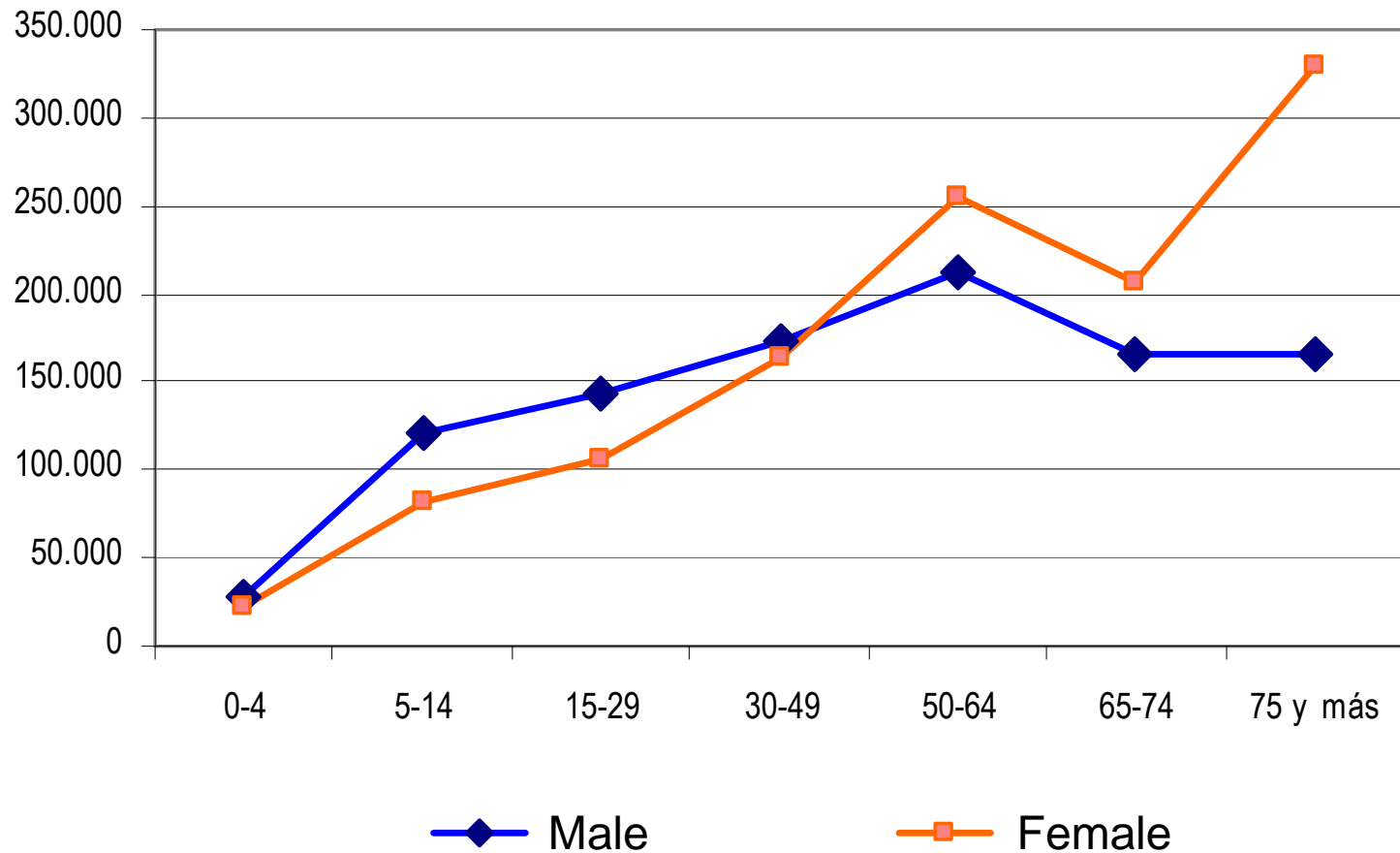
## Projected population according to age groups



# Projected life expectancy at 65 years and over. Argentina, 1950-2050.

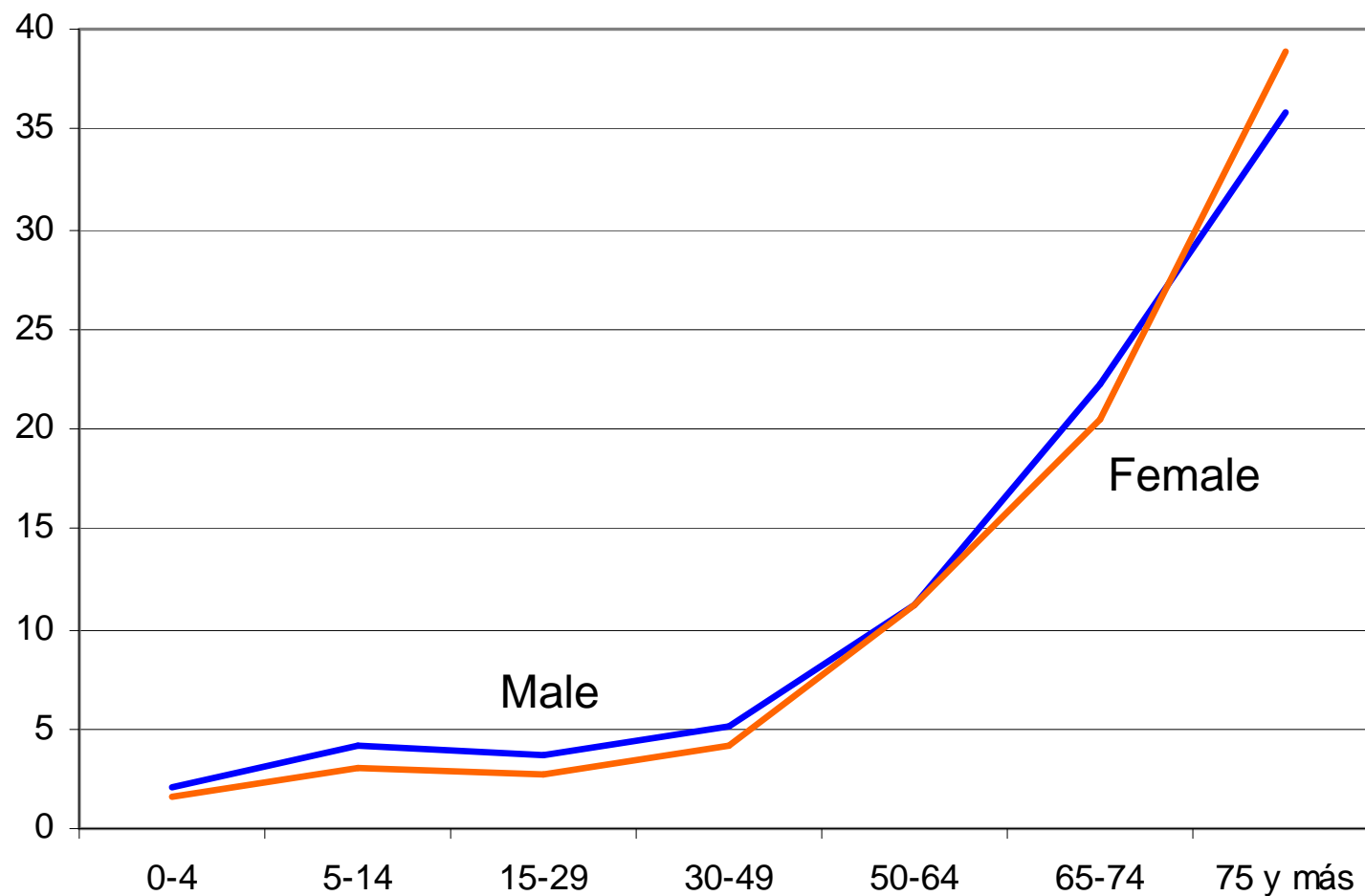


## Disabled population according to sex and age groups. Argentina, 2002-03.

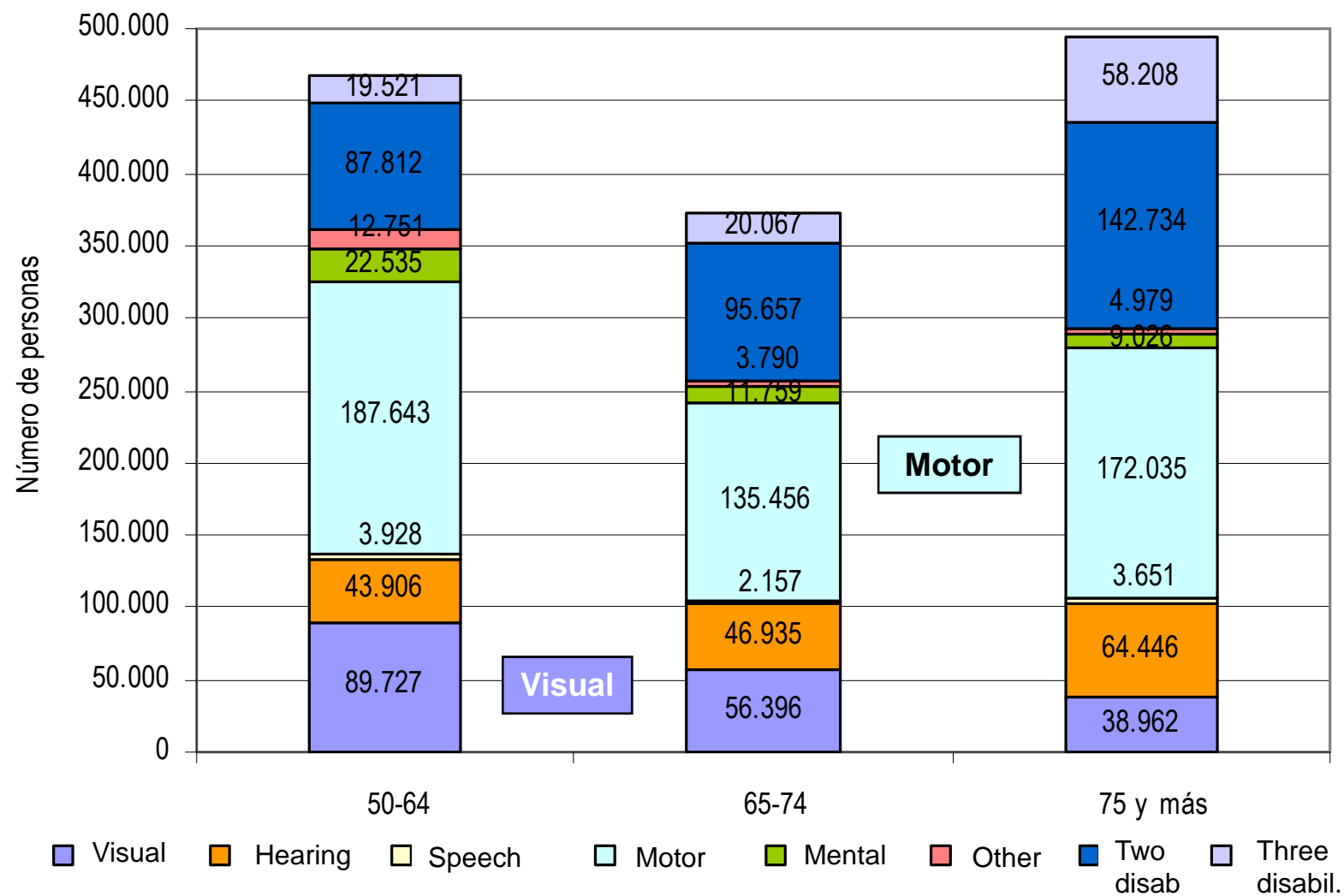


- 2.1 million disabled people (7% in 5000 ≥ inhabitants localities).
- 54% females.

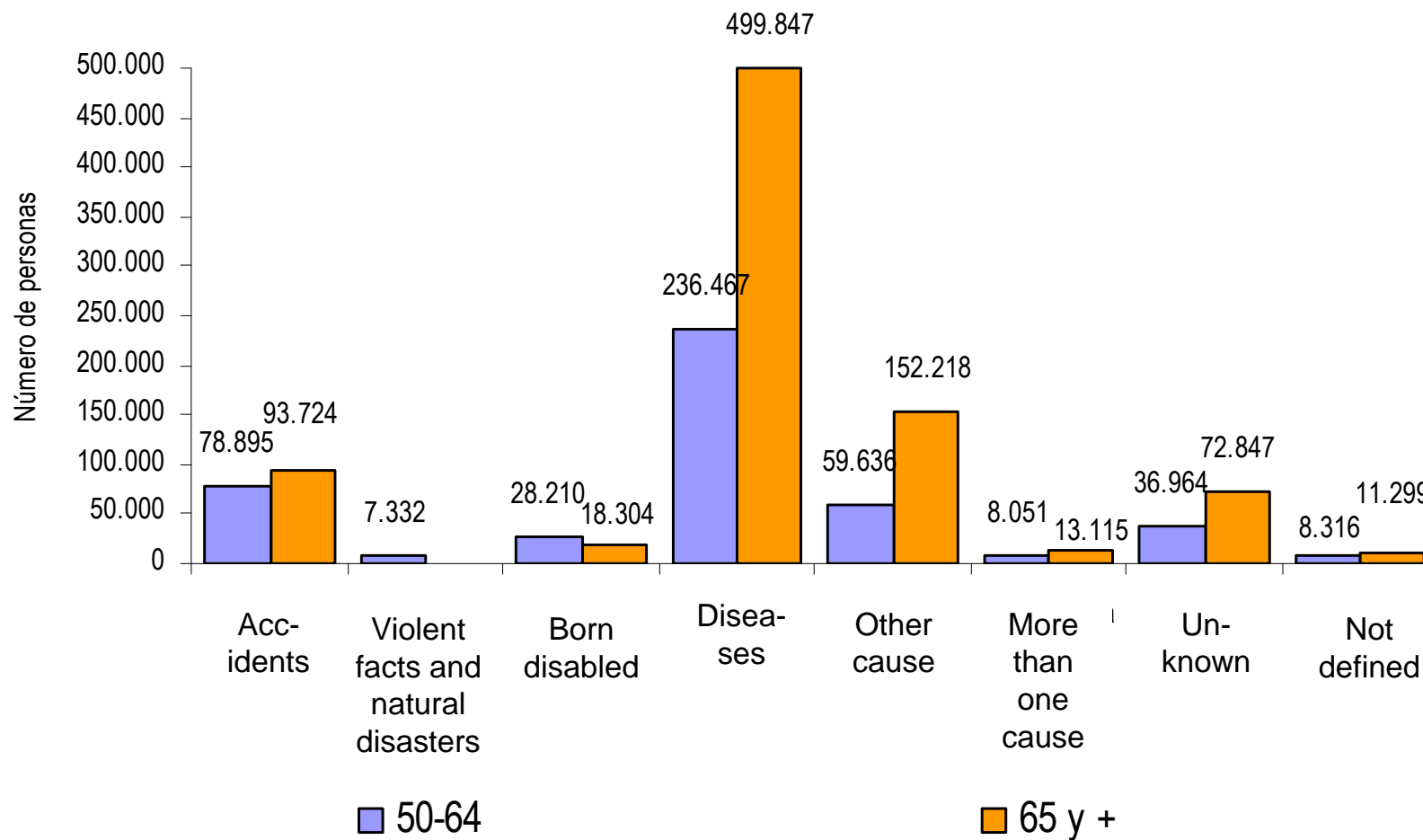
## Prevalence of disability according to sex and age groups. Argentina, 2002-03.



## Disabled population according to age groups and type of disability. Argentina, 2002-03.

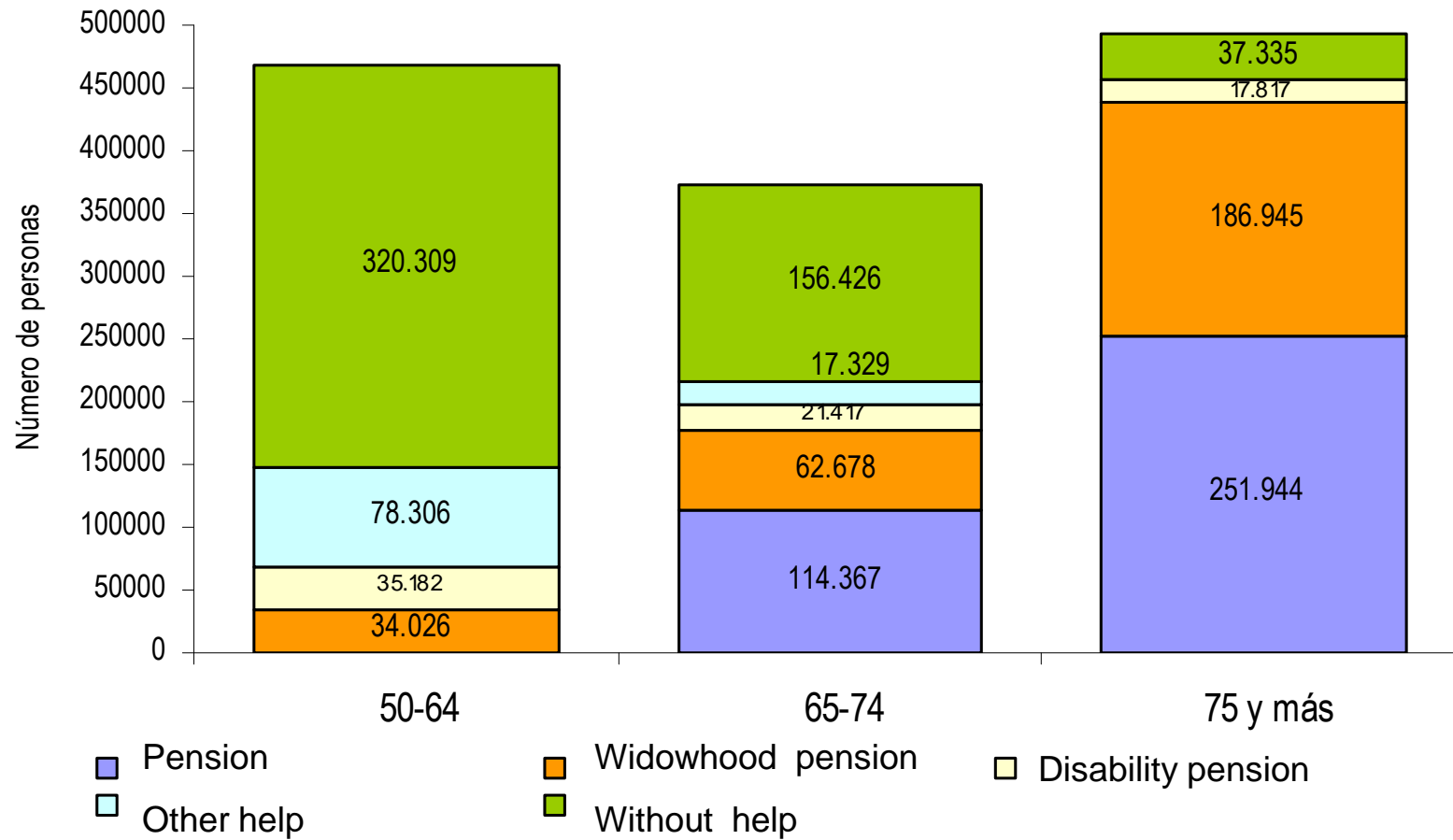


## Causes of disability according to age groups. Argentina, 2002-03.

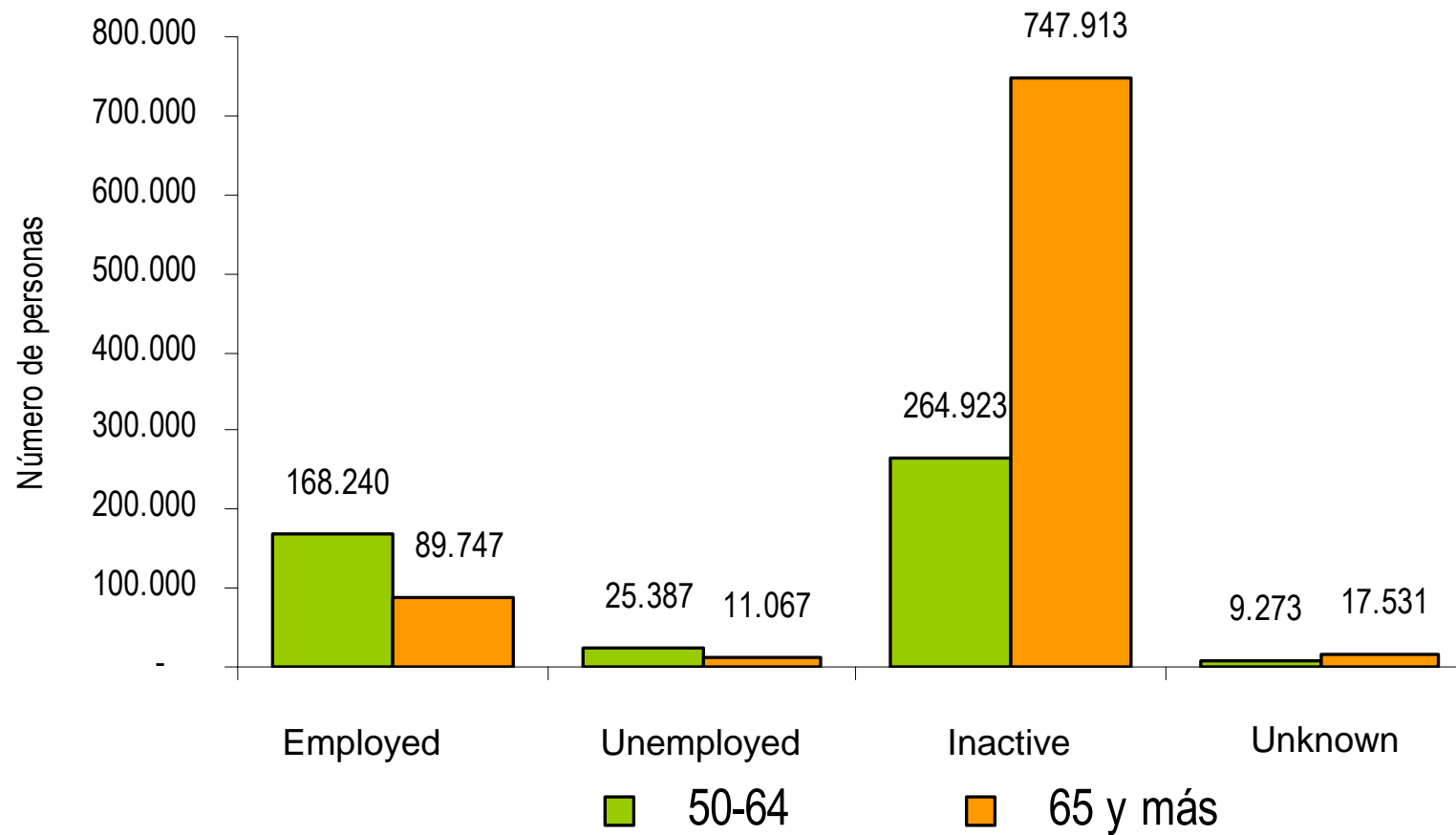




## State supporting and pension according to age groups. Argentina, 2002-03.



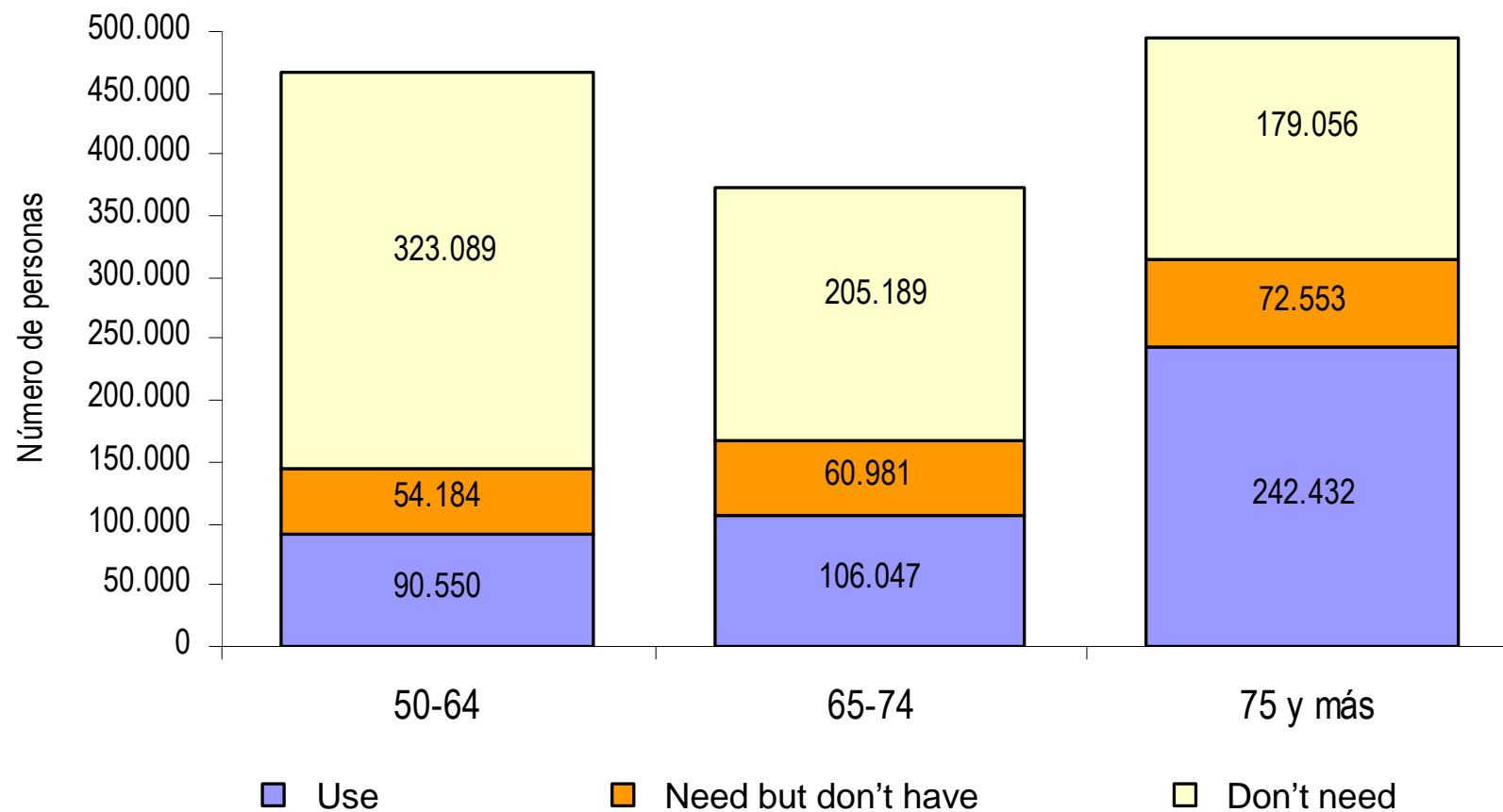
## Labour condition of disabled population according to age groups. Argentina, 2002-03.



# Levels of dependency

- Totally dependent: Help to eat and drink, some also to clean and domestic chores; 110,000 people, 12% over 75 years old.
- Severely dependent: Help to wash and care, some also domestic chores; 280,000 people, 30% over 75 years old.
- Moderately dependent: Help to domestic chores; 185,000 people, 15% over 75 years old.

## Technical help or devices needed according to age groups. Argentina, 2002-03.



# Final Recommendations

- To deepen prevention of cardiovascular diseases.
- To improve the pension system.
- To implement community-based programs.
- To support the maintenance of elderly at home.
- To train specialized human resources in the care of elderly in different scientific areas.
- To support research of ageing from the public health approach.