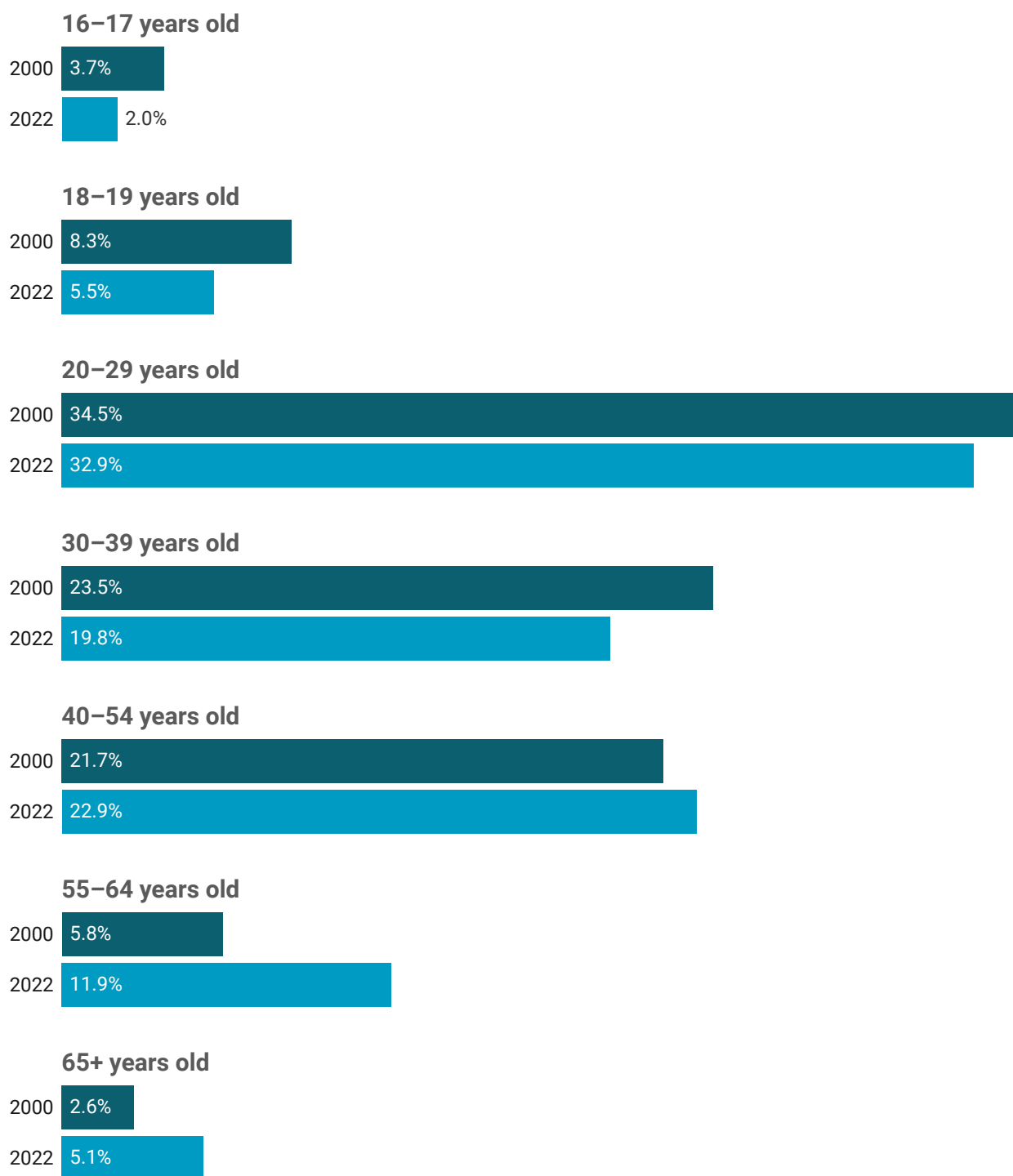


Low-wage workers are getting older: For example, the share of low-wage workers aged 55 and older has more than doubled from 2000 to 2022

The bars show the share of workers paid low wages in 2022 compared to 2000, for each age group. For example, 5.8% of all workers aged 55–64 were paid low wages in 2000, but that share more than doubled by 2022 to 11.9%.



In 2022, the value of the low-wage threshold is \$19.69. The sample includes workers who live and work in California, were employed last week but not self-employed, ages 16+, and with non-zero earnings last week. To calculate the share of workers paid low wages in 2000, we inflate 2000 wages to 2022 dollars and apply the 2022 low wage threshold.