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# Domestic Violence

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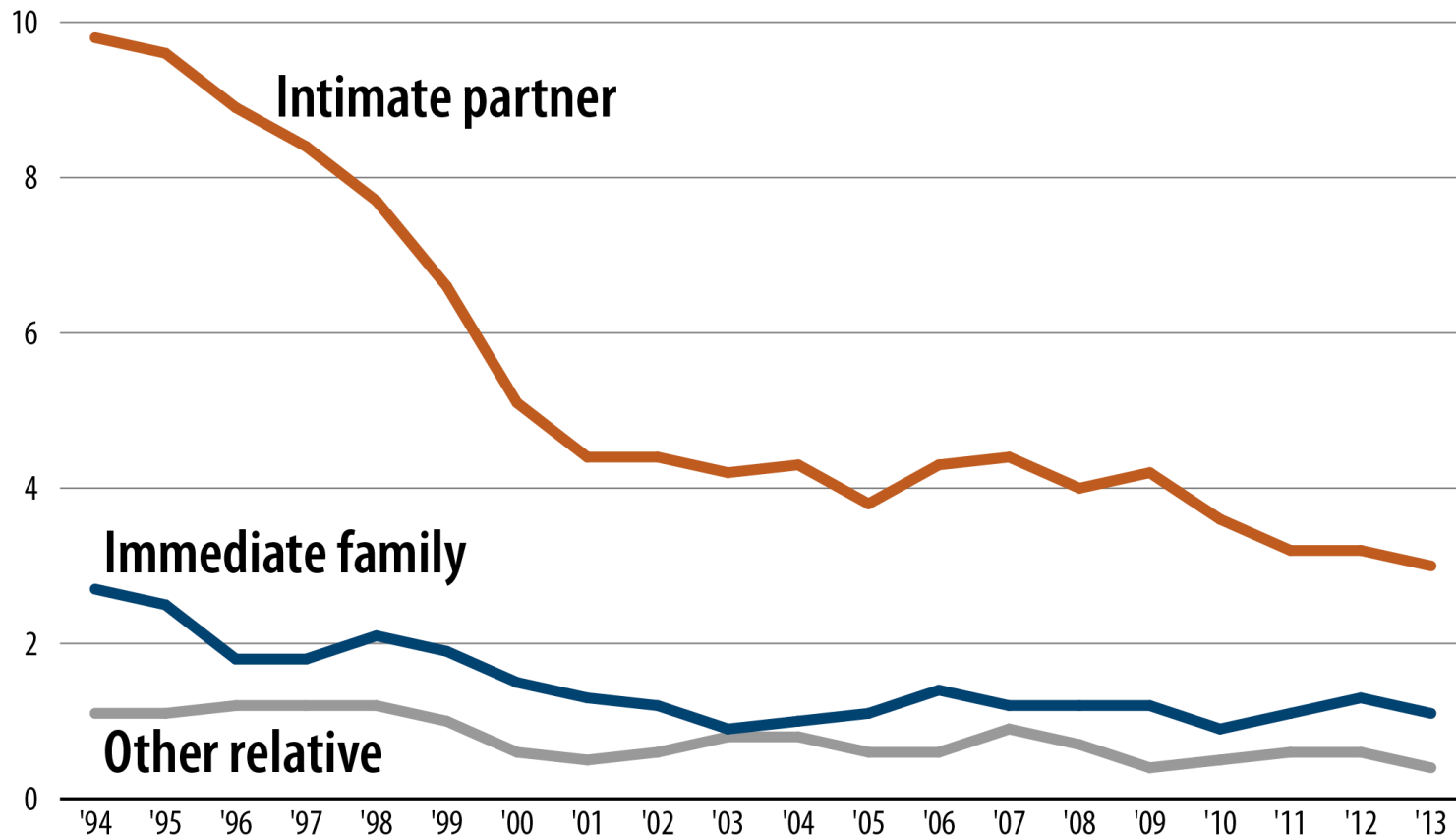
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# Domestic Violence

- Includes victimizations committed by intimate partners (current or former spouses, boyfriends, or girlfriends), immediate family members (parents, children, or siblings), and other relatives
- Accounted for 21% of all violent victimization
- Declined 67% from 1994 to 2013
- A larger percentage of females were victims than males
- Most domestic violence against females was committed by the victim's current or former boyfriend or girlfriend or spouse
- More than half of all domestic violence was reported to police

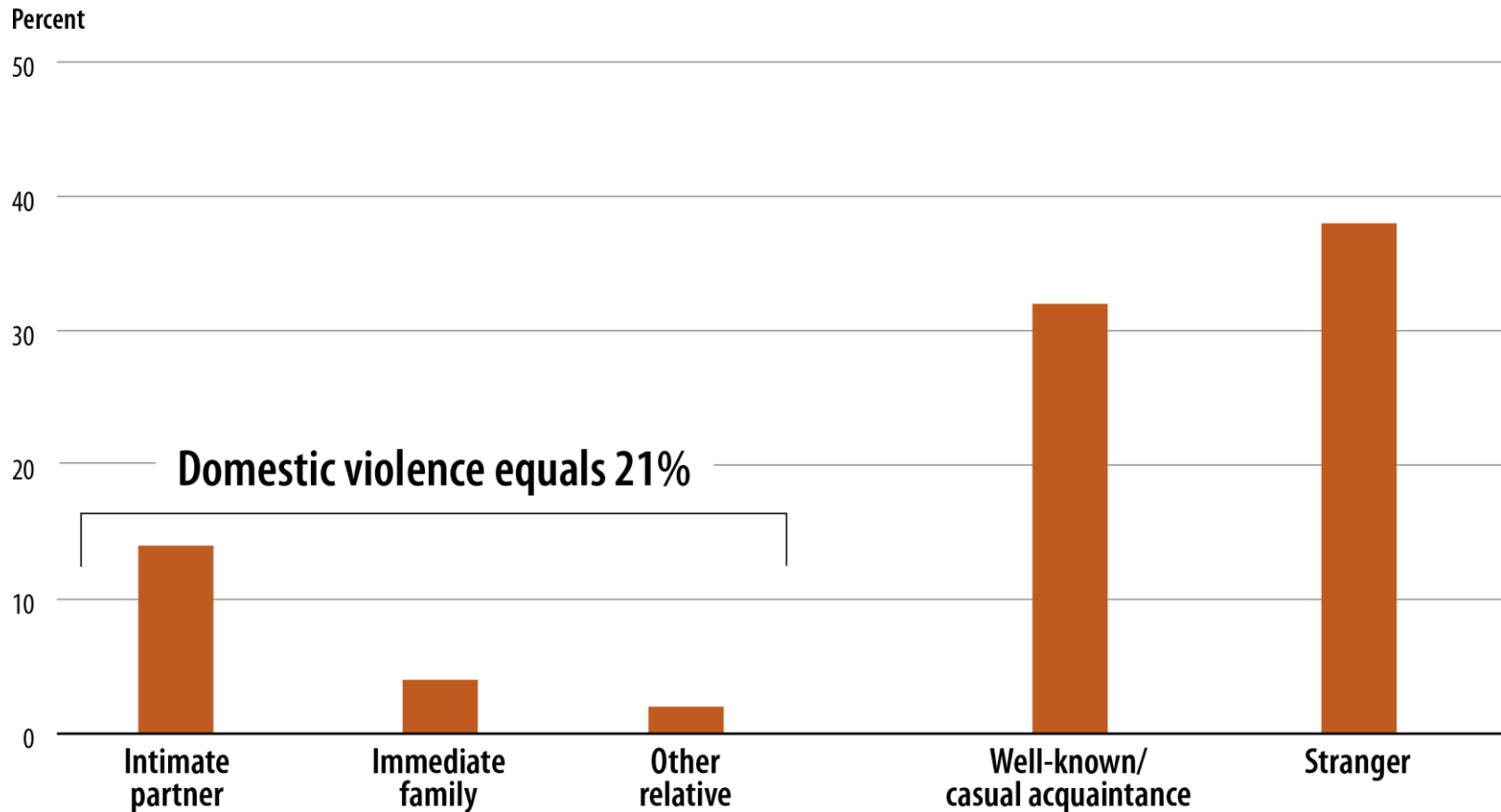
# Violence against Intimate Partners Declined Faster than Violence against Other Family Members

Rate per 1,000 persons age 12 or older



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993–2013.

# Domestic Violence Accounted for 21% of All Violent Victimization



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2003–2013.

# More Serious Violence against Females was Domestic Violence

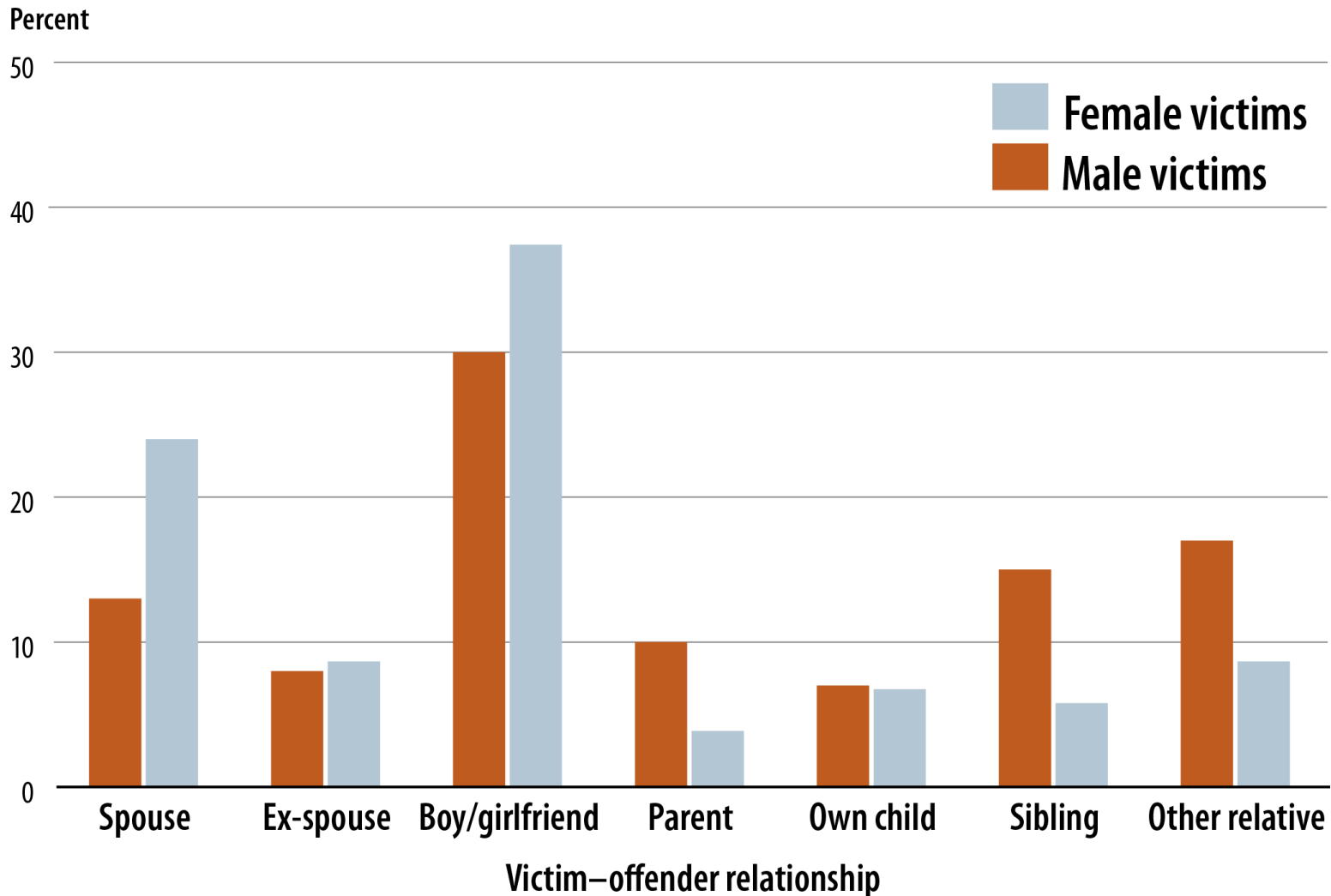
	<b>Serious violent crime</b>	
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Known</b>	34.7 %	65.4 %
Domestic violence	10.0 %	37.2 %
Intimate partner	6.0	26.8
Immediate family	2.6	6.5
Other relative	1.5	3.8
Well-known/casual acquaintance	24.7 %	28.2 %
<b>Stranger</b>	54.3 %	28.5 %

Note: A small percentage of victimizations are not shown in the table in which the relationship or the number of offenders is unknown.  
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2003–2013.

# Who are the Victims of Domestic Violence?

Per 1,000 persons age 12 or older	Total domestic violence	Intimate partner
<b>Total</b>	5.5	3.8
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	2.7	1.4
Female	8.2	6.0
<b>Age</b>		
12–17	4.9	1.1
18–24	11.0	8.3
25–34	8.5	7.1
35–49	6.3	4.7
50–64	3.0	1.5
65 or older	0.5	0.2
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>		
White	5.5	3.8
Black/African American	6.5	4.5
Hispanic/Latino	3.9	2.7
Asian/Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	1.3	1.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	26.4	15.1
<b>Marital status</b>		
Never married	6.8	4.3
Married	1.9	0.9
Widowed	2.4	0.6
Divorced	13.3	11.0
Separated	48.3	43.9

# Who Commits Domestic Violence?



# More than Half of All Domestic Violence was Reported to Police

Percent

100

80

60

40

20

0

**Violent  
crime**

**Serious  
violent  
crime**

**Simple  
assault**

**Total domestic violence**

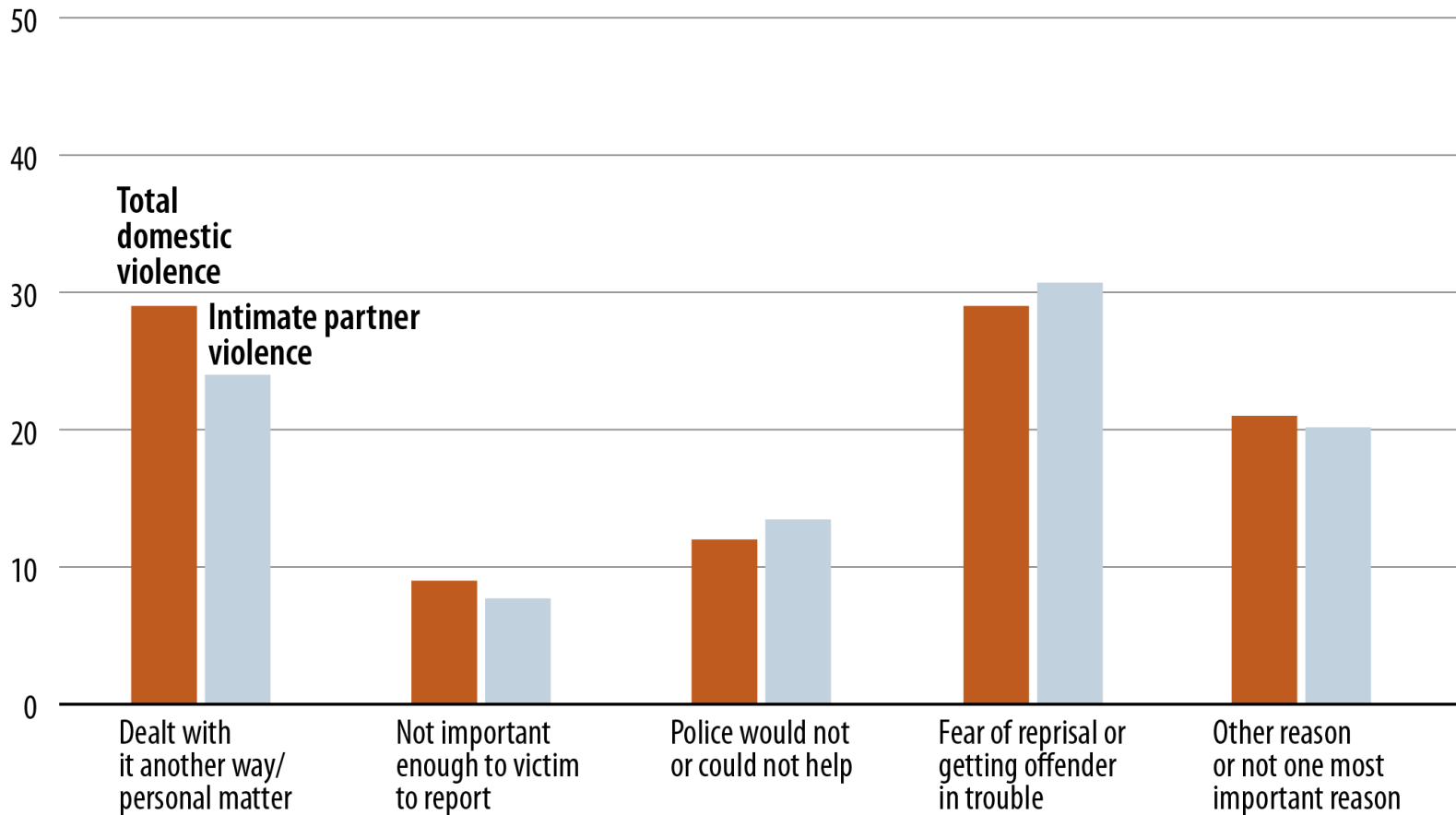
**Intimate partner violence**

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2003–2013.



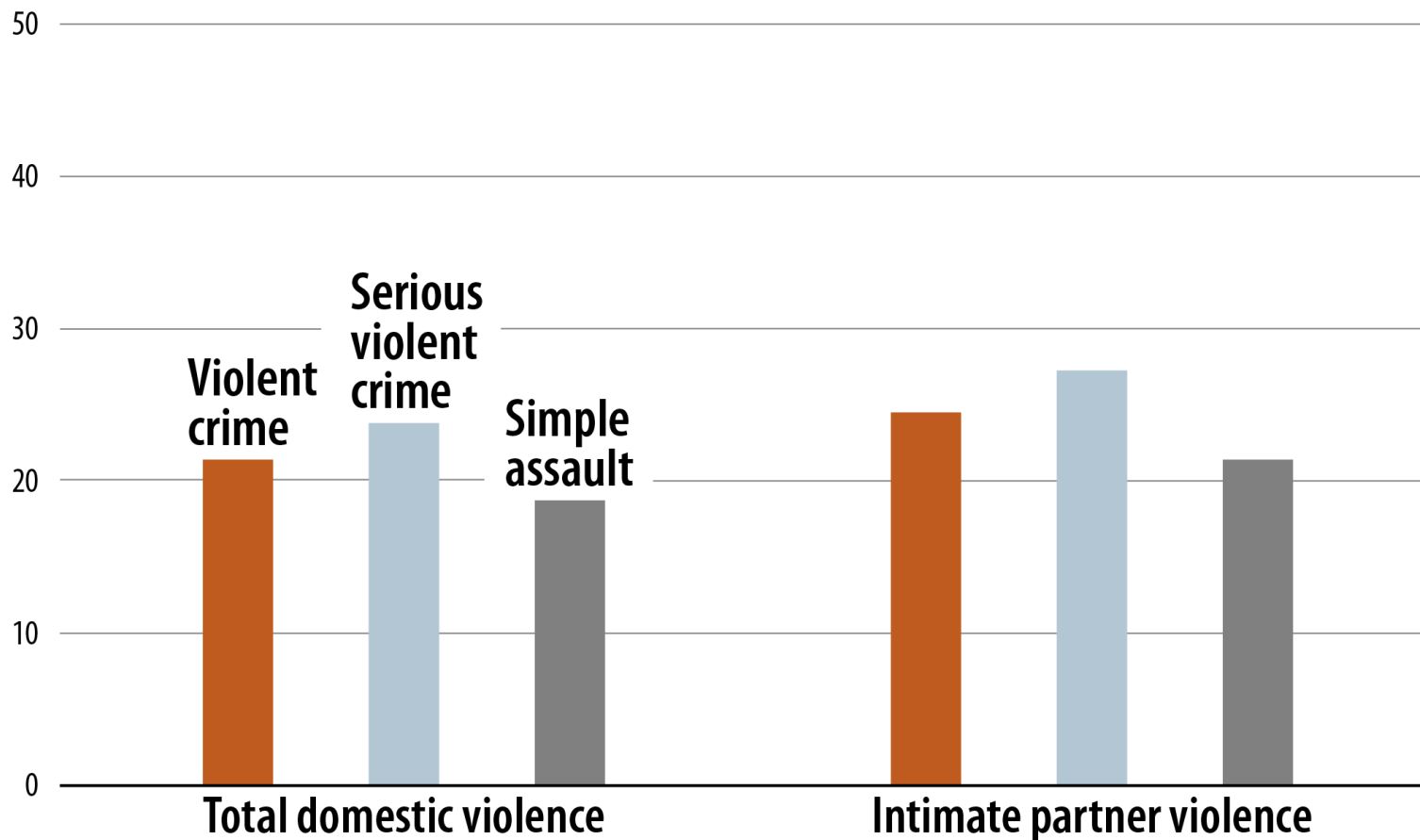
# Why Don't Victims Report Domestic Violence to Police?

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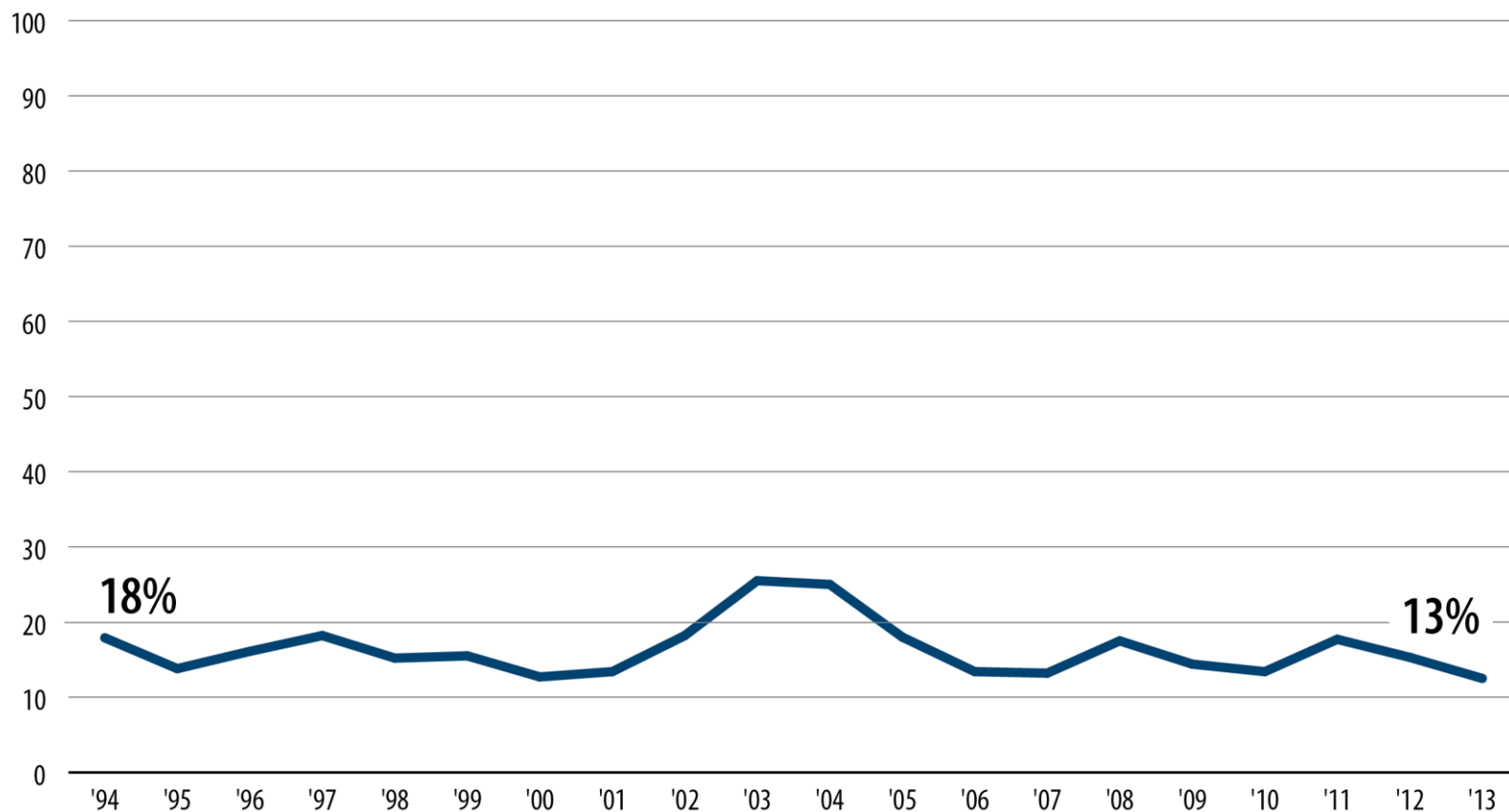
# Who Receives Assistance from Victim Service Organizations?

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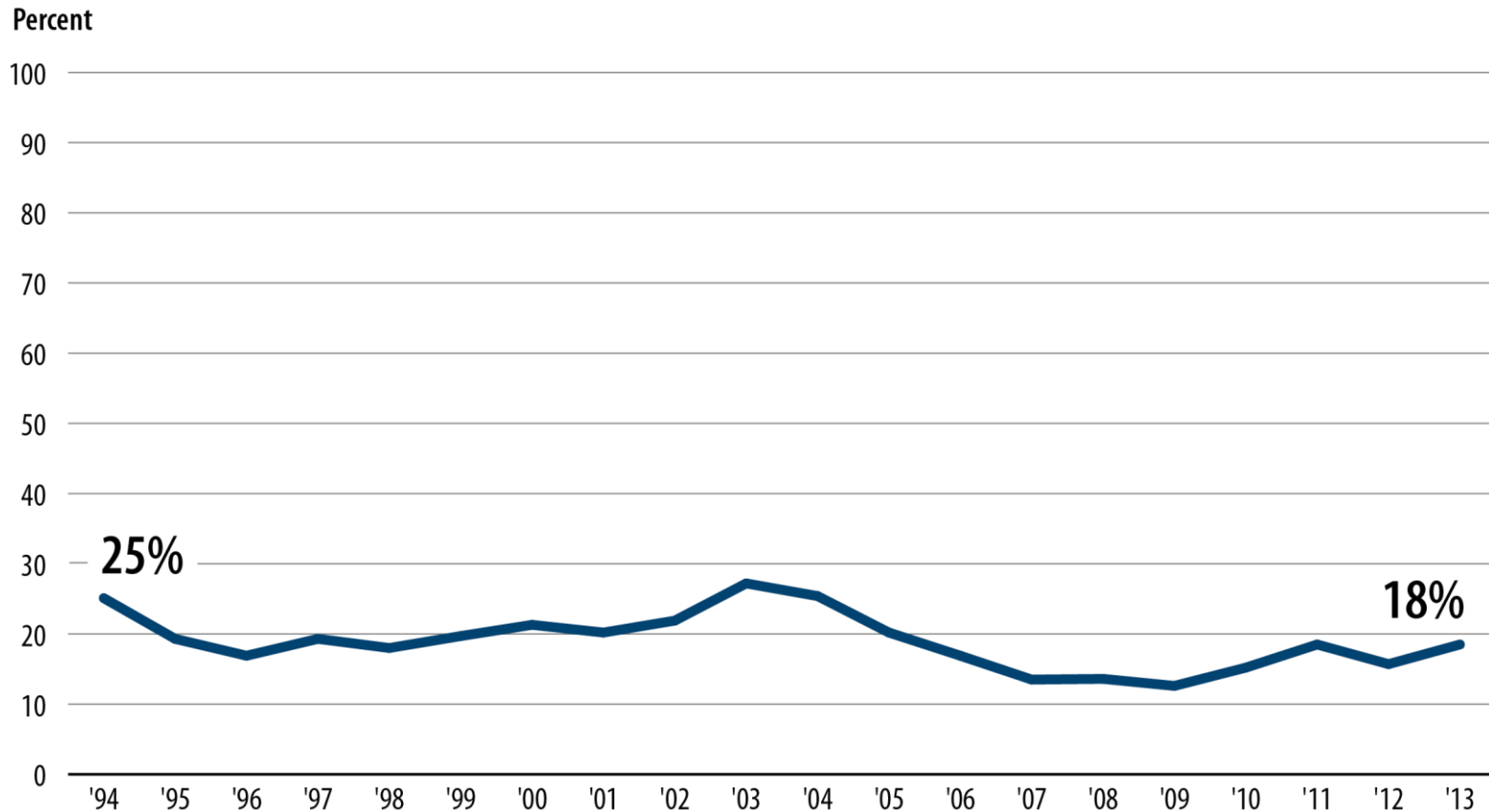
# 13% of Female Intimate Partner Violence Involved an Offender with a Weapon

Percent



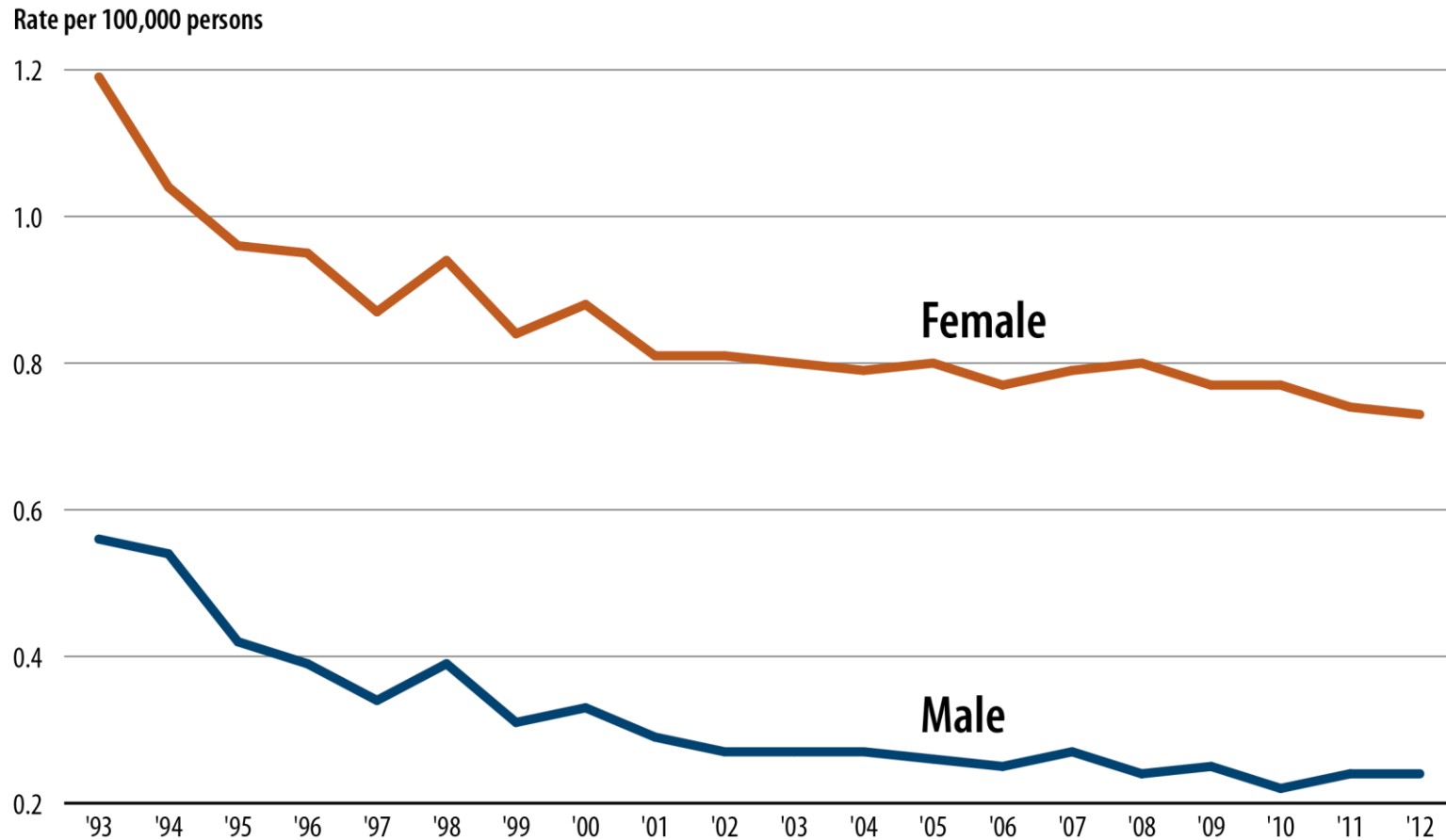
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993–2013.

# 18% of Female Victims of Intimate Partner Violence Sought Medical Treatment



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993–2013.

# Females had a Higher Rate of Intimate Partner Homicide than Males



Source: Unpublished analyses from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, based on data from FBI, Supplementary Homicide Reports, 1993–2012.