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Domestic Violence

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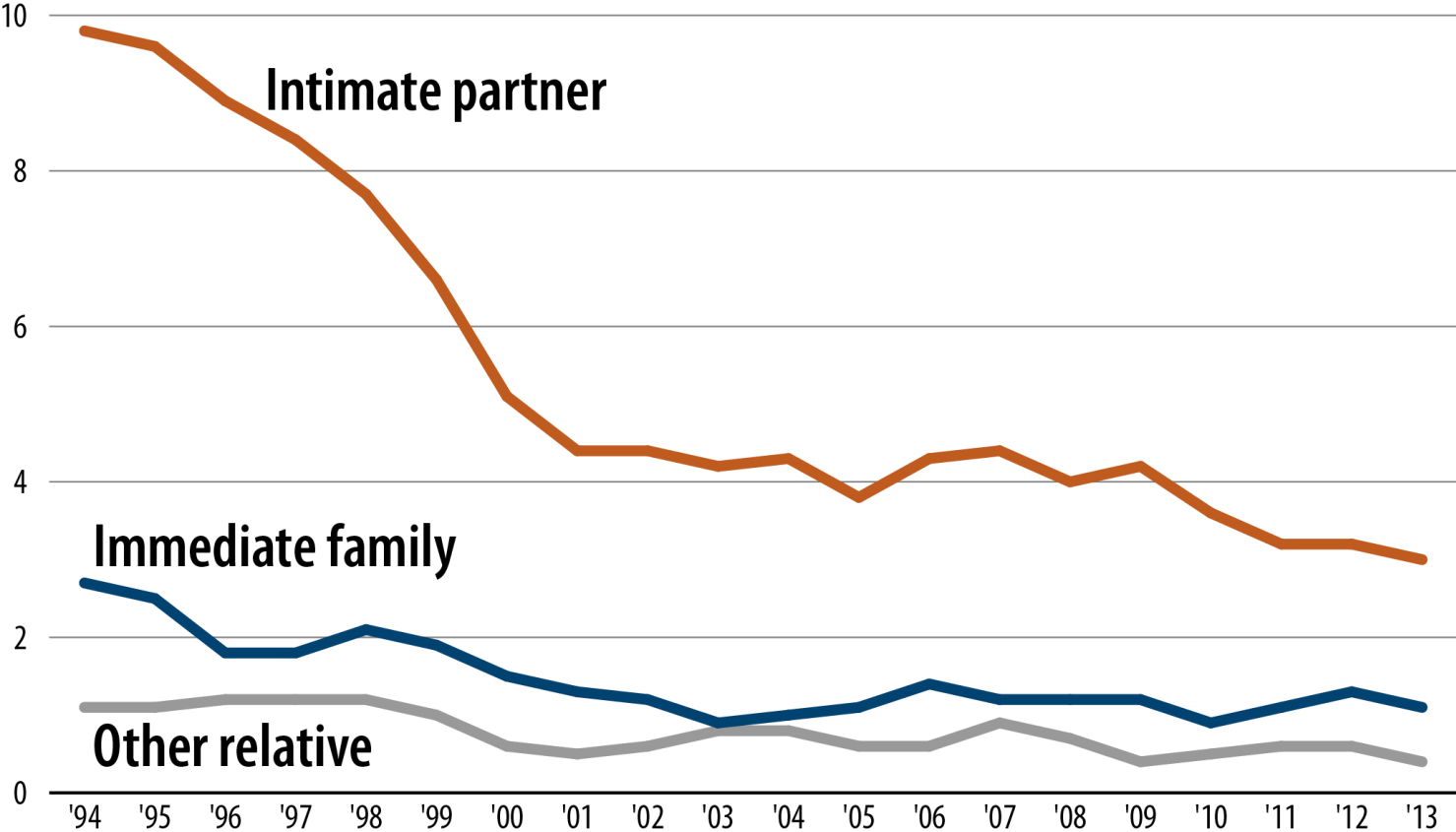
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Domestic Violence

- 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

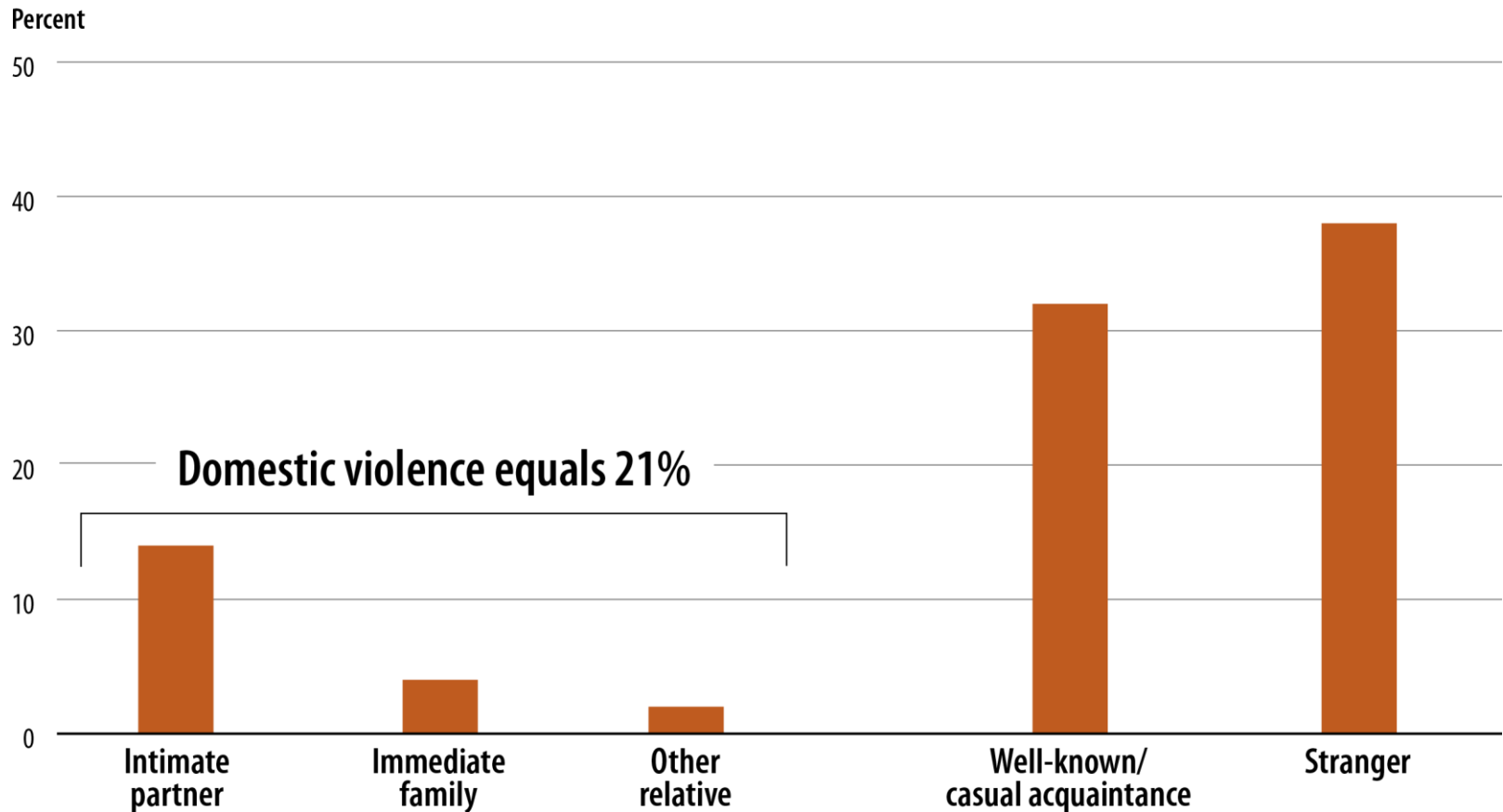
Violence against Intimate Partners Declined Faster than Violence against Other Family Members

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

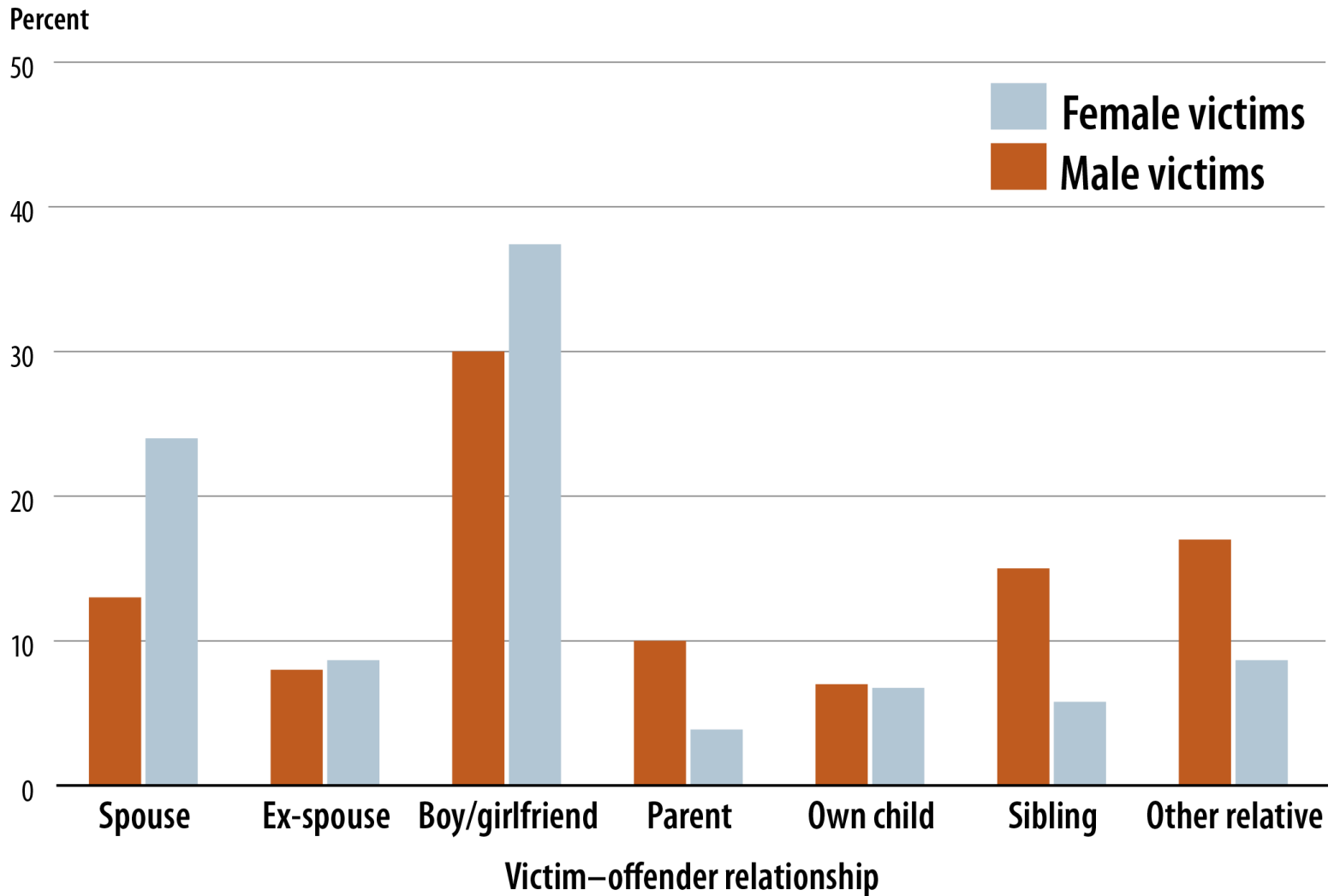
	Serious violent crime	
	Male	Female
Known	34.7 %	65.4 %
Domestic violence	10.0 %	37.2 %
Intimate partner	6.0	26.8
Immediate family	2.6	6.5
Other relative	1.5	3.8
Well-known/casual acquaintance	24.7 %	28.2 %
Stranger	54.3 %	28.5 %

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?

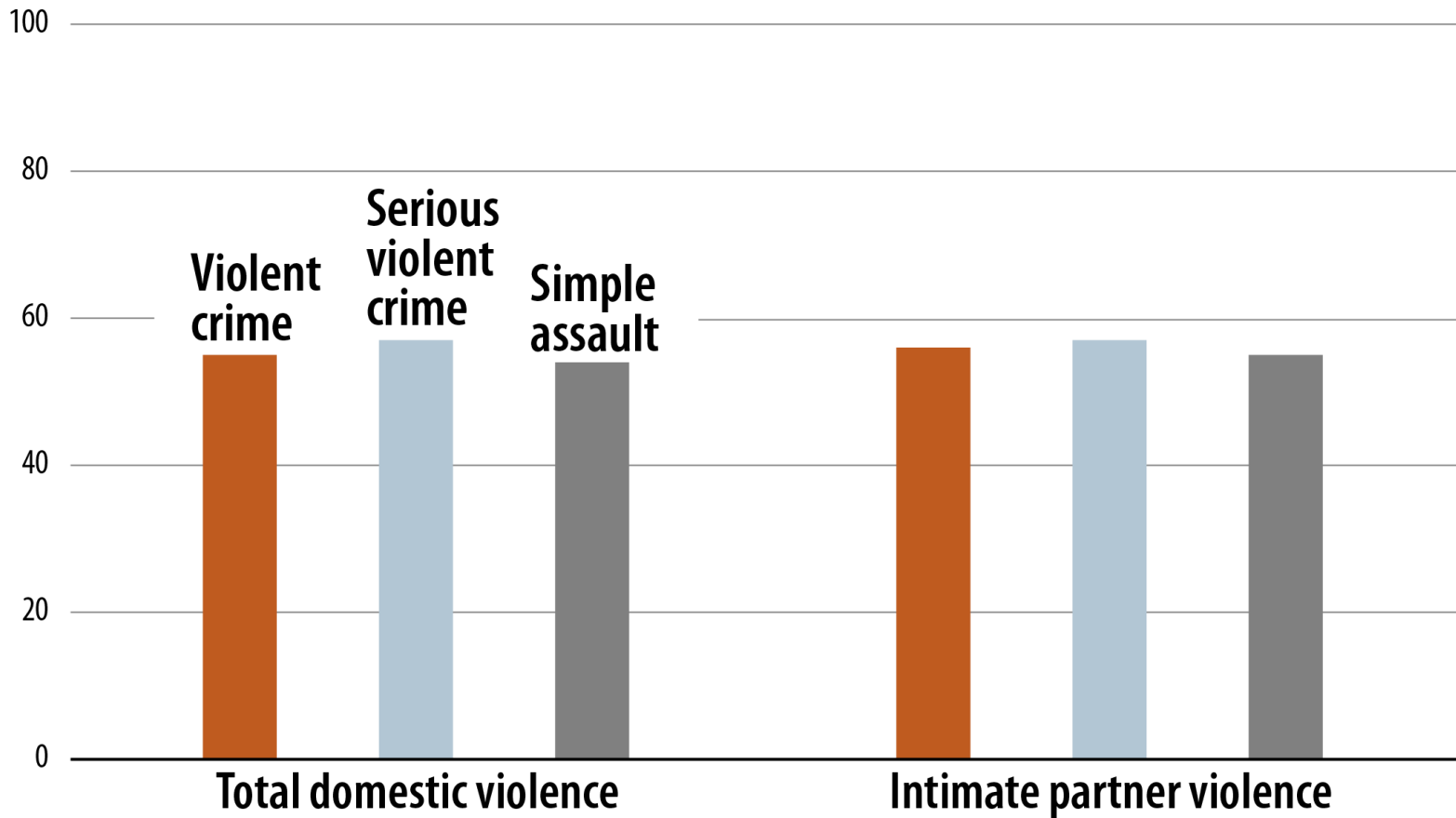
Per 1,000 persons age 12 or older	Total domestic violence	Intimate partner
Total	5.5	3.8
Sex		
Male	2.7	1.4
Female	8.2	6.0
Age		
12–17	4.9	1.1
18–24	11.0	8.3
25–34	8.5	7.1
35–49	6.3	4.7
50–64	3.0	1.5
65 or older	0.5	0.2
Race/Hispanic origin		
White	5.5	3.8
Black/African American	6.5	4.5
Hispanic/Latino	3.9	2.7
Asian/Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	1.3	1.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	26.4	15.1
Marital status		
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



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

Why Don't Victims Report Domestic Violence to Police?

Percent

50

40

30

20

10

0

Total domestic violence

Intimate partner violence

Dealt with it another way/
personal matter

Not important enough to victim
to report

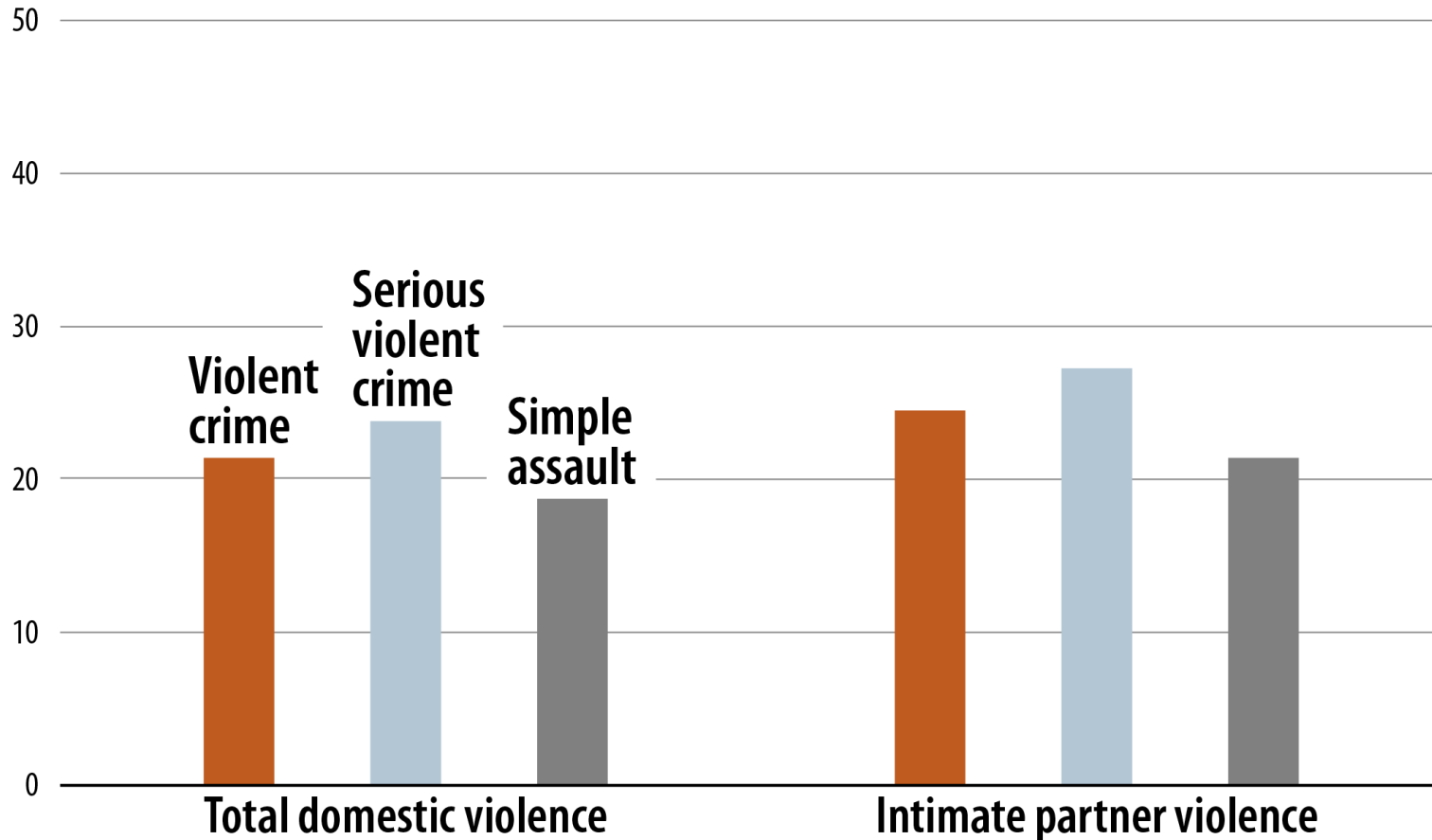
Police would not
or could not help

Fear of reprisal or
getting offender
in trouble

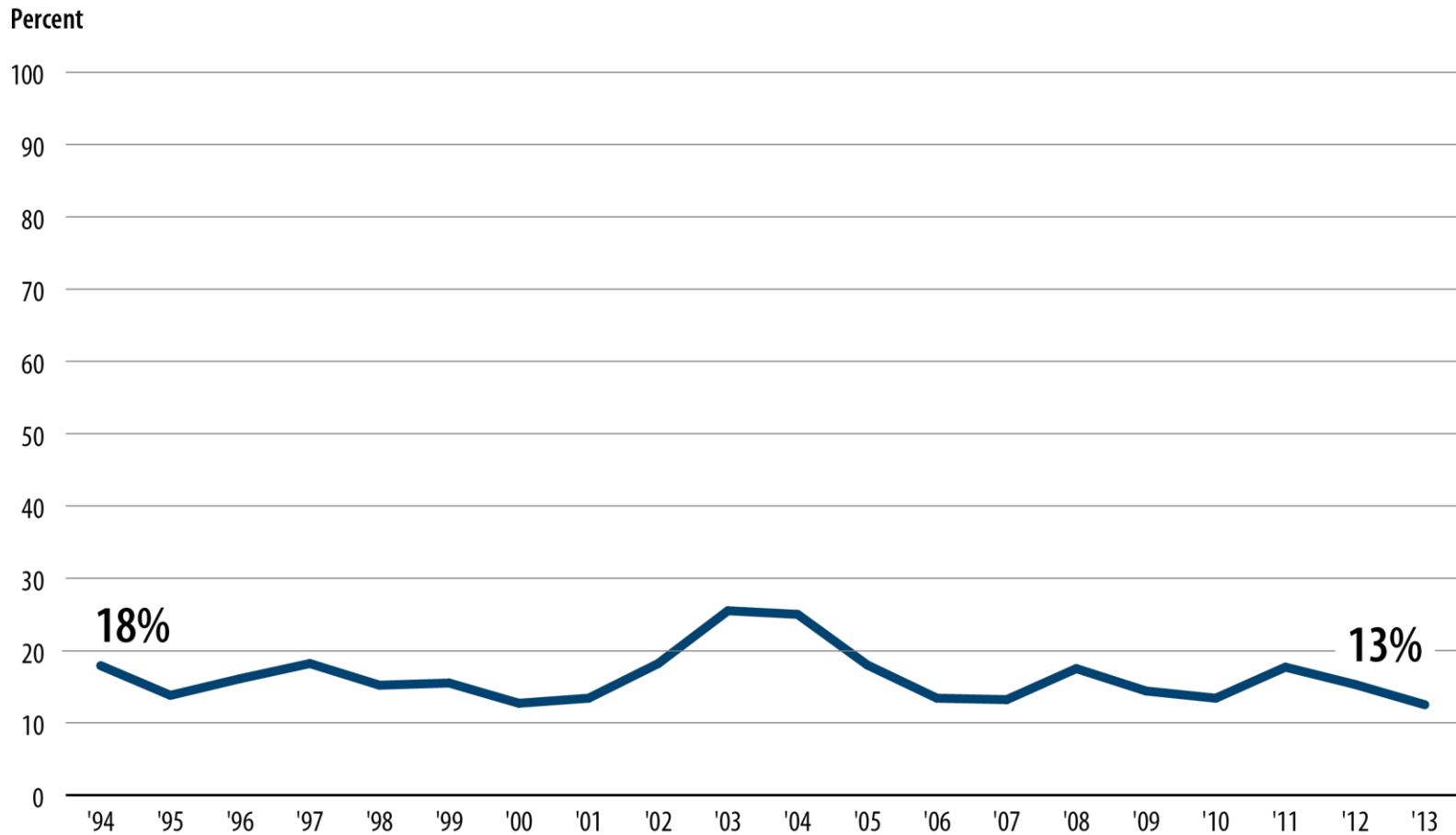
Other reason
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important reason

Who Receives Assistance from Victim Service Organizations?

Percent

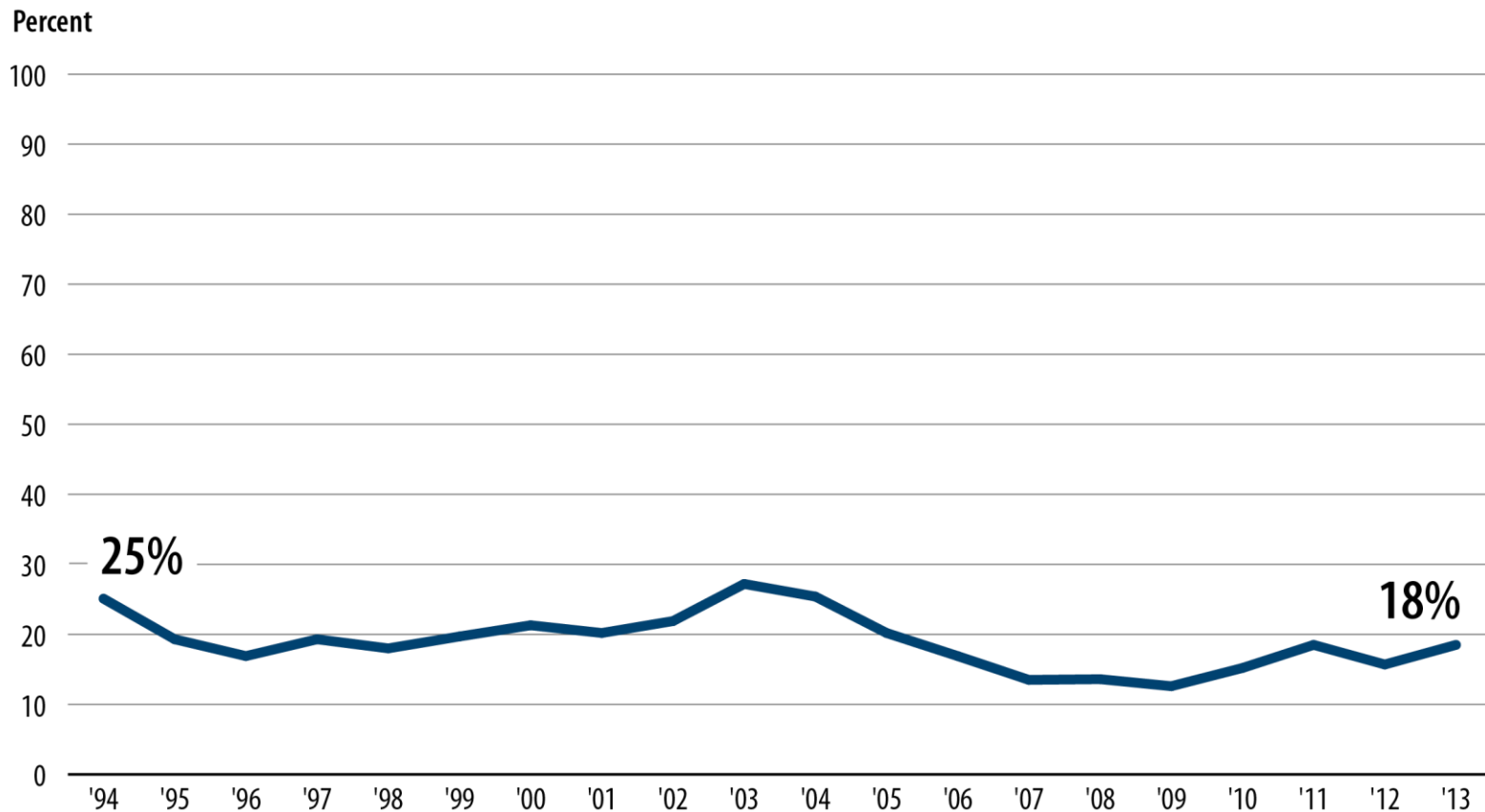


13% of Female Intimate Partner Violence Involved an Offender with a Weapon



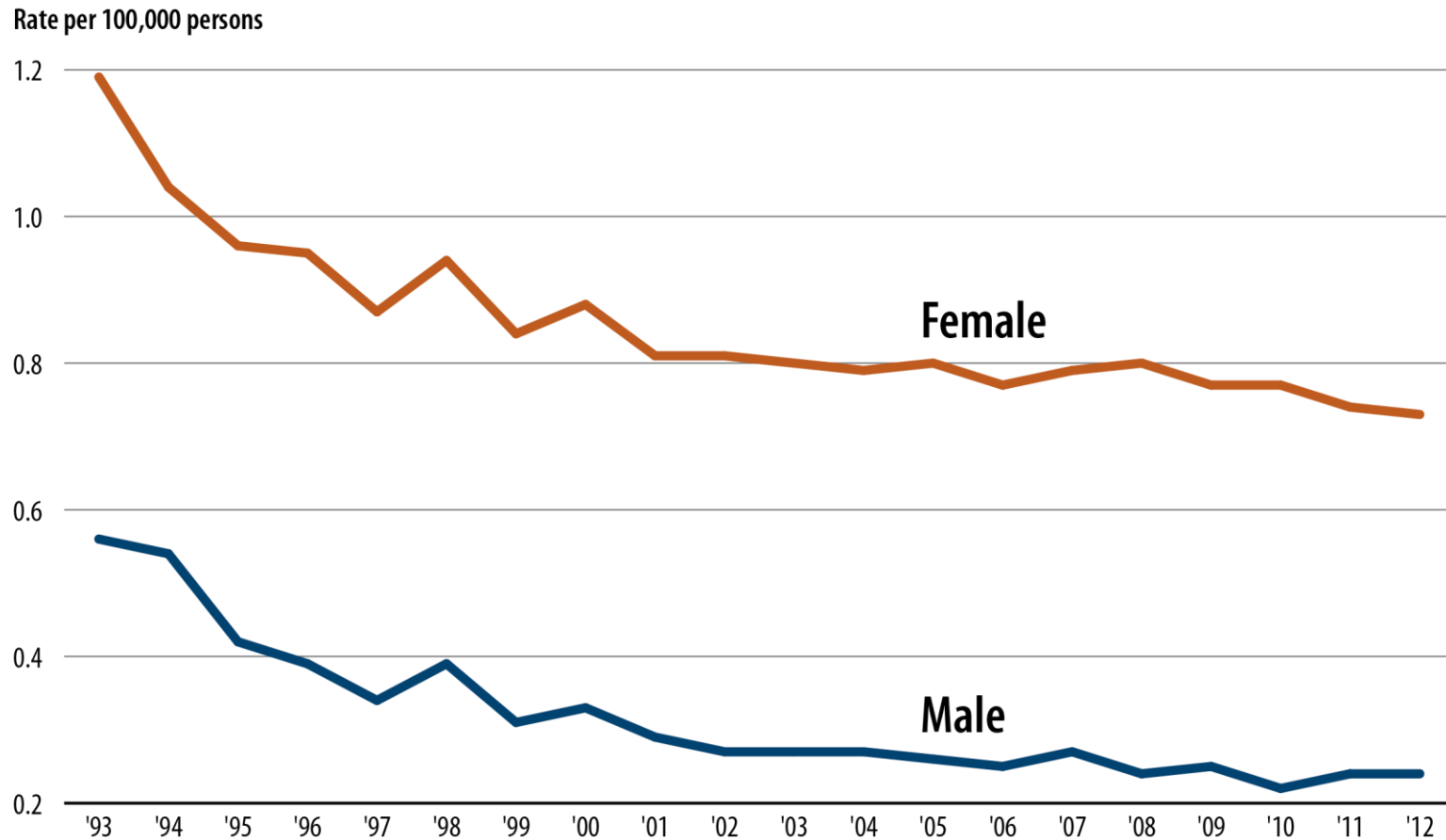
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993–2013.

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.