

# Republic of Kazakhstan: The current situation on abortion

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## Republic of Kazakhstan: Statistics

- More than 4 million women of reproductive age (30% of total population)
- Birth rate is more than 360 000 per year
- The maternal mortality rate – 22,7 (2010); 11,7 (2014)
- The number of abortions has decreased by 3 times (83 709 in 2014) in comparison with indicators of 1991
- The number of abortions per 1000 women of reproductive age is 18,4



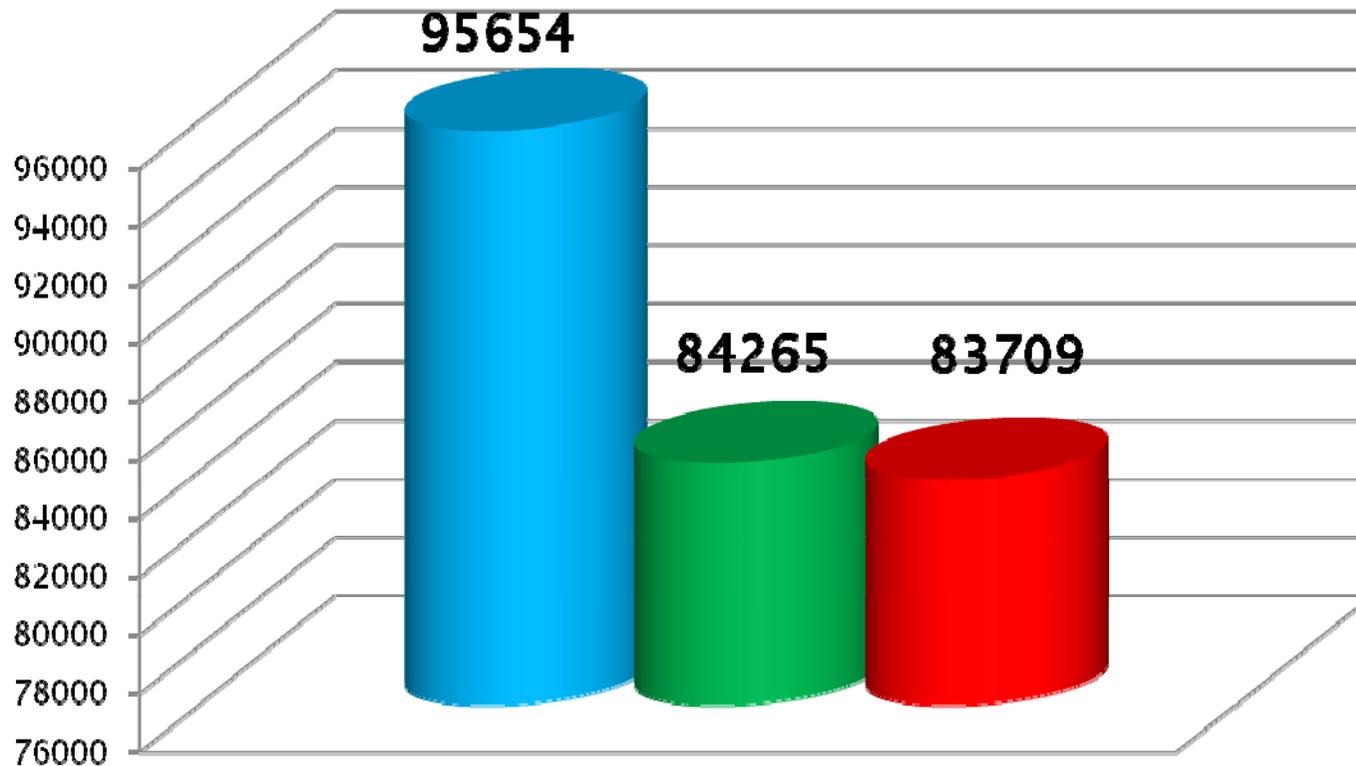
# Access to Abortion Services

- ❑ Abortion is permitted by the legislation of the of Republic of Kazakhstan
  - Before 12 week of pregnancy on a patients request
  - From 13 to 22 week of pregnancy only for social or medical reasons
- ❑ Abortion procedure is included in the guaranteed volume of free medical care for citizens of the RK
- ❑ By the order of the MOHSD of the RK № 626 adopted in 2009, abortion procedure before 49 days gestation can be carried out in an outpatient setting (vacuum or medical)



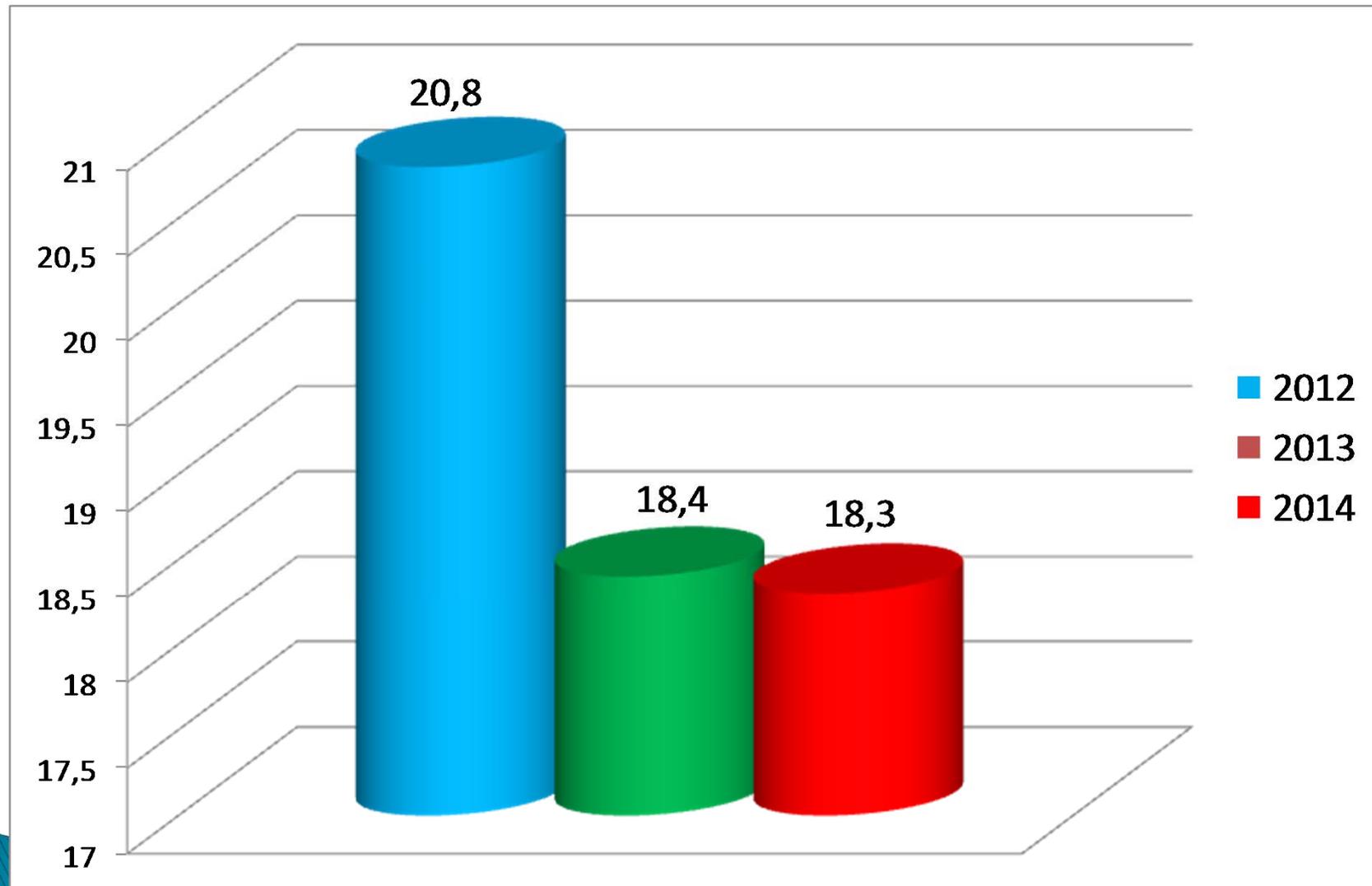
# Total of abortions (including mini abortions)

Absolute numbers

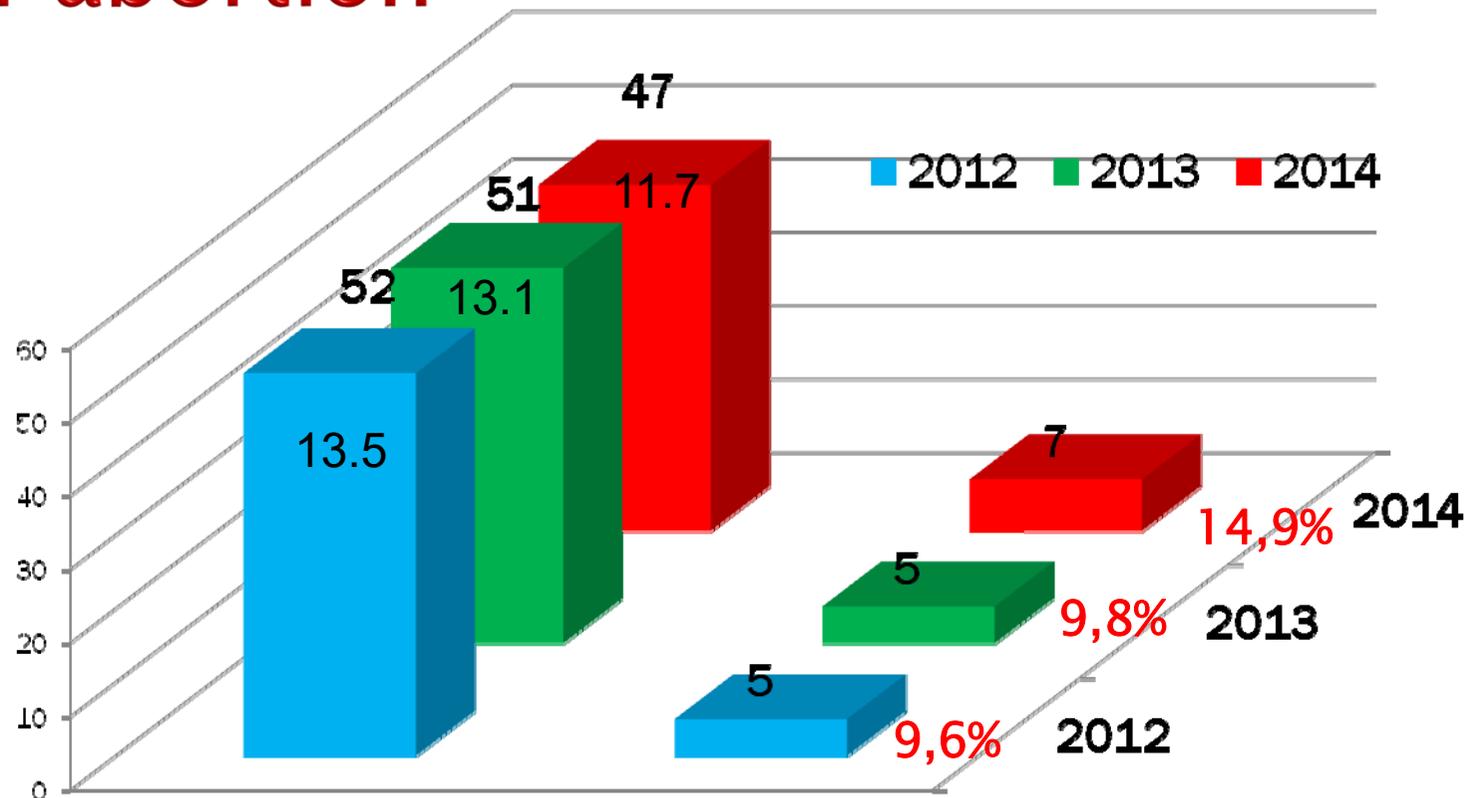


In Kazakhstan for the last 3 years the number of abortions have tended to decrease, but continues to be relatively high

# Abortions per 1000 women of reproductive age



# Number of women died in the period of abortion



**Total number of maternal mortality in Kazakhstan**

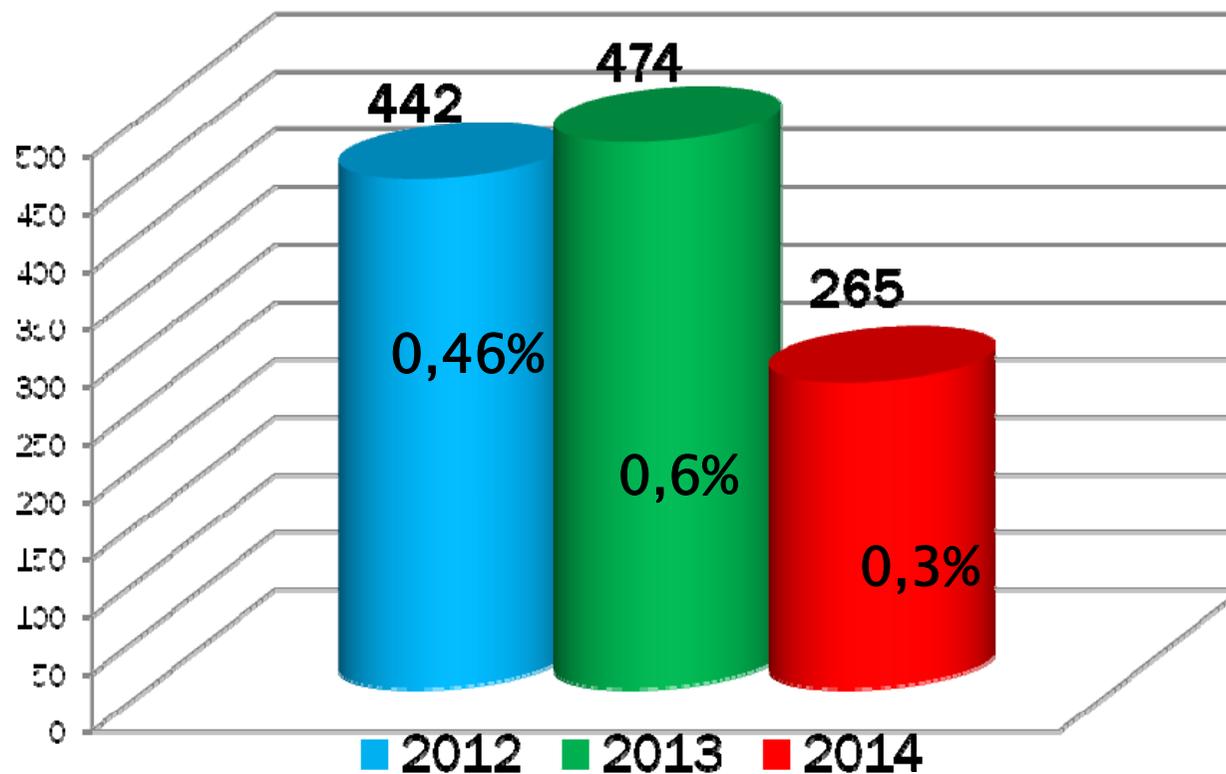
**Total in the period of abortion**

**per 100 000 live births**

**mortality from abortion - 0,01**

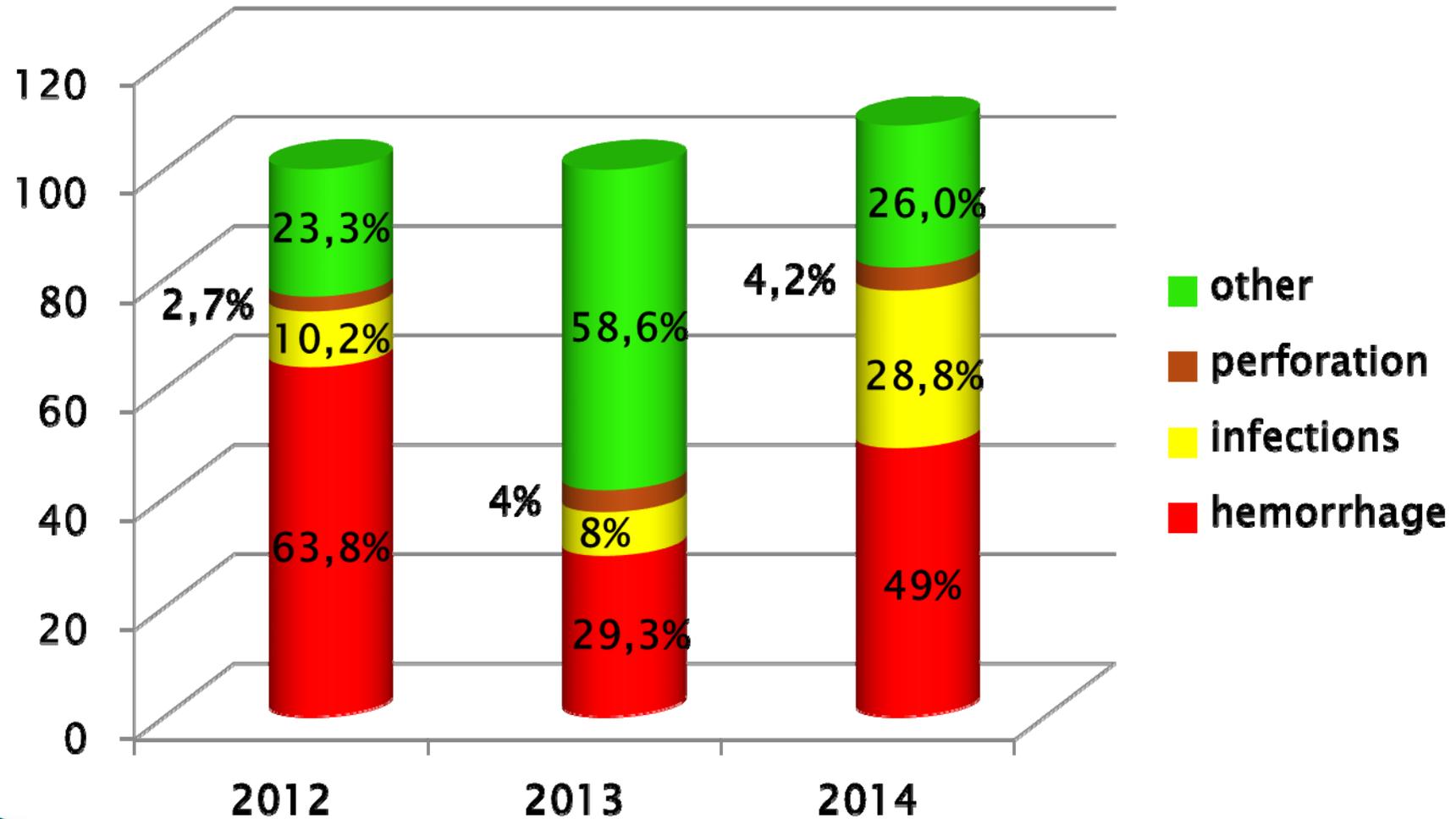
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# Abortion-related complications (absolute numbers)

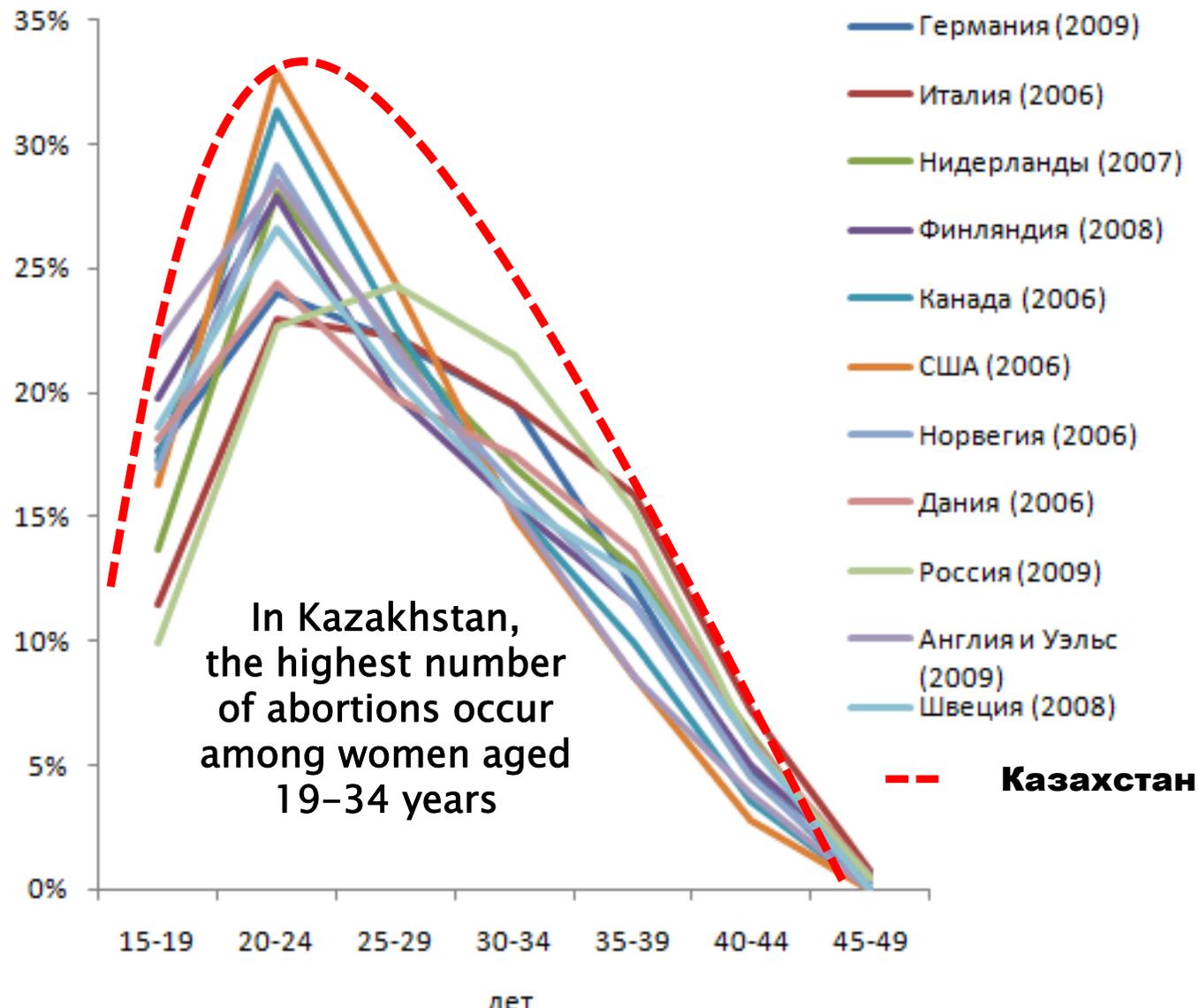


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# Structure of complications after abortion



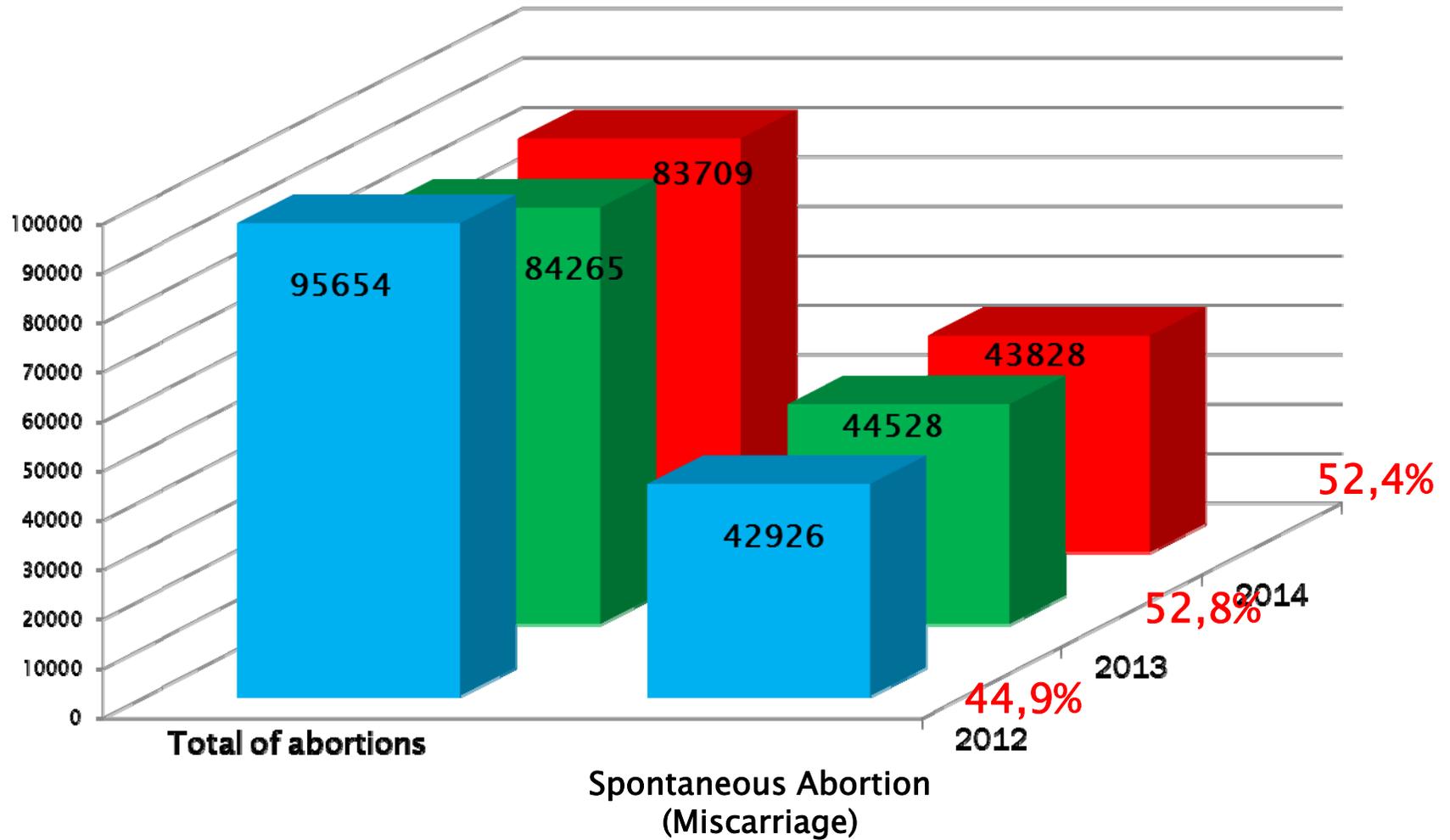
# Age distribution of abortion, %



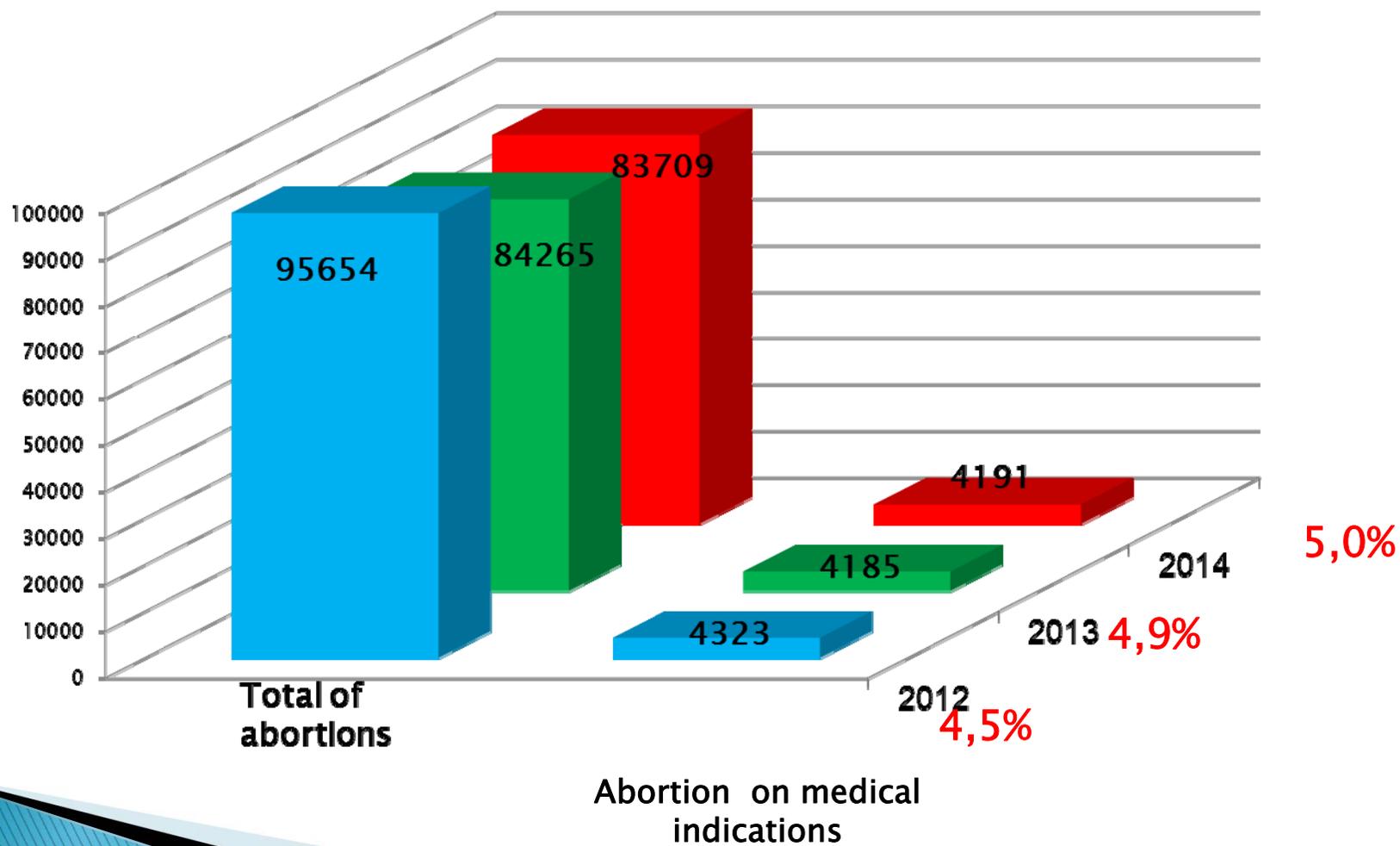
- ▶ When asked why abortion was done, 58 % of women responded:
  - They are not supported by men;
  - There are no money to provide the children;
  - Women feel socially insecure, they often do not have housing, work and any allowances
  - "My boyfriend says that it is too early to think about the children, we still have time. I also thought about it and decided that now I do not need a baby"



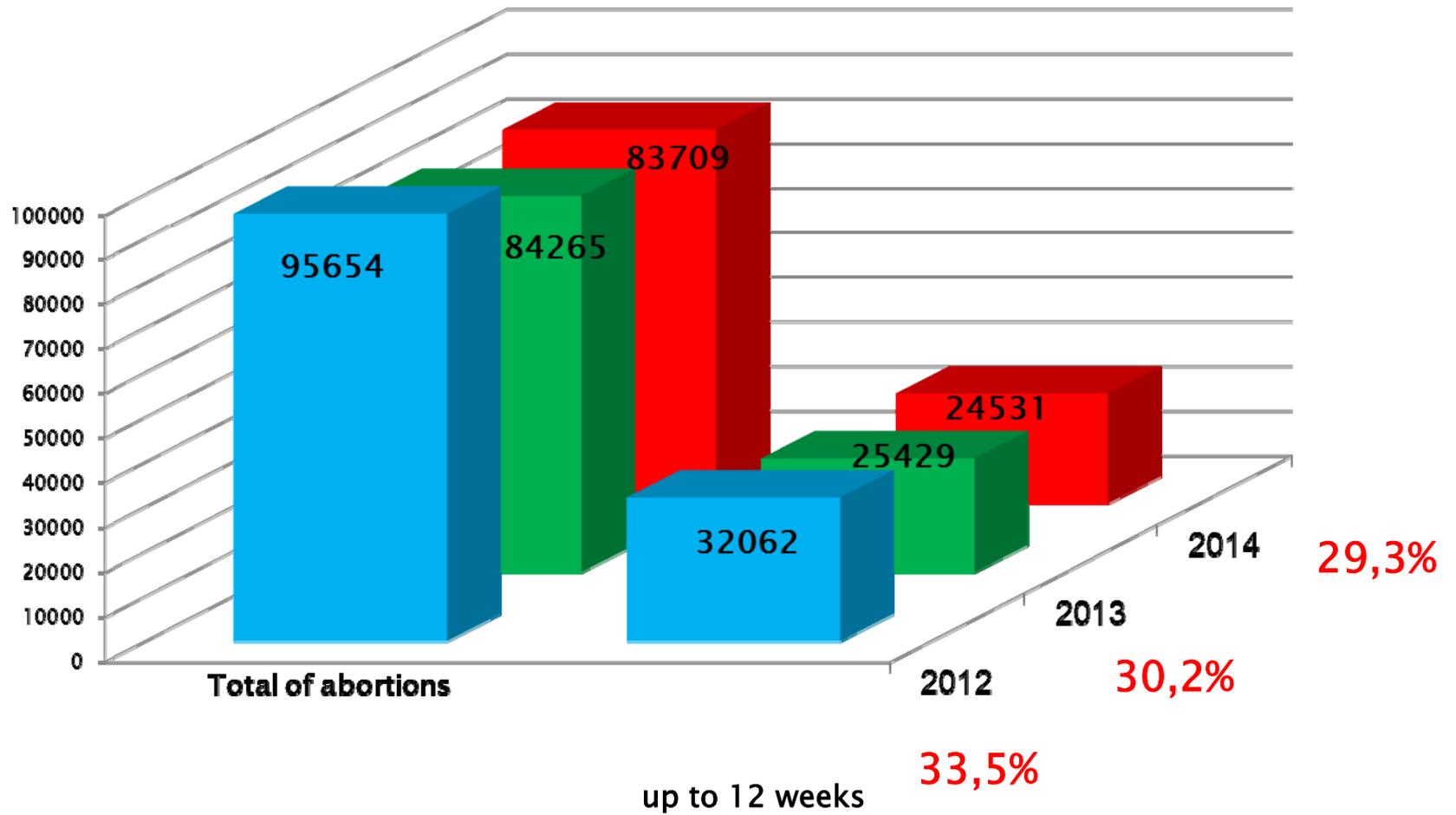
# Spontaneous Abortion (Miscarriage)



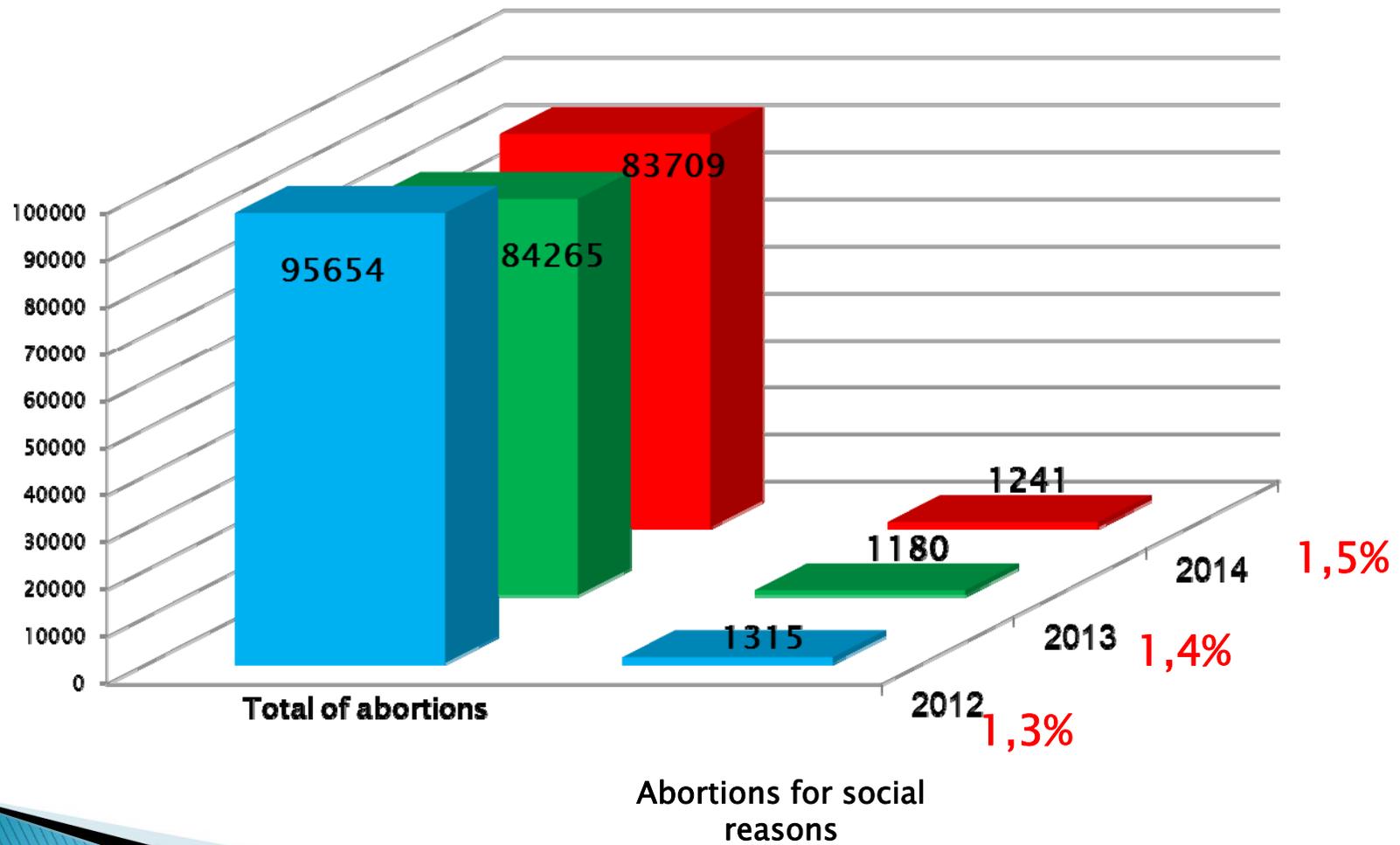
# Abortion on medical indications



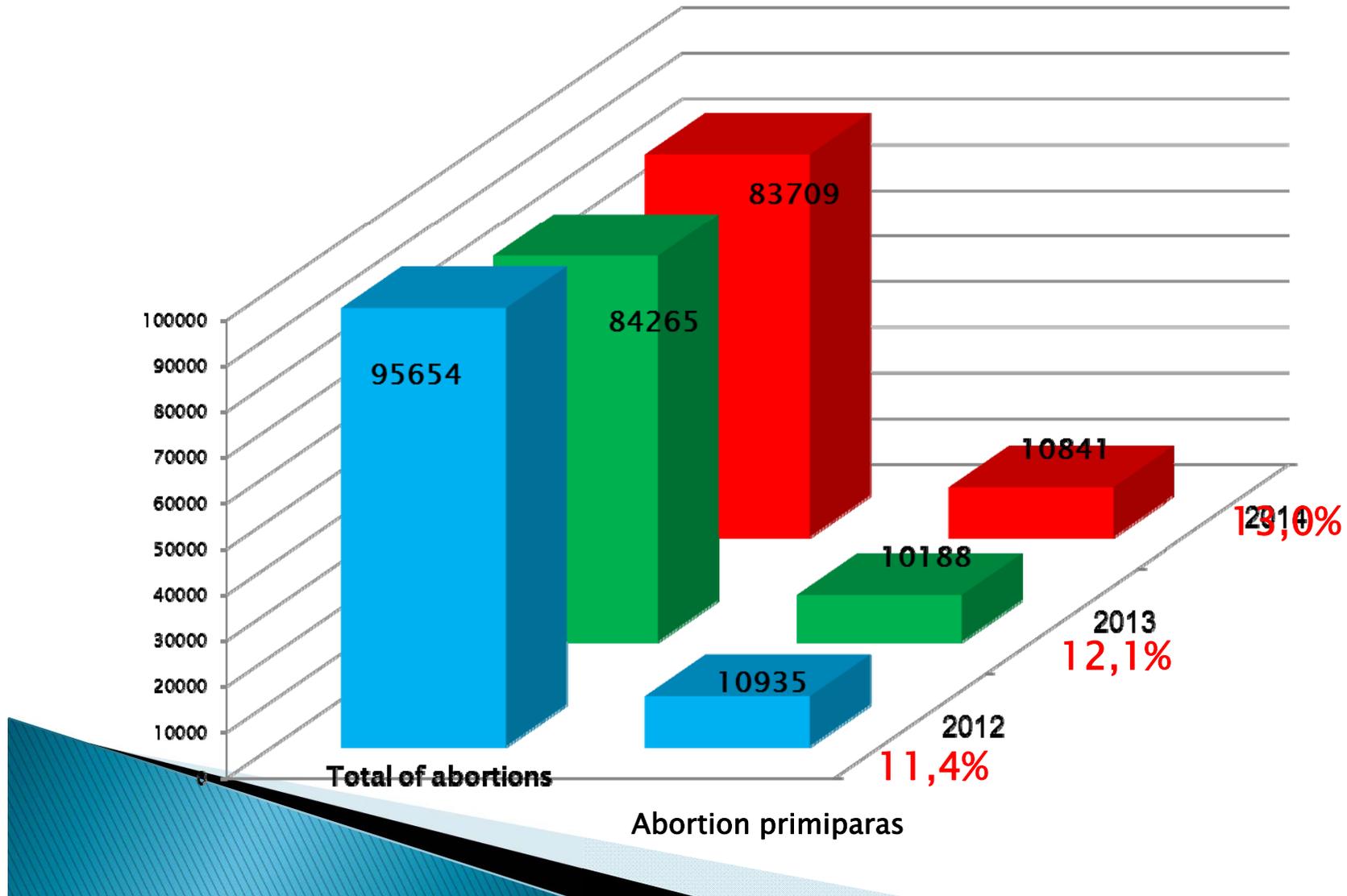
# Abortion up to 12 weeks



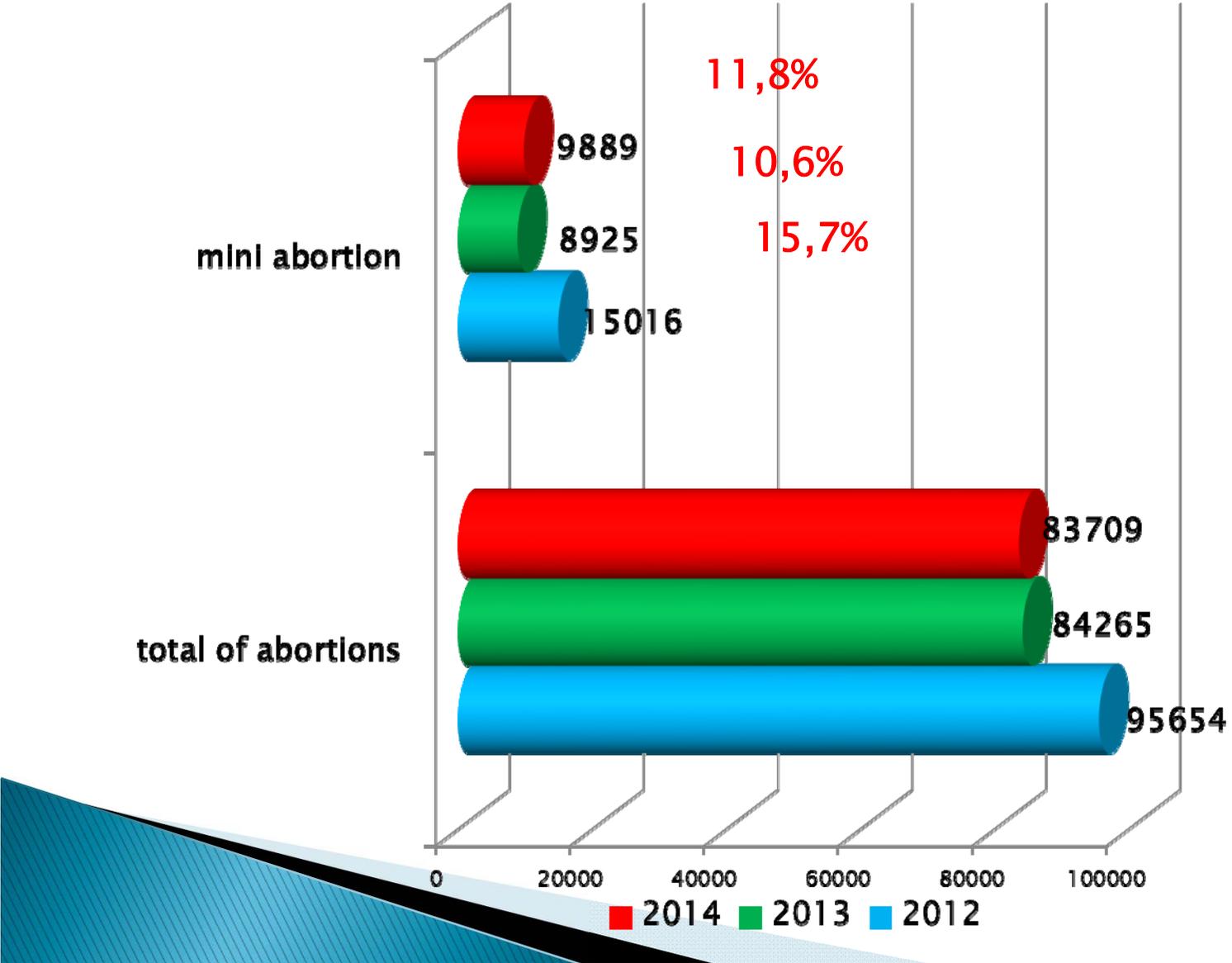
# Abortion for social reasons



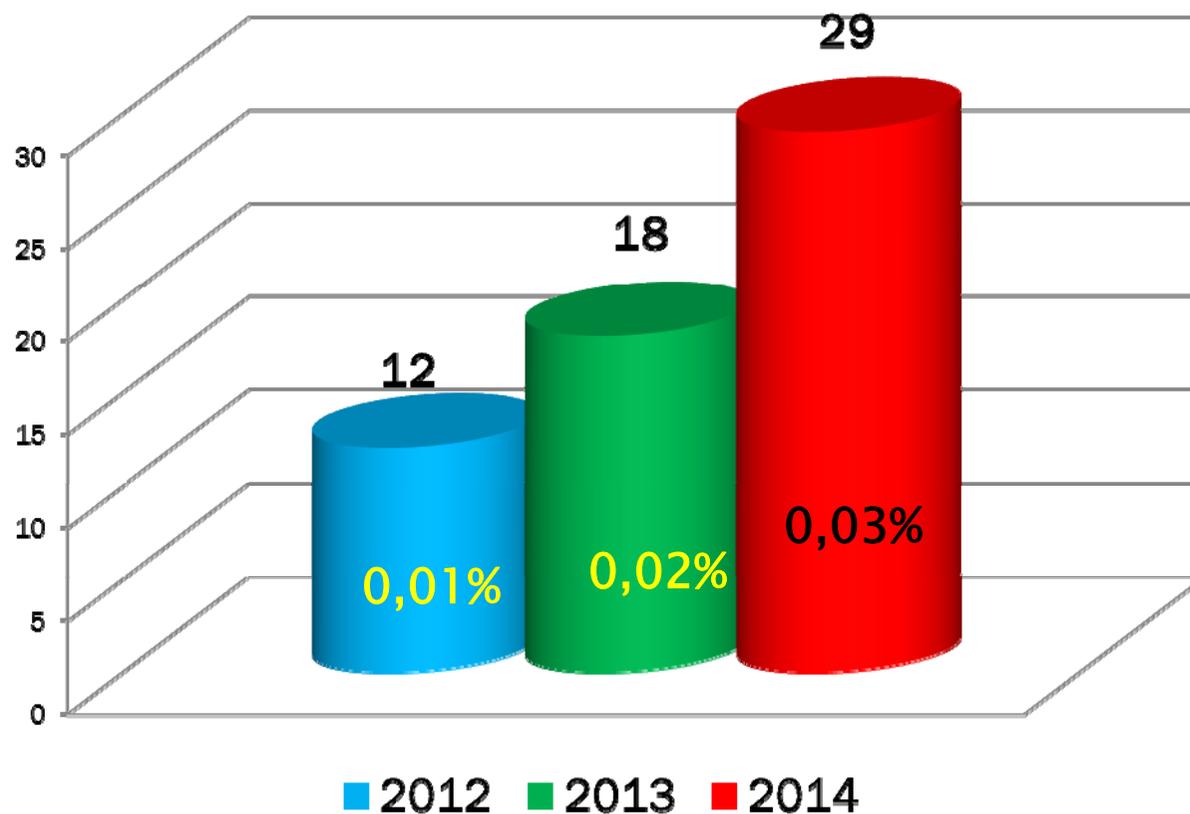
# Abortion primiparas



# Mini abortion (up to 49 days gestation)



# Criminal abortion



There were 300 cases in 2000 while in 2014 – 29 cases

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# Problems:

- Slow implementation of safe abortion technologies;
- Vacuum aspiration (often by metal cannulies, more rarely by plastic);
- Surgical curettage is the most common method of abortion (more traumatic method);
- Most clinics do not provide services for the MVA and MA;
- Abortion services are not available at all clinics



**Every pregnancy should be desired!  
Every abortion should be safe!**



**Thank you for attention!**