

Republic of Kazakhstan: The current situation on abortion

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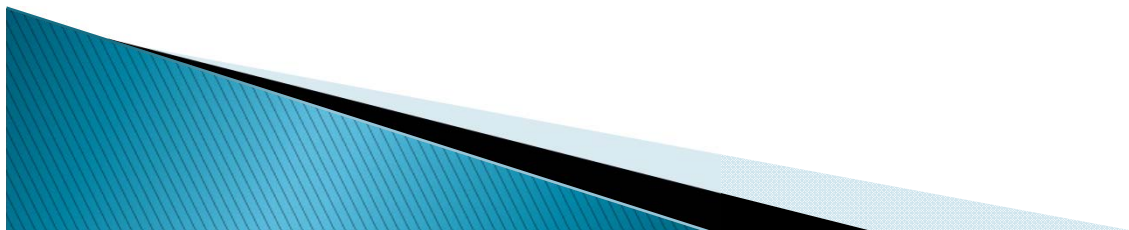
Republic of Kazakhstan



- Territory - 2,7 square kilometres
- Population - 17 713 million people (2016)

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



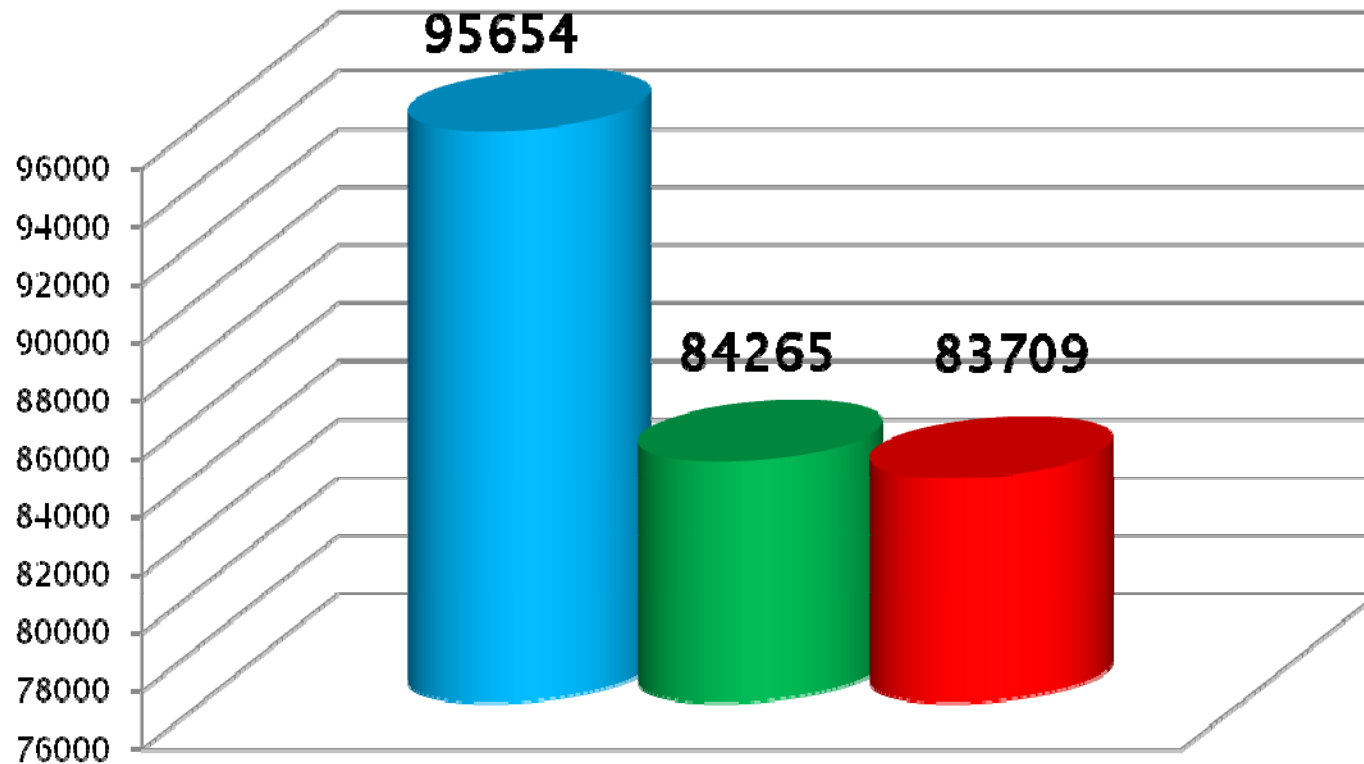
Access to Abortion Services

- ❑ 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)



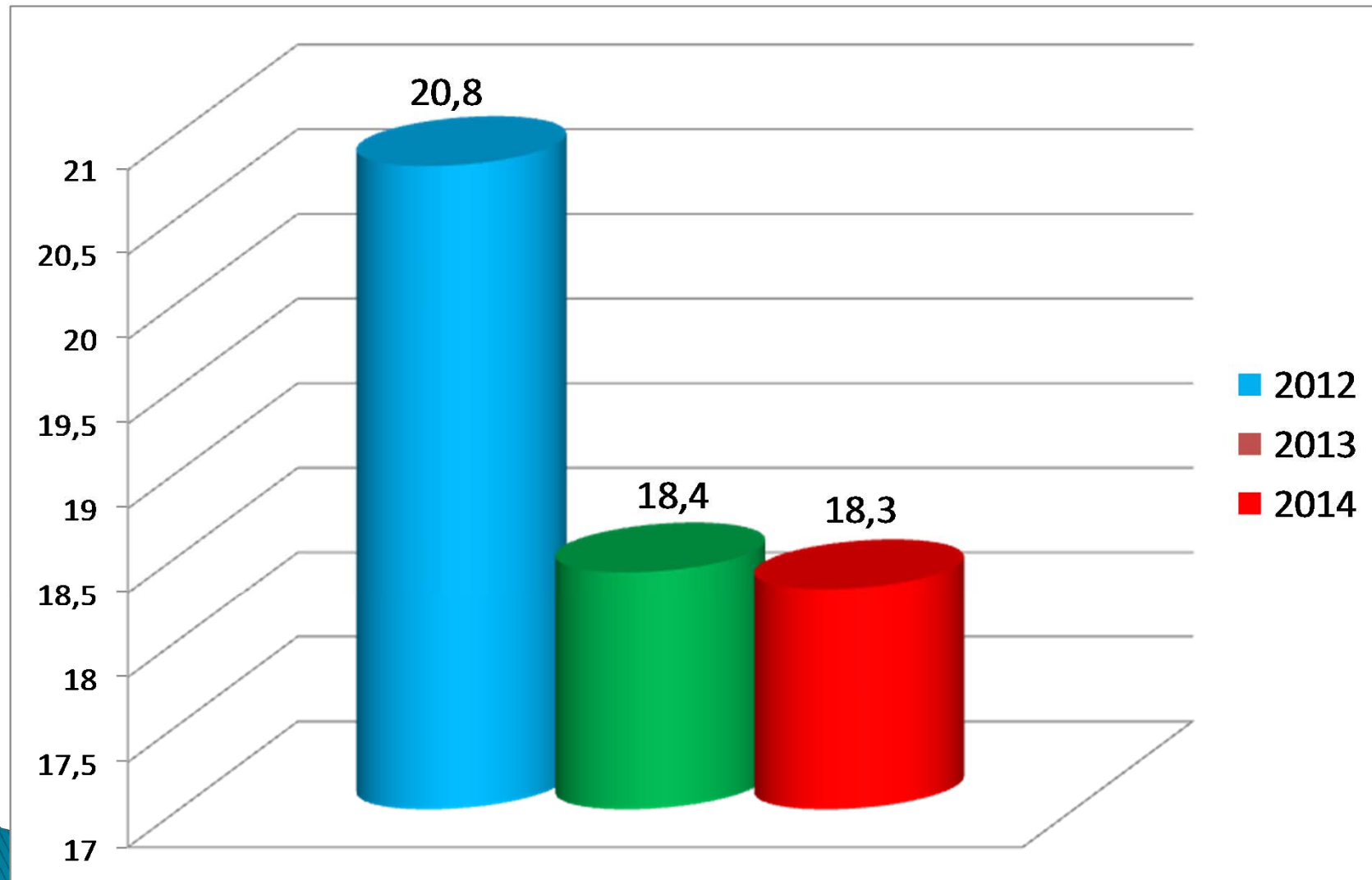
Total of abortions (including mini abortions)

Absolute numbers

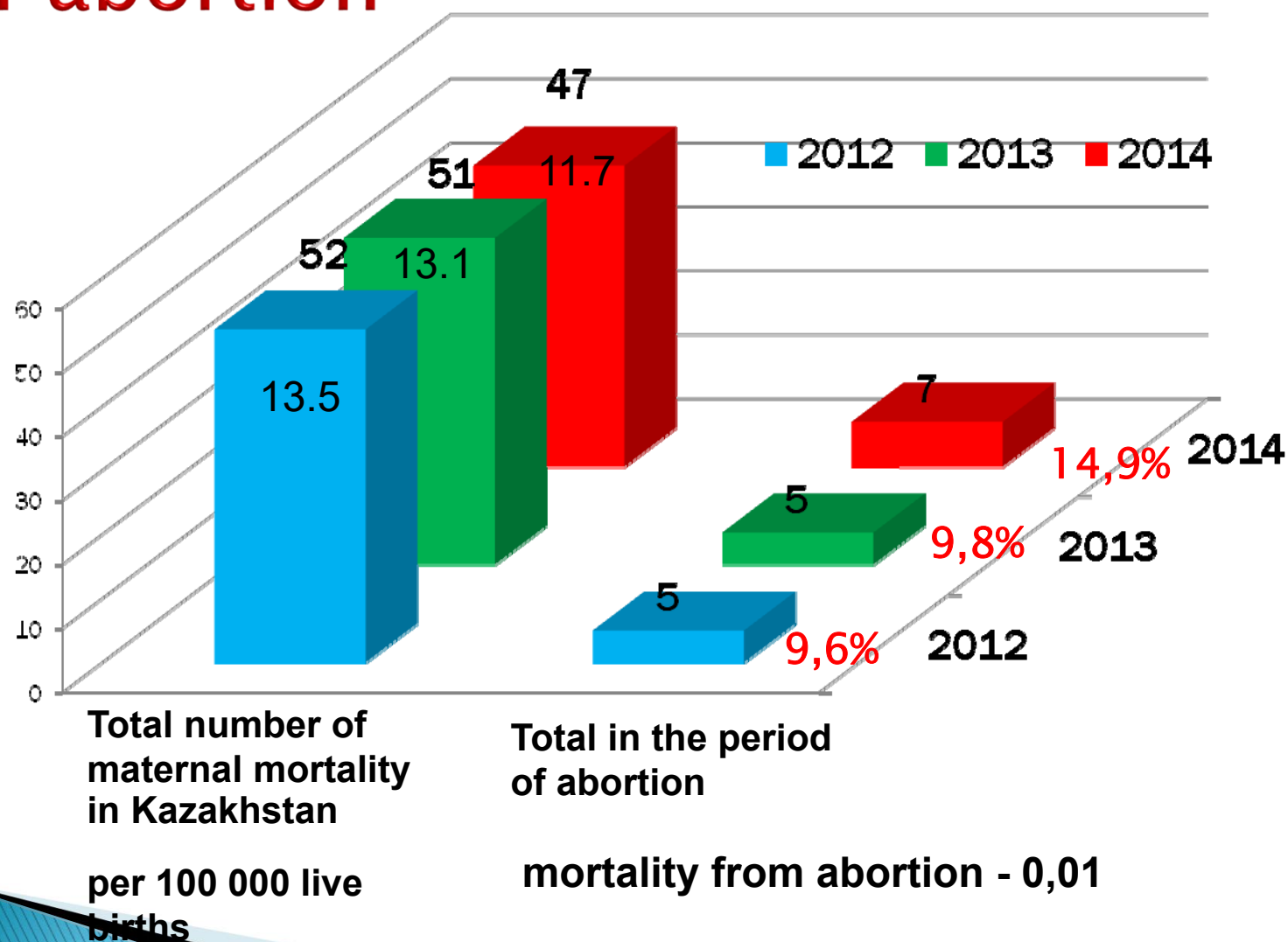


In Kazakhstan for the last 3 years the number of abortions have tended to decrease, but continues to be relatively high

Abortions per 1000 women of reproductive age

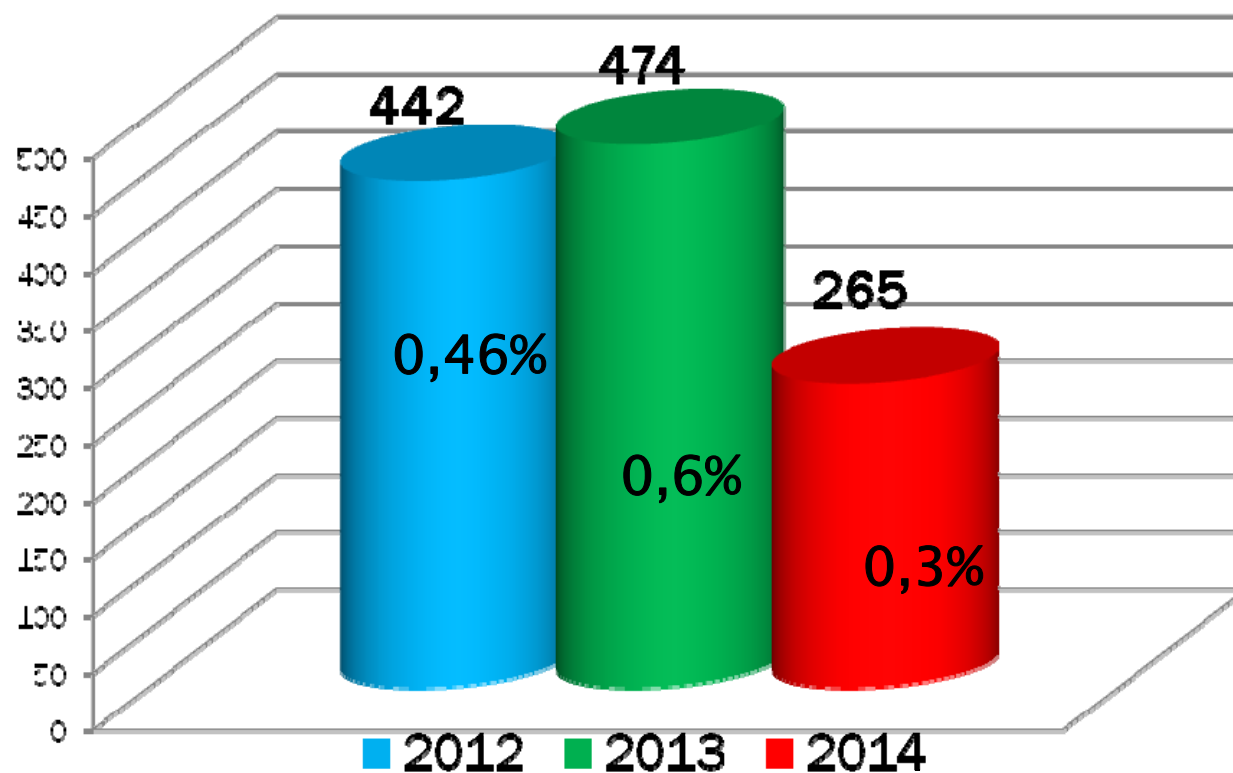


Number of women died in the period of abortion



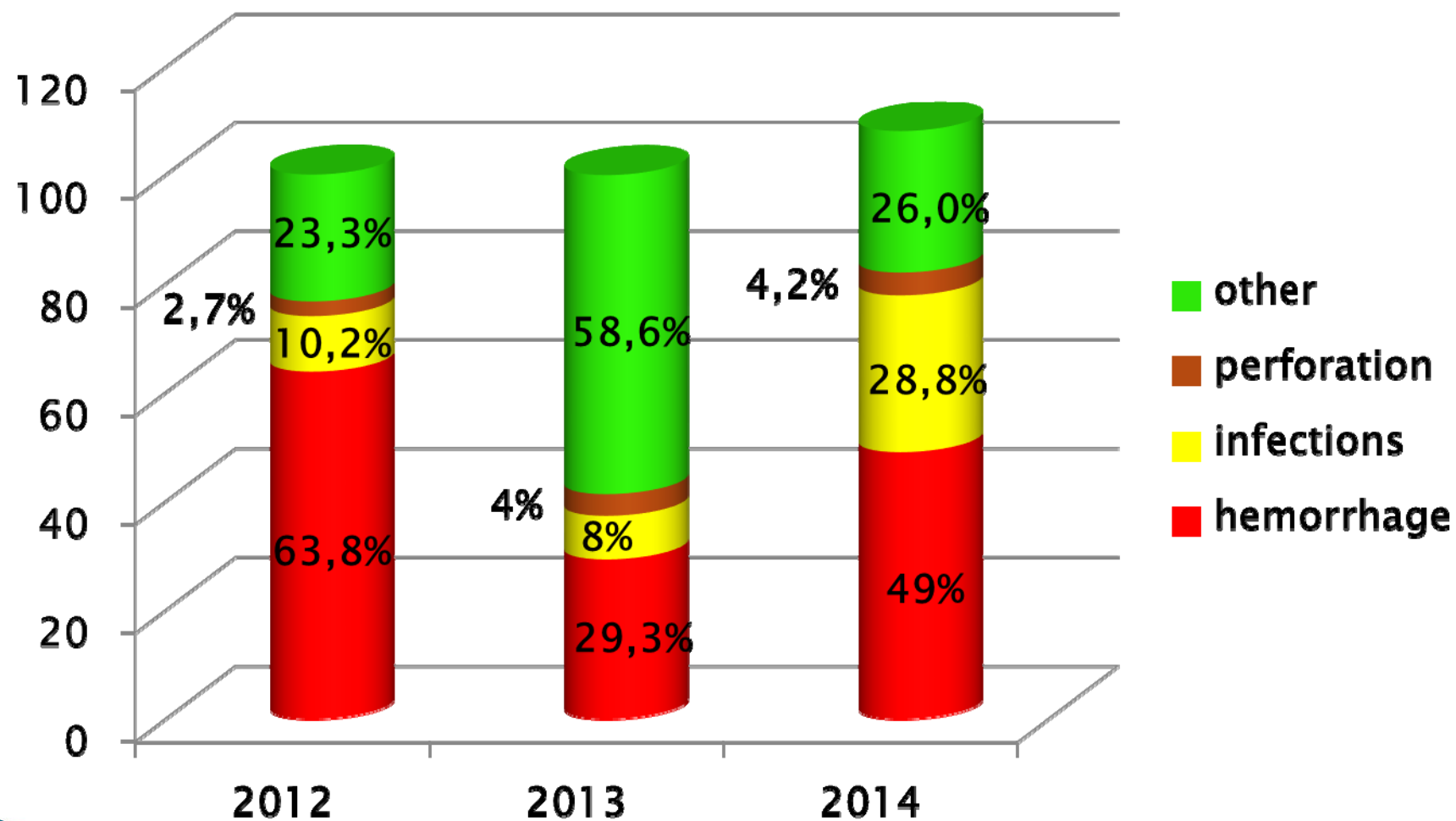
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Abortion-related complications (absolute numbers)

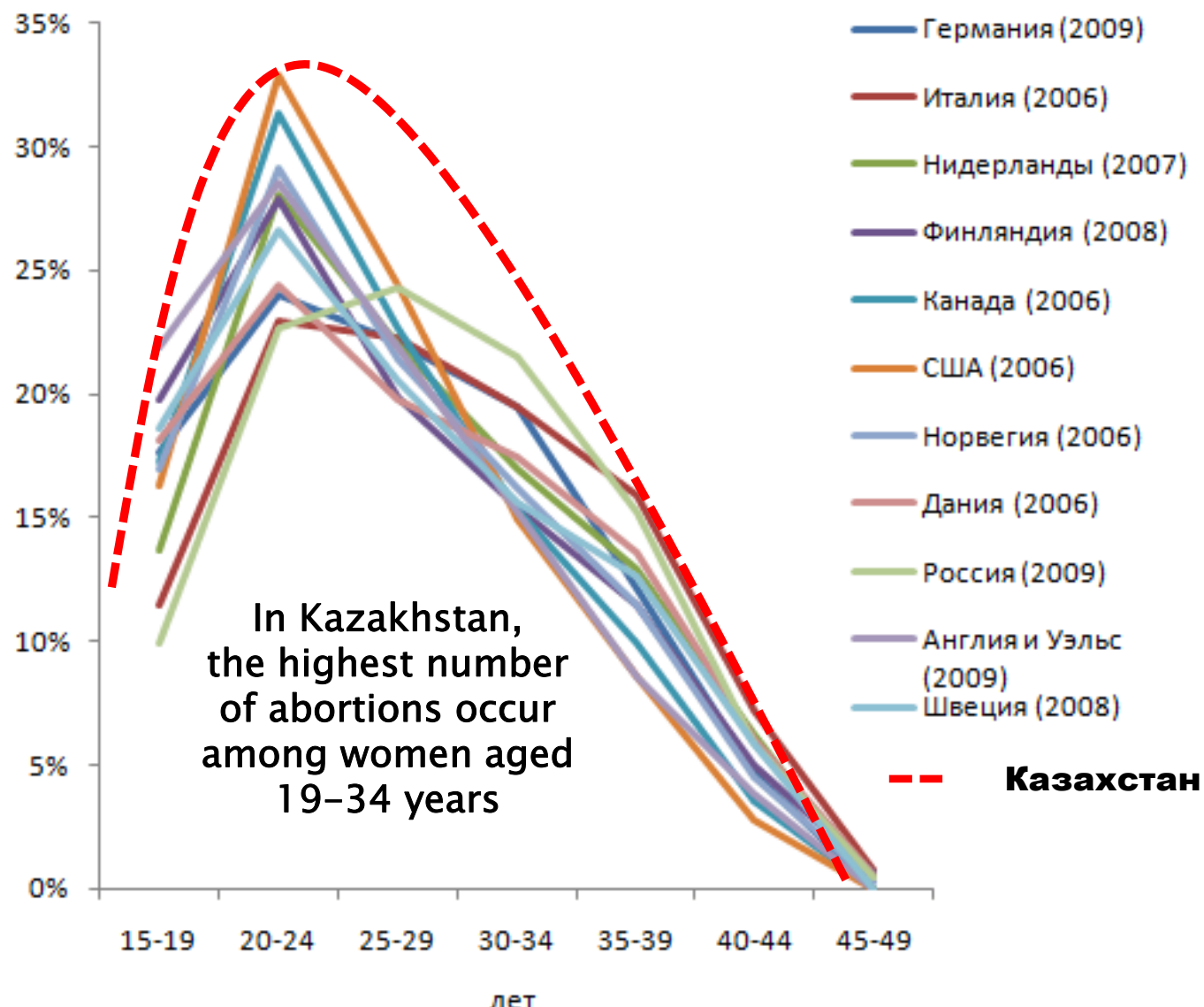


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Structure of complications after abortion



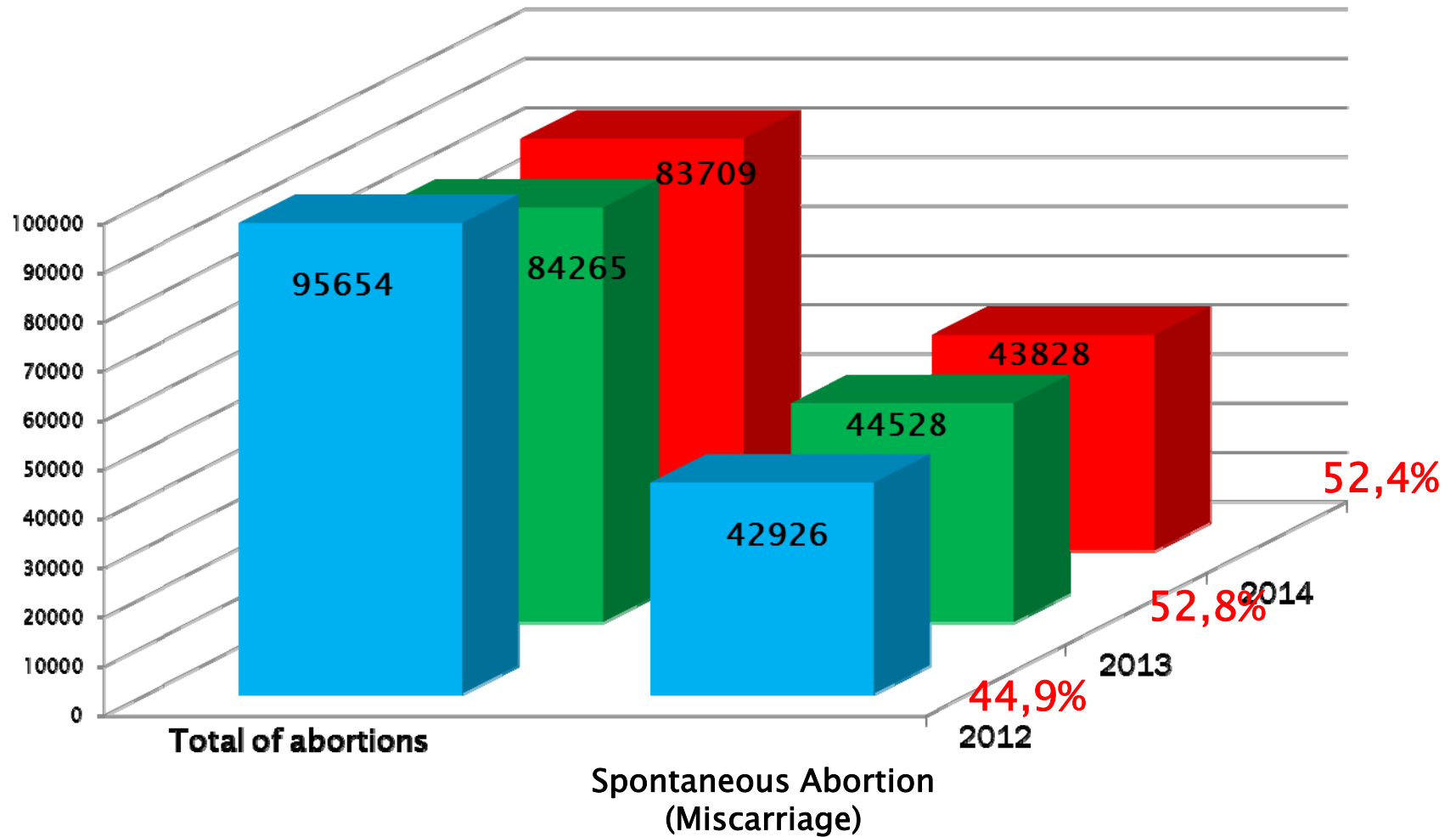
Age distribution of abortion, %



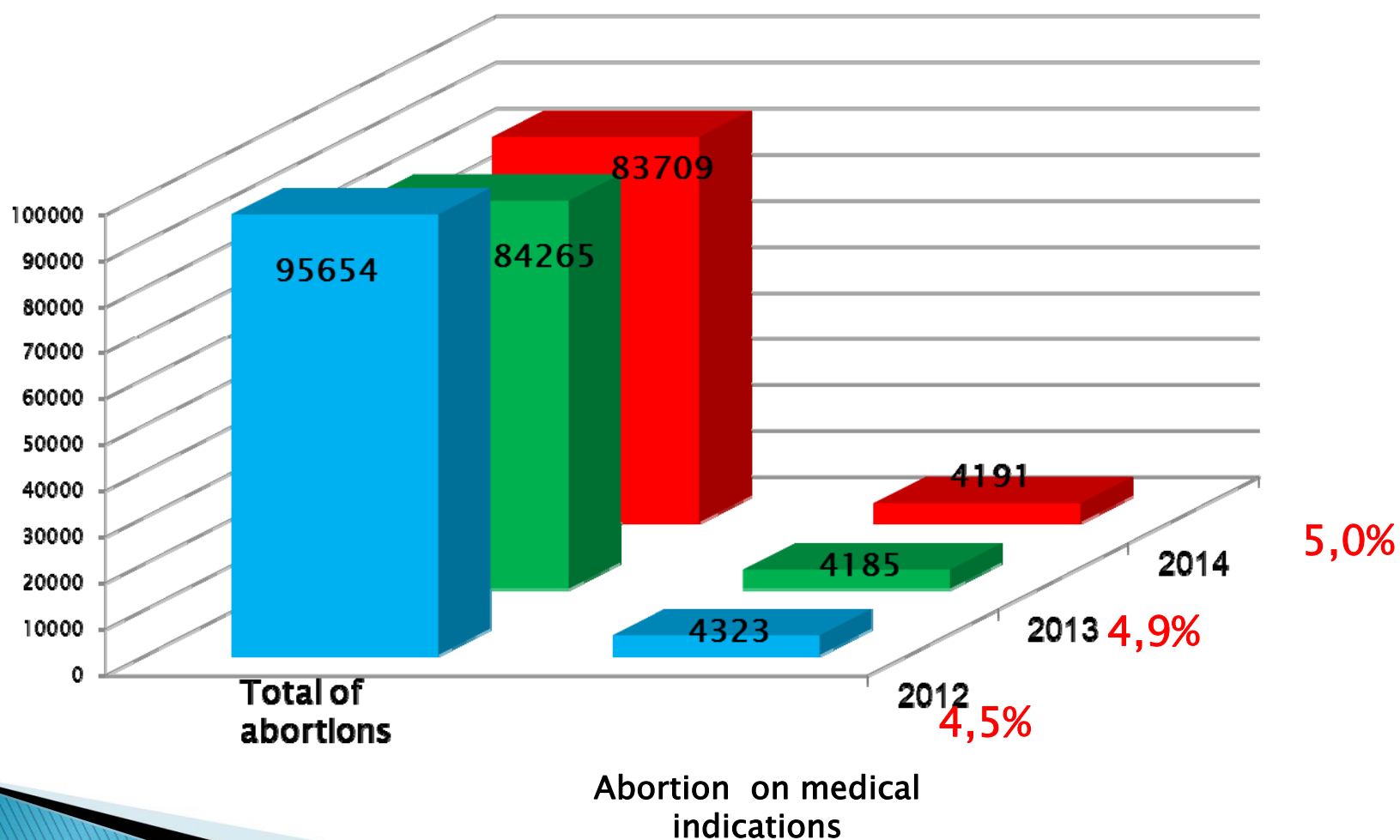
- ▶ When asked why abortion was done, 58 % of women responded:
 - They are not supported by men;
 - There are no money to provide the children;
 - Women feel socially insecure, they often do not have housing, work and any allowances
 - "My boyfriend says that it is too early to think about the children,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



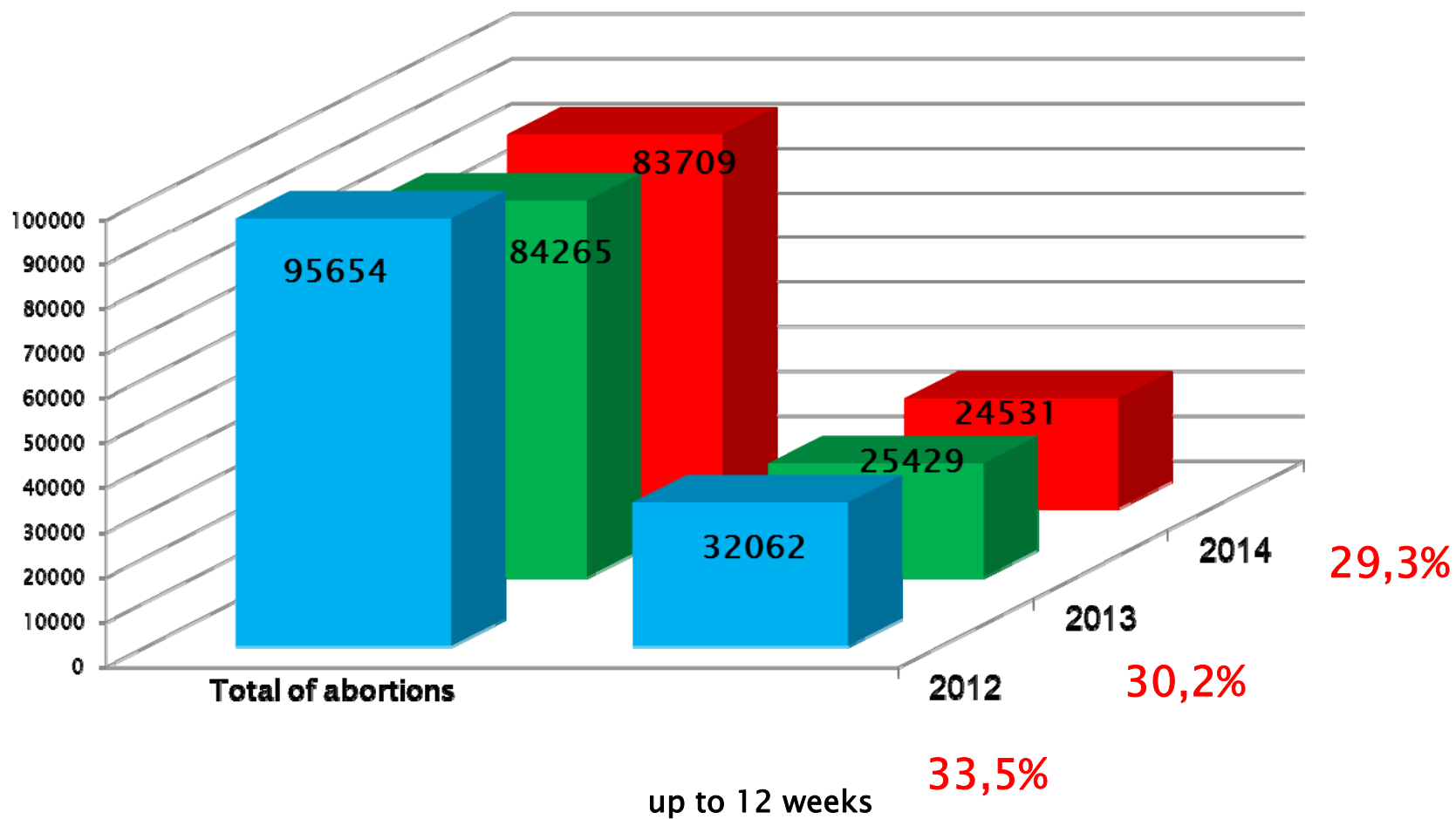
Spontaneous Abortion (Miscarriage)



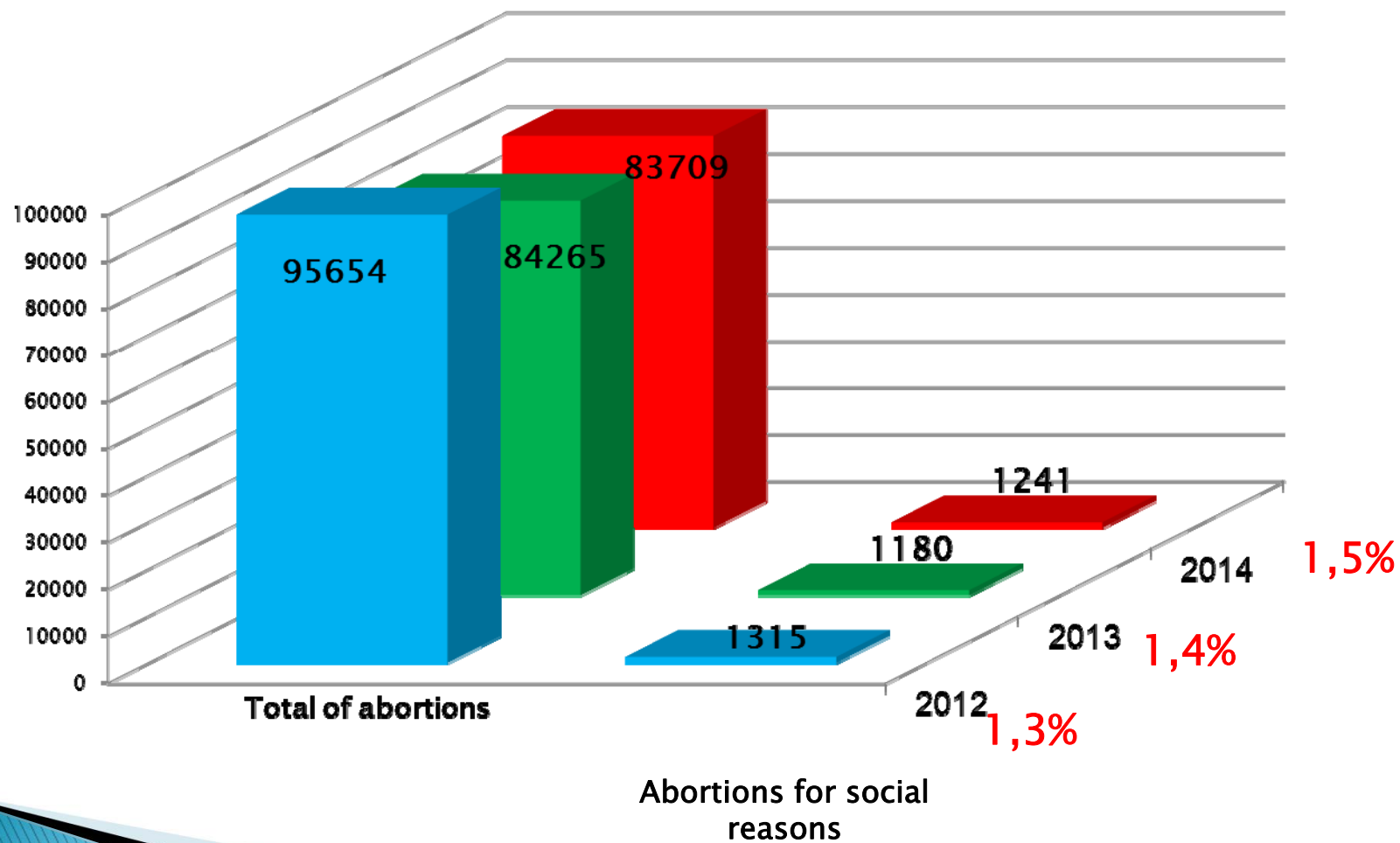
Abortion on medical indications



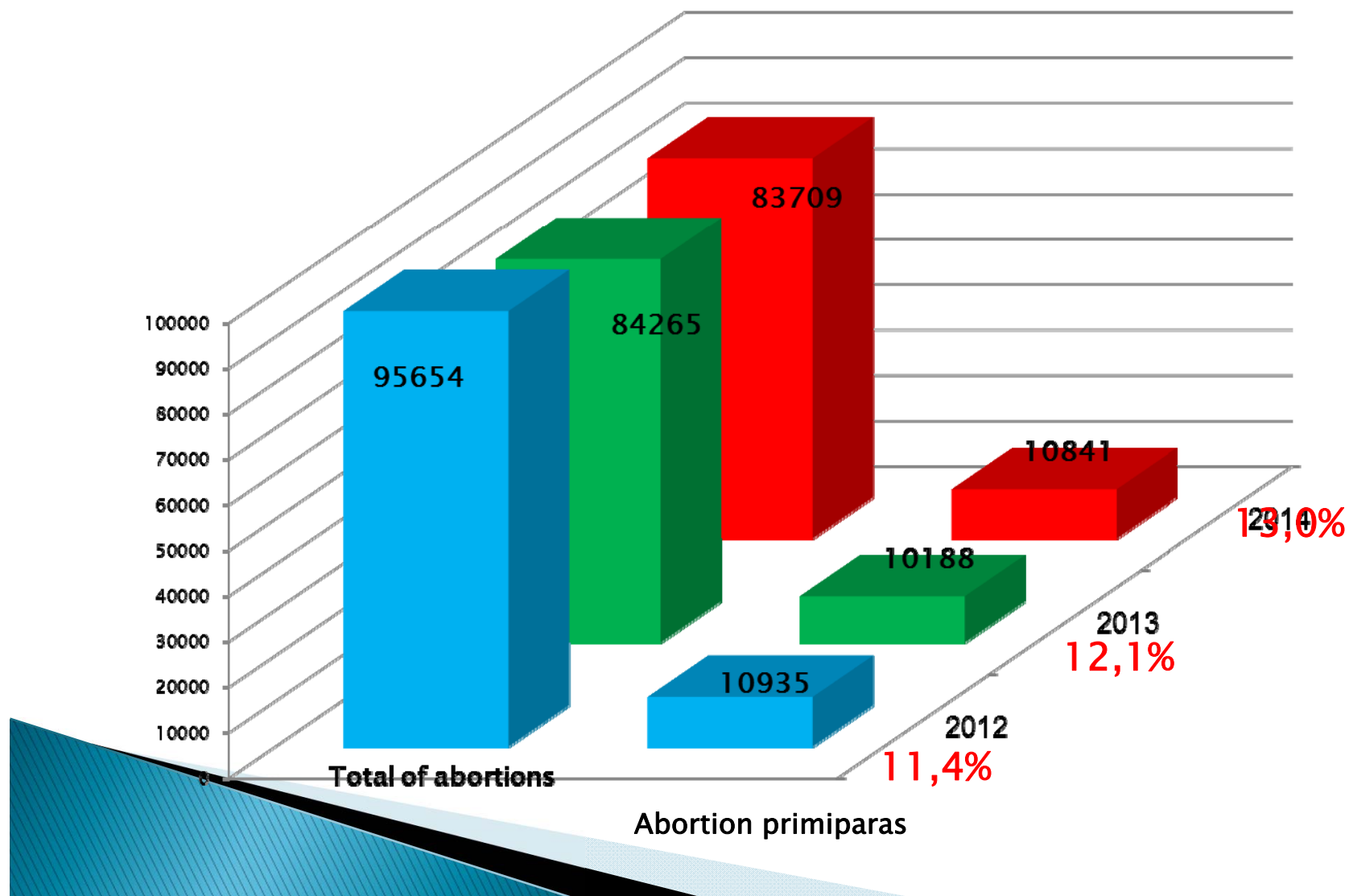
Abortion up to 12 weeks



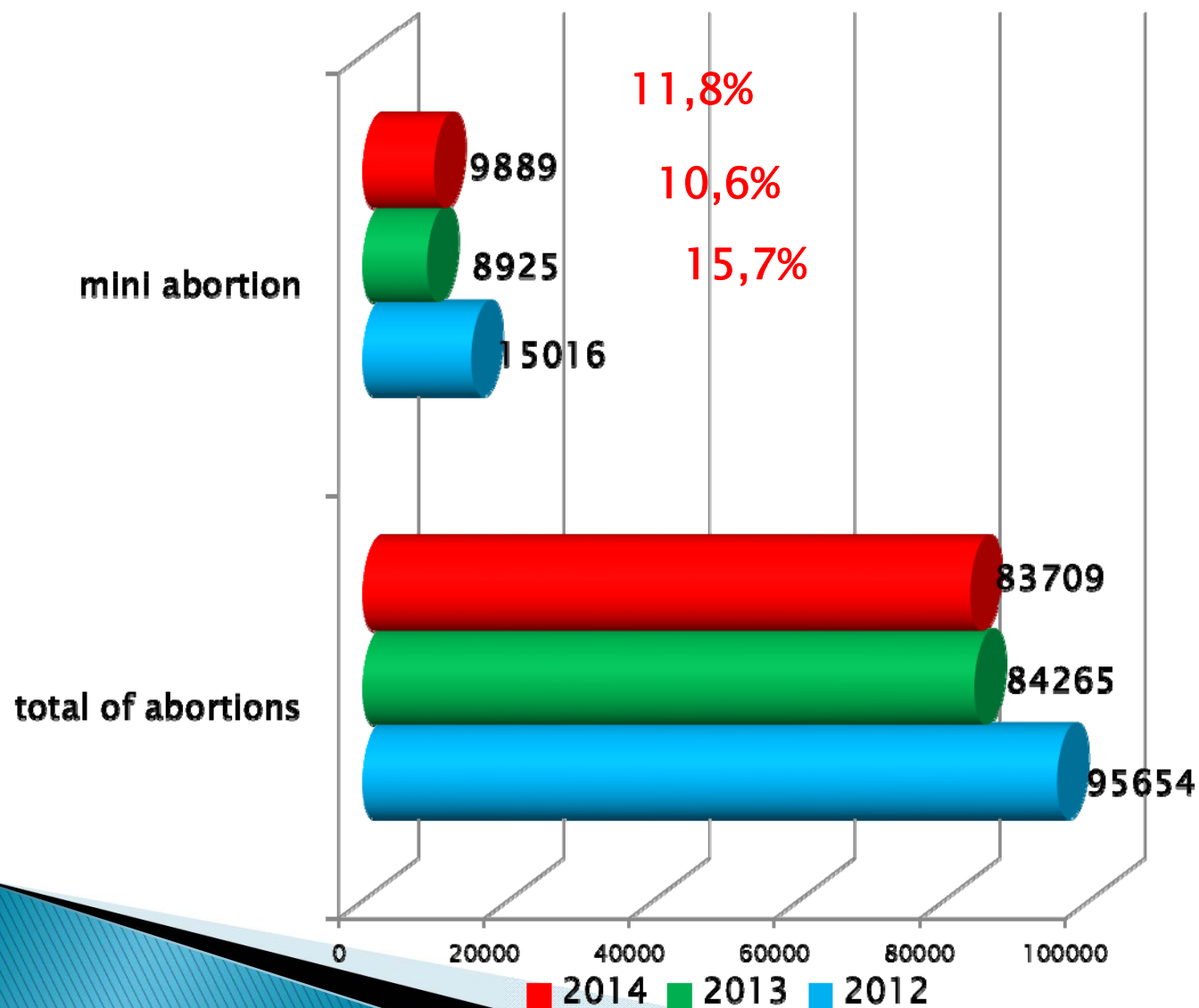
Abortion for social reasons



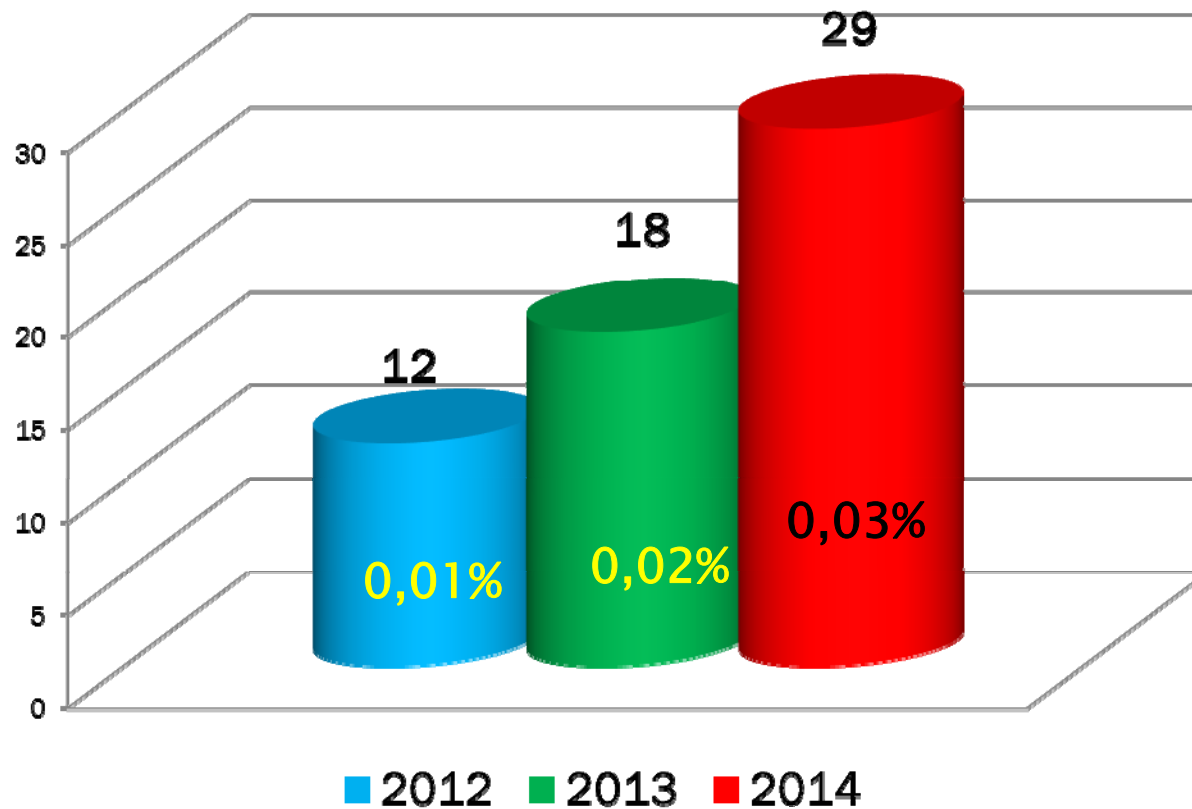
Abortion primiparas



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!