

Domestic Violence and Infant Mortality

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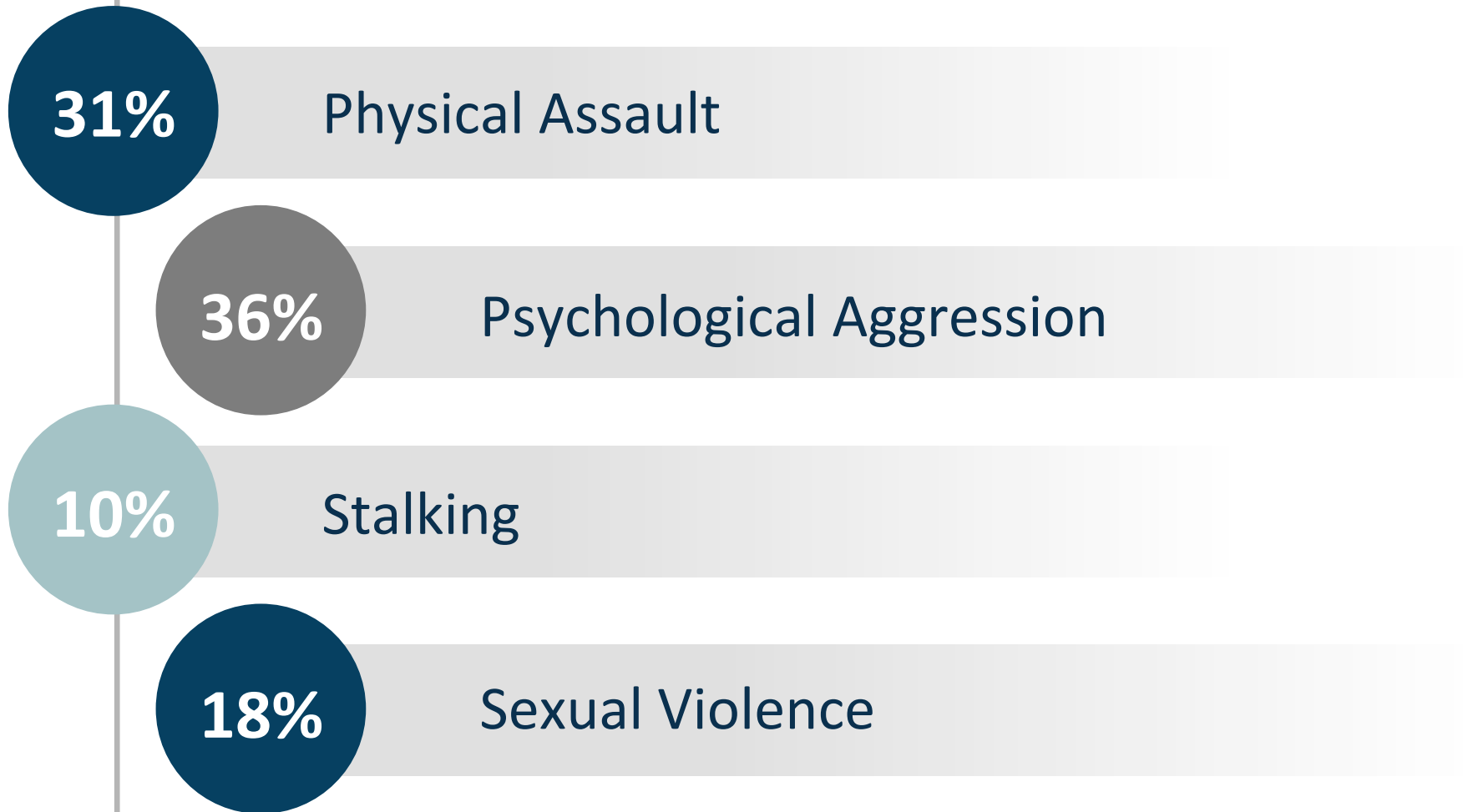


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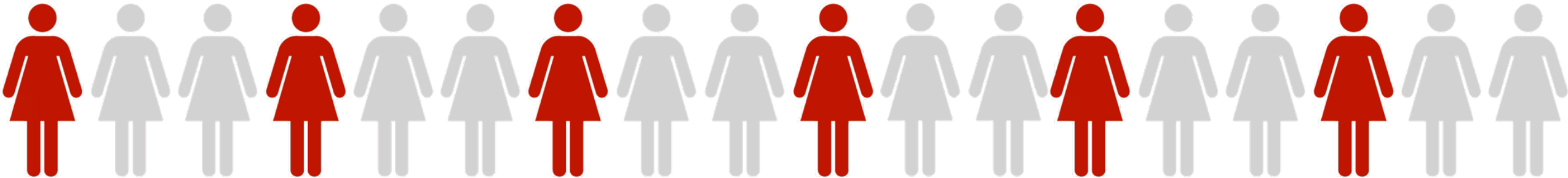
Domestic Violence by a Current or Former Partner



43.6 MILLION

Women in the US Experience

Domestic Violence









1.55 MILLION

Women in Ohio experience

Domestic Violence

\$160 BILLION

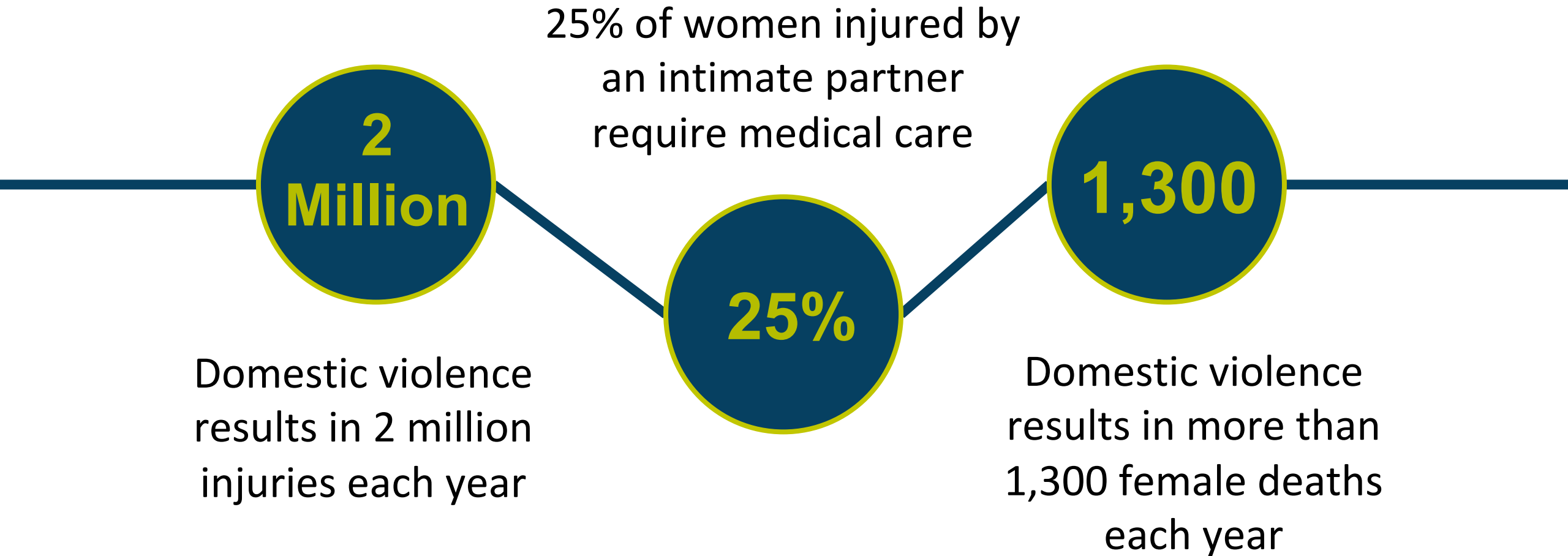
Lifetime Costs of Domestic Violence in Ohio

	\$94.7 Billion	in	Medical Costs
	\$58.4 Billion	in	Productivity Losses
	\$3.2 Billion	in	Criminal Justice Activities
	\$3.2 Billion	in	Other Costs (Property Damage)

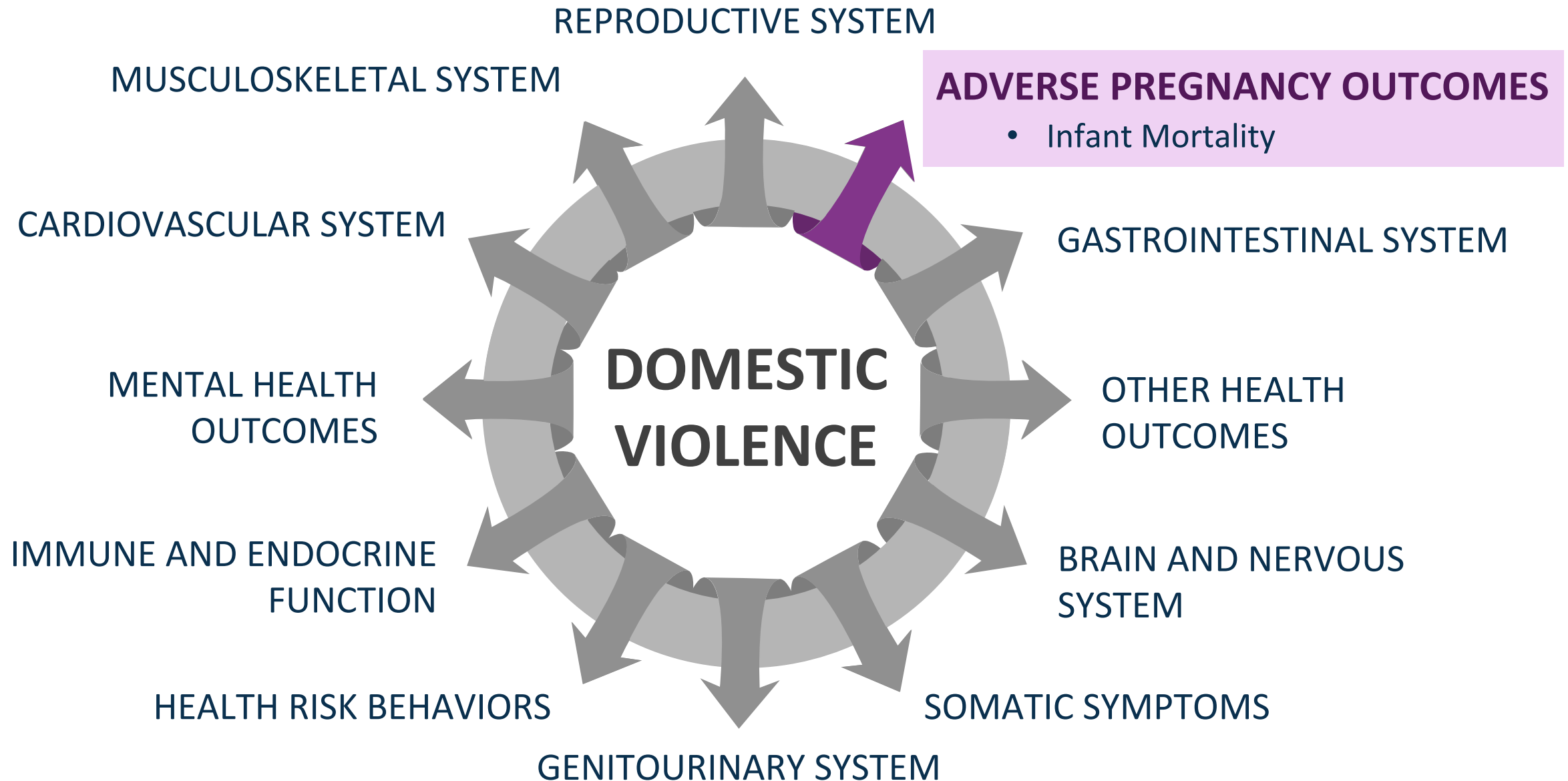
Government Sources pay **37%** of Lifetime Costs

\$59 BILLION

Significant Health Consequences Linked to Domestic Violence



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

is most prevalent among

Women of Reproductive Age

Prevalence Rates of Domestic Violence Reported among Pregnant Women

11–28%

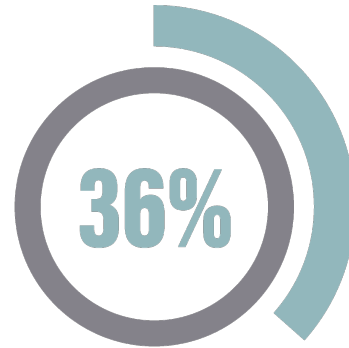
of pregnant women reported experiencing
PHYSICAL ASSAULT
by an intimate partner during pregnancy



An estimated
53,000
pregnant women in Ohio

36%

of pregnant women reported experiencing
**PSYCHOLOGICAL or
VERBAL ABUSE**
by an intimate partner during pregnancy



An estimated
68,000
pregnant women in Ohio

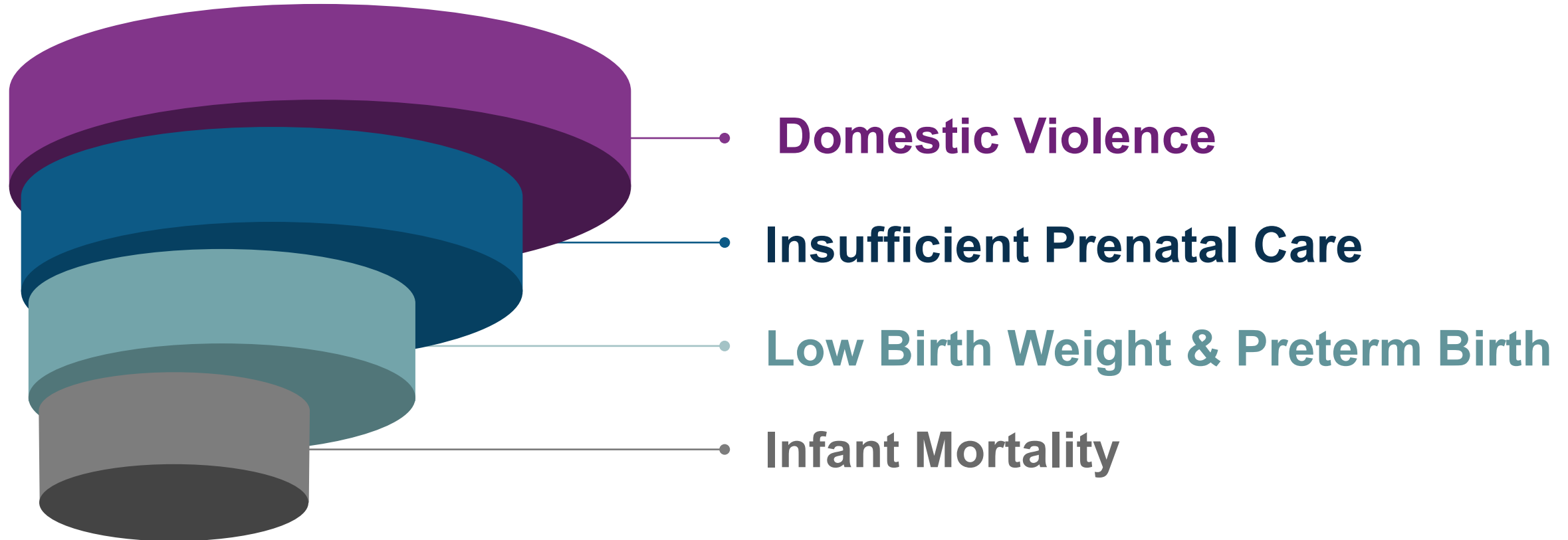
20%

of pregnant women reported experiencing
SEXUAL VIOLENCE
by an intimate partner during pregnancy



An estimated
38,000
pregnant women in Ohio

Domestic Violence Linked to Infant Mortality



Domestic Violence Linked to Infant Mortality

Increased Risk

Domestic violence during pregnancy is significantly associated with an **increased risk of perinatal death**

8x Increased Risk

Women hospitalized during pregnancy after sustaining a domestic violence assault are at **8 times higher risk of fetal death**

6x Increased Risk

Women hospitalized during pregnancy after sustaining a domestic violence assault are at **6 times higher risk of neonatal death**

Increased Death Rate

Experiencing physical abuse during pregnancy is associated with an **increased neonatal death rate of 1.5% versus 0.2%**

Domestic Violence Linked to Low Birth Weight & Preterm Birth

Low birth weight and preterm birth are among the leading causes of infant mortality.

Increased Risk

Domestic violence during pregnancy is significantly associated with an **increased risk of delivering a neonate classified as low birth weight**

3x Increased Risk

Women who deliver an infant during an assault hospitalization are at **over 3 times higher risk to deliver a low birth weight neonate** as compared with unassaulted women

2x Increased Risk

Women discharged after an assault, delivering at a subsequent hospitalization are at **1.8 times increased risk of abruption** and **1.8 time increased risk of hemorrhage** compared with unassaulted women

1.4x Increased Risk

Women experiencing domestic violence during pregnancy are at a **1.4 times increased risk for preterm birth**



A stylized orange silhouette of a pregnant woman, shown from the side, with her hand resting on her belly. The silhouette is positioned on the left side of the image, partially overlapping the title.

Domestic Violence Linked to Insufficient Prenatal Care

Insufficient prenatal care is related to **low birth weight** and **preterm birth**, which are among the **leading causes of infant mortality**.

Women experiencing domestic violence during pregnancy

2x
More Likely

to **miss prenatal care appointments** compared to nonabused women

1.8x
More Likely

to **delay entry into prenatal care** than nonabused women

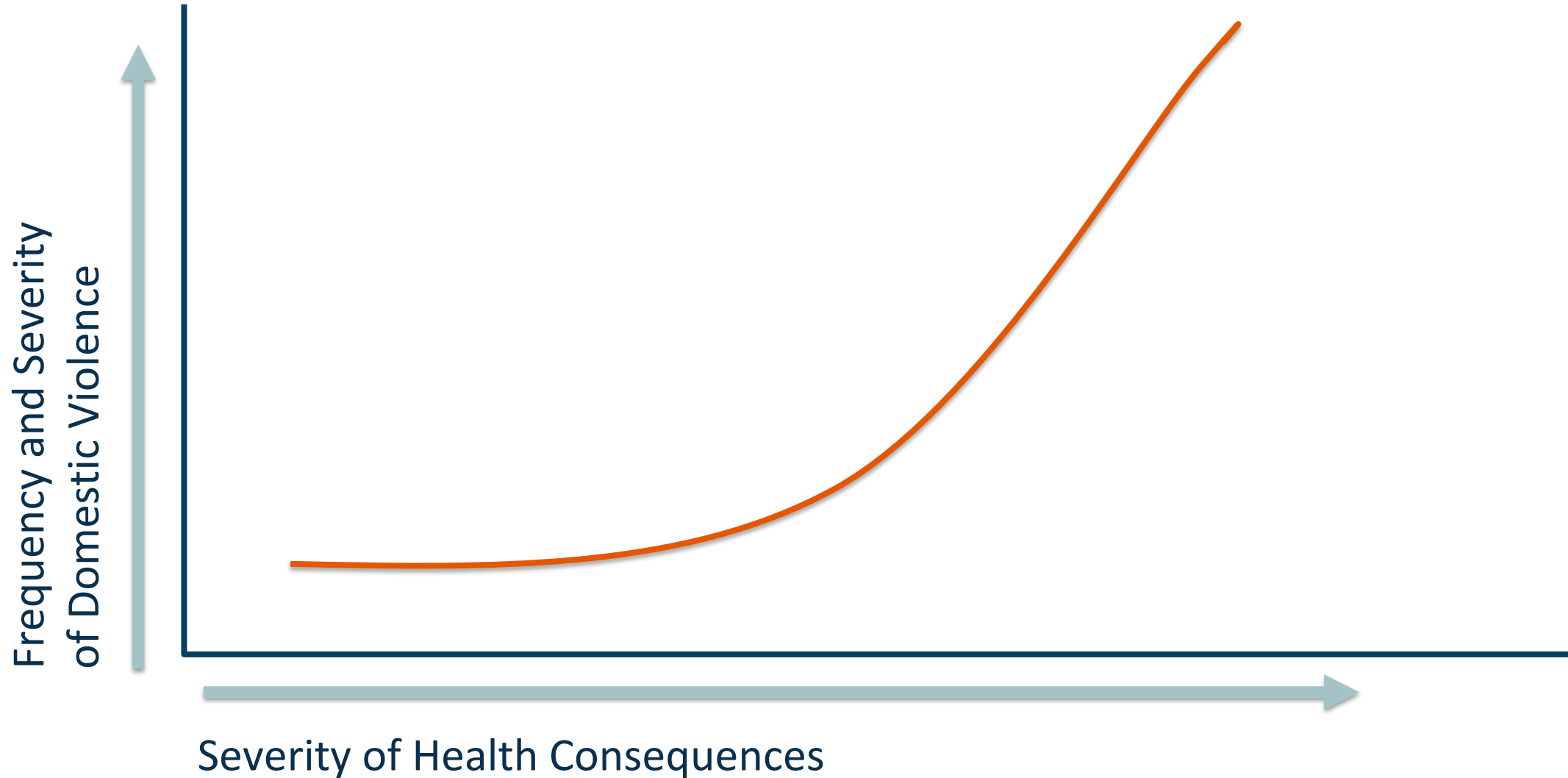
2x
More Likely

to **not initiate prenatal care until the third trimester** than nonabused women

2.6x
More Likely

to **never receive prenatal care** compared to nonabused women

Dose-Response Effect of Domestic Violence



If domestic violence were an infectious disease, we would have a domestic violence program in every neighborhood. There is a huge disconnect between the prevalence of domestic violence and the resources and programs available.



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