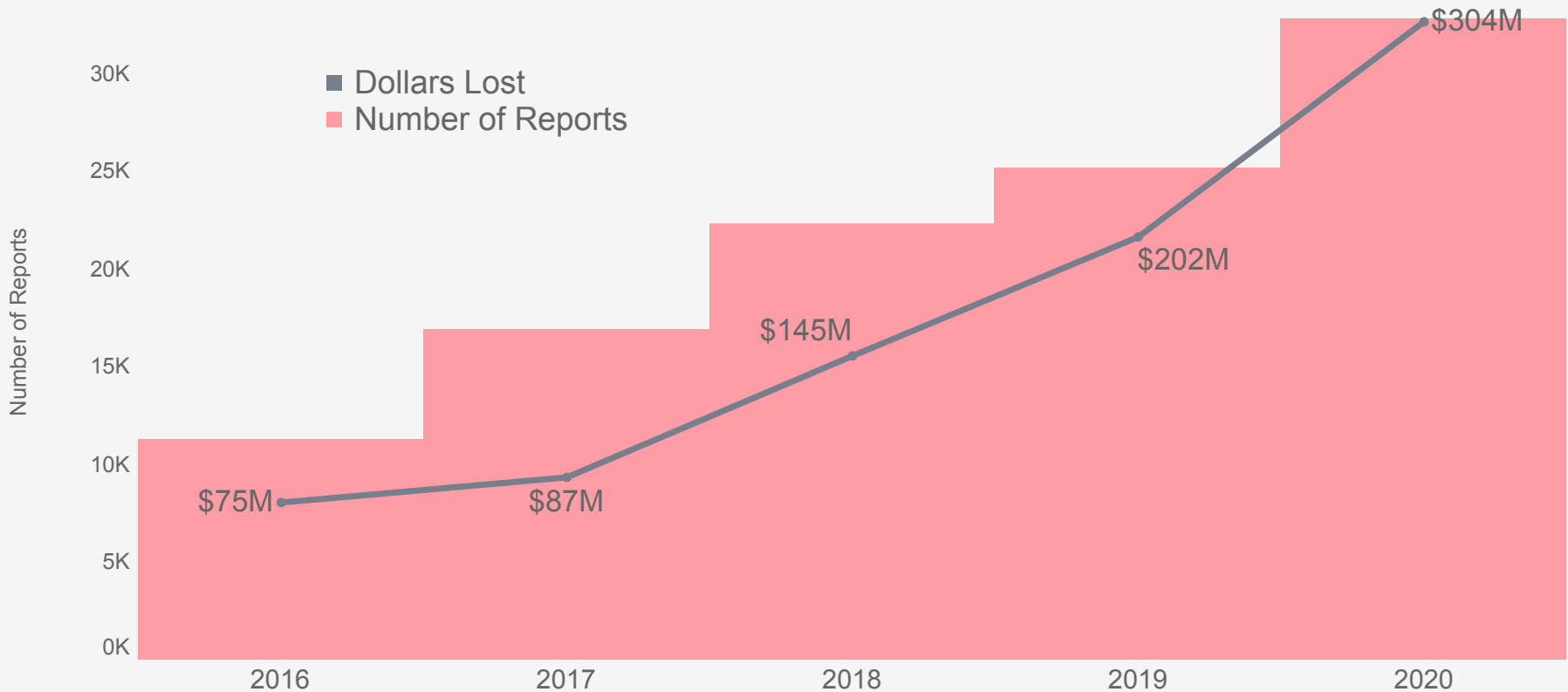


Romance Scam Reports Over Time

From 2016 to 2020, reported dollar losses increased more than fourfold, and the number of reports nearly tripled.



These figures are based on reports to the FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network that were classified as romance scams. Reports provided by the Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3) are excluded as IC3 reports submitted prior to 2020 were unavailable at the time of publication. The number of romance scam reports by year are as follows: 11,235 (2016), 16,902 (2017), 22,264 (2018), 25,113 (2019), 32,792 (2020).