

## 2015 Mississippi State Report

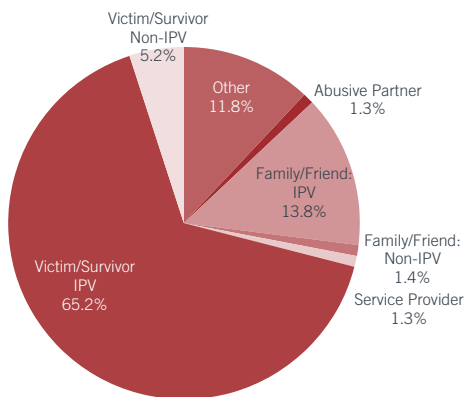
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2015

In 2015, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **1,003 contacts** from Mississippi. The state ranks 34 in terms of Hotline contact volume. The Hotline provides Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Referrals and DV Education for these contacts.

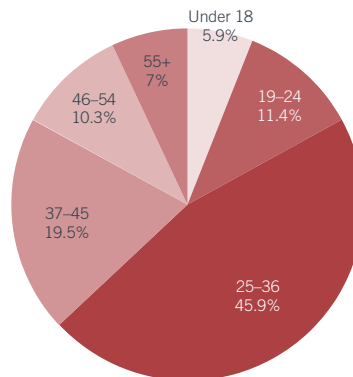
*\*Contacts documented refers to the calls and online chats where a location was self-disclosed by the caller or chatter.*

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| Phone        | 929          |
| Chat         | 74           |
| TTY          | 0            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,003</b> |

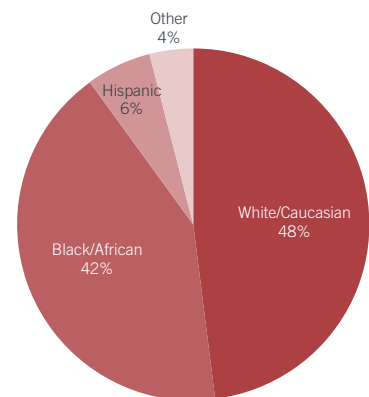
### Who is calling The Hotline?



Caller Type



Victim Age



Caller Ethnicity

#### Caller Type Definitions:

Victim/Survivor: IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) – a victim or survivor of abuse from his/her partner or spouse  
 Friend/Family: IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) – a friend or family member of a victim/survivor of IPV or abusive partner  
 Victim/Survivor: Non-IPV – a victim or survivor of abuse by anyone else: parent, sibling, caretaker, etc.  
 Friend/Family: Non-IPV – a friend or family member of a victim of any other type of abuse, such as child or elder abuse  
 Service Provider – a caller from any agency, including other domestic violence agencies, which provides social services  
 Abusive Partner – a caller who identifies as abusive or who an Advocate believes to be an abusive partner  
 Other – any caller about whom an Advocate is able to gather info, but who does not fit into an above category; this might include callers like law enforcement or medical professionals

#### Top 10 Cities in Contact Volume

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| 1. Jackson     | 15%        |
| 2. Hattiesburg | 5%         |
| 3. Biloxi      | 5%         |
| 4. Gulfport    | 4%         |
| 5. Meridian    | 3%         |
| 6. Tupelo      | 3%         |
| 7. Greenville  | 3%         |
| 8. Southaven   | 2%         |
| 9. Oxford      | 2%         |
| 10. Pearl      | 2%         |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>43%</b> |

## What are victims experiencing?

**95%**

### Emotional/Verbal Abuse

*degradation, threats, insults, humiliation, isolation, etc.*

**75%**

### Physical Abuse

*hitting, biting, choking, etc.*

**15%**

### Economic/Financial Abuse

*control finances, ruin credit, etc.*

**6%**

### Sexual Abuse

*rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.*

**3%**

### Digital Abuse

*steal passwords, constant texts, etc.*



Referrals to Service Providers

**928**

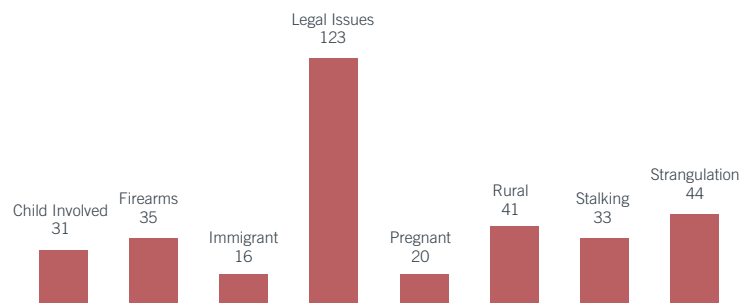
Offers to Direct Connect

**385**

Referrals to Other Resources

**229**

## Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



### Those disclosing legal issues:

|                           |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| Protective Orders         | 142 | 41% |
| Other                     | 150 | 43% |
| Custody/Visitation        | 69  | 20% |
| Divorce                   | 61  | 18% |
| Citizenship/Documentation | 10  | 3%  |
| Interstate Custody        | 12  | 3%  |

### Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

|                                    |     |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Domestic Violence Shelter          | 216 | 31% |
| Legal Advocacy                     | 165 | 23% |
| Individual Professional Counseling | 162 | 23% |
| DV Support Groups                  | 134 | 19% |
| DV Nonresidential Services         | 111 | 16% |
| Legal Representation               | 60  | 9%  |

### Most-Referred Resources

Womenslaw.org  
 211 - United Way  
 Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
 Aunt Bertha  
 Homeless Shelter Directory



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