

2015 South Carolina State Report

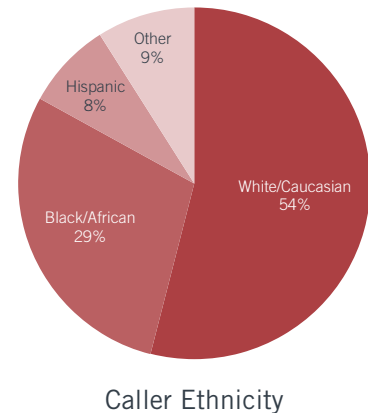
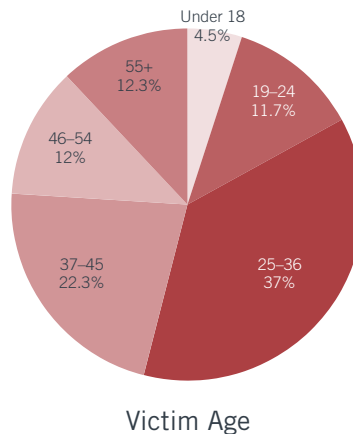
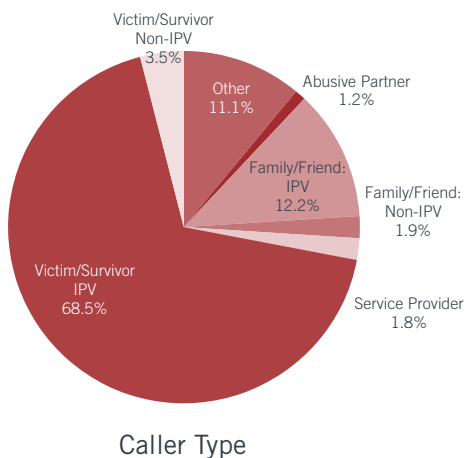
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2015

In 2015, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **1,718 contacts** from South Carolina. The state ranks 25 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.*

Phone	1,571
Chat	143
TTY	2
Total	1,718

Who is calling The Hotline?



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. Columbia	14%
2. Charleston	9%
3. Greenville	9%
4. Myrtle Beach	8%
5. Spartanburg	4%
6. Summerville	3%
7. Anderson	2%
8. Florence	2%
9. Aiken	2%
10. Sumter	2%
Total:	55%

What are victims experiencing?

95%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

69%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

18%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

7%

Sexual Abuse

rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.

3%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.



Referrals to Service Providers

1,565

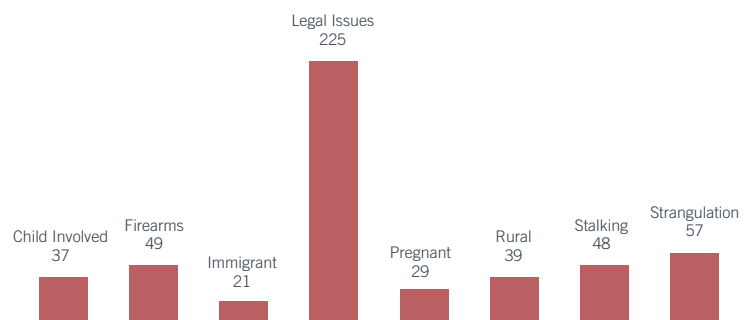
Offers to Direct Connect

677

Referrals to Other Resources

403

Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



Those disclosing legal issues:

Protective Orders	185	32%
Other	252	44%
Custody/Visitation	111	19%
Divorce	101	17%
Citizenship/Documentation	22	4%
Interstate Custody	23	4%

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

Domestic Violence Shelter	331	29%
Legal Advocacy	259	22%
Individual Professional Counseling	267	23%
DV Support Groups	205	18%
DV Nonresidential Services	193	17%
Legal Representation	138	12%

Most-Referred Resources

Womenslaw.org
 211 - United Way
 South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 GoodTherapy.org
 Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women



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