

2015 Alabama State Report

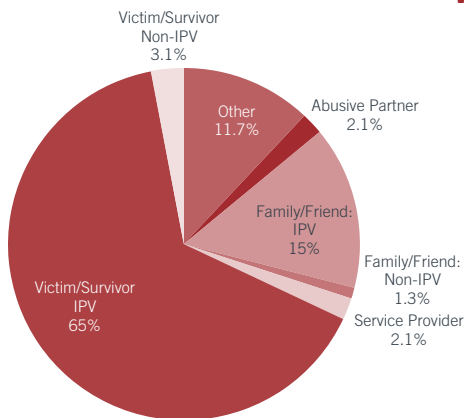
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2015

In 2015, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **1,499 contacts** from Alabama. The state ranks 27 in terms of Hotline contact volume. The Hotline provides Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Referrals and DV Education for these contacts.

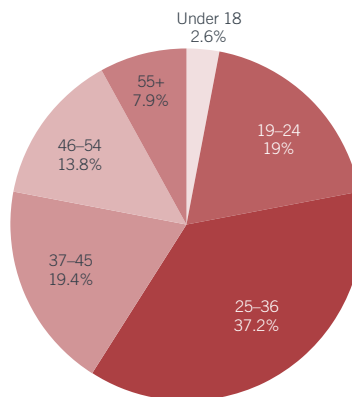
**Contacts documented refers to the calls and online chats where a location was self-disclosed by the caller or chatter.*

Phone	1,386
Chat	113
TTY	0
Total	1,499

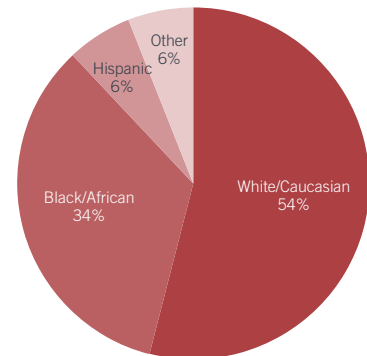
Who is calling The Hotline?



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. Birmingham	21%
2. Montgomery	8%
3. Huntsville	8%
4. Mobile	7%
5. Tuscaloosa	4%
6. Dothan	2%
7. Madison	2%
8. Pelham	2%
9. Florence	2%
10. Phenix City	2%
Total:	57%

What are victims experiencing?

93%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

71%

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

1,415

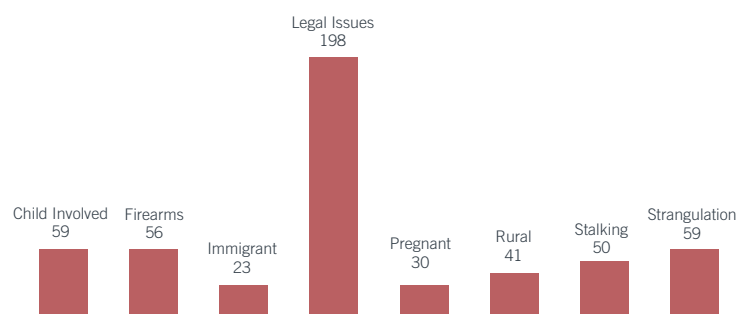
Offers to Direct Connect

544

Referrals to Other Resources

258

Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



Those disclosing legal issues:

Protective Orders	176	32%
Other	253	46%
Custody/Visitation	134	24%
Divorce	98	18%
Citizenship/Documentation	16	3%
Interstate Custody	18	3%

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

Domestic Violence Shelter	258	25%
Legal Advocacy	228	22%
Individual Professional Counseling	231	22%
DV Support Groups	171	17%
DV Nonresidential Services	148	14%
Legal Representation	95	9%

Most-Referred Resources

Womenslaw.org
 211 - United Way
 Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 Alabama Statewide Hotline
 Custody Prep for Moms



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