

The National Domestic Violence HOTLINE

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Delaware State Report

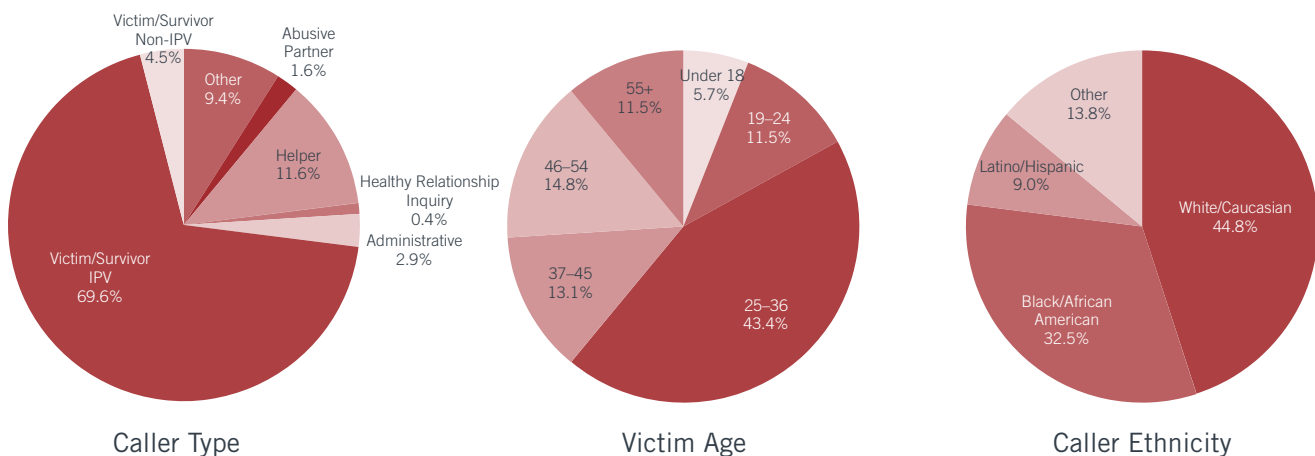
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2016

In 2016, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **448 contacts** from Delaware. The state ranks 44th in terms of contact volume to The Hotline. 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	380
Chat	68
TTY	0
Total	448

Who is contacting The Hotline from Delaware?



Caller Type Definitions:

Victim/Survivor: IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) – a victim or survivor of abuse from his/her partner or spouse
 Victim/Survivor: Non-IPV – a victim or survivor of abuse by anyone else: parent, sibling, caregiver, etc.
 Helper – a caller reaching out to help another including: family/friend, service provider, law enforcement, medical/health, religious leader/program or teacher
 Healthy Relationship Inquiry – anyone with questions about healthy relationships, where no abuse is present
 Administrative – someone seeking basic information, rather than advocacy
 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 includes off target callers, non-DV calls, hang-ups, prank calls and feedback

Top 10 Cities in Contact Volume

1. Wilmington	29%
2. Dover	14%
3. Newark	12%
4. Bear	7%
5. New Castle	6%
6. Middletown	3%
7. Georgetown	3%
8. Laurel	3%
9. Seaford	2%
10. Lewes	2%
Total:	81%

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What are victims experiencing?

95%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

71%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

25%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

6%

Sexual Abuse

rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.

7%

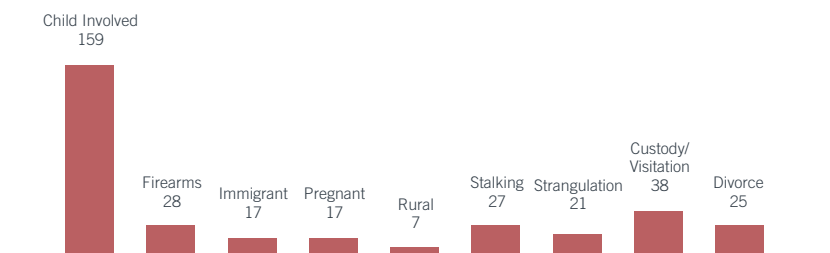
Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.



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Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



What do victims need?

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

DV Shelter	124	37%
Legal Advocacy	95	29%
Individual Professional Counseling	68	20%
DV Support Groups	31	9%
Legal Representation	26	8%
Protective/Restraining Order	34	10%



Referrals to Service Providers

572

Offers to Direct Connect

189

Referrals to Other Resources

136

Most-REFERRED Resources

Womenslaw.org

211 - United Way

Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

LawHelp.org

Scarleteen

This report reflects only data that was self-disclosed by the contact and does not necessarily represent every contact from the state.