

# The National Domestic Violence HOTLINE

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## Rhode Island State Report

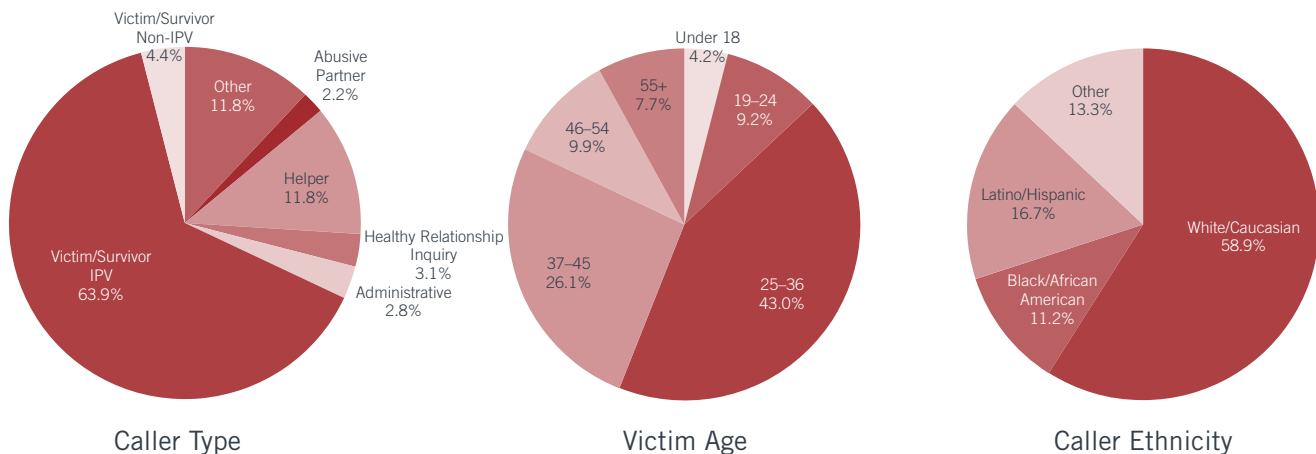
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2016

In 2016, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented\* **457 contacts** from Rhode Island. The state ranks 42nd 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	419
Chat	38
TTY	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>457</b>

### Who is contacting The Hotline from Rhode Island?



#### 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. Providence	40%
2. Woonsocket	9%
3. Warwick	8%
4. Pawtucket	6%
5. East Providence	5%
6. Cranston	4%
7. Newport	4%
8. North Providence	2%
9. Westerly	2%
10. Bristol	1%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>80%</b>

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## What are victims experiencing?

94%

### Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

69%

### Physical Abuse

*hitting, biting, choking, etc.*

24%

### Economic/Financial Abuse

*control finances, ruin credit, etc.*

8%

### Sexual Abuse

*rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.*

8%

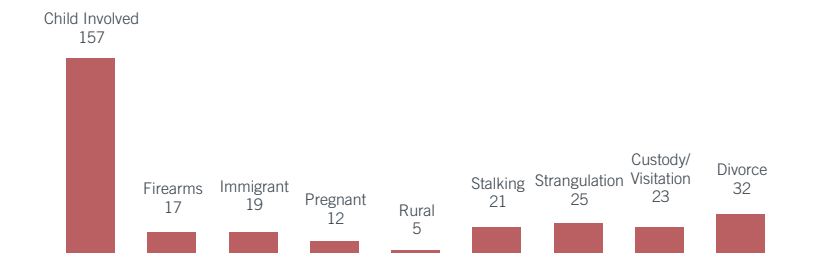
### Digital Abuse

*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	112	36%
Legal Advocacy	87	28%
Individual Professional Counseling	63	20%
DV Support Groups	30	10%
Legal Representation	29	9%
Protective/Restraining Order	25	8%



### Referrals to Service Providers

630

### Offers to Direct Connect

237

### Referrals to Other Resources

124

## Most-Referred Resources

Womenslaw.org

Rhode Island United Way

211 - United Way

Massachusetts Statewide Bed Line/Hotline

Connecticut Statewide Bed Line

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