




U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS REPORT

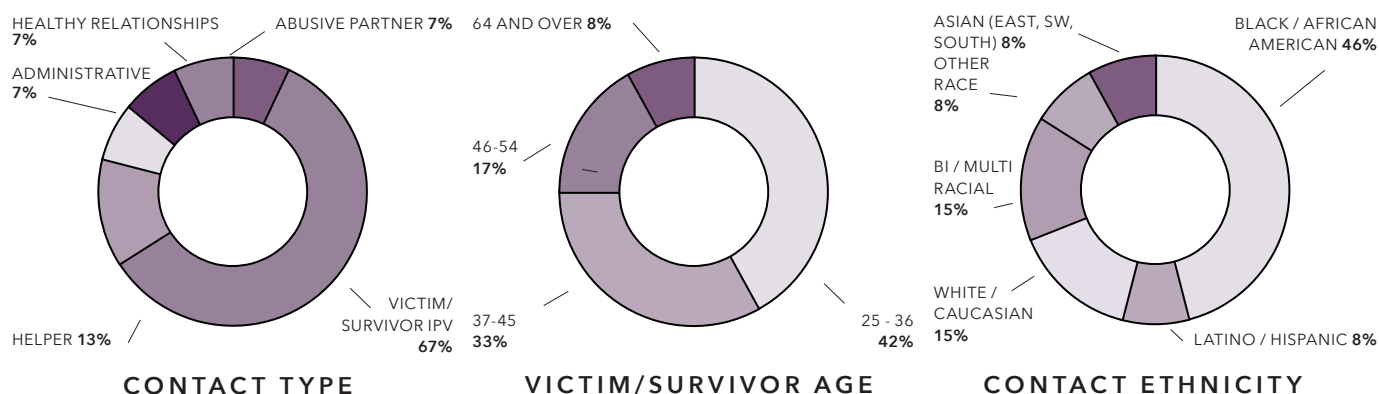
Based on The National Domestic Violence Hotline's contacts documented January–December 2019

In 2019, the National Domestic Violence Hotline and loveisrespect documented **15** contacts from U.S. Virgin Islands. The Hotline and loveisrespect provides crisis intervention, safety planning, referrals and domestic violence (DV) and intimate partner violence (IPV) education for these contacts.

	Phone	12
	Chat	3
	TTY	0
	Total	15

WHO IS CONTACTING THE HOTLINE AND LOVEISRESPECT?

Due to rounding of our data calculations, these numbers may not equal 100%



CONTACT TYPE DEFINITIONS:

Victim/Survivor Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): A contact who has experienced abuse by an intimate partner and is looking for information, resources, emotional or other support regarding the abusive relationship.

Victim/Survivor Non-IPV: A contact who has experienced abuse from anyone other than an intimate partner (i.e. parent, sibling, caretaker), and is looking for information, resources, or support regarding the abuse.

Healthy Relationship Inquiry: A contact discussing intimate partner relationships who is not experiencing a pattern of abusive behaviors.

Abusive Partner: A contact who engages in a pattern of behavior to establish power and control over an intimate partner.

Other: A contact who is not currently experiencing violence and has needs outside the scope of healthy relationships or intimate partner violence services.

TOP 10 CITIES BY CONTACT VOLUME

City	%
Saint Croix	40%
St Thomas	40%
Christiansted	13%
Charlotte Amalie	7%

NOTE: This contact type excludes wrong numbers.
Contacts may report one or more types of abuse.

WHAT VICTIMS ARE EXPERIENCING

67%

ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL ABUSE

When one intimate partner has control over the other partner's access to economic resources, which diminishes the victim's capacity to support themselves.

53%

DIGITAL ABUSE

The use of technologies such as texting and social networking to bully, harass, stalk, or intimidate a partner.

47%

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Non-accidental use of force that results in bodily injury, pain, or impairment. This may include being slapped, burned, cut, bruised, or improperly physically restrained.

27%

EMOTIONAL/ VERBAL ABUSE

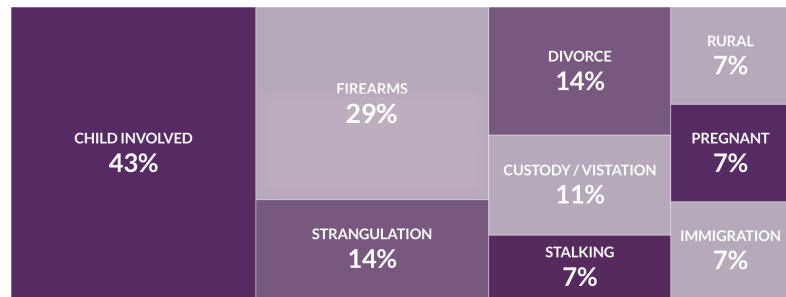
Behavior that isn't physical, which may include verbal aggression, intimidation, manipulation, and humiliation, which most often unfolds as a pattern of behavior over time.

7%

SEXUAL ABUSE

Non-consensual sexual interaction through coercion, guilt, or force. This may include pressure to engage in sexual activity, refusal to use contraception, or demanding of sexual images or video.

MOST COMMONLY DISCLOSED FACTORS BY VICTIM/SURVIVORS



VICTIM/SURVIVOR NEEDS COMMONLY REQUESTED SERVICES:

DV SHELTER	5	36%
LEGAL ADVOCACY	3	21%
INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING	0	0%
PROTECTIVE/RESTRAINING ORDER	1	7%
SUPPORT GROUPS	0	0%
LEGAL REPRESENTATION	0	0%

REFERRALS TO LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

8

OFFERS TO DIRECT CONNECT

5

OFFERS ACCEPTED

N/A

REFERRALS TO OTHER RESOURCES

5

Best practice is to refer each contact to 3 resources.

MOST-REFERRED RESOURCES

- 1 AUNT BERTHA
- 2 211 - UNITED WAY
- 3 FEMINIST FREQUENCY ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE
- 4 AIRPORT CHAPLAINCY - INACTIVE
- 5 ANGEL FLIGHT WEST

Providers are direct providers of domestic violence services, offered in their local community free of charge to victims/survivors.

Resources are social service agencies or informative programs. They are not domestic violence specific, and they can be either statewide or nationwide.

