


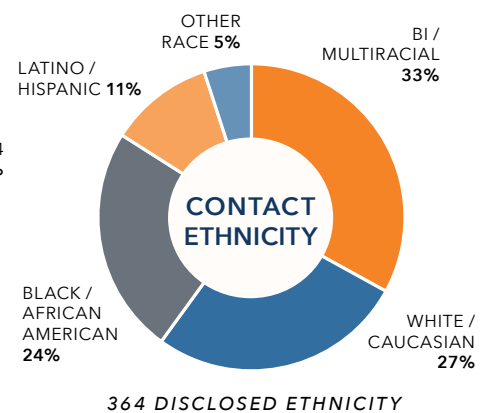
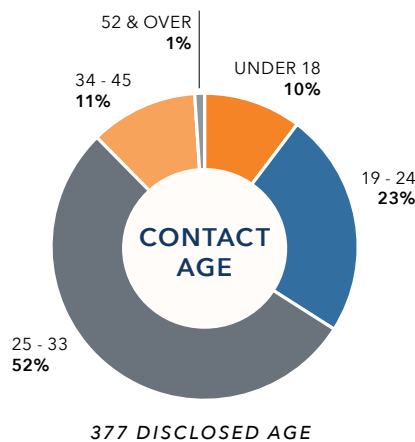
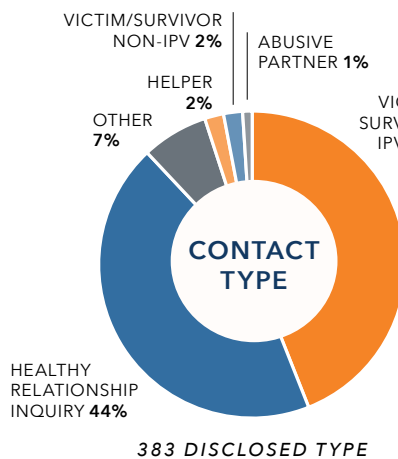


In 2020, *loveisrespect* documented **385** contacts from Massachusetts. The state ranks 5th in terms of contact volume. *loveisrespect* provides crisis intervention, safety planning, referrals and DV and healthy relationship education for these contacts.

	Phone	270
	Chat	66
	Text	49
	Total	385

WHO IS CONTACTING LOVEISRESPECT FROM MASSACHUSETTS?

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	%
Boston	53%
Cambridge	8%
Springfield	4%
Worcester	3%
Dorchester	2%
Malden	2%
Medford	2%
Attleboro	1%
Lynn	1%
Chicopee	1%

WHAT VICTIMS ARE EXPERIENCING

98%

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.

35%

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.

20%

DIGITAL ABUSE

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

15%

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.

15%

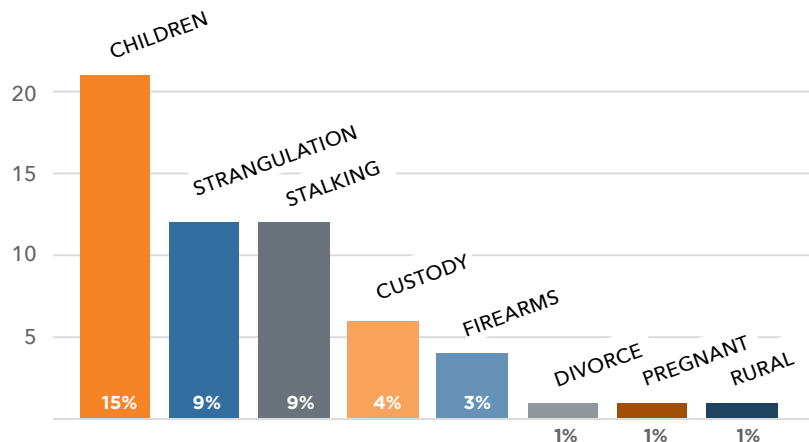
SEXUAL ABUSE

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.

199 DISCLOSED EXPERIENCES

NOTE: Contacts may report one or more types of abuse.

MOST COMMONLY DISCLOSED FACTORS BY VICTIMS/SURVIVORS



VICTIM/SURVIVOR NEEDS COMMONLY REQUESTED SERVICES:

INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING	60	38%
SUPPORT GROUPS	28	18%
LEGAL ADVOCACY	19	12%
DV SHELTER	12	8%
PROTECTIVE/RESTRAINING ORDER	6	4%
LEGAL REPRESENTATION	4	3%

141 REFERRALS TO LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

44 OFFERS TO DIRECT CONNECT

165 REFERRALS TO OTHER RESOURCES

Best practice is to refer each contact to 3 resources.

MOST-REFERRED RESOURCES

- 1 SCARLETEEN
- 2 GOODTHERAPY
- 3 YOUR LIFE YOUR VOICE (BOYS TOWN)
- 4 WOMENSLAW
- 5 RAPE, ABUSE, AND INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK (RAINN)

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.



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