


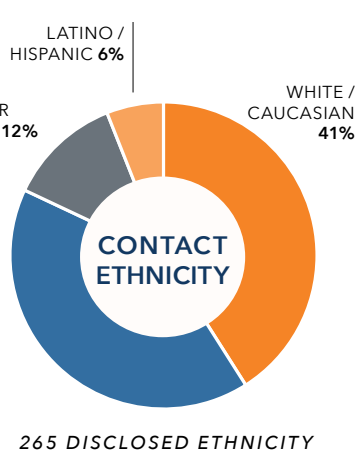
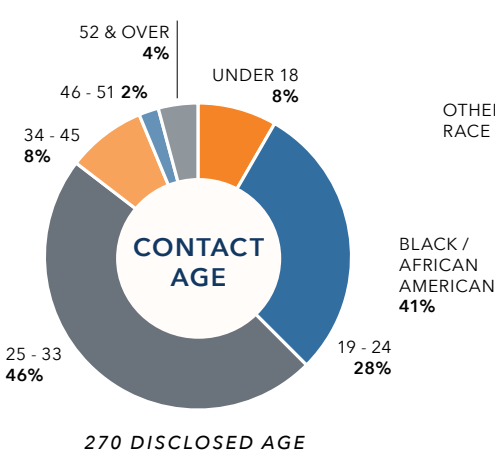
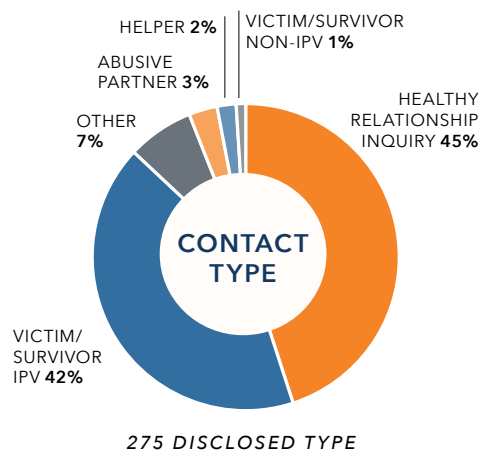


In 2020, *loveisrespect* documented **277** contacts from Virginia. The state ranks 10th in terms of contact volume. *loveisrespect* provides crisis intervention, safety planning, referrals and DV and healthy relationship education for these contacts.

	Phone	151
	Chat	81
	Text	45
	Total	277

WHO IS CONTACTING LOVEISRESPECT FROM VIRGINIA?

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	%
Alexandria	17%
Richmond	15%
Arlington	14%
Norfolk	5%
Virginia Beach	5%
Fairfax	4%
Charlottesville	2%
Spotsylvania	2%
Suffolk	2%
Chesapeake	2%

WHAT VICTIMS ARE EXPERIENCING

97%

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.

42%

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%

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.

18%

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.

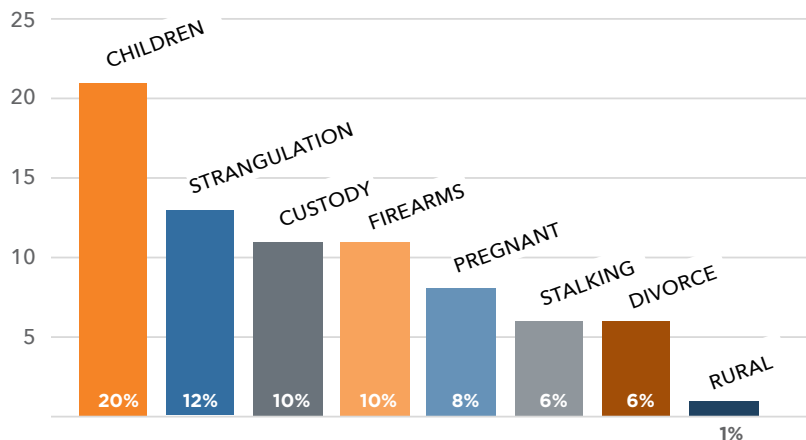
15%

DIGITAL ABUSE

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

141 DISCLOSED EXPERIENCES

MOST COMMONLY DISCLOSED FACTORS BY VICTIMS/SURVIVORS



VICTIM/SURVIVOR NEEDS COMMONLY REQUESTED SERVICES:

INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING	39	33%
LEGAL ADVOCACY	23	20%
SUPPORT GROUPS	20	17%
DV SHELTER	10	9%
PROTECTIVE/RESTRAINING ORDER	6	5%
LEGAL REPRESENTATION	3	3%

135 REFERRALS TO LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

23 OFFERS TO DIRECT CONNECT

114 REFERRALS TO OTHER RESOURCES

Best practice is to refer each contact to 3 resources.

MOST-REFERRED RESOURCES

- 1 SCARLETEEN
- 2 GOODTHERAPY
- 3 RAPE, ABUSE, AND INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK (RAINN)
- 4 CRISIS TEXT LINE
- 5 WOMENSLAW

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.

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



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