The National Domestic Violence
HOTLINE
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Florida State Report

Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2017

In 2017, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **9,341 contacts** from Florida. The state ranks 4th 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	8,104
Chat	1,237
TTY	0
Total	**9,341**

Who is contacting The Hotline from Florida?

Caller Type

Victim Age

Caller Ethnicity

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 (domestic violence) calls, hang-ups, prank calls and feedback*

Top 10 Cities in Contact Volume

1.	Miami	12.6%
2.	Orlando	8.8%
3.	Jacksonville	7.0%
4.	Tampa	6.4%
5.	Fort Lauderdale	3.6%
6.	West Palm Beach	2.5%
7.	Saint Petersburg	2.2%
8.	Tallahassee	1.9%
9.	Kissimmee	1.7%
10.	Daytona Beach	1.6%
	Total:	48.2%

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What are victims experiencing?

94%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

67%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

30%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

12%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.

9%

Sexual Abuse

rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.

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Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences

What do victims need?

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

DV Shelter	2,038	58.2%
Legal Advocacy	2,240	63.9%
Individual Professional Counseling	1,771	50.5%
DV Support Groups	925	26.4%
Legal Representation	664	18.9%
Protective/Restraining Order	750	21.4%

Referrals to Service Providers

12,080

Offers to Direct Connect

3,281

Referrals to Other Resources

11,167

Most-Referred Resources

WomensLaw.org
211 - United Way
Aunt Bertha
Florida Statewide Hotline
GoodTherapy.org

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