The National Domestic Violence
HOTLINE
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West Virginia State Report

Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2017

In 2017, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **581 contacts** from West Virginia. The state ranks 39th 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	486
Chat	95
TTY	0
Total	**581**

Who is contacting The Hotline from West Virginia?

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. Charleston	12.1%
2. Huntington	8.2%
3. Martinsburg	5.4%
4. Morgantown	4.8%
5. Parkersburg	4.8%
6. Clarksburg	4.6%
7. Wheeling	3.2%
8. Weirton	3.0%
9. Princeton	2.6%
10. Fairmont	2.4%
Total:	51.0%

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What are victims experiencing?

92%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

67%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

26%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

16%

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	130	62.2%
Legal Advocacy	146	69.9%
Individual Professional Counseling	108	51.7%
DV Support Groups	54	25.8%
Legal Representation	36	17.2%
Protective/Restraining Order	63	30.1%

Referrals to Service Providers

697

Offers to Direct Connect

201

Referrals to Other Resources

665

Most-Referred Resources

211 - United Way
Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline
Aunt Bertha
Custody Prep for Moms
WomensLaw.org

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