The National Domestic Violence
HOTLINE
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Iowa State Report

Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2017

In 2017, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **823 contacts** from Iowa. The state ranks 37th 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	692
Chat	131
TTY	0
Total	**823**

Who is contacting The Hotline from Iowa?

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.	Des Moines	21.0%
2.	Cedar Rapids	8.2%
3.	Davenport	6.9%
4.	Iowa City	6.1%
5.	Waterloo	5.6%
6.	Council Bluffs	3.2%
7.	Dubuque	2.8%
8.	Sioux City	2.5%
9.	Fort Dodge	2.2%
10.	Cedar Falls	2.0%
	Total:	60.4%

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What are victims experiencing?

95%

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.

12%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.

11%

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	177	55.1%
Legal Advocacy	170	53.0%
Individual Professional Counseling	144	44.9%
DV Support Groups	81	25.2%
Legal Representation	60	18.7%
Protective/Restraining Order	51	15.9%

Referrals to Service Providers

931

Offers to Direct Connect

250

Referrals to Other Resources

987

Most-Referred Resources

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

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