The National Domestic Violence
HOTLINE
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Virginia State Report

Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2017

In 2017, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **3,614 contacts** from Virginia. The state ranks 15th 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	3,069
Chat	545
TTY	0
Total	**3,614**

Who is contacting The Hotline from 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.	Richmond	12.4%
2.	Virginia Beach	7.4%
3.	Alexandria	5.2%
4.	Norfolk	4.8%
5.	Fairfax	4.4%
6.	Arlington	3.4%
7.	Woodbridge	3.3%
8.	Fredericksburg	2.8%
9.	Roanoke	2.8%
10.	Hampton	2.5%
	Total:	49.0%

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What are victims experiencing?

94%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

65%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

28%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

13%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.

10%

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	697	53.2%
Legal Advocacy	918	70.0%
Individual Professional Counseling	722	55.1%
DV Support Groups	354	27.0%
Legal Representation	272	20.7%
Protective/Restraining Order	290	22.1%

Referrals to Service Providers

4,795

Offers to Direct Connect

1,203

Referrals to Other Resources

4,316

Most-Referred Resources

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

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