The National Domestic Violence
HOTLINE
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South Carolina State Report

Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2017

In 2017, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **1,868 contacts** from South Carolina. The state ranks 24th 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	1,640
Chat	228
TTY	0
Total	**1,868**

Who is contacting The Hotline from South Carolina?

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.	Columbia	19.0%
2.	Charleston	9.0%
3.	Greenville	7.5%
4.	Myrtle Beach	6.0%
5.	Spartanburg	4.1%
6.	Rock Hill	3.0%
7.	Fort Mill	2.5%
8.	Florence	2.2%
9.	Summerville	2.2%
10.	Sumter	2.2%
	Total:	57.8%

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What are victims experiencing?

94%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

71%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

27%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

11%

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	479	67.8%
Legal Advocacy	400	56.7%
Individual Professional Counseling	340	48.2%
DV Support Groups	185	26.2%
Legal Representation	113	16.0%
Protective/Restraining Order	130	18.4%

Referrals to Service Providers

2,289

Offers to Direct Connect

663

Referrals to Other Resources

2,247

Most-Referred Resources

WomensLaw.org

211 - United Way

Aunt Bertha

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Crime Victim Compensation and Statewide Victim Services - South Carolina

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