

2015 Rhode Island State Report

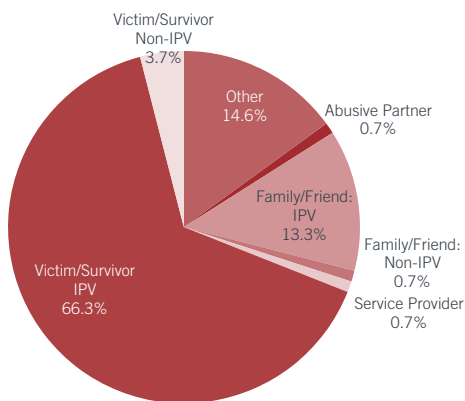
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2015

In 2015, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **457 contacts** from Rhode Island. The state ranks 41 in terms of Hotline contact volume. The Hotline provides Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Referrals and DV Education for these contacts.

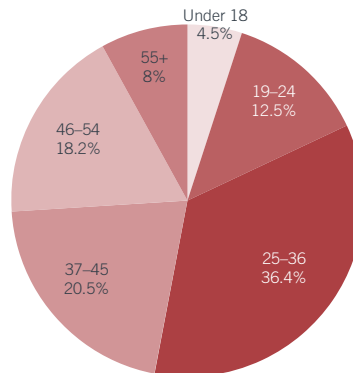
**Contacts documented refers to the calls and online chats where a location was self-disclosed by the caller or chatter.*

Phone	410
Chat	46
TTY	1
Total	457

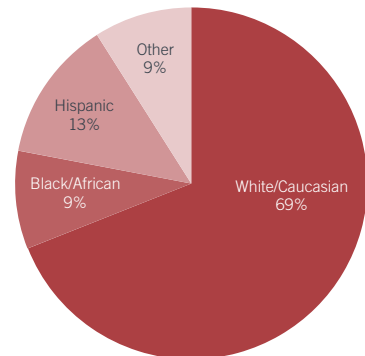
Who is calling The Hotline?



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
 Friend/Family: IPV (Intimate Partner Violence) – a friend or family member of a victim/survivor of IPV or abusive partner
 Victim/Survivor: Non-IPV – a victim or survivor of abuse by anyone else: parent, sibling, caretaker, etc.
 Friend/Family: Non-IPV – a friend or family member of a victim of any other type of abuse, such as child or elder abuse
 Service Provider – a caller from any agency, including other domestic violence agencies, which provides social services
 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 might include callers like law enforcement or medical professionals

Top 10 Cities in Contact Volume

1. Providence	29%
2. Wakefield	10%
3. Pawtucket	8%
4. Woonsocket	6%
5. East Providence	5%
6. Warwick	5%
7. Cranston	4%
8. Bristol	3%
9. West Warwick	3%
10. Westerly	3%
Total:	75%

What are victims experiencing?

95%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

68%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

16%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

8%

Sexual Abuse

rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.

3%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.



Referrals to Service Providers

470

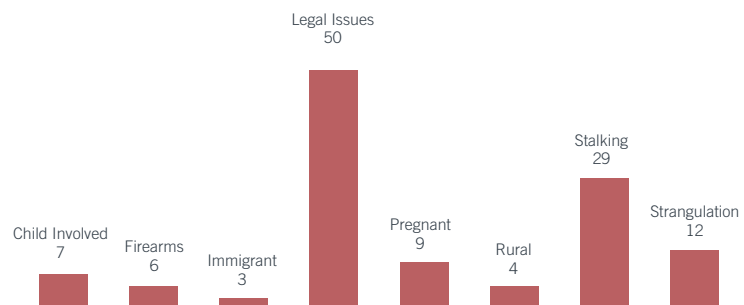
Offers to Direct Connect

156

Referrals to Other Resources

146

Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



Those disclosing legal issues:

Protective Orders	68	45%
Other	68	45%
Custody/Visitation	21	14%
Divorce	17	11%
Citizenship/Documentation	1	1%
Interstate Custody	5	3%

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

Domestic Violence Shelter	99	30%
Legal Advocacy	81	25%
Individual Professional Counseling	62	19%
DV Support Groups	52	16%
DV Nonresidential Services	48	15%
Legal Representation	33	10%

Most-Referred Resources

Womenslaw.org
 Rhode Island United Way
 211 - United Way
 Rhode Island Statewide Hotline
 Aunt Bertha



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