

2015 Connecticut State Report

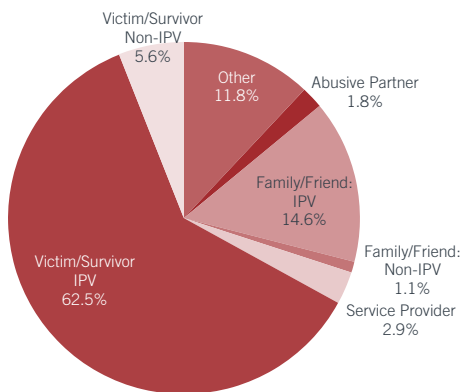
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2015

In 2015, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **1,332 contacts** from Connecticut. The state ranks 29 in terms of Hotline contact volume. The Hotline provides Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Referrals and DV Education for these contacts.

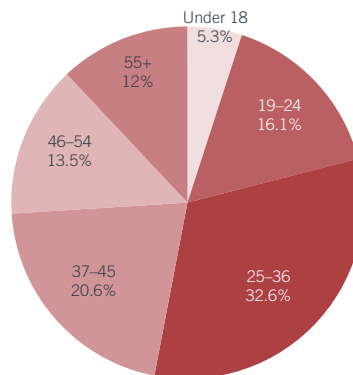
**Contacts documented refers to the calls and online chats where a location was self-disclosed by the caller or chatter.*

Phone	1,195
Chat	136
TTY	1
Total	1,332

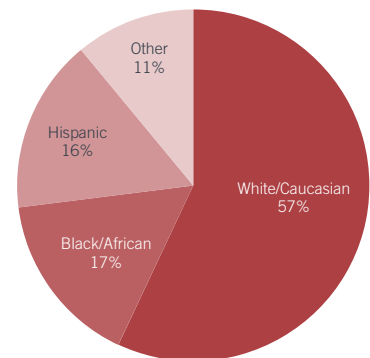
Who is calling The Hotline?



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. New Haven	9%
2. Hartford	9%
3. Bridgeport	6%
4. Waterbury	5%
5. Stamford	4%
6. Norwalk	3%
7. New Britain	3%
8. Danbury	2%
9. Bristol	2%
10. Meriden	2%
Total:	45%

What are victims experiencing?

93%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

65%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

16%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

6%

Sexual Abuse

rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.

3%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.



Referrals to Service Providers

1,313

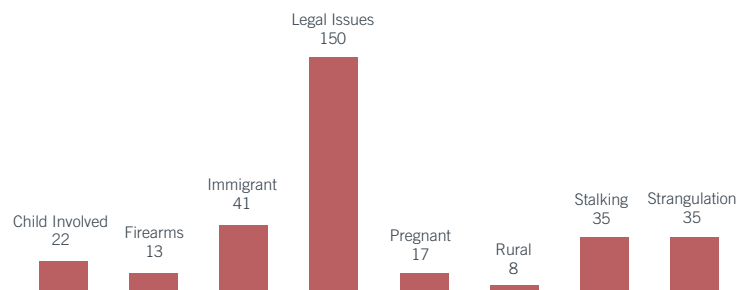
Offers to Direct Connect

484

Referrals to Other Resources

359

Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



Those disclosing legal issues:

Protective Orders	157	36%
Other	188	43%
Custody/Visitation	77	18%
Divorce	73	17%
Citizenship/Documentation	24	5%
Interstate Custody	8	2%

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

Domestic Violence Shelter	258	28%
Legal Advocacy	209	23%
Individual Professional Counseling	201	22%
DV Support Groups	154	17%
DV Nonresidential Services	140	15%
Legal Representation	83	9%

Most-Referred Resources

Connecticut Statewide Bed Line

Womenslaw.org

211 - United Way

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline



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