

2015 Vermont State Report

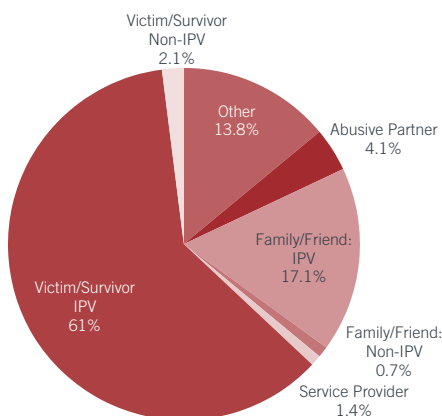
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2015

In 2015, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **146 contacts** from Vermont. The state ranks 50 in terms of Hotline contact volume. The Hotline provides Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Referrals and DV Education for these contacts.

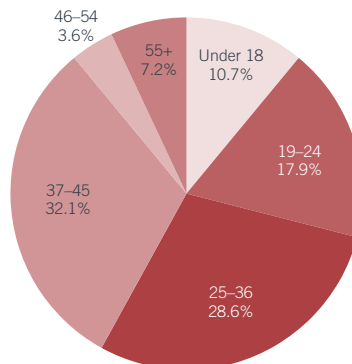
**Contacts documented refers to the calls and online chats where a location was self-disclosed by the caller or chatter.*

Phone	123
Chat	23
TTY	0
Total	146

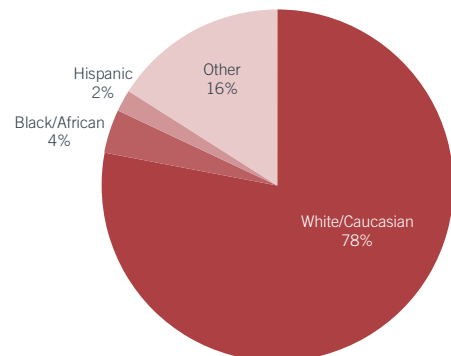
Who is calling The Hotline?



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. Burlington	13%
2. Rutland	7%
3. Bennington	7%
4. Brattleboro	6%
5. Barre	5%
6. Springfield	4%
7. Waterbury	4%
8. Saint Albans	3%
9. Montpelier	3%
10. Peru	2%
Total:	53%

What are victims experiencing?

96%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

60%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

11%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

7%

Sexual Abuse

rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.

6%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.



Referrals to Service Providers

144

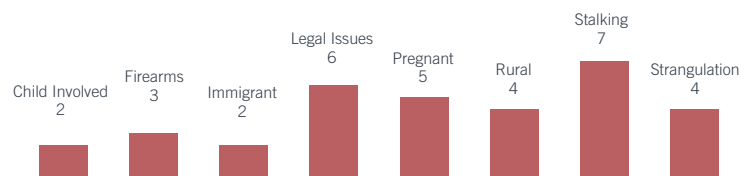
Offers to Direct Connect

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Referrals to Other Resources

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Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



Those disclosing legal issues:

Protective Orders	9	25%
Other	18	50%
Custody/Visitation	9	25%
Divorce	4	11%
Citizenship/Documentation	1	3%
Interstate Custody	2	6%

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

Domestic Violence Shelter	23	24%
Legal Advocacy	20	20%
Individual Professional Counseling	23	24%
DV Support Groups	16	16%
DV Nonresidential Services	17	17%
Legal Representation	8	8%

Most-Referred Resources

Womenslaw.org
 Vermont Statewide Hotline
 211 - United Way
 Boys Town National Hotline
 Custody Prep for Moms



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