

2015 Iowa State Report

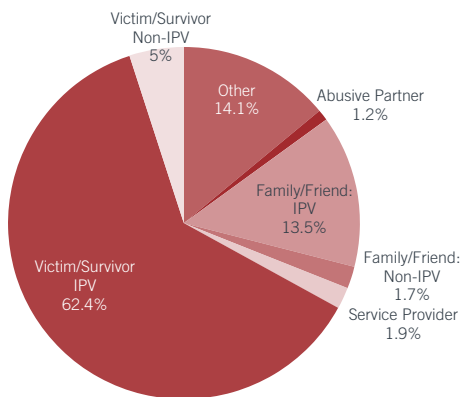
Based on Hotline contacts documented January–December 2015

In 2015, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented **821 contacts** from Iowa. The state ranks 37 in terms of Hotline contact volume. The Hotline provides Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Referrals and DV Education for these contacts.

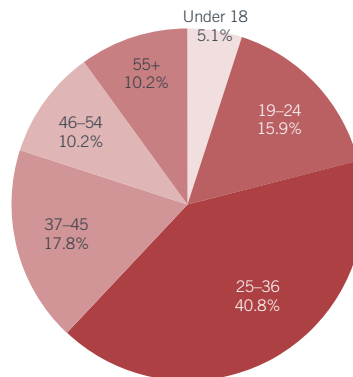
**Contacts documented refers to the calls and online chats where a location was self-disclosed by the caller or chatter.*

Phone	734
Chat	86
TTY	1
Total	821

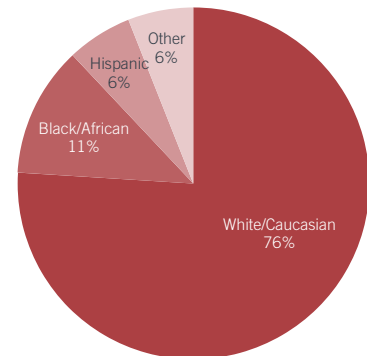
Who is calling The Hotline?



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. Des Moines	20%
2. Davenport	10%
3. Cedar Rapids	7%
4. Iowa City	4%
5. Waterloo	4%
6. Sioux City	3%
7. Council Bluffs	3%
8. Dubuque	2%
9. Marshalltown	2%
10. Fort Dodge	2%
Total:	56%

What are victims experiencing?

94%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

71%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

13%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

8%

Sexual Abuse

rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.

4%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.



Referrals to Service Providers

713

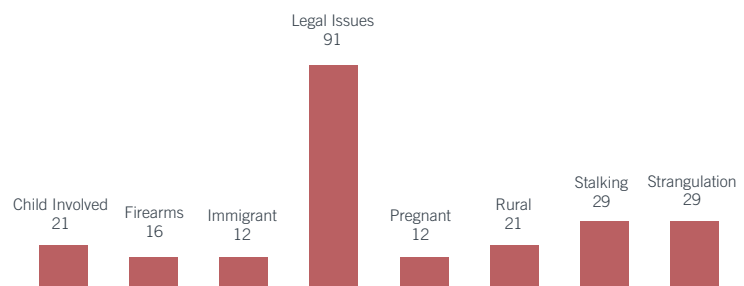
Offers to Direct Connect

293

Referrals to Other Resources

194

Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victims' Experiences



Those disclosing legal issues:

Protective Orders	98	38%
Other	122	48%
Custody/Visitation	43	17%
Divorce	17	7%
Citizenship/Documentation	6	2%
Interstate Custody	7	3%

Commonly Requested Hotline Services:

Domestic Violence Shelter	145	28%
Legal Advocacy	119	23%
Individual Professional Counseling	97	19%
DV Support Groups	81	16%
DV Nonresidential Services	75	15%
Legal Representation	45	9%

Most-Referred Resources

Womenslaw.org
 211 - United Way
GoodTherapy.org
 Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 Custody Prep for Moms



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