

# Virginia State Report

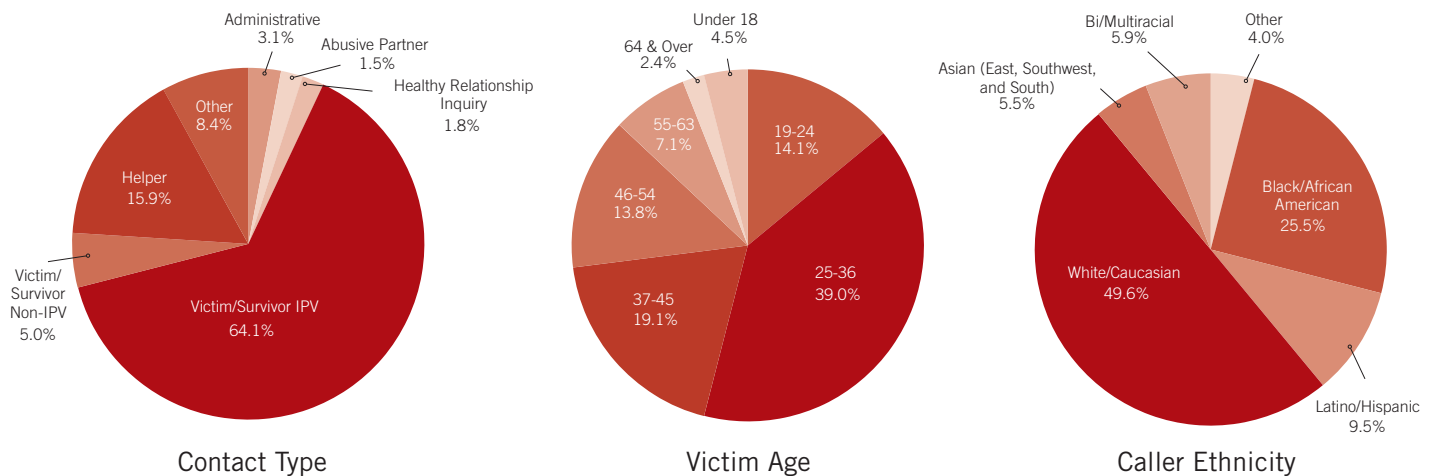
Based on The Hotline's contacts documented January – December 2018

In 2018, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented\* **4,604 contacts** from Virginia. The state ranks 15th in terms of contact volume to The Hotline. The Hotline provides crisis intervention, safety planning, referrals and domestic violence (DV) and intimate partner violence (IPV) education for these contacts.

*\*Contacts documented refers to the calls and online chats where a location was self-disclosed by the caller or chatter. Any email contacts where a location was self-disclosed are represented in the total.*

Phone	3,500
Chat	1,102
TTY	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,604</b>

## Who is contacting the Hotline from Virginia?



### Contact Type Definitions:

**Victim/Survivor Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):** A contact who has experienced abuse by an intimate partner and is looking for information, resources, emotional or other support regarding the abusive relationship.

**Victim/Survivor Non-IPV:** A contact who has experienced abuse from anyone other than an intimate partner (i.e. parent, sibling, caretaker), and is looking for information, resources, or support regarding the abuse.

**Healthy Relationship Inquiry:** A contact discussing intimate partner relationships who is not experiencing a pattern of abusive behaviors.

**Abusive Partner:** A contact who engages in a pattern of behavior to establish power and control over an intimate partner.

**Other:** A contact who is not currently experiencing violence and has needs outside the scope of healthy relationships or intimate partner violence services.

*NOTE: This contact type excludes wrong numbers*

### Top 10 Cities by Contact Volume

1. Richmond	12.1%
2. Virginia Beach	8.1%
3. Alexandria	6.1%
4. Norfolk	4.7%
5. Fairfax	3.9%
6. Woodbridge	3.5%
7. Arlington	3.2%
8. Chesapeake	2.9%
9. Newport News	2.7%
10. Fredericksburg	2.5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>49.7%</b>

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## What Victims Are Experiencing

# 95%

### Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

# 66%

### Physical Abuse

*hitting, biting, choking, etc.*

# 28%

### Economic/Financial Abuse

*control finances, ruin credit, etc.*

# 16%

### Digital Abuse

*steal passwords, constant texts, etc.*

# 12%

### Sexual Abuse

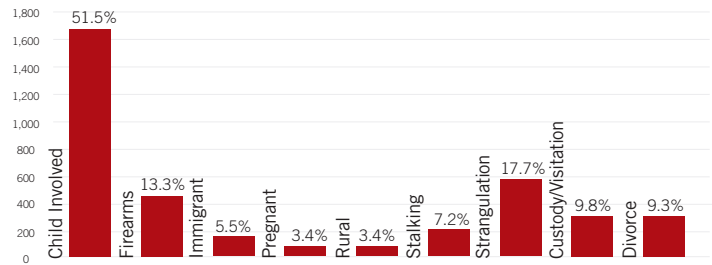
*rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.*



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## Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victim/Survivor' Experiences



## Victim/Survivor Needs

### Commonly Requested Services:

DV Shelter	931	26.2%
Legal Advocacy	1,102	31.1%
Individual Professional Counseling	779	22.0%
DV Support Groups	442	12.5%
Legal Representation	275	7.8%
Protective/Restraining Order	312	8.8%



### Referrals to Local Service Providers

## 4,629

### Offers to Direct Connect

## 1,299

### Referrals to Other Resources

## 2,721

## Most-Referred Resources

1. WomensLaw.org
2. 211 - United Way
3. Aunt Bertha
4. Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline
5. Your Life Your Voice (Boys Town)

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