

Iowa State Report

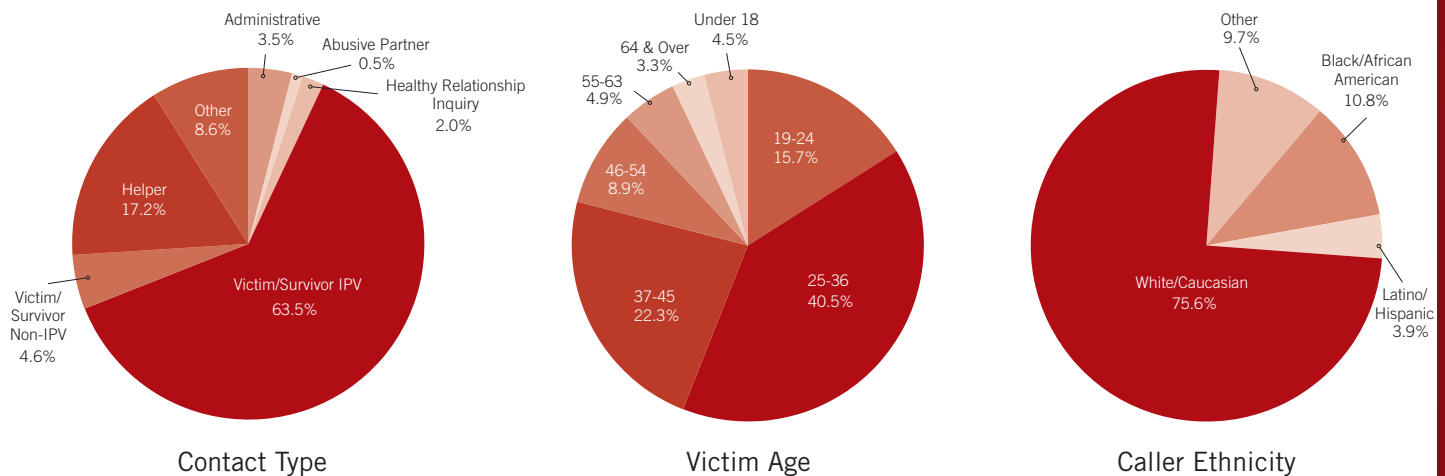
Based on The Hotline's contacts documented January – December 2018

In 2018, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **1,111 contacts** from Iowa. The state ranks 37th 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	793
Chat	318
TTY	0
Total	1,111

Who is contacting the Hotline from Iowa?



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. Des Moines	20.0%
2. Cedar Rapids	7.8%
3. Davenport	6.0%
4. Iowa City	5.4%
5. Waterloo	5.1%
6. Sioux City	3.9%
7. Council Bluffs	2.3%
8. Dubuque	2.0%
9. Cedar Falls	1.8%
10. Ankeny	1.8%
Total:	56.2%

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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.

26%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

16%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.

12%

Sexual Abuse

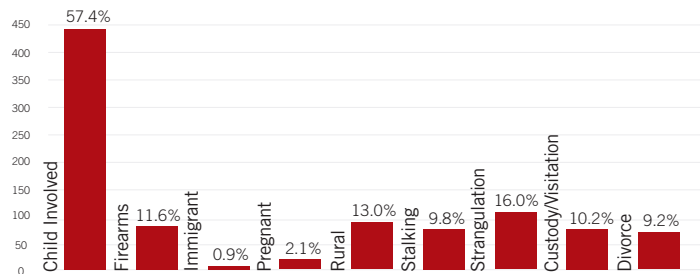
rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.



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Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victim/Survivor' Experiences



Victim/Survivor Needs

Commonly Requested Services:

DV Shelter	232	28.2%
Legal Advocacy	263	31.9%
Individual Professional Counseling	157	19.1%
DV Support Groups	88	10.7%
Legal Representation	67	8.1%
Protective/Restraining Order	69	8.4%



Referrals to Local Service Providers

873

Offers to Direct Connect

289

Referrals to Other Resources

707

Most-Referred Resources

1. 211 - United Way
2. WomensLaw.org
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.