

Delaware State Report

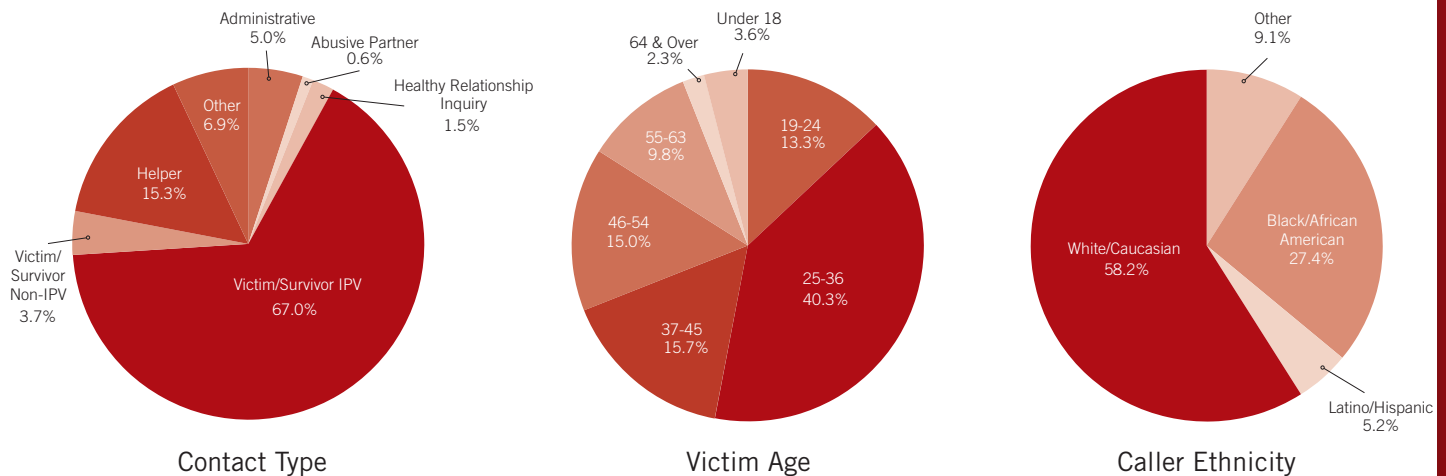
Based on The Hotline's contacts documented January – December 2018

In 2018, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented* **655 contacts** from Delaware. The state ranks 41st 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	513
Chat	142
TTY	0
Total	655

Who is contacting the Hotline from Delaware?



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

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Top 10 Cities by Contact Volume

1. Wilmington	28.5%
2. Newark	15.6%
3. Dover	12.6%
4. Bear	6.6%
5. New Castle	6.3%
6. Millsboro	5.5%
7. Middletown	3.6%
8. Claymont	2.0%
9. Smyrna	1.7%
10. Milford	1.7%
Total:	84.1%

What Victims Are Experiencing

97%

Emotional/Verbal Abuse

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

70%

Physical Abuse

hitting, biting, choking, etc.

30%

Economic/Financial Abuse

control finances, ruin credit, etc.

15%

Digital Abuse

steal passwords, constant texts, etc.

11%

Sexual Abuse

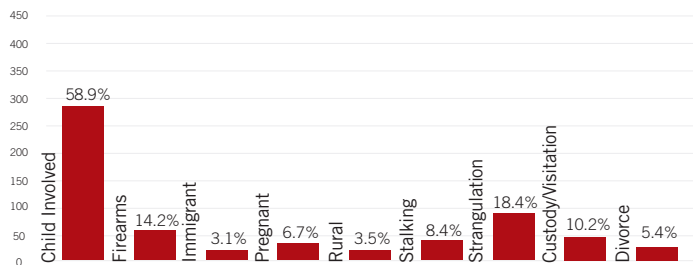
rape, exploitation, coercion, etc.



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Most Commonly Disclosed Special Factors in Victim/Survivor' Experiences



Victim/Survivor Needs

Commonly Requested Services:

DV Shelter	167	33.3%
Legal Advocacy	147	29.3%
Individual Professional Counseling	105	21.0%
DV Support Groups	61	12.2%
Legal Representation	39	7.8%
Protective/Restraining Order	45	9.0%



Referrals to Local Service Providers

684

Offers to Direct Connect

201

Referrals to Other Resources

21

Most-Referred Resources

1. WomensLaw.org
2. 211 - United Way
3. Aunt Bertha
4. Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline
5. Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women

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