

# Montana State Report

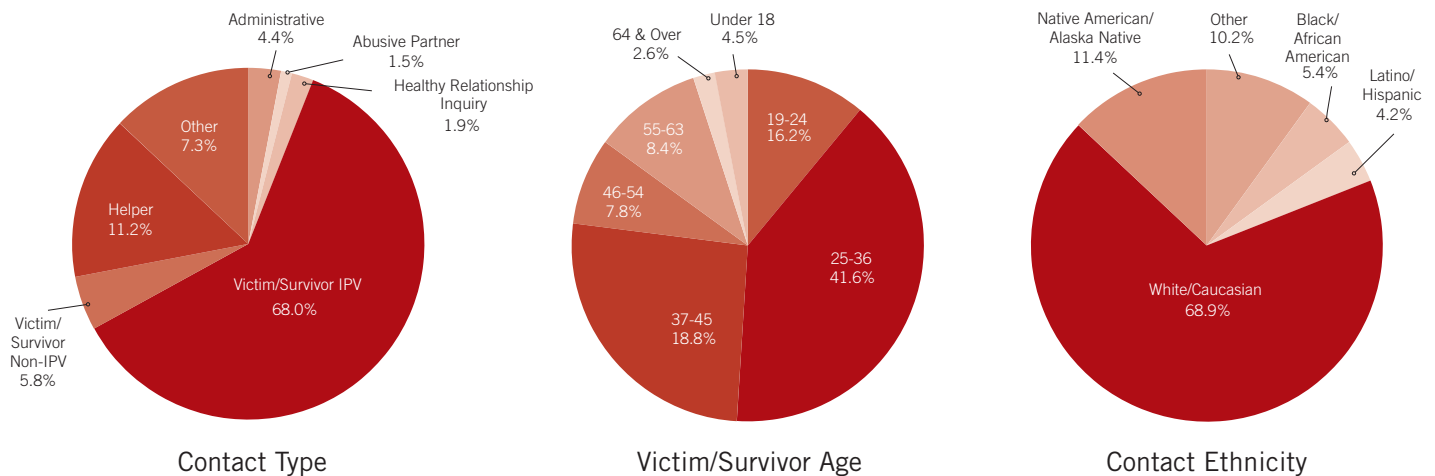
This report is based on The Hotline's contacts documented January 1st – June 30th, 2019

The National Domestic Violence Hotline documented\* **206 contacts** from Montana. The state ranks 46th 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, online chats and texts where a location was self-disclosed.*

Phone	162
Chat	44
TTY	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>

## Who Is Contacting The Hotline From Montana?



### 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. Billings	18.0%
2. Missoula	15.5%
3. Great Falls	8.5%
4. Bozeman	5.5%
5. Kalispell	5.0%
6. Helena	5.0%
7. Butte	4.5%
8. Lewistown	3.0%
9. Troy	2.5%
10. Glendive	2.0%

## What Victims/Survivors Are Experiencing

# 96%

### Emotional/Verbal Abuse

Behavior that isn't physical, which may include verbal aggression, intimidation, manipulation, and humiliation, which most often unfolds as a pattern of behavior over time.

# 61%

### Physical Abuse

Non-accidental use of force that results in bodily injury, pain, or impairment. This may include to being slapped, burned, cut, bruised or improperly physically restrained.

# 24%

### Economic/Financial Abuse

When one intimate partner has control over the other partner's access to economic resources, which diminishes the victim's capacity to support themselves.

# 19%

### Digital Abuse

The use of technologies such as texting and social networking to bully, harass, stalk or intimidate a partner.

# 13%

### Sexual Abuse

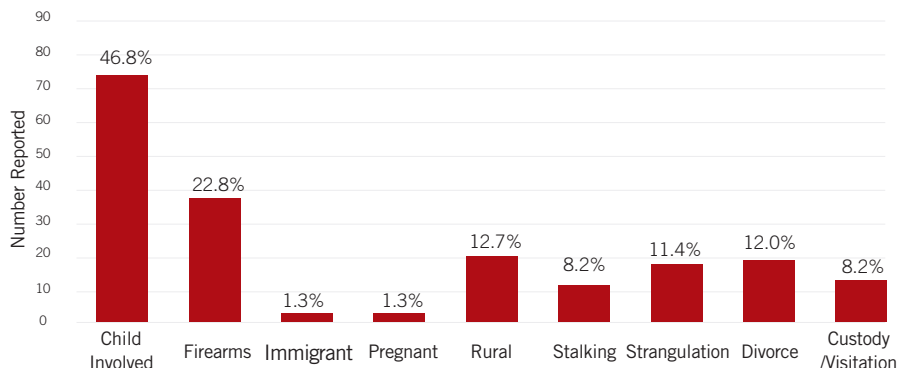
A behavior by one person upon another. It is often perpetrated using force or by taking advantage of another.



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## Most Commonly Disclosed Factors By Victim/Survivors



## Victim/Survivor Needs

### Commonly Requested Services:

Shelter	37	23.3%
Legal Advocacy	36	22.6%
Individual Professional Counseling	30	18.9%
Support Groups	19	11.9%
Legal Representation	9	5.7%
Protective/Restraining Order	16	10.1%



### Referrals to Local Service Providers

## 236

### Offers to Direct Connect

## 61

### Referrals to Other Resources

## 261

## Most-Referred Resources

1. WomensLaw.org
2. 211 - United Way
3. Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women
4. Aunt Bertha
5. GoodTherapy.org