

WHOA (WWW.HALTABUSE.ORG) 2000 Cyberstalking Statistics

Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 353

Age of Victim

18-30	190	54%
31-40	95	27%
41+	68	19%

Gender of Victim

Female	306	87%
Male	47	13%

Race of victim

Caucasian	195	55%
Hispanic	4	1.5%
African Amer	1	.5%
Asian	2	1%
Native Amer	2	1%
East Indian	2	1%
Unknown	147	40%

Gender of Harasser

Male	240	68%
Female	95	27%
Unknown	18	5%

Prior relationship with harasser?

No 187 53%

Yes 166 47%

What was the relationship?

Ex 43 25.5%

Family 42 25.5%

Friend 46 28%

Other** 35 21%

**Current or ex-husband/lover/boyfriend/girlfriend or family member*

***Co-worker, fellow student, acquaintance*

How did harassment begin?

E-mail	138	39.5%
Message Boards*	62	17.5%
Chat	55	15.5%
IM	45	13%
Web Site	25	7.5%
Virus	11	3%
Personals	10	2.5%
Auction	4	1%
Offline	3	.5%

How many cases escalated?

242 68.5%

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How was it resolved?

(some victims followed more than one avenue of advice)

WHOA Contacted harasser's ISP	174
Referred victim to LE	57
Not a case*	24
Victim changed username	17
Victim changed e-mail address	13
Victim referred elsewhere	9
Victim changed phone number	8
Victim didn't take our advice	8
Other**	43

*(spam, simple disagreements)

***(meaning they ignored the harasser and it stopped; victim got antivirus/anti-hacking software and it stopped; victim hired a lawyer; etc)*

Where was victim located?

Alabama	6	2%
Alaska	4	1%
Arkansas	1	
Arizona	6	2%
California	46	13%
Colorado	4	1%
Connecticut	3	
Delaware	0	
Florida	24	7%
Georgia	6	2%
Hawaii	0	
Iowa	3	
Idaho	1	
Illinois	4	1%
Indiana	5	1.5%
Kansas	1	
Kentucky	6	2%
Louisiana	3	
Massachusetts	12	3.5%
Maryland	10	3%
Maine	3	
Michigan	8	2.5%
Minnesota	5	1.5%
Missouri	3	
Mississippi	2	
Montana	0	
Nebraska	0	
New Hampshire	2	
New Jersey	5	1.5%
New Mexico	0	
New York	17	5%
North Carolina	1	
North Dakota	0	

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Nevada	4	1%
Ohio	8	2.5%
Oklahoma	3	
Oregon	7	2%
Pennsylvania	26	7.5%
Rhode Island	2	
South Carolina	1	
South Dakota	1	
Texas	11	3%
Tennessee	4	1%
Utah	0	
Virginia	17	5%
Washington	9	2.75%
West Virginia	2	
Wisconsin	1	
Wyoming	0	
Vermont	1	
DC	4	1%
CANADA	14	4%
ENGLAND	5	1.5%
AUSTRALIA	8	2.5%
ITALY	1	
SINGAPORE	1	
IRELAND	1	
S. AFRICA	1	
Unknown	30	