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Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 256 cases

Age

18-30	114	44.6%
31-45	67	26.2%
46-55	10	4%
56+	6	2.3%
Unknown	59	22.9%

Gender of Victim

Male	41	16%
Female	203	79.3%
Unknown	12	4.7%

Race of Victim

Caucasian	155	60.6%
Afro-American	4	1.6%
Native American	5	2%
Asian	10	4%
Hispanic	7	2.7%
East Indian	2	.8%
Pakistani	1	.2%
Unknown	72	28.1%

Marital Status of victim

Married	72	28.1%
Single	104	40.7%
Separated	3	1.2%
Divorced	15	5.9%
Life Partner	5	2%
Unknown	57	22.1%

Gender of Harasser

Male	149	58.6%
Female	83	32.5%
Unknown	24	8.9%

Prior Relationship to Harasser?

Yes	116	45.3%
No	113	44.3%
Unknown	27	10.4%

How did harassment begin?

E-mail	103	40.3%
Message Board*	42	16.9%
Chat	36	14.1%
Web Site	16	6.3%
IM	15	5.9%
Mailing List	5	2%
Offline	5	2%

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Gaming Site	4	1.6%
Auctions	3	1.2%
Guestbook	3	1.2%
Personal Ads	3	1.2%
Virus/Trojan	3	1.2%
Greeting Cards	2	.8%
Webcam	1	.2%
Fantasy Football	1	.2%
Other	13	4.9%

*(*includes forums, groups, usenet, etc)*

How many cases escalated online?

100 39.4%

Were there threats of offline/physical violence?

Yes	92	35.9%
No	164	64.1%

Did victim report the harassment?

Law Enforcement	83	32.4%
Harassers ISP	75	29.3%
Forum/Board		
Moderator	18	7%
Web Site Host	18	7%
Phone Company	6	2.4%
Lawyer	3	1.2%
Cyberangels	3	1.2%
Other	2	.8%
Auction Site	1	.2%
Restraining Order	1	.2%
No One	46	18.3%

How WHOA Resolved the cases:

(some victims used a combination of remedies)

Victim changed e-mail/username	79
Complained to Harassers ISP	57
Referred to Law Enforcement	39
No reply from victim*	24
Referred to Lawyer	11
Victim Didn't Take Our Advice	11
Ignored harasser	10
Victim didn't keep copies of harassment	10
Not Harassment	7
Canceled AOL	7
Got Restraining Order	6
Stopped chatting/Posting	5
Spam	5
Harasser was arrested	5
Victim Resolved	3
Harassment stopped	2

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Other**

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**Usually as a result of our initial advice to change username/e-mail*

***Less than 1% each: Forum was removed; moderator handled; harasser banned; victim contacted media; web site shut page down; etc*

Where was the victim/harasser located?

	Victim %		Harasser %	
Alabama	3	1.2	3	1.2
Alaska	1	.2	1	.2
Arizona	3	1.2	1	.2
Arkansas	1	.2	2	.8
California	15	5.9	11	4.3
Colorado	1	.2	1	.2
Connecticut	1	.2	1	.2
Delaware	0	0	0	0
Florida	11	4.3	11	4.3
Georgia	6	2.3	7	2.7
Hawaii	2	.8	0	.2
Idaho	2	.8	0	0
Illinois	8	3.1	11	4.3
Indiana	2	.8	2	.8
Iowa	1	.2	1	.2
Kansas	3	1.2	1	.2
Kentucky	4	1.6	1	.2
Louisiana	0	0	3	1.2
Maine	3	1.2	0	0
Maryland	10	3.9	3	1.2
Massachusetts	7	2.7	7	2.7
Michigan	11	4.3	2	.8
Minnesota	4	1.6	2	.8
Mississippi	0	0	0	0
Missouri	3	1.2	5	2
Montana	1	.2	0	0
Nebraska	1	.2	0	0
Nevada	2	.8	1	.2
New Hampshire	3	1.2	0	0
New Jersey	6	2.4	4	1.6
New Mexico	0	0	1	.2
New York	15	5.9	12	4.7
N. Carolina	5	2	4	1.6
N. Dakota	1	.2	3	1.2
Ohio	6	2.4	3	1.2
Oklahoma	4	1.6	1	.2
Oregon	3	1.2	5	2
Pennsylvania	5	2	2	.8
Rhode Island	0	0	1	.2
S. Carolina	2	.8	1	.2
S. Dakota	0	0	1	.2

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Tennessee	3	1.2	7	2.7
Texas	15	5.9	14	5.5
Utah	1	.2	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virginia	11	4.3	6	2.4
Washington	6	2.4	2	.8
W. Virginia	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	3	1.2	1	.2
Wyoming	1	.2	0	0
D.C.	1	.2	0	0

Outside The USA

Australia	5	2	3	1.2
England	3	1.2	6	2.4
Canada	3	1.2	3	1.2
India	1	.2	2	.8
France	1	.2	0	0
Germany	1	.2	1	.2
Netherlands	1	.2	3	1.2
Belgium	1	.2	1	.2
Sweden	1	.2	0	0
Ireland	0	0	1	.2
Hong Kong	0	0	1	.2
Unknown	46	18.8		36.6