

WHOA (WWW.HALTABUSE.ORG) 2002 Cyberstalking Statistics

Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 218

Age of Victim

18-30	107	50%
31-40	79	36%
41-50	3	1.5%
50+	1	.5%
Unk	28	12%

Gender of Victim

Female	156	71%
Male	61	28%
Unk	1	1%

Race of victim

Caucasian	167	77%
Hispanic	10	4.5%
African-Am	8	3.5%
Asian	7	3%
Native Amer	3	1.5%
E. Indian	3	1.5%
Other	20	9%

Marital Status of Victim

Single	105	48%
Married	69	32%
Divorced	15	7%
Life Part.	11	5%
Separated	5	2%
Widowed	1	.5%
Unk	12	5.5%

Gender of Harasser*

Male	119	52%
Female	78	35%
Unk	30	13%

*(*13 cases had multiple harassers)*

Prior relationship with harasser?

No 89 41%

Yes 129 59%

What was the relationship?

Ex	36	28%
Online	36	28%
Friend	20	16%
Coworker	11	9%
Other	9	7%
Customer	8	6.5%
Family	7	4%

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School 2 1.5%

How did harassment begin?

Email	103	47.5%
Msg board*	32	14%
IM	25	11.5%
Web site	19	8.5%
Chat	16	7.5%
Ebay	5	
Personals	4	
Blogs	3	
Mail List	3	
Guestbook	2	
Virus	2	
Telephone	2	
Hacking	1	
Gaming	1	

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

How many cases escalated?

102 34%

How did it escalate?

(Many cases escalated to several of these, not just one thing)

Online

Email	29
Msg Board*	21
IM	19
Web site	7
Chat	6
Mail List	4
Hacking	4
Personals	4
Guestbook	3
Impersonated	2
Virus	2
Ebay	1
Blog	1
Greeting Card	1

Offline

Telephone	25
Physical	10
Postal	10

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Were there threats of offline/physical violence?

Yes	75	34%
No	143	66%

Did victim report the harassment?

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Yes	170	78%
No	48	22%

To Whom

(Some victims reported to multiple places)

ISP	100
Law Enforcement	83
Lawyer	8
Work	7
School	6
Other	14

How was it resolved?

(some victims followed multiple avenues of advice)

WHOA contacted ISP	59
Victim changed e-mail	59
Referred to LE	47
Harassment stopped	15
Victim got RO	13
Victim stopped posting	12
Referred to lawyer	10
Victim got firewall/AV	7
Victim changed phone	7
Victim changed ISP	6
Not a case	6
Victim didn't follow adv.	6
Victim moved	2
Unknown	25

Where was victim/harasser located?

How many cases involved victims and harassers in the same state/country?

89 41%

	Victim		Harasser	
Alabama	2		1	
Alaska	2		0	
Arizona	6	2.75%	4	1.75%
Arkansas	1		0	
California	28	13%	16	7.25%
Colorado	0		1	
Connecticut	0		1	
Delaware	0		0	
Florida	8	3.75%	3	
Georgia	8	3.75%	6	2.75%
Hawaii	1		0	
Idaho	0		0	
Illinois	8	3.75%	6	2.75%
Indiana	3		2	
Iowa	0		1	

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Kansas	1		1	
Kentucky	4		2	
Louisiana	4		2	
Maine	1		1	
Maryland	7	3%	2	
Massachusetts	4		3	
Michigan	5		3	
Minnesota	4		3	
Mississippi	0		0	
Missouri	5	2.25%	5	2.25%
Montana	0		0	
Nebraska	3		1	
Nevada	2		0	
New Hampshire	0		1	
New Jersey	5		5	
New Mexico	0		0	
New York	11	5%	9	4%
North Carolina	4		1	
North Dakota	0		0	
Ohio	5	2.25%	5	2.25%
Oklahoma	4			
Oregon	4		2	
Pennsylvania	5	2.25%	4	1.75%
Rhode Island	0		0	
South Carolina	0		2	
Tennessee	4		4	
Texas	9	4%	4	1.75%
Utah	0		0	
Vermont	0		0	
Virginia	8	3.75%	5	2.25%
Washington	4		3	
West Virginia	2		1	
Wisconsin	5		2	
Wyoming	0		0	
DC	0		0	
Outside the USA				
Canada	12	5.5%	7	3%
England	7	3%	5	2.25%
Australia	2		2	
Belgium	1		0	
France	2		1	
Argentina	1		0	
Bali	1		1	
India	1		1	
Germany	1		1	
Israel	1		0	
Kenya	1		0	
Japan	0		1	
Ireland	0		1	
Unknown	8		79	

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