WHOA (WWW.HALTABUSE.ORG) 2004 Cyberstalking Statistics

Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 196

Age of Victim

18-30	93	48%
31-40	53	27%
41+	44	23%
Unk	6	2%

Gender of Victim

Female	138	69%
Male	35	18%
Unk	26	13%

Race of victim

Caucasian	153	78%
Hispanic	7	3.5%
African-Am	6	3%
Asian	6	3%
Native Amer	1	1%
E. Indian	2	1%
Other	20	10.5%

Marital Status of Victim

Single	86	44%
Married	56	28.5%
Divorced	22	11%
Life Part.	11	5.5%
Separated	8	4.5%
Widowed	2	1%
Unk	11	4.5%

Gender of Harasser

Male	103	52.5%
Female	46	23.5%
Unk	47	24%

Prior relationship with harasser?

No	106	54%
Yes	88	45%
Unknown	2	1%

If yes, what was the relationship?

Ex	47	53.5%
Friend	8	9%
Work	5	6%
Online	18	20%
School	6	6.5%
Family	4	5%

How did harassment begin?

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Email	81	41.5%
IM	34	17.5%
Msg board*	26	13.5%
Web site	12	6%
Chat	11	5.5%
Ebay	7	3.5%
Blogs	6	3%
Dating Site	3	1.5%
Other	16	8%

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

How many cases escalated?

79 40.5%

How did it escalate?

(Many cases escalated to several of these, not just one thing, but for statistical purposes, listed the primary way they escalated)

Online

Email	28	15%
IM	17	8.5%
Msg Board*	15	7.5%
Web site	8	4.5%
Chat	5	2.5%
Blog	4	2.5%
Auctions	2	1%
Unk	16	8%

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Were there threats of offline/physical violence?

Yes	79	40.5%
No	117	59.5%

What were the most common threats?

Telephone	42	21.5%
Postal	2	1%
Made online	35	18%

Did victim report the harassment?

Yes	129	66%
No	67	34%

To Whom

(Some victims reported to multiple places)

ISP	67	34%
Law Enforce	59	30.5%
Other	3	1.5%

How was it resolved?

(some victims followed multiple avenues of advice, but the top ones in order were)

WHOA contacted ISP	85	43.5%
Victim followed our advice	42	21.5%

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Referred to LE	24	12.5%
Referred to lawyer	5	2.5%
Other	23	11.5
Unknown	17	8.5%

Where was victim/harasser located?

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

62 31.5%

	Victim		Harasser	
Alabama	0		1	
Alaska	0		0	
Arizona	2		3	
Arkansas	1		0	
California	27	13.5%	23	11.75%
Colorado	1		0	
Connecticut	0		1	
Delaware	1		1	
Florida	5	2.5%	2	
Georgia	5	2.5%	5	2.5%
Hawaii	0		0	
Idaho	1		0	
Illinois	5	2.5%	5	2.5%
Indiana	2		1	
Iowa	1		1	
Kansas	2		1	
Kentucky	2		3	
Louisiana	2		0	
Maine	3		3	
Maryland	4		4	
Massachusetts	5	2.5%	3	
Michigan	4		4	
Minnesota	0		0	
Mississippi	0		0	
Missouri	7	3.5%	0	
Montana	0		0	
Nebraska	1		0	
Nevada	0		0	
New Hampshire	0		0	
New Jersey	2		4	
New Mexico	1		1	
New York	14	7%	8	4%
North Carolina	3		2	
North Dakota	0		1	
Ohio	10	5%	6	3%
Oklahoma	1		1	
Oregon	0		1	
Pennsylvania	7	3.5%	5	2.5%
Rhode Island	1		1	
South Carolina	0		0	

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Tennessee	3		1	
Texas	7	3.5%	5	2.5%
Utah	1		1	
Vermont	0		0	
Virginia	13	6.5%	7	3.5%
Washington	4		4	
Wash., DC	0		2	
West Virginia	1		1	
Wisconsin	3		3	
Wyoming	1		0	
Outside the USA				
Canada	11	5.5%	4	
England	7	3.5%	3	
Australia	2		2	
India	2		2	
France	1		0	
Germany	0		3	
Japan	1		1	
Taiwan	0		1	
Czech	1		0	
Romania	0		1	
Belgium	1		0	
Mexico	0		1	
Finland	1		0	
Netherlands	1		0	
Unknown	13		65	