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2007 Cyberstalking Statistics

Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 249

Age of Victim

18-30	69	28%
31-40	59	24%
41+	70	29%
Unk	51	19%

Gender of Victim

Female	151	61%
Male	51	21%
Unk	47	18%

Race of victim

Caucasian	163	66%
Asian	11	5%
Hispanic	10	4%
African-Am	9	3%
Native Amer	3	1%
Other/Unk	53	21%

Marital Status of Victim

Single	79	32%
Married	68	27%
Divorced	20	8%
Life Part.	7	3%
Separated	2	1%
Widowed	6	3%
Unk	67	26%

Gender of Harasser

Male	97	39%
Female	73	30%
Unk	79	31%

Prior relationship with harasser?

No	140	56%
Yes	109	44%

If yes, what was the relationship?

Ex	34	31%
Online Acq	30	27%
Friend	15	14%
Family	14	13%
Work	7	7%
Roommate	3	3%
Customer	3	3%
School	2	1%
Co-owner	1	1%

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How did harassment begin?

Email	57	36%
Msg board*	30	11%
IM	25	11%
Web site	13	6%
Chat	12	5%
Myspace	11	4%
Ebay	9	4%
Telephone	9	4%
Mail List	8	3%
Craigslist	8	3%
Photo site	6	3%
Gaming	4	1%
Guestbook	4	1%
Blogs	3	1%
Cell phone	3	1%
Forged profile	2	1%
Facebook	2	1%
Other**	11	4%

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

***includes Livejournal, Fanfiction, cheaternews, Youtube, job web site, dating site)*

How many cases escalated?

138 **55%**

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	48	35%
Msg Board*	22	16%
Impersonated**	13	9%
IM	9	6%
Web Site	7	5%
Craigslist	5	3%
Chat	4	3%
Myspace	4	3%
Blog	4	3%
Text Message	4	3%
Phone	2	1%
Other***	16	12%

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

***Forged profiles on dating sites, myspace, Yahoo*

****Includes gaming, mail list, DOS attack, Wiki, Youtube, offline, telephone, postal mail)*

Were there threats of offline/physical violence?

Yes 59 24%

Did victim report the harassment?

Yes 147 59%

No 102 41%

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Law Enforce	64	43%
ISP	23	15%
Web admin	17	12%
Moderator	19	13%
Ebay	7	5%
Lawyer	3	1%
Myspace	5	6%
Craigslist	3	1%
Other*	6	8%

(*Includes Facebook, Cell provider)

How was it resolved?

WHOA*	186	74%
Referred to LE	22	9%
Not harassment	7	4%
Referred to Atty	2	1%
No reply**	32	12%

(*WHOA contacted the ISP, web admin/host or victim changed username, email address, profile, options or preferences)

(**Either the harassment stopped, victim took our advice or email bounced, which meant the victim changed their email address)

Where was victim/harasser located?

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

140 44%

	Victim		Harasser	
Alabama	3		2	
Alaska	0		0	
Arizona	6	3%	2	
Arkansas	2		2	
California	22	9%	19	8%
Colorado	6	3%	1	
Connecticut	4		1	
Delaware	0		0	
Florida	10	5%	7	3%
Georgia	9	4%	7	3%
Hawaii	2		1	
Idaho	0		0	
Illinois	10	5%	7	3%
Indiana	2		3	
Iowa	1		0	
Kansas	1		1	
Kentucky	3		3	
Louisiana	2		2	
Maine	3		0	
Maryland	1		4	2%

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	Victim		Harasser	
Massachusetts	4		3	
Michigan	4		1	
Minnesota	1		1	
Mississippi	0		0	
Missouri	0		2	
Montana	0		1	
Nebraska	1		1	
Nevada	1		0	
New Hampshire	1		0	
New Jersey	6	3%	5	
New Mexico	1		0	
New York	17	7%	15	6%
North Carolina	2		1	
North Dakota	0		0	
Ohio	7	3%	6	3%
Oklahoma	0		1	
Oregon	2		3	
Pennsylvania	8	3%	3	
Rhode Island	0		1	
South Carolina	3		3	
South Dakota	0		0	
Tennessee	3		3	
Texas	6	3%	7	3%
Utah	1		1	
Vermont	3		1	
Virginia	4		2	
Washington	8	3%	4	
Wash., DC	0		0	
West Virginia	2		2	
Wisconsin	3		2	
Wyoming	0		0	
Outside the USA				
Canada	8	3%	6	3%
England	9	4%	4	2%
Australia	1		3	
Germany	1		2	
Philippines	1		2	
Taiwan	0		1	
Mexico	0		1	
India	1		1	
Singapore	1		0	
Hong Kong	1		0	
Azerbaijan	1		0	
Russia	1		0	
Romania	1		0	
Netherlands	0		1	
S. Africa	1		1	
Unknown				

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TOP 10 LOCATIONS

VICTIMS

1. California
2. New York
3. Florida
4. Illinois
5. Georgia
6. UK
7. Pennsylvania
8. Washington
9. Canada
10. Texas/New Jersey

HARASSERS

- California
- New York
- Florida
- Illinois
- Georgia
- Texas
- Canada/Ohio
- New Jersey
- UK
- Maryland

We had 32 spam scam cases broken down as follows:

Lottery	27
Nigerians	5
Other scam	1