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2008 Cyberstalking Statistics

Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 234

Age of Victim

Under 18	5	2%
18-30	82	35%
31-40	53	23%
41+	75	32%
Unk	19	8%

Gender of Victim

Female	168	71%
Male	50	21%
Unk	16	8%

Race of victim

Caucasian	174	74%
Asian	10	4%
Hispanic	16	6.5%
African-Am	8	3.5%
Native Amer	5	2%
Other/Unk	21	10%

Marital Status of Victim

Single	74	31.5%
Married	43	18.5%
Divorced	27	11.5%
Life Part.	4	2%
Separated	4	2%
Widowed	1	.5%
Unk	81	34%

Gender of Harasser

Male	97	42%
Female	73	31%
Unk	64	27%

Prior relationship with harasser?

No	100	43%
Yes	149	57%

If yes, what was the relationship?

Ex	59	45%
Online Dating	26	19.5%
Online Acq	11	8%
Friend	8	6%
Family	11	8%
Work	9	6.5%
Neighbor	5	2%
Other*	5	5%

**1 each: School, competitor, boyfriend's mother, fan*

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How did harassment begin?

Email	84	36%
Msg board*	27	11.5%
IM	19	8%
Telephone	17	7%
Myspace	13	5.5%
Web site	12	5%
Chat	12	5%
Youtube	6	2.5%
Personals	6	2.5%
Blogs	5	2.25%
Craigslist	4	1.5%
Ency Dramatica	4	1.5%
Facebook	3	.75%
Ebay	2	.75%
Other**	22	11%

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

**includes Livejournal, dating, virus, greeting cards, gaming, mail list, guestbook, spyware, etc)

How many cases escalated?

166 71%

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	45	27%
IM	22	13%
Phone	16	9.5%
Myspace	14	8.5%
Craigslist	11	6.5%
Web Site	10	6.5%
Msg Board*	9	6%
Blog	9	6%
Text Message	9	6%
Other***	21	11%

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

***Includes gaming, Facebook, chat, Youtube, eBay, Encyclopedia Dramatica, Livejournal, Postal, etc)

Were there threats of offline/physical violence?

Yes 59 25%

Did victim report the harassment?

Yes 164 70%
 No 70 30%

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Law Enforce	72	30.5%
ISP	30	12.5%
Web admin	21	9%
Moderator	10	4%
Myspace	10	4%
Ebay	5	2%
Craigslist	4	1.5%
Other*	82	36.5%

(*Includes lawyer, Facebook, livejournal, Youtube, Juicycampus, Apt Mgr, Linkedin, Photobucket, etc)

How was it resolved?

WHOA*	178	76.5%
Referred to LE	22	9.5%
Not harassment	8	3%
Referred to Atty	6	2.5%
No reply**	20	8.5%

(*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?

109 46.5%

	Victim		Harasser	
Alabama	3		1	
Alaska	0		0	
Arizona	8	3.5%	4	
Arkansas	3		1	
California	32	14%	30	13%
Colorado	2		2	
Connecticut	1		0	
Delaware	0		3	
Florida	12	5%	7	3%
Georgia	6		5	
Hawaii	0		0	
Idaho	0		0	
Illinois	4		1	
Indiana	2		3	
Iowa	1		4	
Kansas	2		2	
Kentucky	5		1	
Louisiana	2		2	
Maine	0		0	
Maryland	1		2	

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	Victim		Harasser	
Massachusetts	7	3%	5	
Michigan	5		5	
Minnesota	3		1	
Mississippi	2		1	
Missouri	3		4	
Montana	0		1	
Nebraska	0		0	
Nevada	2		2	
New Hampshire	3		0	
New Jersey	3		4	
New Mexico	0		0	
New York	17	7%	12	5%
North Carolina	10	4%	6	
North Dakota	0		1	
Ohio	5		5	
Oklahoma	2		2	
Oregon	4		1	
Pennsylvania	10	4%	7	3%
Rhode Island	0		0	
South Carolina	1		2	
South Dakota	0		0	
Tennessee	1		1	
Texas	11	4.5%	7	3%
Utah	2		1	
Vermont	1		1	
Virginia	4		4	
Washington	7	3%	4	
Wash., DC	1		0	
West Virginia	1		1	
Wisconsin	3		2	
Wyoming	0		0	
Outside the USA				
Canada	8	3.5%	5	
England	6		6	
Australia	4		3	
New Zealand	2		0	
Philippines	2		1	
Sweden	1		1	
Mexico	1		0	
Cameroon	0		1	
Nigeria	0		1	
Indonesia	1		1	
Argentina	1		1	

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TOP 10 LOCATIONS

VICTIMS

1. California
2. New York
3. Florida
4. Texas
5. Pennsylvania
6. North Carolina
7. Canada
8. Massachusetts
9. Washington
10. United Kingdom

HARASSERS

- California
- New York
- Florida
- Texas
- Pennsylvania
- North Carolina
- United Kingdom
- Canada
- Ohio
- Massachusetts