

WHOA (WWW.HALTABUSE.ORG) 2009 Cyberstalking Statistics

Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 220

Age of Victim

18-30	74	34%
31-40	67	30%
41+	70	32%
Unk	8	4%

Gender of Victim

Female	171	78%
Male	47	21%
Unk	2	1%

Race of victim

Caucasian	153	69.5%
Asian	18	8.5%
African-Am	17	7.5%
Hispanic	7	3%
Native Amer	3	1.5%
Other/Unk	22	10%

Marital Status of Victim

Single	94	43%
Married	60	27%
Divorced	21	11.5%
Life Part.	4	2%
Separated	4	2%
Widowed	1	.5%
Unk	81	34%

Gender of Harasser

Male	99	45%
Female	76	35%
Unk	45	20%

Prior relationship with harasser?

No	86	39%
Yes	134	61%

If yes, what was the relationship?

Ex	58	43%
Online Acq	30	22%
Family	19	14%
Work	11	8%
Friend	10	7.5%
School	4	4%
Neighbor	2	1.5%

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How did harassment begin?

Email	74	34%
IM	27	13%
Msg board*	20	8.5%
Web site	14	7%
Chat	12	6%
Facebook	11	5.5%
Myspace	11	5.5%
Dating	6	2.5%
Craigslist	6	2.5%
Gaming	6	2.5%
Telephone	6	2.5%
Texting	6	2.5%
Auctions	5	2%
Blogs	5	2%
Youtube	3	1%
Twitter	3	1%
Hacking	3	1%
Other**	2	1%

*(*includes forums, groups, usenet, newsgroups, etc
Juicy Campus – now defunct – and Mailing List)*

How many cases escalated?

145 **66%**

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	34	24%
Msg Board*	20	14%
Phone	16	11%
Text Message	15	10.5%
Facebook	14	9.5%
Web Site	12	8.5%
IM	9	6%
Blog	6	4%
Myspace	4	2.5%
Skype	2	1.5%
Youtube	2	1.5%
In person	2	1.5%
Other**	9	11%

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

***Includes Bebo, gaming, keylogger, cell phone)*

Were there threats of offline/physical violence?

Yes 36 16.5%

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Did victim report the harassment?

Yes	158	72%
No	62	28%

To Whom

Police	75	48%
ISP*	72	46%
Lawyer	5	3.5%
School	2	1.75%
Other**	4	.75%

(*Includes web hosts, moderators, etc

**Includes employer, family, friend)

How was it resolved?

WHOA*	168	77%
Referred to LE	23	10.5%
Not harassment	5	2%
Referred to Atty	4	2%
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?

79	36%			
	Victim		Harasser	
Alabama	2		0	
Alaska	0		0	
Arizona	3		2	
Arkansas	0		0	
California	27	13%	21	9%
Colorado	4		2	
Connecticut	1		2	
Delaware	1		1	
Florida	12	6%	3	
Georgia	6		3	
Hawaii	1		0	
Idaho	2		1	
Illinois	9	4%	6	2.5%
Indiana	3		2	
Iowa	3		1	
Kansas	1		0	
Kentucky	4		3	

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Louisiana	1		1	
	Victim		Harasser	
Maine	2		1	
Maryland	11	5.5%	7	3%
Massachusetts	6	2.5%	1	
Michigan	1		2	
Minnesota	6	2.5%	6	2.5%
Mississippi	0		0	
Missouri	3		3	
Montana	0		0	
Nebraska	0		0	
Nevada	1		4	
New Hampshire	4		2	
New Jersey	3		6	2.5%
New Mexico	1		1	
New York	9	4%	10	4.5%
North Carolina	3		6	2.5%
North Dakota	0		0	
Ohio	4		3	
Oklahoma	3		1	
Oregon	2		1	
Pennsylvania	13	6.5%	6	2.5%
Rhode Island	0		1	
South Carolina	1		1	
South Dakota	0		0	
Tennessee	3		3	
Texas	14	7%	11	5%
Utah	1		0	
Vermont	2		3	
Virginia	9	4%	5	
Washington	5		3	
Wash., DC	0		0	
West Virginia	0		0	
Wisconsin	3		3	
Wyoming	0		0	
Outside the USA				
Canada	10	5%	7	3%
England	3		4	
Australia	2		4	
Ireland	2		0	
India	1		1	
Honduras	1		0	
Colombia	0		1	
Japan	0		1	
Germany	0		1	
Dubai	0		1	
Brazil	0		1	
Turkey	0		1	
Pakistan	0		1	

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TOP 10 LOCATIONS

VICTIMS

1. California
2. Texas
3. Pennsylvania
4. Florida
5. Maryland
6. Canada
7. New York
8. Illinois
9. Virginia
10. Massachusetts

HARASSERS

- California
- Texas
- New York
- Canada
- Maryland
- Illinois
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Pennsylvania