

## **WHOA ([WWW.HALTABUSE.ORG](http://WWW.HALTABUSE.ORG))**

### **2010 Cyberstalking Statistics**

**Number of cases used for statistical purposes: 349**

#### **Age of Victim**

Under 18	1	.25%
18-30	143	41%
31-40	101	29%
41+	96	27.5%
Unk	8	2.25%

#### **Gender of Victim**

Female	171	73%
Male	47	27%

#### **Race of victim**

Caucasian	233	66.5%
Asian	20	6.25%
African-Am	19	6%
Hispanic	18	5%
Native Amer	6	1.25%
Arabic	3	.75%
E. Indian	1	.25%
Other/Unk	49	14%

#### **Marital Status of Victim**

Single	160	45.5%
Married	98	28.25%
Divorced	40	11.5%
Life Part.	10	2.5%
Separated	13	4.25%
Widowed	0	0
Unk	28	8%

#### **Gender of Harasser**

Male	156	44.5%
Female	126	36%
Multiple/gang	21	3%
Unk	46	16.5%

#### **Prior relationship with harasser?**

No	185	53%
Yes	164	47%

*If yes, what was the relationship?*

Ex	90	55%
Online Acq	20	12%
Family	11	6.5%
Work	13	8%
Friend	12	7%
School	6	3.5%
Neighbor	4	2.5%

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Tenant	4	2.5%
Landlord	2	1.5%
Business	2	1.5%

### How did harassment begin?

Email	115	34%
IM	19	6%
Msg board*	33	9.5%
Web site	16	4.5%
Chat	10	2.5%
Facebook	56	16.5%
Myspace	16	4.5%
Dating	6	1.25%
Craigslist	7	1.5%
Gaming	1	.25%
Telephone	20	6.25%
Texting	14	4.5%
Auctions	2	.5%
Blogs	6	1.25%
Impersonation	5	1%
Youtube	3	.75%
Twitter	1	.25%
Keylog/Virus	6	1.25%
Ripoff Reports	6.	1.25%
Formspring	2	.5%
Topix	2	.5%
Maillist	2	.5%
Other**	2	1%

(\*includes Skype, podcast, Yelp, Ustream, Encyclopedia Dramatica)

### How many cases escalated?

**274** **79%**

### 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	50	18%
Msg Board*	10	3.5%
Phone	33	12%
Text Message	32	11%
Facebook	41	15%
Craigslist	7	3%
Dating	5	2%
Web Site	12	4.5%
IM	7	3%
Blog	10	3.5%
Chat	11	4%
Myspace	13	5%
Ripoff Reports	5	2%

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Postal	5	2%
Youtube	7	3%
Twitter	3	1.5%
Topix	2	1%
Classmates	2	1%
Photobucket	2	1%
Games	2	1%
Other**	14	5%

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

\*\*Formspring, Etsy.com, LinkedIn, Ecards, GPS)

#### **Were there threats of offline/physical violence?**

Yes	75	26%
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#### **Did victim report the harassment?**

Yes	213	61%
No	136	39%

#### **To Whom**

Police	114	53%
ISP*	87	41%
Lawyer	11	5%
School	1	1%

#### **How was it resolved?**

WHOA*	266	76%
Referred to LE	34	11%
Stopped on its own	12	3.25%
Nigerian/lottery	8	2.50%
Wouldn't take advice	10	3.50%
Not harassment	6	1.25%
Referred to Atty	6	1.25%
No reply**	6	1.25%

(\*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?**

120	34.5%
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	Victim		Harasser	
Alabama	1		0	
Alaska	2		1	
Arizona	13	3.75%	5	
Arkansas	3		2	
California	34	9.75%	28	8%
Colorado	3		3	
Connecticut	2		2	
Delaware	0		0	
Florida	18	5.25%	13	3.75%
Georgia	9		4	
Hawaii	3		2	
Idaho	3		2	
Illinois	17	5%	12	3.5%
Indiana	4		1	
Iowa	1		0	
Kansas	2		0	
Kentucky	5		2	
Louisiana	4		1	
Maine	1		1	
Maryland	10	2.75%	5	
Massachusetts	7		3	
Michigan	3		5	
Minnesota	3		3	
Mississippi	1		0	
Missouri	5		0	
Montana	0		0	
Nebraska	1		1	
Nevada	0		1	
New Hampshire	0		0	
New Jersey	5		3	
New Mexico	3		2	
New York	25	7%	23	5.5%
North Carolina	13	3.75%	4	
North Dakota	0		0	
Ohio	6		3	
Oklahoma	4		3	
Oregon	2		5	
Pennsylvania	13	3.75%	6	
Rhode Island	1		1	
South Carolina	5		4	
South Dakota	0		0	
Tennessee	7		6	
Texas	26	7.5%	31	8.5%
Utah	1		0	
Vermont	1		1	
Virginia	8		5	
Washington	13	3.75%	8	
Wash., DC	0		0	
West Virginia	4		1	

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	Victim		Harasser	
Wisconsin	4		1	
Wyoming	0		0	
<b>Outside the USA</b>				
Canada	14	4%	15	4.25%
England	7		10	
Australia	4		4	
India	4		1	
S. Africa	2		0	
UAE	2		0	
Thailand	2		0	
Netherlands	1		2	
Argentina	1		0	
Philippines	1		1	
Singapore	1		0	
Nigeria	1		1	
Spain	1		0	
Togo	1		0	
Venezuela	1		0	
Norway	1		0	
Colombia	1		0	
Brazil	1		0	
Switzerland	1		0	
taly	1		0	
Mauritius	1		0	
New Zealand	1		0	
Portugal	1		0	
Mexico	1		0	
Zambia	0		1	

**TOP 10 LOCATIONS**

**VICTIMS**

1. California
2. Texas
3. New York
4. Florida
5. Pennsylvania
6. Canada
7. Arizona
8. N. Carolina
9. Washington
10. Maryland

**HARASSERS**

- Texas
- California
- New York
- Canada
- Florida
- Illinois
- England
- Washington
- Tennessee
- Pennsylvania