

# Teen Line

1-800-443-8336

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<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/cahotlines/teenline/>  
Iowa State University Extension/Iowa Department of Public Health

## How many people called?

Teen Line received 181 calls for the month of February. This is a decrease of 31 calls from the previous month. The annual total (fiscal year) of calls from October 2002 – February 2003 is 923.

## Who called?

The average caller was 20 years old, female (41% female, 29% male), and remained on the line for 4 minutes. Fifteen percent of the calls were made by adults. Eight percent of the callers were using our service for the second time or more.

## Topics of discussion:

The greatest number of calls were categorized as relationship concerns (18%). Of these thirty-two calls, 61% revolved around family issues, 15% to peer/friend issues, and another 18% were concerned about boy and/or girl relationships.

The remaining calls were categorized as follows: abuse (2 or 1%), birth control (6 or 3%), educational (3 or 2%), foster care/aftercare (2 or 1%), hang-ups (44 or 24%), health (10 or 6%), information about hotline (11 or 6%), legal (3 or 2%), lonely or just needed to talk (13 or 7%), other (27 or 15%), prank (12 or 7%), pregnancy (5 or 3%), sexuality (8 or 4%), and wrong number (13 or 7%).

## What was the outcome of the calls?

Of the 181 calls, 57 (31%) required a listening ear and counseling that the Teen Line staff provided. In addition, 24 callers (13%) had a specific question that staff was able to answer. To supplement the information given by staff, 29 referrals (16%) were made. Staff was unable to help the 54 callers (30%) that hung-up or made a prank call.

## To whom were the callers referred?

Of the referrals that were made, 3% were to a counselor other than their school counselor, 17% were to a family planning center, 3% were to law enforcement, 22% to medical services, 3% were to the caller's parents, 28% to another hotline, 3% to school personnel, and 22% to medical services. Two callers (6%) were referred to the Iowa Aftercare Services Network.

## What is available for marketing?

Brochures and rulers are available displaying the Teen Line number. To obtain these you may order them through the Iowa State Extension Distribution Center at 515-294-5247 or contact the Teen Line during office hours from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.

If anyone would like additional statistics on the Teen Line, feel free to contact us at 1-800-443-8336. Current and previous reports are available for download at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/cahotlines/teenline/>.

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Time Period of Report: Feb. 2003      Number of Calls: 181      Average Call Length: 4 min.

## Client Information:

Male: 29%      Female: 41%      Avg. Age: 20      Adult Callers: 15%      Repeat Callers: 8%

## Call Topic:

<u>2 or 1%</u>	Abuse...
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Physical</i>
<u>2 or 100%</u>	<i>Substance</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Verbal/Emotional</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Sexual</i>
<u>6 or 3%</u>	Birth Control
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Brochure Request...
<u>3 or 2%</u>	Educational
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Employment
<u>2 or 1%</u>	Foster Care/Aftercare
<u>1 or 1%</u>	Gangs
<u>44 or 24%</u>	Hang-Up
<u>10 or 6%</u>	Health...
<u>1 or 10%</u>	<i>AIDS</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Dieting/Nutrition</i>
<u>1 or 10%</u>	<i>Eating Disorders</i>
<u>3 or 30%</u>	<i>Puberty</i>
<u>2 or 20%</u>	<i>STD's</i>
<u>3 or 30%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>7 or 3%</u>	Information about hotline
<u>3 or 2%</u>	Legal
<u>13 or 7%</u>	Lonely/Just to talk
<u>12 or 7%</u>	Prank
<u>5 or 3%</u>	Pregnancy...
<u>32 or 18%</u>	Relationships...
<u>6 or 18%</u>	<i>Boy/Girl</i>
<u>20 or 61%</u>	<i>Family</i>
<u>5 or 15%</u>	<i>Peer/Friends</i>
<u>2 or 6%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Runaway
<u>8 or 4%</u>	Sexuality
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Suicide
<u>13 or 7%</u>	Wrong Number
<u>0 or 0%</u>	"You are not alone"
<u>27 or 15%</u>	Other

## Outcome:

<u>0 or 0%</u>	Brochure/Video Order Sent
<u>57 or 31%</u>	Counseling
<u>54 or 30%</u>	Hang-Up/Prank/NA
<u>9 or 5%</u>	Needs to call us back
<u>29 or 16%</u>	Referral...
<u>24 or 13%</u>	Supplied wanted information
<u>26 or 9%</u>	Unable to assist caller
<u>6 or 3%</u>	Other

## ...Referrals:

<u>1 or 3%</u>	Counselor (not school)
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Dept. of Public Health
<u>6 or 17%</u>	Family Planning Center
<u>1 or 3%</u>	Law Enforcement
<u>2 or 6%</u>	Legal Services
<u>8 or 22%</u>	Medical Services
<u>1 or 3%</u>	Other Adult
<u>10 or 28%</u>	Other Hotline
<u>1 or 3%</u>	Parents
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Runaway Services
<u>1 or 3%</u>	School Personnel
<u>3 or 8%</u>	Other

**...# Teen Line brochures requested:** 0

## **"You are not alone" series...**

Workbooks requested:	<u>0</u>
Videos requested:	<u>0</u>
Physicians' manuals requested:	<u>0</u>

# Teen Line Calls February 2002 - February 2003

