

# 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 208 calls for the month of May. This is an increase of 37 calls from the previous month. The annual total (fiscal year) of calls from October 2002 – May 2003 is 1,528.

## Who called?

The average caller was 16 years old, female (36% female, 34% male), and remained on the line for 4 minutes. Nine percent of the calls were made by adults. Six 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 (20%). Of these thirty-five calls, 57% revolved around family issues, 17% to peer/friend issues, and another 19% were concerned about boy and/or girl relationships.

The remaining calls were categorized as follows: abuse (3 or 1%), birth control (1 or 0%), educational (7 or 3%), employment (2 or 1%), foster care/aftercare (5 or 2%), hang-ups (58 or 28%), health (9 or 4%), information about hotline (11 or 5%), legal (1 or 0%), lonely or just needed to talk (11 or 5%), other (35 or 17%), prank (24 or 12%), pregnancy (2 or 1%), runaway (0 or 0%), sexuality (6 or 3%), suicide (4 or 2%), and wrong number (10 or 5%).

## What was the outcome of the calls?

Of the 208 calls, 50 (24%) required a listening ear and counseling that the Teen Line staff provided. In addition, 26 callers (13%) had a specific question that staff was able to answer. To supplement the information given by staff, 26 referrals (13%) were made. Staff was unable to help the 83 callers (40%) that hung-up or made a prank call.

## To whom were the callers referred?

Of the referrals that were made, 10% were to a counselor other than their school counselor, 10% were to the Department of Public Health, and 13% were to a family planning center. Add to that, 3% to law enforcement, 16% to medical services, 13% to another hotline, and 6% to a school personnel. Five callers (16%) 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: May 2003      Number of Calls: 208      Average Call Length: 4 min.

## Client Information:

Male: 34%      Female: 36%      Avg. Age: 16      Adult Callers: 9%      Repeat Callers: 6%

## Call Topic:

<u>3 or 1%</u>	Abuse...
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Physical</i>
<u>0 or 100%</u>	<i>Substance</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Verbal/Emotional</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Sexual</i>
<u>1 or 0%</u>	Birth Control
<u>2 or 1%</u>	Brochure Request...
<u>7 or 3%</u>	Educational
<u>2 or 1%</u>	Employment
<u>5 or 2%</u>	Foster Care/Aftercare
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Gangs
<u>58 or 28%</u>	Hang-Up
<u>9 or 4%</u>	Health...
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>AIDS</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Dieting/Nutrition</i>
<u>2 or 22%</u>	<i>Eating Disorders</i>
<u>1 or 11%</u>	<i>Puberty</i>
<u>6 or 67%</u>	<i>STD's</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>11 or 5%</u>	Information about hotline
<u>1 or 0%</u>	Legal
<u>11 or 5%</u>	Lonely/Just to talk
<u>24 or 12%</u>	Prank
<u>2 or 1%</u>	Pregnancy...
<u>26 or 13%</u>	Relationships...
<u>10 or 37%</u>	<i>Boy/Girl</i>
<u>12 or 44%</u>	<i>Family</i>
<u>4 or 15%</u>	<i>Peer/Friends</i>
<u>1 or 4%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Runaway
<u>6 or 3%</u>	Sexuality
<u>4 or 2%</u>	Suicide
<u>10 or 5%</u>	Wrong Number
<u>3 or 1%</u>	"You are not alone"
<u>35 or 17%</u>	Other

## Outcome:

<u>2 or 1%</u>	Brochure/Video Order Sent
<u>50 or 24%</u>	Counseling
<u>83 or 40%</u>	Hang-Up/Prank/NA
<u>7 or 3%</u>	Needs to call us back
<u>26 or 13%</u>	Referral...
<u>26 or 13%</u>	Supplied wanted information
<u>14 or 7%</u>	Unable to assist caller
<u>9 or 4%</u>	Other

## ...Referrals:

<u>3 or 10%</u>	Counselor (not school)
<u>3 or 10%</u>	Dept. of Public Health
<u>4 or 13%</u>	Family Planning Center
<u>1 or 3%</u>	Law Enforcement
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Legal Services
<u>5 or 16%</u>	Medical Services
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Other Adult
<u>4 or 13%</u>	Other Hotline
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Parents
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Runaway Services
<u>2 or 6%</u>	School Personnel
<u>4 or 13%</u>	Other

**...# Teen Line brochures requested:** 1,500

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

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

# Teen Line Calls May 2002- May 2003

