

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Kentucky Summary

On September 17, 2008, 14 out of 14, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,315 Victims Served In One Day

484 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

831 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

93%	Individual Support or Advocacy
93%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
93%	Transportation
86%	Group Support or Advocacy
86%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
79%	Children's Support or Advocacy
50%	Transitional Housing
50%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare

290 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

253 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 253 individuals in communities across Kentucky attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

159 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 107 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 57% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 7% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$22,006.

"Wind storms from from Hurricane Ike resulted in most of the city and county losing power. We are fortunate to still have power, and we didn't have to evacuate our residents."

"Limited transportation was an issue for a client who needed to attend court in another state. She and her child caught a bus at 4:00 a.m. and rode for approximately eight hours to get to court. It will be a long bus ride back home too."