

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Maryland Summary

On September 15, 2009, 24 out of 24, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,082 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept 15
Emergency Shelter	67%
Transitional Housing	46%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by licensed therapist)	42%
Therapy/Counseling for Children (by licensed therapist)	33%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	33%
Legal Accompaniment/Services	38%
Translation/Interpretation Services	25%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	13%

613 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 approximately 26 hotline calls every hour.

546 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 546 individuals in communities across Maryland attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

254 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 83 (33%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 38% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 33% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 25% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 17% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 13% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A pregnant woman was brutally attacked by her partner. We provided support to her and her two children and helped her secure a protective order."

"One of the women we work with got her Jewish divorce today. She described it as her independence day. Despite a civil divorce, without the Jewish divorce, she said she felt 'chained' to her husband, unable to move on."