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## Domestic Violence Counts New York Summary

On September 16, 2015, 99 out of 102 (97%) identified domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 99 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 6,950 Victims Served in One Day

3,711 domestic violence victims (2,109 children and 1,602 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

3,239 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 16
Individual Support or Advocacy	97%
Emergency Shelter	72%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	65%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	57%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	55%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	45%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	42%

### 1,360 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 56 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,619 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,619 individuals in communities across New York attended 70 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 956 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 61% Were for Housing

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services. In addition to housing and emergency shelter, programs reported that of the service requests they could not meet, Rental Assistance/Utilities and Cash Assistance/Financial Assistance services were most in demand.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across New York, 148 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 39% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 18% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 9% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across New York, 115 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (76%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Another organization called on behalf of a woman and her 4 children who were seeking shelter. Our shelter was at capacity and we could not accept her. She was referred to other programs that may not have been able to help her either with all the services she needed.”

— Advocate

