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## Domestic Violence Counts Ohio Summary

On September 16, 2015, 69 out of 69 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2015 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 69 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,047 Victims Served in One Day

1,252 domestic violence victims (683 children and 569 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

795 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	99%
Children's Support or Advocacy	81%
Emergency Shelter	72%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	59%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	48%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	38%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	20%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	10%

### 618 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 25 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,361 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,361 individuals in communities across Ohio attended 44 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 146 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 66% 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 Attorney/Legal Representation services were most in demand.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

Across Ohio, 77 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

- 13% of programs reported government funding cuts.
- 12% of programs reported staffing cuts or reductions.
- 10% of programs reported reductions in private funding.
- 7% of programs reported fewer individual donations.

Across Ohio, 32 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most (72%) of these positions were direct services such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help

"A client who worked with a legal advocate in court stated that the court process was much less stressful with the advocate there to assist the client. The client stated, 'It is a wonderful thing that you do in your work. It is much needed and appreciated.'"

— Advocate

