



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Maine Summary

On September 14, 2016, 8 out of 8 (**100%**) identified domestic violence resource centers in Maine participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 8 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 479 Victims Served in One Day

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

**232** adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Individual Support or Advocacy	<b>100%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>88%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>88%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>75%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	<b>63%</b>
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	<b>63%</b>

## 132 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, local and state hotline staff answered **132** calls, averaging **6** hotline calls every hour.

## 183 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **183** individuals in communities across Maine attended **13** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 55 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 53% (29) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **55** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Maine, **13** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**60%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “A woman called the hotline to share how much she appreciated the support group she attended the day before. It helped break down her feelings of isolation. She also called to say she is struggling financially since her abuser was arrested. Her positive experience has created a trusting connection that will continue with more specialized advocacy.”