



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Minnesota Summary

On September 14, 2016, 57 out of 61 (**93%**) identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 57 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,400 Victims Served in One Day

1,076 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,324 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
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	61%
Transportation	53%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	33%
Childcare/Daycare	30%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	30%

848 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 **848** calls, averaging **35** hotline calls every hour.

781 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **781** individuals in communities across Minnesota attended **34** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

475 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 68% (323) 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 475 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 Minnesota, **33** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**67%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “A victim gave birth within the last 2 weeks and also has a school-aged child with special needs. She awaits placement on transitional housing lists but fears she will be out in the cold weather before getting placement. She feels fearful that Child Protection Services will take her children if she cannot get immediate, adequate housing for herself and her family.”