



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Ohio Summary

On September 14, 2016, 69 out of 69 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 69 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,015 Victims Served in One Day

1,134 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

881 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	91%
Emergency Shelter	71%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	59%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	32%
Childcare/Daycare	10%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	4%

635 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 **635** calls, averaging **26** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “The sheriff’s department called asking for shelter for a woman. Her boyfriend abducted her baby at gunpoint and threatened to kill her. We spoke with the woman, helped her safety plan, and offered shelter. Several hours later, the sheriff’s department called us to tell us they had located the boyfriend and baby, made an arrest, and were bringing the woman and baby to shelter. She said we saved her life.”

1,051 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **1,051** individuals in communities across Ohio attended **41** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

151 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 76% (115) 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 **110** 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 Ohio, **20** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**68%**) 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.