



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Virginia Summary

On September 14, 2016, 52 out of 55 (**95%**) identified domestic violence programs in Virginia participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 52 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,575 Victims Served in One Day

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

743 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
Children’s Support or Advocacy	87%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	58%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	58%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	48%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	13%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	15%

398 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 **398** calls, averaging **17** hotline calls every hour.

✦ An advocate said, “We have been assisting a male immigrant survivor for weeks, providing individual counseling in Spanish, legal advocacy, safety planning, and community resources. When he first came into our agency, he was very nervous. Over time, he started looking more relaxed and began smiling more. He stated that he feels supported by our program. He said, ‘I felt really stupid once I realized that I was in an abusive relationship. I don’t feel that way anymore and I don’t feel so alone now.’”

760 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **760** individuals in communities across Virginia attended **49** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

163 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 52% (85) 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 **163** 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 Virginia, **17** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**57%**) 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.