

# 2008

Domestic Violence Counts  
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

# Idaho Summary

On September 17, 2008, 28 out of 28, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

## 577 Victims Served In One Day

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

348 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

### Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

46%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
29%	Transitional Housing
25%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
25%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
21%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse
14%	Childcare/Daycare
14%	Rural Outreach
11%	Job Training/Employment Assistance

## 196 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 8 hotline calls every hour.

## 238 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 238 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 11 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 178 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 62 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 92% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 71% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,383.

## Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 21% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

*"A woman in her fifties called us from the hospital today, where her husband had forced her to go for psychiatric services. He had kicked her out of her home, and she needed financial assistance so that she could move herself, her granddaughter, and her pets to a new home. Unfortunately, we don't have funds available to help her with this."*

*"The number of clients we serve in our shelter has gone up in the past year, while donations are down more than \$25,000. Our VOCA funds have been cut 70 percent over the past three years."*