

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

New Hampshire Summary

On September 17, 2008, 12 out of 12, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

213 Victims Served In One Day

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

86 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

92%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
83%	Individual Support or Advocacy
58%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
42%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
33%	Rural Outreach
33%	Transitional Housing
17%	Children's Support or Advocacy
8%	Group Support or Advocacy

54 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

20 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 20 individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended a training session provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

11 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, 9 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 50% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,840.

"Several clients called or came in today who are dealing with abusers who are stalking them in addition to physically and emotionally abusing them."

"We're working with clients who are dealing with more than just domestic violence or stalking issues. We help victims with everything, including loss of housing, mental health issues, medical care for injuries, damages to property, lack of transportation, waiting up to eight weeks for counseling appointments, grueling court battles, loss of wages, substance misuse, and more. I find that we're spending twice the amount of time, if not more, working with survivors."