

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Virgin Islands Summary

On September 17, 2008, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Virgin Islands participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

68 Victims Served In One Day

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

60 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

67%	Individual Support or Advocacy
67%	Translation/Interpretation Services
67%	Children's Support or Advocacy
33%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
33%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
33%	Transitional Housing
33%	Transportation
33%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse

3 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

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.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$29,000.

3 Hotline Calls Answered

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

"The Women's Coalition of St. Croix helped me and my children during a difficult time in my life. With their support, I obtained my Certified Nursing Assistant License. My children and I are on a better path, and I believe in myself again."