

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 15, 2009, 36 out of 40, or 90%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 36 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,567 Victims Served in One Day

1,286 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

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

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept 15
Emergency Shelter	83%
Transitional Housing	64%
Group Support or Advocacy	61%
Individual Support or Advocacy	86%
Children's Support or Advocacy	47%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	31%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	14%
Advocacy Related to Placement/Care for Animals	11%

199 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 approximately 8 hotline calls every hour.

582 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 582 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 55 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

296 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 259 (88%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 39% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 33% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 25% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 25% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 14% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A survivor called today. Her abuser found out where she was living and called her landlord, causing trouble for her. He then withdrew all the money from their joint account. She wanted to come to the shelter, but we don't have enough staffing at our shelter. So we safety planned with her. If we could hire more staff, more people could come into shelter."

"After receiving a donation, our program was able to turn our utilities back on."

