

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Hawaii Summary

On September 15, 2009, 17 out of 18, or 94%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

505 Victims Served in One Day

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

333 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	76%
Emergency Shelter	35%
Transitional Housing	12%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	18%
Legal Representation by Attorney	12%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	35%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	18%

107 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 4 hotline calls every hour.

210 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 210 individuals in communities across Hawaii attended 5 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

35 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, 24 (69%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 🏠 41% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 41% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 29% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 18% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"In the past, we provided childcare for victims when they needed to go to court or had job interviews, but we can no longer offer childcare because of funding cuts."

"Three survivors had car troubles today, so we drove them to their appointments. Because of this, we didn't have enough staff at our shelter and one survivor lost a housing opportunity."