

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 15, 2009, 28 out of 28, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

546 Victims Served in One Day

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

340 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	86%
Emergency Shelter	50%
Advocacy Related to Technology Use	4%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	11%
Transitional Housing	36%
Rural Outreach	32%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	29%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	25%

171 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 7 hotline calls every hour.

402 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 402 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 12 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

165 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, 86 (52%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 46% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 32% reported not enough staff.
- 25% reported not enough specialized services.
- 11% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

"A survivor and her daughters spent last night at a local motel after her abuser beat her. She asked me, 'What is worse: a beating every week or not having a roof over my children's head and food in their bellies?' How do I answer that question?"

"Today was an exciting day! One of our residents delivered a baby before the ambulance arrived. She said she felt safe for the first time in months and when she relaxed, the baby came! Mother and baby are fine!"