

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Missouri Summary

On September 15, 2009, 68 out of 68, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

2,033 Victims Served in One Day

1,238 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

795 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	96%
Emergency Shelter	75%
Children's Support or Advocacy	56%
Transportation	56%
Group Support or Advocacy	53%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	50%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	43%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by licensed practitioner)	43%

515 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 21 hotline calls every hour.

1,419 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,419 individuals in communities across Missouri attended 58 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

416 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, 207 (50%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 🏠 43% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 29% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 25% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 21% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A client's divorce came through this week. Her ex-husband had kidnapped her before she got away and just a month ago, he killed another woman."

"A survivor came in today to tell us that her abuser had set her car on fire. Most of her personal belongings, including personal identification papers, were in the car because she was getting ready to move into a new home."