

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Nebraska Summary

On September 15, 2009, 23 out of 23, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

606 Victims Served in One Day

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

403 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	91%
Children's Support or Advocacy	48%
Emergency Shelter	70%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	61%
Transportation	74%
Medical Services/Accompaniment	30%
Rural Outreach	35%
Advocacy/Support for Teen Victims of Dating Violence	26%

276 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 12 hotline calls every hour.

396 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 396 individuals in communities across Nebraska attended 22 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

232 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 (89%) 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.
- 30% reported not enough specialized services.
- 26% reported not enough staff.
- 22% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 13% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

"A woman, whose ex-partner is stalking her, requested shelter on the Census Day. The previous night, he went to her apartment, banged on her door, yelled at her and eventually broke down the door. Unfortunately, all our beds are full, and we have a waiting list of 16 people. There are no other shelters nearby, and we have no funds for hotel stays. Our advocate worked with her and helped her create a safety plan. Even though we could not offer her a place at the shelter, she knew she had support."