

'09 Domestic Violence Counts New Hampshire Summary

On September 15, 2009, 13 out of 13, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

298 Victims Served in One Day

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

207 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	92%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	92%
Children's Support or Advocacy	38%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	54%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	46%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	38%
Medical Services/Accompaniment	23%
Transportation	62%

88 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.

640 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 640 individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended 12 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

14 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, 10 (71%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 38% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 23% reported not enough staff.
- 15% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 8% reported not enough specialized services.
- 8% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We had a new baby in our shelter! Mom and child are doing just fine and we have a new bundle of baby joy!"

"A resident in our shelter celebrated her birthday. We gave her presents and a gas card so she could visit her child who's living in another state. She thanked us for making her day!"