

'09 Domestic Violence Counts New Mexico Summary

On September 15, 2009, 27 out of 29, or 93%, of identified local domestic violence programs in New Mexico participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 27 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

991 Victims Served in One Day

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

426 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
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	52%
Legal Representation by Attorney	15%
Transportation	56%
Children's Support or Advocacy	52%
Transitional Housing	41%
Advocacy/Support for Teen Victims of Dating Violence	7%
Rural Outreach	22%
Childcare/Daycare	19%

152 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 6 hotline calls every hour.

306 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 306 individuals in communities across New Mexico attended 14 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

182 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, 93 (51%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 33% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 26% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 22% reported not enough staff.
- 19% reported not enough specialized services.
- 7% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Many of our shelter clients have no health insurance. They are forced to go to emergency rooms for themselves and their children, which results in huge hospital bills that they can't pay."

"The survivors we work with have very little resources."

