

# '09 Domestic Violence Counts Utah Summary

On September 15, 2009, 16 out of 16, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

## 1,040 Victims Served in One Day

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

445 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	94%
Children's Support or Advocacy	63%
Transportation	31%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	38%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	56%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	31%
Rural Outreach	31%

## 281 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 11 hotline calls every hour.

## 464 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 464 individuals in communities across Utah attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 139 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, 129 (93%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 🏠 31% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 25% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 25% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 13% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 13% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We serve two Native American reservations, offering culturally and language appropriate services, legal services on and off the reservation, traditional American Indian counseling and services, and transitional housing assistance. It's challenging, however, when their communities experience a 50% unemployment rate, a 40% poverty rate, and a per capital income of \$7,500."

"Many survivors return to their abusers because they can't find jobs that pay well. Without a decent-paying job, it's difficult for survivors to find housing and take care of their children."