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Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 17, 2013, 22 out of 22 (100%), of identified local domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

519 Victims Served in One Day

197 domestic violence victims (92 children and 105 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

322 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 17
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Children's Support or Advocacy	77%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	23%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	14%
Bilingual Advocacy	41%
Legal Representation	9%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	14%
Emergency Shelter	50%

286 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, local and state hotlines answered 286 calls, averaging more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

462 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 462 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 35 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

124 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 70% (87) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 100 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and nonresidential services, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential services that couldn't be provided were housing advocacy followed by counseling.

Impact of Unmet Requests for Help

Domestic violence programs do not always know what happens when a survivor courageously calls a stranger to ask for a bed or other help and the services aren't available; however 73% of programs report that victims return to their abuser, 32% report that victims become homeless, and 9% report that the families are end up living in their cars.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 32% reported reduced government funding.
- 9% reported not enough staff.
- 5% reported cuts from private funding sources.

Across Idaho, 20 (9%) staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"A young Latina woman escaped an abusive relationship with her three children. Unfortunately, our emergency shelter was at capacity, with eighteen women and children on the waiting list. It is heart wrenching to not be able to provide women and their children life-saving and life-affirming services."

— Advocate

