



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Wisconsin Summary

On September 14, 2016, 54 out of 72 (**75%**) identified domestic violence programs in Wisconsin participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 54 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,716 Victims Served in One Day

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

788 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Emergency Shelter	89%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	83%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	56%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	48%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	44%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	28%

486 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 hotline staff answered **486** calls, averaging **20** hotline calls every hour.

517 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **517** individuals in communities across Wisconsin attended **29** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

243 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 83% (202) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **243** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Wisconsin, **25** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**71%**) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

✂ An advocate said, “We assisted one of our shelter residents in obtaining safe housing away from her abuser. She moved into her new home on Census day! Case managers assisted her in packing and finding the items that she needed for her new home. She shared feelings of excitement and also anxious feelings. Staff assured her that we would be here for support through this transition.”

