



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Arizona Summary

On September 13, 2017, 28 out of 36 (78%) identified domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 28 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,989 Victims Served in One Day

1,050 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

939 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	On Census Day
Children’s Support or Advocacy	89%
Emergency Shelter	82%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	68%
Transportation	64%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	46%

284 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Arizona answered on average 12 hotline calls per hour.

251 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 251 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 30 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

366 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 74% (270) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 370 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, 12 local programs in Arizona laid off or did not fill 21 staff positions. Most of these positions (60%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ “On this day, we had to turn down a caller with two children for shelter due to no available beds. As always, we gave her resource information and offered her assistance with transportation to another shelter. She said she felt like giving up because ‘You are the fifth place I’ve called that has no beds for me and my kids.’”

