



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Mississippi Summary

On September 13, 2017, 11 out of 12 (92%) identified domestic violence programs in Mississippi participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

504 Victims Served in One Day

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

179 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
Emergency Shelter	82%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	55%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	45%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	18%

69 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 Mississippi answered on average three hotline calls per hour.

245 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 245 individuals in communities across Mississippi attended eight training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

82 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 74% (61) were for Housing

Victims made more than 80 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, five local programs in Mississippi laid off or did not fill nine staff positions. Most of these positions (57%) 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.

❖ “A 23 year-old woman, born to Western Somali parents, was promised love and prosperity by a man she met through a dating site. After her arrival, he became verbally and physically abusive. His family watched as he assaulted her. She called and was rescued by law enforcement. She received shelter services and now lives independently, employed and free of violence.”

