



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Missouri Summary

On September 13, 2017, 60 out of 66 (91%) identified domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 60 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,062 Victims Served in One Day

1,323 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

739 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	80%
Emergency Shelter	77%
Transportation	68%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	60%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	42%

431 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 Missouri answered on average 18 hotline calls per hour.

557 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 557 individuals in communities across Missouri attended 26 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

420 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 68% (287) were for Housing

Victims made 420 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, 17 local programs in Missouri laid off or did not fill 31 staff positions. Most of these positions (56%) 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.

❖ “We had several callers the day of the census trying to find bed space. We did not have any space available so we provided alternative community resources and safety planning. This is always difficult to manage, having to hear heartbreaking stories and stories of survival with women crying on the phone when we do not have any space.”

