



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS New Hampshire Summary

On September 13, 2017, 13 out of 13 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

271 Victims Served in One Day

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

140 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	92%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	54%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	31%

62 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 New Hampshire answered on average three hotline calls per hour.

372 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 372 individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended 11 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

40 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 80% (32) were for Housing

Victims made 40 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, three local programs in New Hampshire laid off or did not fill four staff positions. Many of these positions (40%) 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 survivor told us that she was feeling so hopeless, alone, and broken by life when she entered shelter. Fast forward to the present day. It has been a year since she left the shelter. She has her own apartment, a very stable job, and independence. She said she feels stronger and freer than she has ever felt in her life. She is so grateful that we helped her and said that we treated her with respect and showed her that she was 'worth it.'"