



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS North Dakota Summary

On September 13, 2017, 20 out of 20 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 20 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

295 Victims Served in One Day

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

173 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	70%
Emergency Shelter	60%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	30%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	30%
Hotel/Motel Stay	20%

71 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 North Dakota answered on average three hotline calls per hour.

124 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 124 individuals in communities across North Dakota attended ten training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

10 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 60% (6) were for Housing

Victims made ten 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, six local programs in North Dakota laid off or did not fill ten 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.

❖ “Law enforcement called for assistance because they believed a victim was being emotionally and physically abused. We placed her and her kids in a hotel, did some safety planning, and helped her make car repairs to leave the state. She said, ‘I am so thankful that you are here. I have nobody. All my family has moved away and I thought I was stuck here with no way out.’”

