



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Texas Summary

On September 13, 2017, 86 out of 87 (99%) identified domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 86 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

6,217 Victims Served in One Day

3,743 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,474 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%
Emergency Shelter	86%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	45%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	40%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	36%

1,782 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 Texas answered on average 74 hotline calls per hour.

2,650 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 2,650 individuals in communities across Texas attended 118 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

1,298 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 34% (441) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 1,300 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, 22 local programs in Texas laid off or did not fill 49 staff positions. Most of these positions (63%) 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 client came to us with no top teeth. She felt embarrassed by her appearance and believed it to be a barrier to getting the job she desired: a nurse’s aide. We located a dentist willing to make the dentures at a reduced cost and community members willing to cover the cost. Our client picked up her dentures today, and her new smile lit up every room she entered.”

