



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Michigan Summary

On September 14, 2016, 53 out of 53 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 53 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 2,761 Victims Served in One Day

**1,773** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**988** adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Individual Support or Advocacy	<b>92%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>89%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>87%</b>
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	<b>55%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	<b>51%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>47%</b>

## 479 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff answered **479** calls, averaging **20** hotline calls every hour.

## 306 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **306** individuals in communities across Michigan attended **21** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 304 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 87% (265) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made **304** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Michigan, **33** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**74%**) of these positions were for direct services such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “Although our shelter was full on this day, we were still able to provide safe housing for a survivor and her three children in a hotel through resources from United Way. Our advocate provided crisis counseling and safety planning. A referral for transitional housing is already in place. The survivor stated she is really hopeful about next steps because she feels like she has safety, support, and a plan.”