



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Missouri Summary

On September 14, 2016, 66 out of 69 (**96%**) identified domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 66 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,137 Victims Served in One Day

1,404 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

733 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	95%
Emergency Shelter	86%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	80%
Transportation	59%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	55%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	53%

475 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 **475** calls, averaging **20** hotline calls every hour.

684 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **684** individuals in communities across Missouri attended **39** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

364 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 65% (237) 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 **364** 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 Missouri, **29** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Half (**50%**) 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, “We have a survivor that has been in a domestic violence situation for several years. She finally came into our shelter with her children. Two of her children were living with other members of her family because of the violence. She also brought them into the shelter with her. She shared how safe and comfortable the family felt and were glad to be united. The children are very content and safe here.”

