



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS New York Summary

On September 14, 2016, 101 out of 101 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in New York participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 101 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 6,868 Victims Served in One Day

**4,107** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**2,761** 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>93%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>82%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>78%</b>
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	<b>62%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>58%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	<b>56%</b>

## 1,460 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 **1,460** calls, averaging **61** hotline calls every hour.

## 1,375 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **1,375** individuals in communities across New York attended **69** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 1,390 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 58% (806) 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 **1,390** 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 New York, **83.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**68%**) 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, “A survivor had only vital papers and a packed bag, and no idea what supports or services were available to her. Our agency was able to provide her with housing, legal advocacy, transportation, and police assistance to retrieve personal items from her home. She later said that she was glad to have people with her that understood what she was going through and were able to empower her to make decisions.”

