



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Pennsylvania Summary

On September 14, 2016, 60 out of 60 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 60 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 2,507 Victims Served in One Day

**1,201** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**1,306** 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>100%</b>
Children’s Support or Advocacy	<b>97%</b>
Emergency Shelter	<b>88%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>78%</b>
Transportation	<b>32%</b>
Legal Representation by an Attorney	<b>28%</b>
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	<b>20%</b>

## 765 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 **765** calls, averaging **32** hotline calls every hour.

## 1,301 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **1,301** individuals in communities across Pennsylvania attended **69** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 492 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 84% (413) 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 **492** 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 Pennsylvania, **52.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**59%**) 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 victim called the hotline and desperately needed to flee her abuser. The victim and her daughter came to our emergency shelter where we advocated to get school bus service for the child and assisted the victim with clothing, food, and other personal needs. The victim and her daughter sat in our shelter dining area and say that it was the most peaceful dinner they shared together in years.”