



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Texas Summary

On September 14, 2016, 88 out of 88 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 88 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 6,627 Victims Served in One Day

**4,054** domestic violence victims and children found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**2,573** 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
Emergency Shelter	<b>90%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	<b>61%</b>
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	<b>49%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	<b>39%</b>
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	<b>27%</b>

### 1,489 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 **1,489** calls, averaging **62** hotline calls every hour.

### 4,067 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **4,067** individuals in communities across Texas attended **133** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 999 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 57% (569) 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 **999** 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 Texas, **58.5** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most **(51%)** 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 shelter client told us, ‘That picture of my bruises I showed you when I came in was how I spent my birthday in 2012... He tried to kill me in 2013... In 2016 you rescued me and gave me a chance. Your love, belief in me, and faith in my abilities helped me believe in people again.’ This client accessed our protective order, counseling, and Allstate Savings Match Program services. She has a new job and is moving out this weekend into an apartment.”