



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Utah Summary

On September 14, 2016, 17 out of 17 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

828 Victims Served in One Day

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

225 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
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	47%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	29%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	0%

153 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 **153** calls, averaging **6** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “The survivor at the shelter expressed her appreciation time and time again for the food provided by the shelter. She and her children had been isolated and living in a rural town. Her husband controlled everything and they only had peanut butter and bread to eat. She and her children have since found housing and are connected to other services.”

475 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **475** individuals in communities across Utah attended **15** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

95 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 94% (89) 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 **95** 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 Utah, **10.75** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**62%**) 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.