



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Hawaii Summary

On September 13, 2017, 9 out of 9 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 9 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

288 Victims Served in One Day

177 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

111 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	On Census Day
Emergency Shelter	67%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	67%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	56%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	33%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	22%

63 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Hawaii answered on average three hotline calls per hour.

64 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 64 individuals in communities across Hawaii attended 12 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

22 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 59% (13) were for Housing

Victims made more than 20 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, five local programs in Hawaii laid off or did not fill 16 staff positions. Most of these positions (67%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ “A survivor came to us feeling overwhelmed from the abuse she was experiencing. I assisted her in obtaining a TRO and was her court advocate when she was granted the protective order for 10 years. She stated, ‘I now know there are advocates available to help me and my children and I am grateful for the support that I have received from you and your agency.’”

