



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Idaho Summary

On September 13, 2017, 21 out of 24 (88%) identified domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 514 Victims Served in One Day

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

303 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
Children’s Support or Advocacy	76%
Emergency Shelter	62%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	43%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	19%

### 138 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 Idaho answered on average six hotline calls per hour.

### 275 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 275 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 341 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 33% (111) were for Housing

Victims made more than 340 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, seven local programs in Idaho laid off or did not fill 19 staff positions. Most of these positions (63%) 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 woman came to us because it was not safe to go home. Her partner has been abusive in the past and was threatening to harm her again, and now their children. ‘Your program is the only place I have,’ she said crying. ‘All of my family and friends turned away from me because I went back to my husband.’ We provided shelter and supportive services and she began her journey of healing.”

