



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Louisiana Summary

On September 13, 2017, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Louisiana participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

742 Victims Served in One Day

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

330 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	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	67%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	60%
Transportation	53%

192 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 Louisiana answered on average eight hotline calls per hour.

447 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 447 individuals in communities across Louisiana attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

135 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 75% (101) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 140 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, six local programs in Louisiana laid off or did not fill 14 staff positions. Half of these positions (50%) 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.

❖ “Two elderly women began attending support sessions while still living in abusive situations. After learning about resources, both were able to obtain court orders to remove the abusers. In awe of their changes, one said, ‘I did not know what to do, but you helped me and taught me so much.’ The other said, ‘I feel free, my head is clear. I can think and make plans.’”

