



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Maine Summary

On September 13, 2017, 8 out of 8 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Maine participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 8 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

453 Victims Served in One Day

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

203 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%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	100%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	88%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	25%

94 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 Maine answered on average four hotline calls per hour.

114 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 114 individuals in communities across Maine attended eight training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

42 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 43% (18) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 50 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, two local programs in Maine laid off or did not fill four 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.

❖ “We worked with a survivor whose partner was incarcerated. We connected her with our local district attorney’s office, provided her much-needed resources and connected her with legal assistance for help with her pending divorce and parental rights matter. She was extremely appreciative, saying, ‘I thought I would have to go through all of this alone.’”

