



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS South Carolina Summary

On September 13, 2017, 12 out of 13 (92%) identified domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

555 Victims Served in One Day

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

179 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	100%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	50%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	42%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	42%

109 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 South Carolina answered on average five hotline calls per hour.

18 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 18 individuals in communities across South Carolina attended five training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

27 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 56% (15) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 30 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 South Carolina laid off or did not fill two staff positions. All of these positions (100%) 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.

❖ “As an advocate, I have learned that success is defined so very differently from client to client. The victory won’t always be permanent residence or a solid job; sometimes, victory is figuring out which foot to put forward from day to day, pushing through barriers, and being able to celebrate the smaller successes.”

