



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Vermont Summary

On September 13, 2017, 12 out of 13 (92%) identified domestic violence programs in Vermont 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.

332 Victims Served in One Day

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

163 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
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	58%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	58%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	42%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	42%

129 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 Vermont answered on average five hotline calls per hour.

14 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 14 individuals in communities across Vermont attended one training session provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

15 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 47% (7) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 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, seven local programs in Vermont laid off or did not fill 11 staff positions. Many of these positions (45%) 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 who is gender non-conforming called about domestic violence. They’ve experienced many forms of violence, interpersonal and systemic, and don’t trust the police or many other service providers. They called us because they value that we are an LGBTQIA-specific resource and that we honor their gender identity, as well as their self-determination as a survivor.”

