



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS West Virginia Summary

On September 13, 2017, 14 out of 14 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in West Virginia participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 14 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

423 Victims Served in One Day

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

233 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%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	93%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	86%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	43%
Transportation	36%

113 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 West Virginia answered on average five hotline calls per hour.

71 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 71 individuals in communities across West Virginia attended six training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

5 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 40% (2) were for Housing

Victims made five 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 West Virginia laid off or did not fill six 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.

❖ “A teenage girl being victimized by her boyfriend who attended the same school was provided the support and guidance to obtain an order of protection. The parents were so grateful for the assistance of the advocate and stated, ‘We cannot thank you enough for your help. We were so afraid for our daughter and did not know where to turn.’”

