



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Iowa Summary

On September 13, 2018, 21 out of 21 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Iowa participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,335 Victims Served in One Day

735 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

600 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 13 th
Transportation	76%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	71%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	67%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	52%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	48%

442 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Iowa answered on average 18 hotline calls per hour.

273 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 273 individuals in communities across Iowa attended 17 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

19 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 74% (14) were for Housing

Victims made 19 requests for services — including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more — that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential services that could not be provided were housing advocacy, legal representation, and financial assistance.

In the past year, local programs in Iowa were forced to eliminate 1 staff position.

❖ An advocate in Iowa said, “A mother residing in our shelter was worried about her daughter’s upcoming birthday. She said, ‘I am trying to save up enough money to get her a birthday present, but I don’t know if I can.’ A volunteer provided cake, ice cream, and presents. The mother was so relieved, she cried: **‘Thank you so much. You don’t know what this means to me.’**”