



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS New Hampshire Summary

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

307 Victims Served in One Day

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

142 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
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	69%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	62%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	54%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	38%

114 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 New Hampshire answered on average 5 hotline calls per hour.

319 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 319 individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended 18 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

29 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 76% (22) were for Housing

Victims made 29 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 New Hampshire were forced to eliminate 6 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.

❖ **An advocate in New Hampshire said, “Due to shelter capacity, we had to turn away a victim from a neighboring state. She cried and begged for a corner of a room for her and her child to sleep in.”**

