



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Utah Summary

On September 13, 2018, 15 out of 15 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

848 Victims Served in One Day

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

179 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
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	60%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	53%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	40%

97 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 Utah answered on average 4 hotline calls per hour.

69 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 69 individuals in communities across Utah attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

106 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 96% (102) were for Housing

Victims made 106 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 Utah were forced to eliminate 2 staff positions.

❖ An advocate in Utah said, “A survivor came into shelter after leaving her husband in the middle of the night, escaping out a window from the second floor with her toddler on her back. She walked throughout the night to get to a bus stop where her brother had left a bus ticket for her and her child.”