



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Washington Summary

On September 13, 2018, 40 out of 68 (59%) identified domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 40 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,938 Victims Served in One Day

1,132 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

806 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 Housing/Landlord	60%
Emergency Shelter	55%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	45%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	45%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	30%

414 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 Washington answered on average 17 hotline calls per hour.

210 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 210 individuals in communities across Washington attended 17 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

526 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 84% (441) were for Housing

Victims made 526 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 Washington were forced to eliminate 14 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 Washington said, “Survivors consistently convey to us that they are scared and forced to stay in a highly dangerous living situation due to the lack of safe, affordable housing.”