



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Minnesota Summary

On September 13, 2018, 59 out of 68 (87%) identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 59 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,007 Victims Served in One Day

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

1,118 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 <sup>th</sup>
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	54%
Transportation	54%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	42%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	39%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	25%

### 680 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 Minnesota answered on average 28 hotline calls per hour.

### 1,071 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,071 individuals in communities across Minnesota attended 31 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 308 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 78% (240) were for Housing

Victims made 308 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 Minnesota were forced to eliminate 28 staff positions. Most of these positions (83%) 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 Minnesota said, “Our shelter is run by a fantastic team of advocates and support staff. However, with space for up to 17 residents in our shelter and only two advocates, we are very understaffed. More funding is needed to alleviate our advocates’ caseloads and provide our residents with more individualized care.”

