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Alaska Summary

On September 17, 2008, 17 out of 17, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Alaska participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

550 Victims Served In One Day

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

281 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

47 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 24 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 71% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 18% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$29,058.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

88%	Individual Support or Advocacy
88%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
76%	Children's Support or Advocacy
71%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
59%	Transportation
53%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
53%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
47%	Rural Outreach

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 20% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

73 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

215 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 215 individuals in communities across Alaska attended 14 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

"We are the only shelter in an area of over 89,000 miles. Clients arrive at our door in freezing temperatures because they have nowhere else to go. We are an essential part of this community."

"After providing emergency transportation to a woman and her son, she told us, 'Your help saved our lives. You have no idea what this means to us.'"

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Alabama Summary

On September 17, 2008, 18 out of 18, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

649 Victims Served In One Day

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

305 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

100%	Individual Support or Advocacy
100%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
67%	Children's Support or Advocacy
67%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
50%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
44%	Group Support or Advocacy
39%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
39%	Advocacy Related to School System

217 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 9 hotline calls every hour.

569 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 569 individuals in communities across Alabama attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

20 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 18 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 72% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 39% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,617.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 24% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Currently, we don't have any public housing or government-subsidized housing available. On the survey day, we couldn't provide permanent housing for three shelter clients, two transitional housing clients, and three outreach clients."

"Because of budget cuts, we've cut our food budget, we can't provide transportation for clients, nor can we help survivors who've made the incredibly difficult step of moving on with their lives."

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Arkansas Summary

On September 17, 2008, 26 out of 36, or 72%, of identified domestic violence programs in Arkansas participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 26 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

379 Victims Served In One Day

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

172 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

92%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
81%	Individual Support or Advocacy
38%	Children's Support or Advocacy
27%	Transitional Housing
27%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
23%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
23%	Rural Outreach
12%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse

133 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

2,370 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 2,370 individuals in communities across Arkansas attended 17 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

43 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 96% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 85% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$18,737.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 8% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"A woman whose abuser threatened to shoot her in the head and attach the protection order to the hole in her head is currently staying in our emergency shelter. She'll be safe until she can be reunited with her family."

"A 71-year-old woman who had been physically assaulted and is being threatened by her former boyfriend had her Order of Protection dismissed on the survey day. Legal Aid was not available to represent her."

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Arizona Summary

On September 17, 2008, 25 out of 32, or 78%, of identified domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 25 participating residential programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,416 Victims Served In One Day

1,230 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

186 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

100%	Individual Support or Advocacy
68%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
52%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
48%	Transitional Housing
44%	Job Training/Employment Assistance
40%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
32%	Advocacy Related to Immigration
24%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse

283 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

318 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 318 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

119 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 115 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 56% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 24% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. Because residential programs generally have a large staff, the economic impact on services to individuals and families will be significant if budgets are slashed. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$21,828.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 4% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"A client was visiting a local park with her two children when her abuser tracked her down and attempted to ram her with his car. The police were called but they refused to enforce the order of protection."



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California Summary

On September 17, 2008, 70 out of 113, or 62%, of identified domestic violence programs in California participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 70 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

3,872 Victims Served In One Day

2,012 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,860 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

94%	Individual Support or Advocacy
81%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
43%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
39%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
37%	Advocacy Related to Immigration
27%	Job Training/Employment Assistance
13%	Rural Outreach
11%	Advocacy Related to Technology Use

1,081 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 45 hotline calls every hour.

1,875 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,875 individuals in communities across California attended 92 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

686 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 310 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 49% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 16% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$27,793.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 15% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Today our staff attended the funeral of a woman who had been killed by her husband."

"A domestic violence and sexual assault victim was in the hospital for a sexual assault exam. She had no where to go despite having called every shelter in the county and finally had to travel 45 minutes to get to a hotel."

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Colorado Summary

On September 17, 2008, 41 out of 44, or 93%, of identified domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 41 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,028 Victims Served In One Day

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

454 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

83%	Individual Support or Advocacy
54%	Children's Support or Advocacy
49%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
49%	Transitional Housing
46%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
22%	Rural Outreach
20%	Financial Skills/Budgeting
15%	Job Training/Employment Assistance

547 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 23 hotline calls every hour.

356 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 356 individuals in communities across Colorado attended 22 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

183 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 131 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 83% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 73% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$26,075.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 8% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"A domestic violence victim came to the shelter after walking many miles to escape her abuser. Although she's found a safe place to stay, she'll have to wait six weeks before she can get an appointment with a doctor. This long wait is not uncommon in our rural area."

"Because of the current economy, we are definitely experiencing increased demand for services at a time when operating costs are increasing and contributions are shrinking. We are stretched to the max!"

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Connecticut Summary

On September 17, 2008, 16 out of 18, or 89%, of identified domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

602 Victims Served In One Day

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

441 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

75%	Individual Support or Advocacy
69%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
63%	Children's Support or Advocacy
50%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
38%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
31%	Translation/Interpretation Services
19%	Job Training/Employment Assistance
19%	Advocacy Related to Immigration

128 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

385 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 385 individuals in communities across Connecticut attended 24 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

75 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 38 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 44% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 25% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$29,125.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 15% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"As the economy worsens, domestic violence has become a deeper, more concentrated epidemic. More financial constraints are being placed on victims making it more difficult for them to survive."

"A nonshelter client who has been in counseling for over a year had been treated for high blood pressure because of the stress at home. She is raising her two grandsons and is trying to remain in the home until the boys graduate from high school. But the abuse is escalating and she may need to leave."

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District of Columbia Summary

On September 17, 2008, 5 out of 10, or 50%, of identified domestic violence programs in District of Columbia participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 5 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

180 Victims Served In One Day

30 domestic violence victims were currently living in emergency shelters (including hotels or safe houses) and 104 victims were living in transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

46 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

60%	Individual Support or Advocacy
60%	Transitional Housing
40%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
40%	Financial Skills/Budgeting
20%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
20%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
20%	Translation/Interpretation Services
20%	Adult Therapy/Counseling (by a licensed practitioner)

9 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

14 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 14 individuals in communities across District of Columbia attended 1 training session provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

2 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 60% of programs have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$35,600.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 40% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Due to the lack of affordable safe housing, it is difficult for our advocates to find housing resources for women with large families or survivors with disabilities. It might take us several months to find a safe housing placement."

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Delaware Summary

On September 17, 2008, 7 out of 7, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

171 Victims Served In One Day

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

108 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

71%	Individual Support or Advocacy
71%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
57%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
57%	Children's Support or Advocacy
57%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
57%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
43%	Transportation
43%	Financial Skills/Budgeting

21 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

36 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 36 individuals in communities across Delaware attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

53 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 32 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 43% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$31,024.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 40% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"A client who was held hostage and tied up daily for weeks by her abuser registered for college today."

"Funding for services to victims who need assistance with child protective services and for court-based advocacy was cut, so we're unable to provide these services to our clients."

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Florida Summary

On September 17, 2008, 40 out of 42, or 95%, of identified domestic violence programs in Florida participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 40 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,942 Victims Served In One Day

1,859 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,083 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

100%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
98%	Individual Support or Advocacy
90%	Children's Support or Advocacy
70%	Group Support or Advocacy
63%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
53%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
48%	Transitional Housing
40%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS

814 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 34 hotline calls every hour.

1,239 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,239 individuals in communities across Florida attended 46 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

209 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 40 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 40% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 5% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$25,173.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 13% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Funding cuts to our program have severely limited the services we can provide. We can't help with rent or utilities, and community resources are also tapped out. We couldn't help pay for perscription medication for one of our clients because it's too expensive."

"Because of long housing waiting lists, clients have to come up with their own temporary living arrangements, and sometimes they feel that their only choice is to go back to their abuser."

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Georgia Summary

On September 17, 2008, 32 out of 48, or 67%, of identified domestic violence programs in Georgia participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 32 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,549 Victims Served In One Day

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

635 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

97%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
88%	Individual Support or Advocacy
78%	Children's Support or Advocacy
78%	Transportation
75%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
72%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
59%	Group Support or Advocacy
22%	Transitional Housing

425 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 18 hotline calls every hour.

379 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 379 individuals in communities across Georgia attended 21 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

174 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 100 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 81% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 25% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,251.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 21% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"We cover nine counties in rural Georgia. With budget cuts and rising fuel costs for us and for clients, it's hard to ensure that services are being provided to those who need it."

"I had a emotional call with a woman today who is in a very abusive relationship today. We talked about her options and whether coming to shelter was an option. Unfortunately, our shelter is full, and the nearest shelter with beds available is more than 50 miles away, which is too far for her to drive to and from work."

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Guam Summary

On September 17, 2008, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

18 Victims Served In One Day

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

6 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

67%	Individual Support or Advocacy
67%	Transitional Housing
33%	Group Support or Advocacy
33%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
33%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
33%	Job Training/Employment Assistance

4 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

150 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 150 individuals in communities across Guam attended 5 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

8 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 67% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$18,667.

"One of the women we work with is a survivor— she got a job, moved away from the house where she was abused, and is now rebuilding her life with her son. She has her life back and hope in her heart. Even though at times she feels overwhelmed, she still knows that she'll never feel alone and trapped again."

"It is a challenge every year to stay open to serve victims because of funding cuts. Often times our staff and volunteer pay for victim services out of their own pockets. Our program is the only one of its kind here on our island, and if we close our doors, victims would not get any help."

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Hawaii Summary

On September 17, 2008, 18 out of 21, or 86%, of identified domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 18 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

521 Victims Served In One Day

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

356 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

83%	Individual Support or Advocacy
50%	Children's Support or Advocacy
39%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
28%	Advocacy Related to Immigration
22%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
17%	Transitional Housing
6%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
6%	Translation/Interpretation Services

110 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

176 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 176 individuals in communities across Hawaii attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

28 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 78% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 72% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$27,138.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 6% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"We found out that the abuser of one of our clients was registering for a gun permit at our local police station. Through collaboration with our local police, the abuser was prevented from getting a gun permit."

"It's frustrating not having housing options for women with children. Not enough affordable housing and overcrowded homes often creates more stress for families. Furthermore, our program is serving more women who are dealing with extreme violence but, because of economic insecurity, they are less likely to leave."

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Iowa Summary

On September 17, 2008, 27 out of 27, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Iowa participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

916 Victims Served In One Day

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

485 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

96%	Individual Support or Advocacy
85%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
81%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
70%	Children's Support or Advocacy
67%	Transportation
44%	Rural Outreach
41%	Group Support or Advocacy
22%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse

407 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 17 hotline calls every hour.

532 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 532 individuals in communities across Iowa attended 26 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

122 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 104 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 85% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 30% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$25,114.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 12% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Our shelter is full so we had to refer a young woman with three children under six years old to another shelter. Today, a woman called to see if she could come into shelter because her husband pulled a knife on her."

"We're seeing an increase in demand for services but a dramatic decrease in local donations. Our local donations decreased by \$65,000 in the past year. Travel is now limited to only client-related travel so providing quality, comprehensive services to a rural, eight-county area is a constant struggle for our staff and volunteers."

2008

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Idaho Summary

On September 17, 2008, 28 out of 28, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

577 Victims Served In One Day

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

348 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

46%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
29%	Transitional Housing
25%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
25%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
21%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse
14%	Childcare/Daycare
14%	Rural Outreach
11%	Job Training/Employment Assistance

196 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

238 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 238 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 11 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

178 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 62 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 92% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 71% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,383.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 21% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"A woman in her fifties called us from the hospital today, where her husband had forced her to go for psychiatric services. He had kicked her out of her home, and she needed financial assistance so that she could move herself, her granddaughter, and her pets to a new home. Unfortunately, we don't have funds available to help her with this."

"The number of clients we serve in our shelter has gone up in the past year, while donations are down more than \$25,000. Our VOCA funds have been cut 70 percent over the past three years."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Illinois Summary

On September 17, 2008, 65 out of 68, or 96%, of identified domestic violence programs in Illinois participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 65 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,826 Victims Served In One Day

1,104 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,722 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

54%	Transportation
38%	Transitional Housing
25%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
25%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse
25%	Childcare/Daycare
22%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
22%	Advocacy Related to Immigration
15%	Translation/Interpretation Services

1,217 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 51 hotline calls every hour.

1,114 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,114 individuals in communities across Illinois attended 111 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

909 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 330 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 52% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 28% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$25,484.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 15% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"One of our clients miscarried last week after being beaten by her abuser. We have absolutely no room for her in our shelter and the nearest shelter is too far for her to travel to. Needless to say, staff morale is very low right now."

"We are unable to provide transportation funds, appropriate size clothing, and certain toiletries because we don't have the funding or the donations. We also have to turn away individuals who are seeking help with substance abuse issues because our state cut the funding for these programs."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Indiana Summary

On September 17, 2008, 26 out of 53, or 49%, of identified domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 26 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,054 Victims Served In One Day

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

361 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

92%	Individual Support or Advocacy
73%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
62%	Children's Support or Advocacy
58%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
50%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
46%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS

363 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 15 hotline calls every hour.

707 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 707 individuals in communities across Indiana attended 23 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

67 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 50 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 54% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 27% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,958.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 13% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Public transportation to our shelter generally requires a minimum of four tickets for a roundtrip. We only receive 200 tickets a month from the City, and we don't have money to purchase tickets so we generally can only fund 50 trips a year."

"Despite increased demand for our services, our state/federal funding have decreased at least 20 percent. We have the highest demand for services in our history but fewer resources to support clients. Transportation services are reduced and clients are receiving less financial assistance."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Kansas Summary

On September 17, 2008, 25 out of 25, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

912 Victims Served In One Day

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

587 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

88%	Individual Support or Advocacy
72%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
64%	Children's Support or Advocacy
64%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
56%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
52%	Rural Outreach
36%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
32%	Medical Services/Accompaniment

280 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

635 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 635 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

50 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 30 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 68% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 36% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$25,306.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 4% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Because of no available bed space, we couldn't take in a woman who had been pushed down a flight of stairs by her abuser. We safety planned with her and found space at another shelter."

"Demand for services has gone up—in fact, we sheltered 20 percent more clients this year compared to the past year."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Kentucky Summary

On September 17, 2008, 14 out of 14, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,315 Victims Served In One Day

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

831 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

93%	Individual Support or Advocacy
93%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
93%	Transportation
86%	Group Support or Advocacy
86%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
79%	Children's Support or Advocacy
50%	Transitional Housing
50%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare

290 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

253 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 253 individuals in communities across Kentucky attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

159 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 107 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 57% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 7% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$22,006.

"Wind storms from from Hurricane Ike resulted in most of the city and county losing power. We are fortunate to still have power, and we didn't have to evacuate our residents."

"Limited transportation was an issue for a client who needed to attend court in another state. She and her child caught a bus at 4:00 a.m. and rode for approximately eight hours to get to court. It will be a long bus ride back home too."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Louisiana Summary

On September 17, 2008, 8 out of 20, or 40%, of identified domestic violence programs in Louisiana participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 8 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

360 Victims Served In One Day

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

183 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

100%	Individual Support or Advocacy
100%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
88%	Children's Support or Advocacy
88%	Group Support or Advocacy
88%	Transportation
63%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
50%	Rural Outreach
13%	Translation/Interpretation Services

102 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

156 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 156 individuals in communities across Louisiana attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

58 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 49 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 25% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 13% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,543.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 14% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Victims often call asking for funds to help pay bills so they can stay in a safe place away from their abusers. We have no funds through our program so we refer them to other agencies. We hope they have the resources to help."

"We are still in semi-evacuation mode from Hurricane Ike. Several residents and their children have not returned to our shelter."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Massachusetts Summary

On September 17, 2008, 47 out of 52, or 90%, of identified domestic violence programs in Massachusetts participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 47 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,553 Victims Served In One Day

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

858 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

81%	Individual Support or Advocacy
55%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
53%	Children's Support or Advocacy
51%	Group Support or Advocacy
51%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
40%	Advocacy Related to Immigration
36%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
30%	Transitional Housing

550 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 23 hotline calls every hour.

669 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 669 individuals in communities across Massachusetts attended 32 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

292 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 213 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 62% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 38% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$28,910.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 18% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"A client in a very dangerous situation dropped her restraining order against the abuser because she knew that without him she would not be able to pay the rent. She'll lose her home and be homeless."

"We received a call from a woman who was being stalked and attacked by her ex-husband. She and her children wanted to leave the area, but we only had one room available, so we had to refer them to another shelter."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Maryland Summary

On September 17, 2008, 23 out of 23, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,233 Victims Served In One Day

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

866 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

78%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
70%	Adult Therapy/Counseling (by a licensed practitioner)
52%	Child Therapy/Counseling (by a licensed practitioner)
43%	Transitional Housing
17%	Translation/Interpretation Services

450 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 19 hotline calls every hour.

227 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 227 individuals in communities across Maryland attended 23 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

154 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 41 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 70% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 26% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$28,650.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 18% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"During the survey day, an abuser tracked down one of our clients through her child's doctor. Advocates went to the doctor's office to take her and the child back to safety."

"Because of the economic uncertainty, we have found that women are afraid to leave their abusers because they don't think they can make it on their own financially. Housing is not affordable, jobs are scarce, and service programs that could have helped have been cut."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Maine Summary

On September 17, 2008, 9 out of 9, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Maine participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

502 Victims Served In One Day

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

281 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

89%	Individual Support or Advocacy
89%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
89%	Transitional Housing
78%	Group Support or Advocacy
78%	Children's Support or Advocacy
67%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
56%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
44%	Rural Outreach

132 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

92 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 92 individuals in communities across Maine attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

41 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 24 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 56% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 11% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$26,661.

Percentage of Programs With Volunteers

23%	10-20 Volunteers
33%	21-40 Volunteers
44%	More than 40 Volunteers

"Because of the current economic climate, we've received more requests for financial help than ever before, but we're less able to help now than we were even a year ago. We're hearing from families who are in need of shelter and other services because they have no where else to go, and we're fearful that this will get worse as the cold weather approaches."

"Increased rental costs and rising heating fuel costs are making it more difficult for the people we work with to afford housing."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Michigan Summary

On September 17, 2008, 58 out of 62, or 94%, of identified domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 58 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,539 Victims Served In One Day

1,638 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

901 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

93%	Individual Support or Advocacy
81%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
60%	Children's Support or Advocacy
60%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
50%	Group Support or Advocacy
40%	Transitional Housing
21%	Job Training/Employment Assistance
19%	Childcare/Daycare

648 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 27 hotline calls every hour.

1,250 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,250 individuals in communities across Michigan attended 38 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

389 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 265 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 64% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 28% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$27,170.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 4% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Today, we worked with a client whose husband is in jail for assaulting her. Their utility bill is several months past due, but she doesn't have the money to pay it. She fears CPS will take her children if her utilities are turned off. I advocated with the utility companies to postpone shutting off her services."

"A shelter resident is working two full-time jobs and raising her four children at the same time. She found out today that she'll be able to move into her apartment!"

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Minnesota Summary

On September 17, 2008, 31 out of 73, or 42%, of identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 31 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,256 Victims Served In One Day

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

758 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

77%	Individual Support or Advocacy
52%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
48%	Children's Support or Advocacy
45%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
29%	Group Support or Advocacy
23%	Transitional Housing
23%	Translation/Interpretation Services
19%	Childcare/Daycare

486 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 20 hotline calls every hour.

849 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 849 individuals in communities across Minnesota attended 40 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

202 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 152 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 65% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 58% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,313.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 7% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Four residents successfully got permanent housing today—one of whom have been living in emergency shelter for five months."

"We're working with a woman whose abuser is very verbally and emotionally abusive. Although she shares joint custody of their son, he refuses to let her see her son unless she goes to his house. Legal Aid services can't help her, and we don't have any pro bono attorneys. We're trying to obtain transitional housing for her and a lawyer to help enforce the custody order."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Missouri Summary

On September 17, 2008, 65 out of 65, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

2,052 Victims Served In One Day

1,257 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

795 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

80%	Individual Support or Advocacy
77%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
57%	Transportation
55%	Children's Support or Advocacy
49%	Group Support or Advocacy
43%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
43%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
40%	Legal Accompaniment/Services

505 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 21 hotline calls every hour.

673 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 673 individuals in communities across Missouri attended 98 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

415 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 189 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 82% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 46% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,597.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 2% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Our shelter has been full for months. During the survey day, one family departed shelter and literally within an hour another woman was on her way into our only empty bedroom. She was coming directly from the hospital after being treated because her abuser pulled out her stitches from a recent surgery. Thankfully, we had a safe place for her and her kids."

"Today, a woman who had been abused for years said to me, 'I lived in fear and anger for years. I got lost in all this mess, but I want me back. I'm ready to reconnect with me.'"

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Mississippi Summary

On September 17, 2008, 12 out of 15, or 80%, of identified domestic violence programs in Mississippi participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

295 Victims Served In One Day

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

58 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

67%	Individual Support or Advocacy
67%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
42%	Children's Support or Advocacy
42%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
33%	Transitional Housing
25%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
8%	Advocacy Related to Immigration

149 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

704 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 704 individuals in communities across Mississippi attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

45 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 39 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 58% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 8% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$27,450.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 22% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Since April, our number of outreach and shelter clients have tripled, and most of the domestic violence issues we are dealing with are directly related to the declining economy."

"In the past six months, our shelter has been incredibly busy but because of reduced donations and funds, we've been unable to serve all victims that request shelter services."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Montana Summary

On September 17, 2008, 11 out of 23, or 48%, of identified domestic violence programs in Montana participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

198 Victims Served In One Day

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

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

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

100%	Individual Support or Advocacy
64%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
45%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
45%	Children’s Support or Advocacy
27%	Transportation
18%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
18%	Group Support or Advocacy
9%	Transitional Housing

112 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

65 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 65 individuals in communities across Montana attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

15 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims’ request for services. 82% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$21,024.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 9% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

“We have two full-time and two part-time staff running a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week shelter. The need for social service programs is rising while funding is being slashed every year. Something has got to change and change fast!”

“Too often women in our area will not leave an abusive situation because they can’t leave their animals behind on the ranch or farm. For areas such as ours, where large farm animals are either a woman’s livelihood or pet, we really need to establish a place where women can bring larger animals while they get help.”

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

North Carolina Summary

On September 17, 2008, 67 out of 90, or 74%, of identified domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 67 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,421 Victims Served In One Day

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

770 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

84%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
82%	Individual Support or Advocacy
69%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
45%	Children's Support or Advocacy
34%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
25%	Job Training/Employment Assistance
22%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse
13%	Advocacy Related to Immigration

827 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 34 hotline calls every hour.

605 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 605 individuals in communities across North Carolina attended 56 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

178 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 93 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 85% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 49% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$25,213.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 12% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"We have a month-and-a-half-long waiting list because of high demand for services and a limited number of staff."

"During the survey day, we couldn't provide any transportation because after Hurricane Ike, our area has no gas. We are hoping that a gas tanker will be here in the next day or two."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

North Dakota Summary

On September 17, 2008, 19 out of 19, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

286 Victims Served In One Day

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

182 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

53%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
53%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
47%	Children's Support or Advocacy
42%	Transportation
42%	Rural Outreach
26%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
21%	Transitional Housing
5%	Financial Skills/Budgeting

79 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

157 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 157 individuals in communities across North Dakota attended 8 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

15 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 10 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 89% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 79% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$21,806.

"One of our advocates ran into an attorney representing a batterer at the grocery store, and the attorney tried to bully her into convincing the victim to drop the protection order. Attorneys representing batterers often try tactics like this—bullying our advocates and the victims themselves. Our clients rarely have legal representation because they can't afford it, and our legal service program is severely underfunded and overworked."

"During the survey day, a woman needed shelter, but our shelter was full. The nearest shelter is over two hours away and because the program doesn't have transportation funds, she can't get to work every day."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Nebraska Summary

On September 17, 2008, 19 out of 23, or 83%, of identified domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 19 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

729 Victims Served In One Day

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

385 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

95%	Individual Support or Advocacy
74%	Children's Support or Advocacy
68%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
68%	Transportation
58%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
47%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
32%	Medical Services/Accompaniment
26%	Translation/Interpretation Services

252 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 11 hotline calls every hour.

354 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 354 individuals in communities across Nebraska attended 28 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

144 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 91 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 95% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 58% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$20,886.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 10% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"During the survey day, we assisted a victim with a protection order and placed her and her four children in shelter. Another woman, who had been physically and emotionally abused by her abuser, was also able to go into our shelter."

"It's a struggle to reach all the victims in our five county area. It's difficult to provide even basic essentials, such as food and medicine, in our emergency shelter because of reduced funds."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

New Hampshire Summary

On September 17, 2008, 12 out of 12, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

213 Victims Served In One Day

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

86 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

92%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
83%	Individual Support or Advocacy
58%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
42%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
33%	Rural Outreach
33%	Transitional Housing
17%	Children's Support or Advocacy
8%	Group Support or Advocacy

54 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

20 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 20 individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended a training session provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

11 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 9 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 92% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 50% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,840.

"Several clients called or came in today who are dealing with abusers who are stalking them in addition to physically and emotionally abusing them."

"We're working with clients who are dealing with more than just domestic violence or stalking issues. We help victims with everything, including loss of housing, mental health issues, medical care for injuries, damages to property, lack of transportation, waiting up to eight weeks for counseling appointments, grueling court battles, loss of wages, substance misuse, and more. I find that we're spending twice the amount of time, if not more, working with survivors."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

New Jersey Summary

On September 17, 2008, 21 out of 24, or 88%, of identified domestic violence programs in New Jersey participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,112 Victims Served In One Day

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

667 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

100%	Individual Support or Advocacy
86%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
86%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
76%	Group Support or Advocacy
76%	Children's Support or Advocacy
62%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
52%	Transitional Housing
52%	Transportation

586 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 24 hotline calls every hour.

294 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 294 individuals in communities across New Jersey attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

247 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 69 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 43% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 10% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$28,094.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 10% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Demand for shelter is increasing, and most of the shelters in the state are filled to capacity. Affordable housing is a real issue in our county and supportive housing is so backlogged, they are extremely slow to respond. Employment is difficult to secure and food, gas, and housing costs are very high."

"During the survey day, our agency experienced a horrible tragedy and while all staff were extremely upset, we still met every victim's needs."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

New Mexico Summary

On September 17, 2008, 18 out of 32, or 56%, of identified domestic violence programs in New Mexico participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 18 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

693 Victims Served In One Day

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

295 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

83%	Individual Support or Advocacy
78%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
61%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
39%	Children's Support or Advocacy
39%	Transitional Housing
39%	Transportation

103 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

139 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 139 individuals in communities across New Mexico attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

91 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 52 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 67% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 33% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$20,446.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 6% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Not having local transportation makes it difficult for shelter residents to get to and from work. Our shelter isn't fully staffed so we can't provide transportation for the residents."

"We are a small shelter and our beds have been continuously full for the past two years. The closest shelters are 50 to 190 miles away."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Nevada Summary

On September 17, 2008, 9 out of 15, or 60%, of identified domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 9 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

214 Victims Served In One Day

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

58 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

89%	Individual Support or Advocacy
78%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
56%	Group Support or Advocacy
44%	Transitional Housing
44%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
44%	Transportation
33%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
33%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord

126 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

"Because we don't have transitional housing available, we put two families in a hotel. One of the victims returned to the abuser because she had nowhere else to go and the other family just disappeared after three days. We're very worried about both families."

17 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 13 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 89% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 56% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,673.

56%	Fewer than 10 Staff
33%	10-20 Staff
11%	21-40 Staff

"We serve a 45,000-square mile area, and because of the current economic situation and recent budget cuts, we haven't been able to provide the outreach services this area requires. In addition, the number of service requests from victims have actually increased. We can no longer provide emergency shelter through motels in the outlying areas because of budget shortfalls."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

New York Summary

On September 17, 2008, 75 out of 129, or 58%, of identified domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 75 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

5,349 Victims Served In One Day

2,328 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

3,021 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

89%	Individual Support or Advocacy
60%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
60%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
55%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
53%	Children's Support or Advocacy
29%	Advocacy Related to School System
28%	Transitional Housing
28%	Translation/Interpretation Services

1,689 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 70 hotline calls every hour.

986 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 986 individuals in communities across New York attended 60 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

934 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 402 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 61% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 37% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$27,129.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 13% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"We spoke with a woman in her 80s who, for the first time, disclosed the abuse her husband had been subjecting her to, including threats on her life and threats to burn down the house. We arranged for a home visit two days later."

"We currently have a waiting list of 36 women and 41 children in our counseling program, but we don't have the funding to hire more counselors or to provide financial assistance to victims for uniforms, clothings, or documentation fees."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Ohio Summary

On September 17, 2008, 72 out of 72, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

2,160 Victims Served In One Day

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

1,311 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

88%	Individual Support or Advocacy
78%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
58%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
49%	Transportation
44%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
43%	Children's Support or Advocacy
40%	Group Support or Advocacy
33%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health

600 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

1,538 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,538 individuals in communities across Ohio attended 57 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

85 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 58 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 78% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 40% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,339.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 13% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"For 2009, we lost over \$30,000 in funding, which means we'll lose an advocate who's been us for 15 years. This also means that victims will no longer have an advocate with them when they go to court."

"A victim that I helped said to me today, 'Your agency saved my life. Without your help and support he could have killed me.'"

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Oklahoma Summary

On September 17, 2008, 27 out of 35, or 77%, of identified domestic violence programs in Oklahoma participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 27 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

758 Victims Served In One Day

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

380 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

93%	Individual Support or Advocacy
63%	Children's Support or Advocacy
41%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
30%	Group Support or Advocacy
30%	Transitional Housing
22%	Financial Skills/Budgeting
11%	Translation/Interpretation Services
11%	Rural Outreach

488 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 20 hotline calls every hour.

157 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 157 individuals in communities across Oklahoma attended 17 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

73 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 33 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 78% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 37% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$22,532.

"Today a woman who had been abused for almost two years filed an emergency protection order with my help. She said, 'I want the hurt to stop!'"

"In July 2007, our area experienced severe flooding and a few months later a tornado came through destroying parts of our community. As we continue to rebuild, lack of money and public housing are contributing to our inability to provide victims with safe permanent housing. Our area is also very rural so women have limited choices when preparing to leave or wanting to leave."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Oregon Summary

On September 17, 2008, 28 out of 48, or 58%, of identified domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 28 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,277 Victims Served In One Day

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

741 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

75%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
75%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
71%	Children's Support or Advocacy
57%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
54%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
50%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
36%	Advocacy Related to School System
36%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse

491 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 20 hotline calls every hour.

406 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 406 individuals in communities across Oregon attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

344 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 260 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 79% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 46% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,053.

"During the survey day, a woman who was in danger called us. I was able to arrange transportation with another social service agency and get her a safe place to stay. While I was helping her, I missed a call from another survivor. If we had more staffing, we can help everyone who calls."

"Survivors in our community come to us with the hope that we can help with financial problems, such as rent, court fees, etc. We don't have the resources to help and after calling other agencies in the area, no funding is available elsewhere. More and more women and children are living on the street. It is very frustrating."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Pennsylvania Summary

On September 17, 2008, 61 out of 61, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

2,476 Victims Served In One Day

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

1,344 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

90%	Individual Support or Advocacy
82%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
75%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
70%	Children's Support or Advocacy
59%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
52%	Transitional Housing
49%	Transportation
48%	Group Support or Advocacy

847 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 35 hotline calls every hour.

1,690 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,690 individuals in communities across Pennsylvania attended 82 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

242 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 158 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 61% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 21% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$21,778.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 22% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"We are operating on a shoe string budget. We pick up pens at trainings and meetings because we can't afford office supplies. Our donation wish lists used to be "extras" to make life more pleasant for the victims we serve, but now we're asking for paper towels, toilet paper, and copy paper. We can only offer bare bones services; childcare is limited so moms have difficulty looking for work or keeping appointments; we've had to limit bus tokens and the cost is going up again at the end of the month. We are doing our best to keep this boat afloat but it's like bailing water out with a teaspoon."

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Resumen Puerto Rico

El 17 de septiembre de 2008, 12 de los 12 programas ó 100% de violencia doméstica identificados en Puerto Rico participaron del Censo Nacional de Servicios de Violencia Doméstica 2008

Se Atendieron 234 Víctimas en Un Día

166 víctimas de violencia doméstica encontraron refugio en los albergues de emergencia o viviendas transitorias provistas por los programas locales de violencia doméstica.

68 niños y adultos recibieron servicios no residenciales, incluyendo consejería individual, intercesión legal y grupos de apoyo para niños.

30 Solicitudes de Ayuda No Atendidas

Muchos programas informaron una escasez crítica de fondos y de personal para poder asistir a las víctimas que necesitaban servicios tales como transportación, traducción, cuidado de niñas y niños, consejería de salud mental y abuso de substancias, y representación legal. 26 de estas necesidades no atendidas fueron solicitudes de víctimas que buscaban albergue de emergencia or vivienda transitoria.

El porcentaje de los Programas Participantes que Proveyeron Estos Servicios en el Día del Censo:

92%	Albergue de Emergencia
75%	Apoyo o Intercesoría Individual
75%	Transportación
58%	Servicios Legales/De Acompañamiento
50%	Apoyo o Intercesoría a los Niñas/os
33%	Apoyo o Intercesoría de Grupo
33%	Intercesoría relacionada a una Oficina de Vivienda/Arrendadora
25%	Vivienda Transitoria

Los programas informaron la falta de personal como una razón por la cual no pudieron llenar las necesidades de ayuda que solicitaron las víctimas. 83% de los programas tienen menos de 20 empleadas y empleados pagados, y el 25% de éstos tienen menos de 10 empleadas y empleados pagos. El salario base de una empleada o empleado a jornada completa en servicio de intercesoría directa es de \$18,834.

Servicios Legales

Las víctimas de violencia doméstica usualmente necesitan asistencia legal con las órdenes de protección y asuntos civiles y de familia. De los programas que participaron en el Censo, sólo 35% informaron que pudieron conectar a una víctima que solicitara asistencia legal con una abogada o abogado.

50 Llamadas a la Línea de Emergencia

Las líneas de emergencia de violencia doméstica son salvaguardas de vida para víctimas en peligro ofreciéndoles apoyo, información, planificación de seguridad y recursos.

158 Personas Adiestradas

Durante el día de la encuesta, individuos en comunidades a través los Estados Unidos participaron de 158 adiestramientos provistos por los programas locales de violencia doméstica, en los cuales adquirieron información muy necesaria sobre la prevención y la intervención temprana.

“Se recibió una llamada del Club de Damas en la que nos informaron que iban a ayudar a costear los boletos de una de las participantes que necesitaba ser trasladada fuera de Puerto Rico.”

“Tres niños, dos madres y dos de nuestras empleadas se afectaron por un virus de estómago. Finalmente, toda la población del albergue se infectó, creando un estado de alerta. No teníamos todos los recursos económicos que necesitábamos tanto para los medicamentos como para los alimentos o dietas recetadas.”

2008

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Puerto Rico Summary

On September 17, 2008, 12 out of 12, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Puerto Rico participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

234 Victims Served In One Day

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

68 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

92%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
75%	Individual Support or Advocacy
75%	Transportation
58%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
50%	Children's Support or Advocacy
33%	Group Support or Advocacy
33%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
25%	Transitional Housing

50 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

158 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 158 individuals in communities across Puerto Rico attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

30 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 26 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 83% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 25% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$18,834.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 33% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"We received a call from the Women's Club who told us that they're going to cover the cost of tickets for a woman who needs to leave Puerto Rico."

"Three children, two mothers, and two of our employees had a stomach virus. Eventually, everyone living in shelter caught it, creating a general state of emergency. Unfortunately, we don't have money for all the medicines and specialized diets needed for everyone recovering."

2008

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Rhode Island Summary

On September 17, 2008, 6 out of 6, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

129 Victims Served In One Day

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

72 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

67%	Individual Support or Advocacy
67%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
50%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
50%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
33%	Children's Support or Advocacy
33%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
33%	Transportation
33%	Advocacy Related to Immigration

52 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

170 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 170 individuals in communities across Rhode Island attended 5 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

12 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, all were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 67% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 17% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$27,333.

"We created an "Ask A Lawyer" program, in which lawyers volunteer their time to come in once a month and offer free 20-minute consultations to survivors. Although victims don't receive legal representation, at least they know their rights and understand the legal process."

"Because of budget cuts, we are operating with bare minimum staffing. Our shelter is consistently full, and clients have to wait a while before they can meet with advocates because our staff is often working with other victims."

2008

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South Carolina Summary

On September 17, 2008, 11 out of 13, or 85%, of identified domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

264 Victims Served In One Day

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

90 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

91%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
82%	Individual Support or Advocacy
64%	Children's Support or Advocacy
55%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
55%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse
45%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
18%	Job Training/Employment Assistance
9%	Transitional Housing

142 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

703 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 703 individuals in communities across South Carolina attended 12 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

9 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 64% of programs have less than 20 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,583.

"A woman called for help today. Her husband assaulted her on the day her Order of Protection expired. When she went to the police station to make a report, she was told that her husband had already been there and he filed an incident report against her."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

South Dakota Summary

On September 17, 2008, 13 out of 42, or 31%, of identified domestic violence programs in South Dakota participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

338 Victims Served In One Day

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

151 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

85%	Individual Support or Advocacy
77%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
62%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
54%	Advocacy Related to School System
54%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
54%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
46%	Transitional Housing
46%	Children's Support or Advocacy

298 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

35 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 35 individuals in communities across South Dakota attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

44 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 17 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 85% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 62% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,893.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 15% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Today, we secured rent and deposit for a woman with four children who has been working very hard at becoming independent. She is now in a safe place with her children."

"One of our residents had to walk to work today because we can't provide any transportation. She was very nervous she would be confronted by her abuser or his family while walking but was more nervous about losing her job if she didn't show up. There is no public transportation in our town."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Tennessee Summary

On September 17, 2008, 42 out of 42, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Tennessee participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,047 Victims Served In One Day

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

610 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

81%	Individual Support or Advocacy
79%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
45%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
36%	Children's Support or Advocacy
33%	Rural Outreach
31%	Transitional Housing
29%	Group Support or Advocacy
19%	Advocacy Related to Immigration

467 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 19 hotline calls every hour.

819 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 819 individuals in communities across Tennessee attended 34 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

67 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 45 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 93% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 62% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$21,598.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 8% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Today was one of those rare days when everything seems to come together. Two of our clients got new jobs, one client was able to get a vehicle, and a large company gave us their leftover catered dinner to feed our shelter residents."

"I have been with the program for over 22 years, and we are struggling harder than ever for funds. I'm not sure how long we can hold out. We are running two shelter facilities with only one staff person per shelter and a very small handful of volunteers."

2008

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The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Texas Summary

On September 17, 2008, 79 out of 111, or 71%, of identified domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 79 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

4,367 Victims Served In One Day

2,570 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,797 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

81%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
80%	Individual Support or Advocacy
63%	Children's Support or Advocacy
57%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
56%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
38%	Translation/Interpretation Services
37%	Adult Therapy/Counseling (by a licensed practitioner)
24%	Job Training/Employment Assistance

1,338 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 56 hotline calls every hour.

3,088 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 3,088 individuals in communities across Texas attended 127 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

664 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 230 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 62% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 27% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,666.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 9% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"The current economic situation is troubling for us. We will not be receiving \$40,000 in Victims of Crime Act funding, and private donors will probably give less because of the economic downturn. If we don't get more funds in six months, we'll have to cut hours and staff, which will prevent us from providing a full range of services to our rural county."

"Our non-residential resource center was unable to accept everyone who called today. We made appointments for three weeks from today, because we don't have enough staff."

2008

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The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Utah Summary

On September 17, 2008, 16 out of 16, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

759 Victims Served In One Day

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

236 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

100%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
44%	Transitional Housing
25%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
25%	Transportation
25%	Rural Outreach
19%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
19%	Childcare/Daycare
6%	Financial Skills/Budgeting

193 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

151 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 151 individuals in communities across Utah attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

141 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 119 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 81% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 25% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$26,720.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 27% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"A woman with three children called us today needing shelter, but we have no more beds and the closest shelter is 45 minutes away. She decided to stay with her abuser a little longer so she could take the kids to school and get to work. She can't afford the gas to drive that far twice a day."

"In one year, we've seen a 35 percent increase in the number of people we serve and a 17 percent increase in the days of stay. We are spending more on interpreters this year for new languages, including Burmese, Arabic, Swahli, French, and Japanese."

2008

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The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Virginia Summary

On September 17, 2008, 41 out of 47, or 87%, of identified domestic violence programs in Virginia participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 41 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,371 Victims Served In One Day

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

735 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

95%	Individual Support or Advocacy
83%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
76%	Children's Support or Advocacy
61%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
46%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
24%	Transitional Housing
22%	Advocacy Related to Immigration
20%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse

610 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

341 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 341 individuals in communities across Virginia attended 31 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

170 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 132 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 73% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 39% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$25,361.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 15% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"The biggest challenge for victims is affordable housing—there is almost nothing in our area so victims return to the abuser."

"One of our shelter clients began a new job today. What made it great, however, is that for the first time in many years, she's working at a place of HER choice, not a place her abuser chooses."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Virgin Islands Summary

On September 17, 2008, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Virgin Islands participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

68 Victims Served In One Day

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

60 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

3 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$29,000.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

67%	Individual Support or Advocacy
67%	Translation/Interpretation Services
67%	Children's Support or Advocacy
33%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
33%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
33%	Transitional Housing
33%	Transportation
33%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse

3 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Vermont Summary

On September 17, 2008, 13 out of 13, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Vermont participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

172 Victims Served In One Day

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

112 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

92%	Individual Support or Advocacy
77%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
54%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
46%	Children's Support or Advocacy
46%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
38%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
31%	Transitional Housing
23%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS

149 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

52 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 52 individuals in communities across Vermont attended 8 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

20 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of staff, funding, and specialized resources to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 6 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was one reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 85% of programs have less than 10 paid staff.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 17% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"We are working with a woman whose abuser is in a position of power in the community. Charges were never brought against him, and he repeatedly uses the court system to harrass her. She desperately needs legal representation but our organization doesn't have the funds to cover this expense."

"The women and children we work with are struggling to survive. Women often call us in desperate need of financial help, and we just don't have the resources to help them."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Washington Summary

On September 17, 2008, 44 out of 64, or 69%, of identified domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 44 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,493 Victims Served In One Day

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

624 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

89%	Individual Support or Advocacy
80%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
61%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
50%	Children's Support or Advocacy
50%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord
45%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
30%	Transitional Housing
25%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS

570 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 24 hotline calls every hour.

357 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 357 individuals in communities across Washington attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

267 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 237 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 70% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 43% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,803.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 8% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"Today, we helped a victim with a protection order. She had been held by her abuser against her will in her apartment for hours and her abuser had tried to strangle her. She was afraid and didn't want to call the police but we were able to help her."

"Rising fuel costs is a huge barrier for women, especially when they have to drive two-and-a-half hours for a protection order hearing. For women who are financially isolated, this makes it almost impossible for them to go to court for hearings."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Wisconsin Summary

On September 17, 2008, 48 out of 67, or 72%, of identified domestic violence programs in Wisconsin participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 48 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period

1,526 Victims Served In One Day

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

785 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

92%	Individual Support or Advocacy
73%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
65%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
63%	Children's Support or Advocacy
50%	Group Support or Advocacy
38%	Transitional Housing
25%	Financial Skills/Budgeting
23%	Job Training/Employment Assistance

668 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 28 hotline calls every hour.

1,371 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,371 individuals in communities across Wisconsin attended 42 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

346 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 285 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 71% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 23% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,979.

Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 9% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney.

"One of our residents, a 70-year-old domestic violence survivor, was approved for low-income HUD housing."

"This year, our program lost seven percent in United Way funding, and next year we're expecting a 20 percent decrease. We've had to compensate by letting go of staff and we're struggling to provide basic supplies, such as toilet paper, dish and laundry soap, and more."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

West Virginia Summary

On September 17, 2008, 14 out of 14, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in West Virginia participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

644 Victims Served In One Day

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

462 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

79%	Individual Support or Advocacy
79%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
64%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
64%	Rural Outreach
57%	Children's Support or Advocacy
50%	Group Support or Advocacy
43%	Transportation
43%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health

196 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

275 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 275 individuals in communities across West Virginia attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

21 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 9 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 79% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 14% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$17,337.

"On this particular day, we had a client who wanted to enter our transitional housing program but could not because of a shortage of beds."

"Because of funding cuts, we don't have an advocate present in one of our counties. Also, we can no longer afford a counselor for clients; we refer them elsewhere and hope that they have medical insurance to cover the cost."

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Wyoming Summary

On September 17, 2008, 16 out of 24, or 67%, of identified domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

234 Victims Served In One Day

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

202 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

88%	Individual Support or Advocacy
44%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
50%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
31%	Children's Support or Advocacy
31%	Transportation
31%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
25%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
6%	Transitional Housing

48 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

89 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 89 individuals in communities across Wyoming attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

9 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 88% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,455.

"During the survey day, we were able to help a woman who had been abused for 18 years."

"Because of cuts to Violence Against Women Act funding, we've had to reduce our staff by one person; this has placed extra burden and more stress on the remaining staff."