

'09 Domestic Violence Counts District of Columbia Summary

On September 15, 2009, 10 out of 10, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in District of Columbia participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

394 Victims Served in One Day

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

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

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	90%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	30%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	20%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	30%
Advocacy/Support for Teen Victims of Dating Violence	10%
Transportation	30%
Transitional Housing	40%
Emergency Shelter	40%

40 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 approximately 2 hotline calls every hour.

40 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 40 individuals in communities across District of Columbia attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

101 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 53 (52%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 50% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 40% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 30% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 20% reported not enough specialized services.

“It’s important to create comprehensive solutions to address violence in our communities and schools.”

“Unfortunately, some survivors don’t seek medical attention because they can’t afford the cost.”

