

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 15, 2009, 2 out of 3, or 67%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 2 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

10 Victims Served in One Day

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

9 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	50%
Emergency Shelter	50%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	50%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	50%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	50%

14 Hotline Calls Answered

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

3 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.

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

- 🏠 50% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 50% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.

“Our attorney helped a victim successfully obtain a protective order.”

“We have seen an increase in high profile perpetrators, and victims are too afraid to report them. They’re afraid that they will not get fair assistance, treatment or justice.”