

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Indiana Summary

On September 15, 2009, 45 out of 48, or 94%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 45 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,795 Victims Served in One Day

1,069 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

726 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	98%
Emergency Shelter	69%
Children's Support or Advocacy	69%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	42%
Transportation	60%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	49%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	44%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	38%

657 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 27 hotline calls every hour.

736 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 736 individuals in communities across Indiana attended 35 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

69 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 (77%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 🏠 29% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 16% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 29% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 18% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 7% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We've had a 32% increase in clients this year as a result of the economic downturn. We need more long-term, transitional support programs, and more funding for non-residential, follow-up supportive services."

"Our length of shelter stay has increased dramatically. We've found ways to assist clients requesting shelter even when we don't have space by increasing services and working with non-shelter clients on a long-term basis."