

# '09 Domestic Violence Counts Minnesota Summary

On September 15, 2009, 32 out of 75, or 43%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided the by 32 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 2,066 Victims Served in One Day

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

1,287 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	91%
Children's Support or Advocacy	66%
Emergency Shelter	59%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	59%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	47%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	47%
Transportation	44%
Group Support or Advocacy	41%

## 628 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 26 hotline calls every hour.

## 456 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 456 individuals in communities across Minnesota attended 26 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 368 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, 338 (92%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 🏠 41% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 34% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 31% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 16% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Many of the survivors we work with have no legal representation. It's difficult for them when their abusers use the legal system to continue harassing them."

"We helped a woman change her locks, so she could be safe from her abuser."