

'09 Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 15, 2009, 63 out of 82, or 77%, of identified local domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 63 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,677 Victims Served in One Day

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

1,041 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	94%
Emergency Shelter	84%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	60%
Children's Support or Advocacy	56%
Group Support or Advocacy	46%
Transportation	44%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	32%
Advocacy Related for Child Welfare/Protective Services	24%

857 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 36 hotline calls every hour.

727 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 727 individuals in communities across North Carolina attended 45 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

179 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, 69 (39%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 44% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 22% reported not enough specialized services.
- 21% reported not enough staff.
- 11% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 8% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"A victim was beaten so severely by her abuser that she was hospitalized for three days. She came to our shelter today and was reunited with her children. The abuser has not been located, but he sends her text messages telling her that he will find her to finish the job."

"A client will be testifying today in a Superior Court hearing about her domestic violence kidnapping and rape. It is horrible that she will have to go by herself because we don't have enough staff for someone to go with her."

