

'09 Domestic Violence Counts North Dakota Summary

On September 15, 2009, 21 out of 21, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

283 Victims Served in One Day

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

157 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
Legal Representation by Attorney	10%
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Emergency Shelter	52%
Transitional Housing	29%
Rural Outreach	33%
Transportation	43%
Children's Support or Advocacy	33%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	10%

97 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 4 hotline calls every hour.

71 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 71 individuals in communities across North Dakota attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

28 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, 16 (57%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 43% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 19% reported not enough specialized services.
- 14% reported not enough staff.
- 10% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

"Because of funding cuts, we've been unable to travel to outlying areas to meet with victims. Nor can they come to us because they either have no car or no money for gas. We're doing the best we can by doing more advocacy over the phone."

"Oftentimes, families don't have healthcare because they make just too much to qualify for subsidized healthcare but too little to afford health insurance. The result is they don't receive medical care when it is needed."