

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Oregon Summary

On September 15, 2009, 29 out of 47, or 62%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 29 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,312 Victims Served in One Day

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

736 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	100%
Emergency Shelter	79%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	69%
Children's Support or Advocacy	66%
Transportation	66%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	62%
Group Support or Advocacy	55%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	48%

458 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 19 hotline calls every hour.

67 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 67 individuals in communities across Oregon attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

277 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, 230 (83%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

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

- 28% reported not enough staff.
- 34% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 45% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 28% reported not enough specialized services.
- 14% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"With donations decreasing, it's harder for us to provide the basics for our residents. A woman recently came to our shelter with a one-month-old baby. We didn't have diapers for a newborn, so she taped the sides of a size-3 diaper to fit her baby."

"One of things that's difficult to provide is counseling for children. The cost is too high for us to provide and survivors can't afford it on their own. Children are affected by domestic violence, and we don't have counseling services for them."