

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Virgin Islands Summary

On September 15, 2009, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in the Virgin Islands participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

56 Victims Served in One Day

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

37 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%
Group Support or Advocacy	67%
Emergency Shelter	67%
Children's Support or Advocacy	67%
Transportation	67%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	67%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	67%
Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse	67%

15 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

62 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 62 individuals in communities across the Virgin Islands attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

5 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.

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

- 🏠 67% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 67% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 33% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 33% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 33% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"We're trying to stretch money and supplies as long as possible. Our staff often purchase pens, note pads, and other small office supplies with their own money. For the moment, our staff is going without pay until we get more funding."

"Many clients are unable to afford proper healthcare and medicine. They often don't seek medical attention because they're afraid of accumulating more debt if they go to the doctor."