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## Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 17, 2013, 35 out of 43 (81%), of identified local domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 35 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,796 Victims Served in One Day

1,181 domestic violence victims (626 children and 555 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

615 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 17
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Children's Support or Advocacy	84%
Emergency Shelter	77%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	58%
Transportation	58%
Group Support or Advocacy	53%

### 269 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, local and state hotlines answered 269 calls, averaging more than 11 hotline calls every hour.

### 294 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 294 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 20 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 187 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 76% (143) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and nonresidential services, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently requested non-residential services that couldn't be provided were housing, followed by legal representation and financial assistance.

### Impact of Unmet Requests for Help

Domestic violence programs do not always know what happens when a survivor courageously calls a stranger to ask for a bed or other help and the services aren't available; however 31% of programs report that victims return to their abuser, 14% report that victims become homeless, and 11% report that the families are end up living in their cars.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 26% reported reduced government funding.
- 11% reported not enough staff.
- 11% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 9% reported reduced individual donations.

Across the Arizona 53 (8%) staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"On the Survey Day, we talked to a survivor who was raped by her abuser in front of his friends. He also stabbed her. She needed shelter, medical attention, and someone to talk to, all of which we helped provide."

— Advocate

