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Domestic Violence Counts District of Columbia Summary

On September 10, 2014, 10 out of 12 (83%) identified local domestic violence programs in the District of Columbia participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 10 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

847 Victims Served in One Day

499 domestic violence victims (243 children and 256 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

348 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. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	60%
Bilingual Advocacy	60%
Group Support or Advocacy	40%
Emergency Shelter	30%
Transitional Housing	30%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	30%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	30%

75 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 75 calls, averaging more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

212 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 212 individuals in communities across the District of Columbia attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

77 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 36% (28) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 75 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed services that couldn't be provided were housing, rental assistance, and help with utilities.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

🏠 10% reported not enough staff.

Across the District of Columbia, 8 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim called our 24-hour hotline looking for shelter. She completed our assessment and had to be placed on a waiting list because we had no space."

— Advocate

