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## Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 10, 2014, 20 out of 23 (87%) identified local domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 20 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 514 Victims Served in One Day

189 domestic violence victims (98 children and 91 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

325 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	70%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	65%
Rural Outreach	40%
Bilingual Advocacy	35%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	30%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	15%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	10%

### 184 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 184 calls, averaging more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 146 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 146 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 160 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 78% (125) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 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 service that was unavailable was permanent housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 25% reported reduced government funding.
- 25% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 20% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Idaho, 22 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (79%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-two individual services at local program were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"Through the empowerment-based advocacy by a community domestic violence program, a woman, who had escaped an abusive relationship, was able to qualify for low-income housing and register her two daughters for school."

— Advocate

