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Domestic Violence Counts Indiana Summary

On September 10, 2014, 47 out of 47 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 47 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,807 Victims Served in One Day

1,170 domestic violence victims (577 children and 593 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

637 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	81%
Emergency Shelter	68%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	64%
Transportation	53%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	47%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	36%
Rural Outreach	32%

651 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 651 calls, averaging more than 27 hotline calls every hour.

1,101 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,101 individuals in communities across Indiana attended 47 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

182 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 63% (115) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 180 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 couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 26% reported reduced government funding.
- 21% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 19% reported reduced individual donations.
- 19% reported not enough staff.

Across Indiana, 48 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (74%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Sixty-five individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“The most common challenges our clients face are finding employment that pays a living wage; affordable and dependable childcare; and safe affordable housing. Many domestic violence victims are left homeless and/or return to the abuser because being homeless and plunged into poverty, especially with children, feels as dehumanizing as the domestic violence.”

— Advocate

