# '14 Domestic Violence Counts Nebraska Summary

On September 10, 2014, 20 out of 21 (95%) identified local domestic violence programs in Nebraska 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.

### 401 Victims Served in One Day

173 domestic violence victims (94 children and 79 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

228 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 |
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| Individual Support or Advocacy | 95% |
| Children's Support or Advocacy | 85% |
| Emergency Shelter | 65% |
| Transportation | 55% |
| Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy | 35% |
| Bilingual Advocacy | 35% |
| Rural Outreach | 30% |
| Group Support or Advocacy | 30% |

### 171 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 171 calls, averaging more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 125 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 125 individuals in communities across Nebraska attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 85 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 93% (79) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 80 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 legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 25% reported reduced government funding.
- 15% reported reduced individual donations.
- 15% reported not enough staff.
- 10% reported cuts from private funding sources.

Across Nebraska, 9 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; all of these positions were direct services (100%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

> "Our shelter has five bedrooms; all were full on Census Day. We have a small library and a toy room, both were turned into bedrooms to accommodate families and we still had a request for shelter. There was literally no more room."
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> — Advocate