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Domestic Violence Counts New York Summary

On September 10, 2014, 71 out of 96 (74%) identified local domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 71 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

4,084 Victims Served in One Day

2,230 domestic violence victims (1,242 children and 988 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,854 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
Emergency Shelter	76%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	66%
Transportation	66%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	58%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	54%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	39%
Transitional Housing	28%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	27%

1,045 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 1,045 calls, averaging more than 43 hotline calls every hour.

1,041 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,041 individuals in communities across New York attended 52 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

605 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 40% (242) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 600 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 counseling and legal representation.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 29% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 8% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 8% reported reduced individual donations.

Across New York, 55 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (86%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Seventy-eight individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“An advocate assisted a client in obtaining a temporary order of protection, emergency custody order, a backpack and school supplies for her daughter, and assisted the client in getting her daughter’s prescription waived through a local not-for-profit program. The advocate told her about, and referred her to, the Office of Victim Services to apply for compensation.”

— Advocate

