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## Domestic Violence Counts Utah Summary

On September 10, 2014, 17 out of 17 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 928 Victims Served in One Day

619 domestic violence victims (360 children and 259 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

309 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	100%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	59%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	29%
Rural Outreach	24%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	18%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	6%

### 199 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 199 calls, averaging more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

### 171 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 171 individuals in communities across Utah attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 135 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 75% (101) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 130 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

- 47% reported reduced government funding.
- 29% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 29% reported not enough staff.
- 12% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Utah, 20 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (68%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Eleven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"On the Census Day we had a woman call who was attempting to leave her partner that day. She was being harassed by his family and threatened with a gun. Unfortunately, our shelter was completely full and we were unable to house her."

— Advocate

