



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Washington Summary

On September 14, 2016, 66 out of 70 (94%) identified domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 66 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

## 2,305 Victims Served in One Day

1,413 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

892 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	Sept. 14th
Individual Support or Advocacy	91%
Emergency Shelter	80%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	42%
Transportation	39%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	15%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	5%

## 803 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 hotline staff answered 803 calls, averaging 33 hotline calls every hour.

## 345 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 345 individuals in communities across Washington attended 31 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 732 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 87% (637) were for Housing

When there are not enough resources, survivors’ requests for a safe place to live, legal representation, counseling, and other supportive services go tragically unmet—countless times in a single day.

Victims made 732 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal advocacy, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across Washington, 33 staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (67%) of these positions were for direct services, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ An advocate said, “In addition to providing individual advocacy, we provide opportunities throughout the year for clients to do things in the community with each other. This may mean a more formal support group but in the case of our group on September 14th, we invited our clients to a group to create art. Several women expressed how nice it felt to not have to talk about the difficult things in their lives but simply sit and create with other women and feel connected.”