

National Summary

On September 25, 2007, 1,346 out of 1,949, or 69%, of identified domestic violence programs in the United States participated in the 2007 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information provided by the 1,346 participating programs about services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

53,203 Victims Served in One Day

- **25,321** domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- **27,882** adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- In just one day, **92%** of local programs provided individual counseling or advocacy but only **35%** were able to provide transitional housing. Services provided by programs include:

92%	Individual Counseling or Advocacy
74%	Emergency Shelter
71%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
64%	Advocacy with Social Services
60%	Children's Counseling/Advocacy
60%	Group Counseling or Advocacy
42%	Childcare
35%	Transitional Housing

7,707 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as housing, childcare, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

NOT ENOUGH STAFF

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet victims' requests for services. Nearly 69% of programs have fewer than 20 paid staff, and 35% of those programs have less than 10 paid staff.

20,582 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines answered more than 14 hotline calls every minute, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

29,902 People Trained

Programs provided more than 1,500 trainings, where community members gained much needed information on prevention and early intervention.

During the 24-hour survey period, our program was still coping with the aftermath of a domestic violence homicide that occurred in our community a few weeks ago. Advocates from the program provided support to grieving friends and family and are working to create community change.

—Wisconsin DV program

We took a crisis call from a victim that was being discharged from the hospital. She had fled from another state because of domestic violence and waited until she got far away enough to feel safe going to the emergency room. The hospital was ready to release her and called us for shelter. We were full but were able to transfer her to the nearest safe shelter about 100 miles away.

—Georgia DV program