

# 2008

Domestic Violence Counts  
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

# Wyoming Summary

On September 17, 2008, 16 out of 24, or 67%, of identified domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 234 Victims Served In One Day

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

202 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

### Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

88%	Individual Support or Advocacy
44%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
50%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
31%	Children's Support or Advocacy
31%	Transportation
31%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
25%	Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/CPS
6%	Transitional Housing

### 48 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

### 89 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 89 individuals in communities across Wyoming attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 9 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

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

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 88% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,455.

*"During the survey day, we were able to help a woman who had been abused for 18 years."*

*"Because of cuts to Violence Against Women Act funding, we've had to reduce our staff by one person; this has placed extra burden and more stress on the remaining staff."*