



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS North Carolina Summary

On September 14, 2016, 67 out of 86 (**78%**) identified domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 67 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,502 Victims Served in One Day

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

690 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	94%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	82%
Emergency Shelter	78%
Court or Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	60%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	55%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	39%

513 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 **513** calls, averaging **21** hotline calls every hour.

459 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **459** individuals in communities across North Carolina attended **40** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

147 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 68% (100) 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 **147** 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 North Carolina, **30** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most (**53%**) 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, “A shelter was able to house and assist a mother of three with clothing and shelter. With shelter located in the area, she was able to continue working and her children remain at their schools. The school system also helped make special accommodations for the children to remain safe during pick-up and returning to the