



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Ohio Summary

On September 13, 2017, 68 out of 68 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 68 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,446 Victims Served in One Day

1,320 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,126 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

Services Provided by Local Programs	On Census Day
Children’s Support or Advocacy	79%
Emergency Shelter	74%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	59%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlords	41%

761 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotline staff in Ohio answered on average 32 hotline calls per hour.

1,039 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 1,039 individuals in communities across Ohio attended 38 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

270 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 50% (134) were for Housing

Victims made 270 requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims’ needs.

In the past year, 18 local programs in Ohio laid off or did not fill 32 staff positions. Many of these positions (43%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates. This means that there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help or provide needed services.

❖ “An LGBTQIA client in our Latina Program was in dire need of legal assistance, which they couldn’t afford on their own. On the day of the census, they received word that they were approved for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network’s Legal Assistance Program, which would provide not only a divorce attorney but an immigration attorney as well at no cost to them.”

