



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS California Summary

On September 14, 2016, 111 out of 118 **(94%)** identified domestic violence programs in California participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 111 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

5,568 Victims Served in One Day

2,934 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,634 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
Emergency Shelter	79%
Bilingual Advocacy	67%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	62%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing	40%
Hotel/Motel Stay	10%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	8%

1,283 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 **1,283** calls, averaging **53** hotline calls every hour.

❖ An advocate said, “A survivor who had been staying in our shelter was excited about her new-found independence but apprehensive about starting over in her own place. Her case manager helped to connect her with a small transitional housing program, and by the beginning of the month she will be settling into her new, independent-yet-not-all-alone home!”

1,613 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **1,613** individuals in communities across California attended **104** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

1,083 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 76% (824) 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 **1,083** requests for services— including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services.

Across California, **95** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most **(55%)** 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.