



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Illinois Summary

On September 14, 2016, 54 out of 54 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Illinois participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by these 54 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,361 Victims Served in One Day

1,166 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,195 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
Rural Outreach	26%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	19%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	17%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	11%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	9%
Transitional or Other Housing Program	2%

800 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 **800** calls, averaging **33** hotline calls every hour.

927 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, **927** individuals in communities across Illinois attended **63** training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

299 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 39% (117) 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 **299** 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 Illinois, **73** staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Most **(58%)** 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, “On the Census day, a woman who had been hesitant to restart counseling after a long hiatus came back. She left feeling hopeful, with her next appointment card in her pocket.”

