



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS Oregon Summary

On September 13, 2017, 51 out of 52 (98%) identified domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by these 51 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,488 Victims Served in One Day

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

695 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
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	86%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	65%
Emergency Shelter	53%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	35%
Transportation	27%

432 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 Oregon answered on average 18 hotline calls per hour.

149 Attended Prevention and Education Trainings

On Census Day, 149 individuals in communities across Oregon attended 11 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

235 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 72% (169) were for Housing

Victims made nearly 240 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, 16 local programs in Oregon laid off or did not fill 29 staff positions. Most of these positions (67%) 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.

❖ “A survivor with a complicated child welfare case said, ‘I feel heard for the first time in a very long time and I feel safe here with you.’ I took the survivor shopping so she could buy school clothing for her son today. She loved being able to pick out clothes herself and said, ‘I want him to feel like he belongs here. Thank you for being with me.’”

