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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS

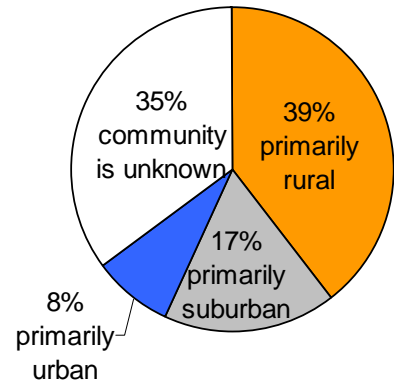
the National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Communities and Individuals Served

Communities Served

- Across the US, local domestic violence programs provide support to victims in a variety of communities.
- On the survey day over 20,000 individuals were served by urban programs, over 9,000 by suburban and over 16,000 by rural programs.

Participating programs that shared this information report that the communities they serve are:



“After a presentation given to 8th grade girls on Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault, a 13 year old girl requested help with a Civil Protection Order against a former boyfriend. She did not know about our state’s law that enables teens to seek protection orders. She was relieved and grateful for the presentation and assistance from our agency.”

– A rural program from the North West Region

Services Provided by Age and Gender

Table 1. Services provided to Adults and Children on the Survey Day

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Non-residential Services
Total Adults	7,103	3,081	19,641
Children	7,241	4,852	5,946

- While male victims of domestic violence represent a small fraction of overall clients, programs provide crisis services to these victims as well. See Table 2

“On the survey day a man contacted the agency and asked for assistance in leaving his long-time male partner. He was assisted with safety planning, and offered case management and counseling.”

– An urban program in the Midwest

- Nationwide, a wide range of services were provided to adults and children on the survey day. See Table 1.
- The gender distribution is consistent with research that demonstrates that women are more likely to be victims of intimate partner violence. This research includes, but is not limited to: the National Crime Victimization Survey, crime reports data,¹ the General Social Survey and the National Violence Against Women Survey².

Table 2. Services provided by Gender to Adults on the Survey Day

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Non-residential Services
Women	7,058	3,059	18,569
Men	35	21	1,054
Transgender	10	1	18

¹ Rennison and Welchans (2000).

² Bachman, 1998; Dobash et al., 1992; Rennison & Welchans, 2000; Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000