

Domestic Violence Program

SFY

2019

Provides statewide services through local community organizations to help people who are hurt or harmed by domestic violence; provides education and information on domestic violence to local communities.

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Domestic Violence Program Overview

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) domestic violence program distributes significant state and federal funding dedicated to providing emergency shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. Domestic violence programs consistently report that DSHS funding is critical to keeping their doors open and providing life-saving services to members of their communities. Data provided in this section highlights the following domestic violence services:

- **Shelter and Supportive Services**— Local domestic violence programs provide emergency domestic violence shelter to victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. In addition to shelter, residents receive supportive services such as advocacy, legal assistance, access to support groups and other specialized services based on each person’s unique needs. The majority of service recipients, however, receive non-shelter based services such as advocacy, assistance with protection orders and other legal issues, and access to support groups.

Additional information, including the eligibility criteria, funding sources, and services/benefits provided, is available [here](#).

Highlights

Local domestic violence programs served a total of 25,016 victims and their children in SFY 2019, of whom 5,096 received emergency shelter based services and 19,920 received non-shelter based services.

In SFY 2019, the 39 domestic violence shelter programs provided 230,906 shelter bednights to victims and their families. Victims stayed in shelter an average of 45 days in SFY 2019.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data reported in this chapter were based on the InfoNet database maintained by WA State Department of Commerce as of November 2019.

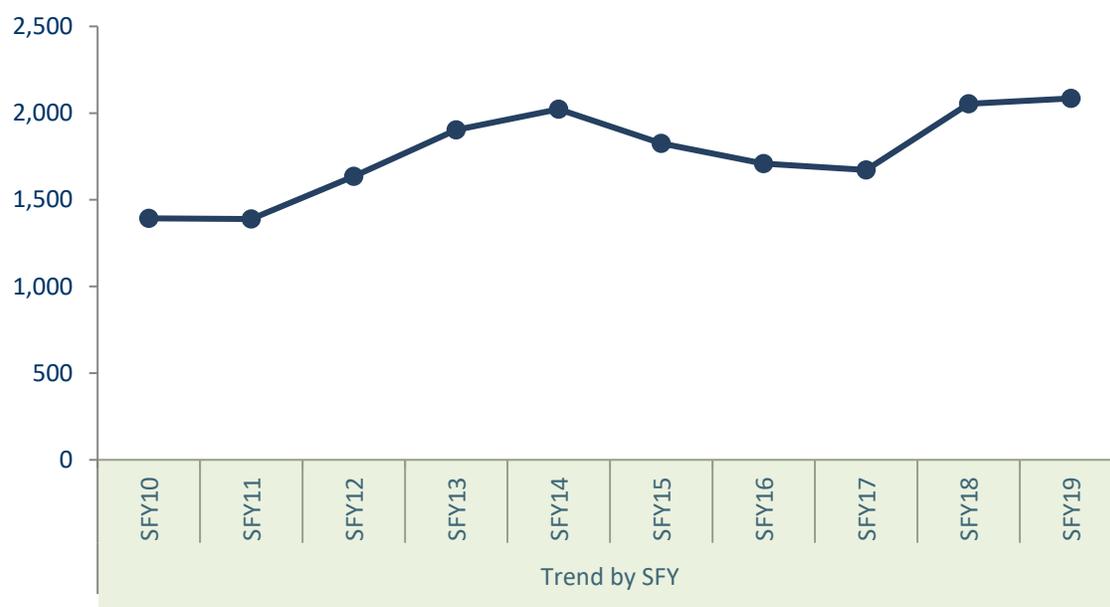
DATA NOTES:

- Data is collected from 39 domestic violence shelter/safe home agencies in 39 counties that contract with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)/Economic Services Administration Contractors provide emergency domestic violence shelter and advocacy services.
- Service numbers include all data reported into the statewide InfoNet data collection system during state fiscal year 2019.
- Data reflects only the emergency domestic violence shelter and supportive services provided by DSHS domestic violence services contractors.

Selected Domestic Violence Program Overview SFY 2019

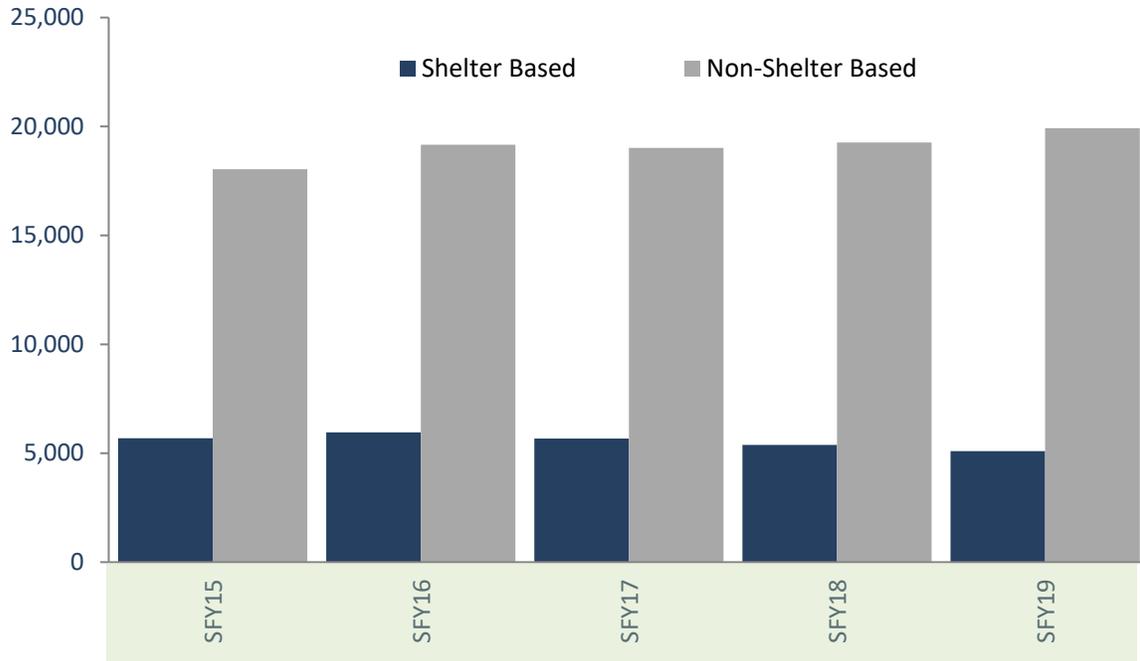
	SFY 2018 (July 2017-June 2018)	SFY 2019 (July 2018-June 2019)	Change
Average Number of Domestic Violence Clients Per Month	2,054	2,085	1.5% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Domestic Violence Children Clients Per Month	359	353	-1.7% (Decrease) ↓
Average Number of Domestic Violence Adult Clients Per Month	1,695	1,732	2.2% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Adult and Children Receiving Shelter Based Services Per Month	448	425	-5.1% (Decrease) ↓
Average Number of Adult and Children Receiving Non Shelter Based Services Per Month	1,605	1,660	3.4% (Increase) ↑
Total Clients (Adults and Children) Served in SFY	24,642	25,016	1.5% (Increase) ↑

Domestic Violence Program Clients, SFY 2010 – 2019



SFY	Monthly Average Clients	SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY10	1,393	SFY15	1,825
SFY11	1,389	SFY16	1,708
SFY12	1,636	SFY17	1,672
SFY13	1,903	SFY18	2,054
SFY14	2,022	SFY19	2,085

Adults and Children Provided Shelter and Non-Shelter Based Services, SFY 2015 to SFY 2019



SFY	# of Adults and Children Served	
	Shelter Based Services	Non-Shelter Based Services
SFY15	5,690	18,038
SFY16	5,957	19,163
SFY17	5,672	19,020
SFY18	5,379	19,263
SFY19	5,096	19,920

Additional Services Summary, SFY 2019

SFY 2019	
Crisis hotline and information/referral calls received by emergency domestic violence shelter programs	85,426
# of Adult survivors and children receiving emergency domestic violence shelter	5,096
Total # of bednights for new and returning clients provided by emergency shelter programs	230,906
# of unmet requests for emergency shelter services	12,822
# of adult survivors and children receiving nonresidential domestic violence advocacy services	19,920
# of persons reached via training, presentations, and other outreach efforts by the domestic violence programs	68,354
Average length of shelter stays (in days)	45 Days

Client Demographics, SFY 2019

Characteristic	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>		<u>All Children</u>	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients	# of Clients	% of Total Adults	# of Clients	% of Total Children
Total Clients	25,016	100.0%	20,780	100.0%	4,236	100.0%

<u>Gender</u>	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>	<u>All Children</u>
Female	21,059	84.2%		
Male	3,197	12.8%		
Unknown	760	3.0%		

<u>Age</u>	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>	<u>All Children</u>
< 12 Year Old	3,278	13.1%		
13 – 17 Years Old	958	3.8%		
18 – 24 Years Old	2,074	8.3%		
25 – 59 Years Old	17,447	69.7%		
60+ Years Old	1,259	5.0%		
Average Age of Children				7.9 Years
Average Age of Adults				45.6 Years

<u>Ethnicity and Race</u>	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>	<u>All Children</u>
Hispanic or Latino	5,048	20.2		
Not Hispanic or Latino	19,968	79.8%		
White	13,628	54.5%		
Black/African American	1,653	6.6%		
Asian/Pacific Islander	721	2.9%		
American Indian/Alaska Native	890	3.6%		
Two or More Races	1,202	4.8%		
Race Not Reported	1,874	7.5%		