

Domestic Violence Program

SFY

2020

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 21,906 victims and their children in SFY 2020, of whom 4,318 received emergency shelter based services and 17,588 received non-shelter based services.

In SFY 2020, the 39 domestic violence shelter programs provided 188,766 shelter bed nights to victims and their families. Victims stayed in shelter an average of 40 days in SFY 2020.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data reported in this chapter were based on the InfoNet database maintained by Washington State Department of Commerce as of November 2020.

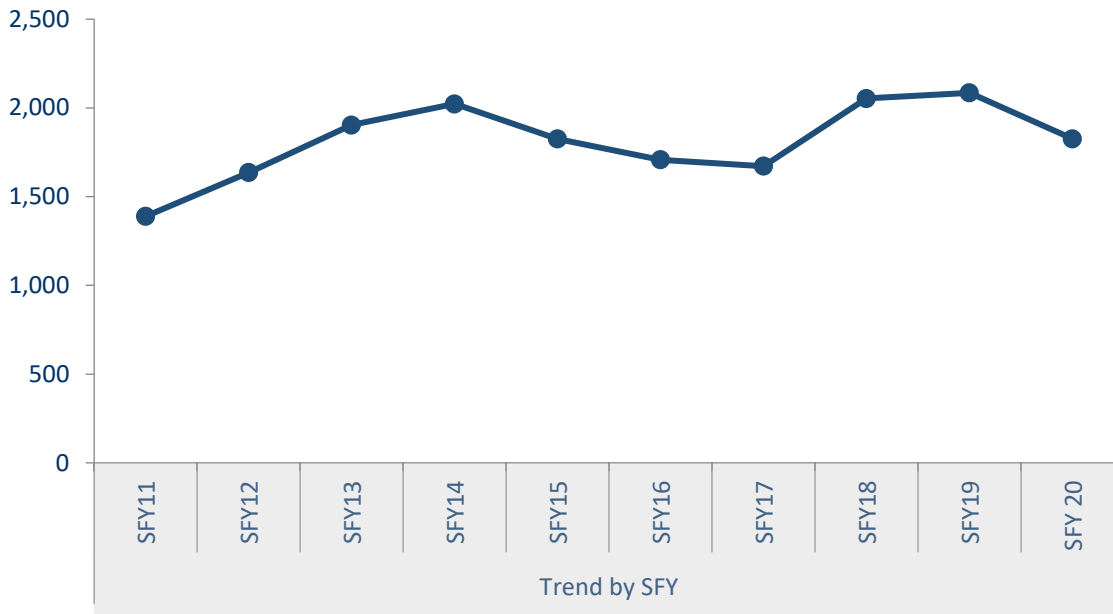
DATA NOTES:

- 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 2020.
- Data reflects only the emergency domestic violence shelter and supportive services provided by DSHS domestic violence services contractors.

Selected Domestic Violence Program Overview SFY 2020

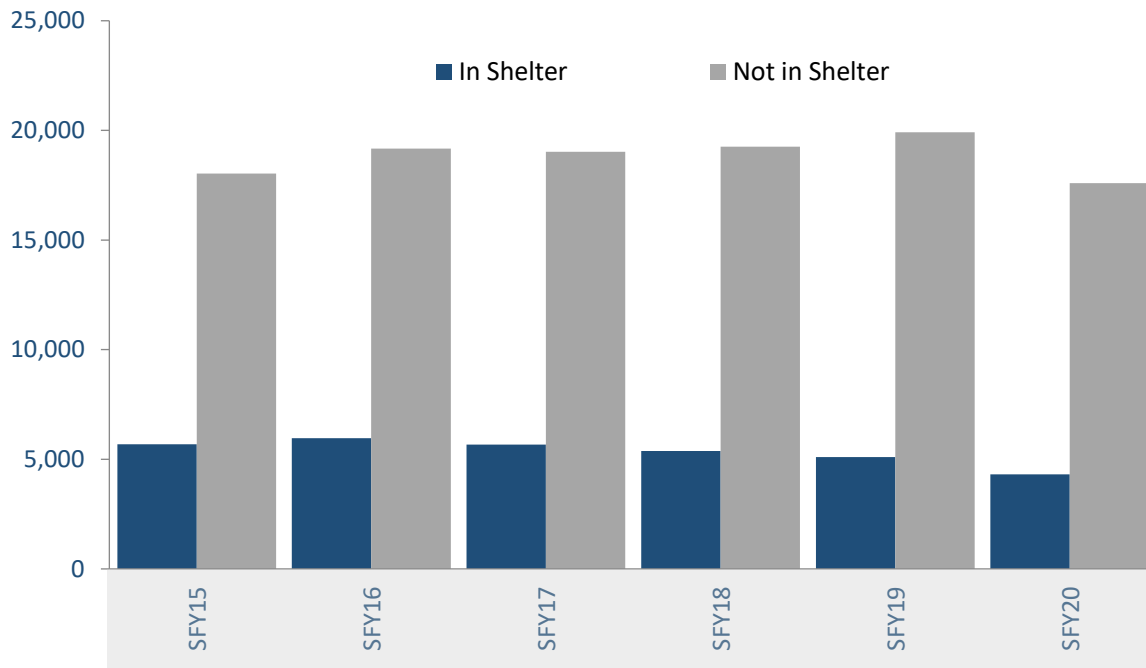
	SFY 2019 (July 2018-June 2019)	SFY 2020 (July 2019-June 2020)	Change	
Average Number of Domestic Violence Clients Per Month	2,085	1,826	-12.4% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Domestic Violence Children Clients Per Month	353	352	No Change	=
Average Number of Domestic Violence Adult Clients Per Month	1,732	1,473	-15.0% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Adults and Children Receiving Shelter Based Services Per Month	425	360	-15.3% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Adult and Children Receiving Non Shelter Based Services Per Month	1,660	1,466	-11.7% (Decrease)	↓
Total Clients (Adults and Children) Served in SFY	25,016	21,906	-12.4% (Decrease)	↓

Domestic Violence Program Clients, SFY 2011 – 2020



SFY	Monthly Average Clients	SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY11	1,389	SFY16	1,708
SFY12	1,636	SFY17	1,672
SFY13	1,903	SFY18	2,054
SFY14	2,022	SFY19	2,085
SFY15	1,825	SFY20	1,826

Adults and Children Received Shelter and Non-Shelter Based Services, SFY 2015 to SFY 2020



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
SFY20	4,318	17,588

Additional Services Summary, SFY 2020

SFY 2020	
Crisis hotline and information/referral calls received by emergency domestic violence shelter programs	79,138
# of Adult survivors and children receiving emergency domestic violence shelter services	4,318
Total # of bed nights for new and returning clients provided by emergency shelter programs	188,766
# of unmet requests for emergency shelter services	8,621
# of adult survivors and children receiving non-residential domestic violence advocacy services	17,588
# of persons reached via training, presentations, and other outreach efforts by the domestic violence programs	65,253
Average length of shelter stays (in days)	40 Days

Client Demographics, SFY 2020

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	21,906	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
Female	18,305	83.6%
Male	3,110	14.2%
Unknown	491	2.2%

Age	All Clients	
< 12 Year Old	3,344	15.3%
13 – 17 Years Old	882	4.0%
18 – 24 Years Old	1,617	7.4%
25 – 59 Years Old	15,010	68.5%
60+ Years Old	1,054	4.8%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients	
Hispanic or Latino	4,466	20.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	17,440	79.6%
White	11,840	54.0%
Black/African American	1,595	7.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	624	2.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	781	3.6%
Two or More Races	1,082	4.9%
Race Not Reported	1,518	6.9%