

Domestic Violence Program

SFY

2021

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 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](#) (see full document for the link).

Highlights

Local domestic violence programs served a total of 17,783 victims and their children in SFY 2021, of whom 3,996 received emergency shelter based services and 13,787 received non-shelter based services.

In SFY 2021, the 39 domestic violence shelter programs provided 157,200 shelter bed nights to victims and their families. Victims stayed in shelter an average of 39 days in SFY 2021.

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 2021.

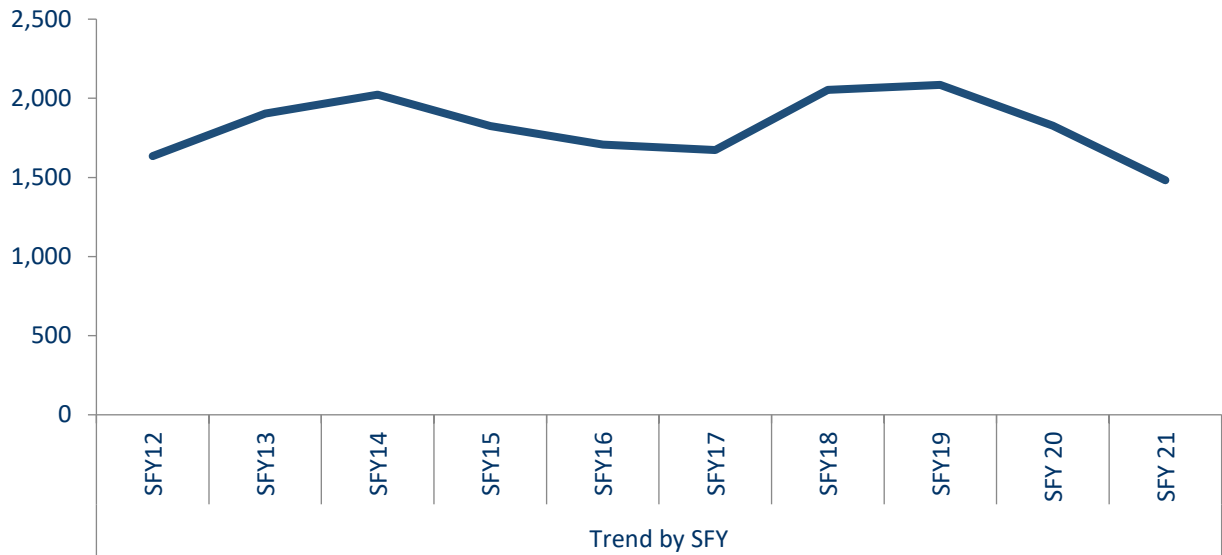
DATA NOTES:

- 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 2021.
- 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 and 2021

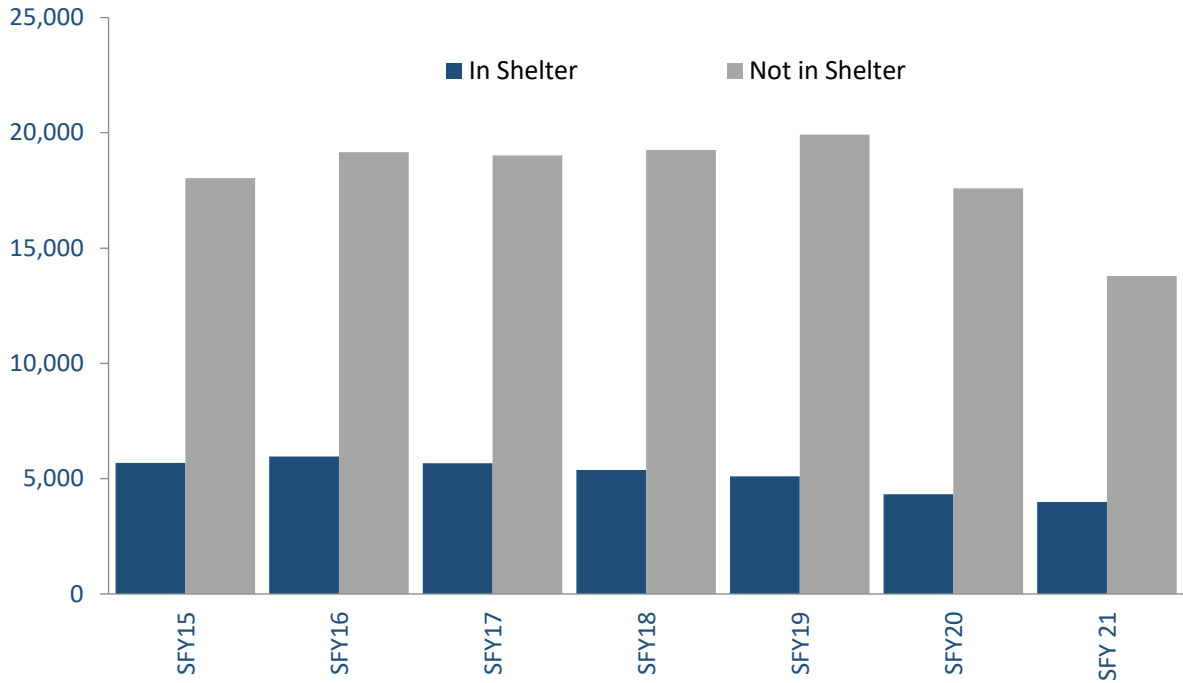
	SFY 2020 (July 2019-June 2020)	SFY 2021 (July 2020-June 2021)	Change	
Average Number of Domestic Violence Clients Per Month	1,826	1,482	-18.8% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Domestic Violence Children Clients Per Month	352	263	-25.3% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Domestic Violence Adult Clients Per Month	1,473	1,219	-17.2% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Adults and Children Receiving Shelter Based Services Per Month	360	333	-7.5% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Adult and Children Receiving Non-shelter Based Services Per Month	1,466	1,149	-21.6% (Decrease)	↓
Total Clients (Adults and Children) Served in SFY	21,906	17,783	--18.8% (Decrease)	↓

Domestic Violence Program Clients, SFY 2012 – SFY 2021



SFY	Monthly Average Clients	SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY12	1,636	SFY17	1,672
SFY13	1,903	SFY18	2,054
SFY14	2,022	SFY19	2,085
SFY15	1,825	SFY 20	1,826
SFY16	1,708	SFY 21	1,482

Adults and Children Receiving Shelter and Non-shelter Based Services, SFY 2015 – SFY 2021



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
SFY21	3,996	13,787

Additional Services Summary, SFY 2021

SFY 2021	
Crisis hotline and information/referral calls received by emergency domestic violence shelter programs	73,917
# of adult survivors and children receiving emergency domestic violence shelter services	3,996
Total # of bed nights for new and returning clients provided by emergency shelter programs	157,200
# of unmet requests for emergency shelter services	5,196
# of adult survivors and children receiving non-residential domestic violence advocacy services	13,787
# of persons reached via training, presentations, and other outreach efforts by the domestic violence programs	56,046
Average length of shelter stays (in days)	39 Days

Client Demographics, SFY 2021

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	17,783	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
Female	14,958	84.1%
Male	2,488	14.0%
Unknown	337	1.9%

Age	All Clients	
< 12 Year Old	2,433	13.7%
13 – 17 Years Old	725	4.1%
18 – 24 Years Old	1,369	7.7%
25 – 59 Years Old	12,400	69.7%
60+ Years Old	856	4.8%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients	
Hispanic or Latino	3,808	21.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino¹	13,975	78.6%
White	9,278	52.2%
Black/African American	1,461	8.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	560	3.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	584	3.3%
Two or More Races	842	4.7%
Race Not Reported	1,250	7.0%

¹ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.