

Domestic Violence Program

SFY

2023

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 Domestic Violence (DV) Program provides statewide domestic violence services through contracted local community organizations to help people who are hurt or harmed by domestic violence. DV Program contractors provide education and information on domestic violence to local communities and lead primary prevention efforts to stop domestic violence before it starts.

Highlights

Local domestic violence programs served a total of 17,535 victims and their dependents in SFY 2023. This includes 4,331 clients who received emergency shelter based services and 13,204 clients who received non-shelter based services.

In SFY 2023, the 39 domestic violence shelter programs provided over 173,653 shelter bed nights to victims and their families. Victims stayed in shelter an average of 44 nights in SFY 2023.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data reported in this chapter is based on information reported in the InfoNet database maintained by Washington State Department of Commerce as of July 2023.

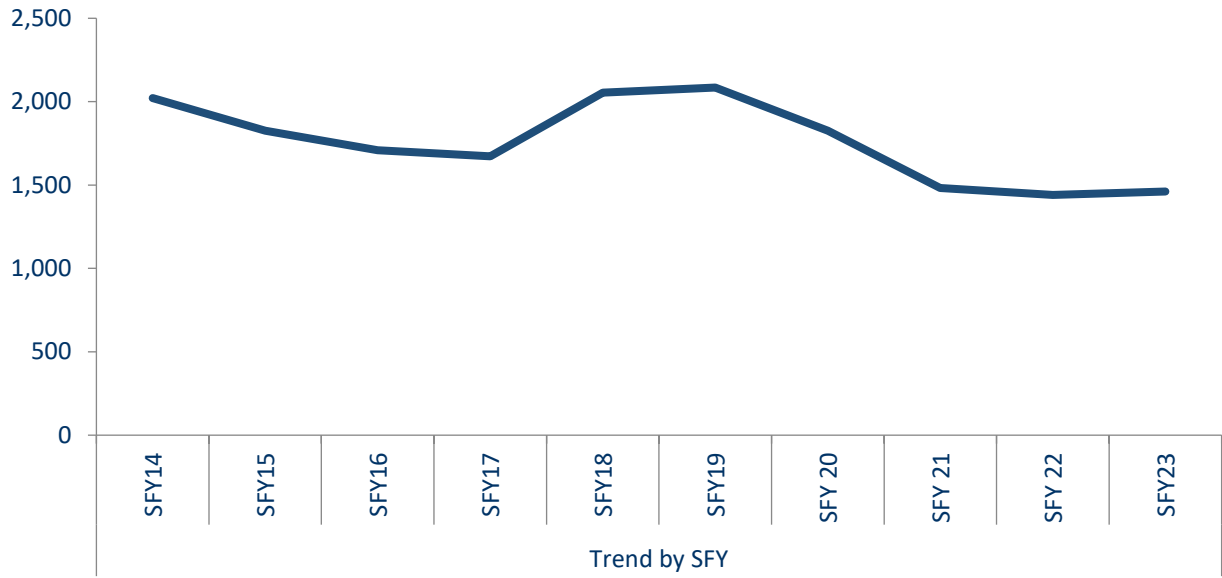
DATA NOTES:

- Data is collected from 39 domestic violence programs that contract with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)/Economic Services Administration to provide domestic violence services in all 39 counties within Washington. Contractors provide emergency domestic violence shelter and community-based supportive services
- Service numbers include all data reported into the statewide InfoNet data collection system during SFY 2023.
- Data reflects only the emergency domestic violence shelter and supportive services provided by DSHS domestic violence services contractors.

Selected Domestic Violence Program Overview SFY 2022 and SFY 2023

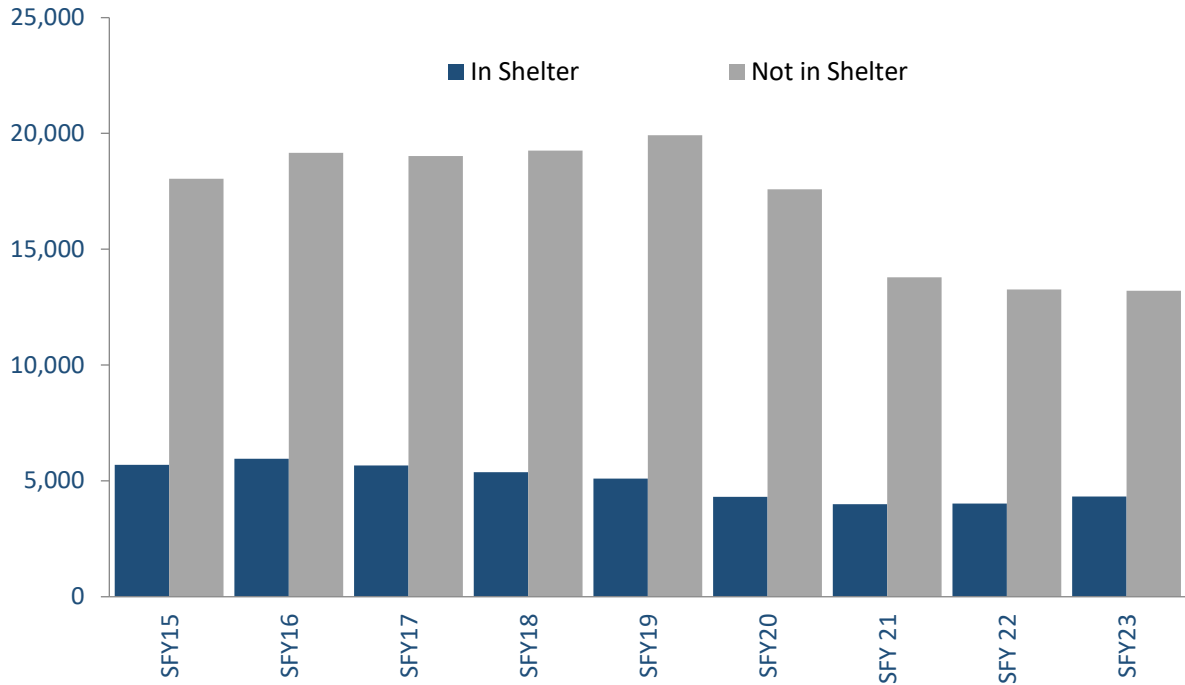
	SFY 2022 (July 2021 – June 2022)	SFY 2023 (July 2022 – June 2023)	Change
Average Number of Domestic Violence Clients Per Month	1,441	1,461	1.4% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Domestic Violence Children Clients Per Month	249	268	7.6% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Domestic Violence Adult Clients Per Month	1,192	1,194	0.2% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Adults and Children Receiving Shelter Based Services Per Month	335	361	7.8% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Adult and Children Receiving Non-shelter Based Services Per Month	1,106	1,100	-0.5% (Decrease) ↓
Total Clients (Adults and Children) Served in SFY	17,288	17,535	1.4% (Increase) ↑

Domestic Violence Program Clients, SFY 2014 – SFY 2023



SFY	Monthly Average Clients	SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY14	2,022	SFY19	2,085
SFY15	1,825	SFY20	1,826
SFY16	1,708	SFY21	1,482
SFY17	1,672	SFY22	1,441
SFY18	2,054	SFY23	1,461

Adults and Children Receiving Shelter and Non-shelter Based Services, SFY 2015 – SFY 2023



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
SFY22	4,018	13,270
SFY23	4,331	13,204

Additional Services Summary, SFY 2023

SFY 2023	
Crisis hotline and information/referral calls received by emergency domestic violence shelter programs	73,642
Adult survivors and children receiving emergency domestic violence shelter services	4,331
Total bed nights for new and returning clients provided by emergency shelter programs	173,653
Unmet requests for emergency shelter services	8,506
Adult survivors and children receiving non-residential domestic violence advocacy services	13,204
Persons reached via training, presentations, and other outreach efforts by the domestic violence programs	103,784
Average length of shelter stays (in days)	44 Days

Client Demographics, SFY 2023

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	17,535	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
Female	14,714	83.9%
Male	2,497	14.2%
Unknown	324	1.8%

Age	All Clients	
< 13 Years Old	2,508	14.3%
13 – 17 Years Old	708	4.0%
18 – 24 Years Old	1,205	6.9%
25 – 59 Years Old	12,187	69.5%
60+ Years Old	927	5.3%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients	
Hispanic or Latino	4,093	23.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino¹	13,442	76.6%
White	9,258	52.8%
Black/African American	1,399	8.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	450	2.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	625	3.6%
Two or More Races	820	4.7%
Race Not Reported	890	5.1%

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