



Domestic Violence in the District of Columbia

2017 Statistical Snapshot

- **50%** of women living in D.C. experience psychological aggression perpetrated by an intimate partner.
- **39%** of women living D.C. experience sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking perpetrated by an intimate partner.

Source: S.G. Smith, et al., *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010-2012 State Report* (2017)

In One Day in 2017...

- 616 survivors were served by local domestic violence programs, with 418 receiving emergency shelter or transitional housing and 198 receiving non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.
- Service providers were unable to meet 77 requests; **43%** of unmet requests were requests for housing.

Source: *The National Network to End Domestic Violence, National Census of Domestic Violence Services* (2017)

Lack of Safe Housing Options for Domestic Violence Survivors

- **Nearly one-third** of unaccompanied homeless women in D.C. indicate that violence is the cause of their current homelessness or housing instability, and **63%** of unaccompanied homeless women with past experiences of violence and trauma report at least one act of violence against them during their current period of homelessness or housing instability.

Source: *2017 D.C. Women's Needs Assessment Report*

- **26%** of homeless adults in families in D.C. reported a history of domestic violence.

Source: *2017 D.C. Point-in-Time Count*

- **28%** of survivors in D.C. who called the National Domestic Violence Hotline between January and June 2017 cited shelter as their principal need, the top need mentioned.

Source: *National Domestic Violence Hotline, January - June 2017 Washington D.C. Report*

An Increase in Domestic Violence Prevention Services is Past Due

- In D.C., there are currently significantly more domestic violence and sexual assault intervention programs in place than prevention programs.

Source: Nkiru Nnawulezi, Ph.D., *Surviving DC: A research synthesis of survivors experiences* (2017)

The Need for Culturally Specific Services

- Black/African American women make up **75%** of unaccompanied homeless women in D.C. although they are only **52%** of adult women.

Source: 2017 D.C. Women's Needs Assessment Report

- Community-focused intervention and prevention efforts directly contribute to survivors' safety, empowerment, and overall well-being.

Source: Nkiru Nnawulezi, Ph.D., *Surviving DC: A research synthesis of survivors experiences (2017)*

- In FY 2017 Culturally specific domestic violence service providers served 1,423 survivors.

Source: OVSJG Performance Hearing Questions, Submitted February 5, 2018

Court Data

- 5,973 petitions for new Civil Protection Orders were filed in D.C. Superior Court in 2017. This is a 7% increase from 2016.
 - 1,995 Civil Protection Orders were granted.

Source: D.C. Superior Court

Law Enforcement Data

- The Metropolitan Police Department received 35,909 domestic violence-related calls for service in 2017.
 - While this is a 2% decrease from 2016, it is a 9% increase over 2013.

Approximate breakdown by ward:

Ward 1: 1,988 calls *Some overlap with Ward 2.	Ward 2: 1,550 calls *Some overlap with Wards 1 and 6.	Ward 3: 509 calls *Some overlap with Ward 4.	Ward 4: 2,725 calls *Some overlap with Ward 3.
Ward 5: 4,423 calls *Some overlap with Wards 6 and 7.	Ward 6: 2,097 calls *Some overlap with Wards 2, 5, and 7.	Ward 7: 8,835 calls *Some overlap with Wards 5, 6, and 8.	Ward 8: 10,112 calls *Some overlap with Ward 7.

Source: Metropolitan Police Department, Geocoded Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) domestic violence related data as of 2/6/2018

- Between 2015 and 2017, there was an overall 12.5 % decrease in 911 calls made in D.C.

Source: Testimony of Karima Holmes, Director, Office of Unified Communications at 2018 Performance Oversight Hearing, March 8, 2018.