

Domestic Violence Watch

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Domestic violence permeates our daily lives, communities, neighborhoods, and workplaces, which not only devastates families, but also places a financial burden on the state and its citizens. At its most extreme, this tactical violence ends in homicide. According to the Maine Department of Public Safety, on average, Domestic Violence is a factor in almost half of all homicides committed in Maine.

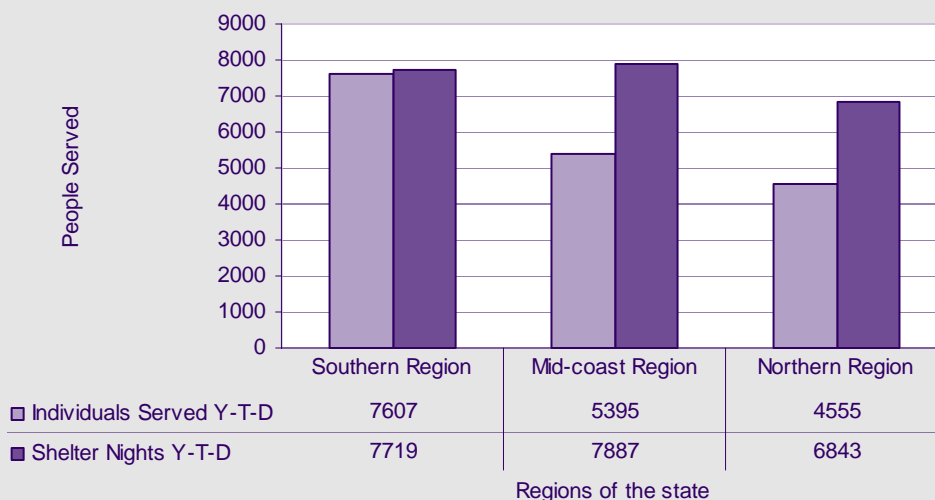
The graph below demonstrates the local and statewide Domestic Violence direct service statistics as reported to the Department of Health & Human Services from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006. These statistics demonstrate the number of individuals who received services from the statewide network of Domestic Violence Projects. Also indicated on the graph you will find the number of shelter nights provided to victims and their families.

The "Individuals Served" statistic encompasses the number of people experiencing abuse who reached out to one of the nine Domestic Violence projects for information, support, and feedback. "Shelter Nights" refers to the number of emergency sheltering nights provided throughout the year.

The graph is divided by county into Southern (Cumberland & York counties), Mid-Coast (Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, and Waldo counties), and Northern (Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Washington counties) regions.

Year to Date Service Statistics Ending September 30, 2006

Individuals Served October 2005 to September 2006



Statewide
Service
Statistics:

Individuals
Served
Year to
Date
17,557

Shelter
Nights
Year to
Date
22,449

"It is very tempting to take the side of the perpetrator.

All the perpetrator asks is that the bystander do nothing."

Judith Herman, 1992 [Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence](#)