

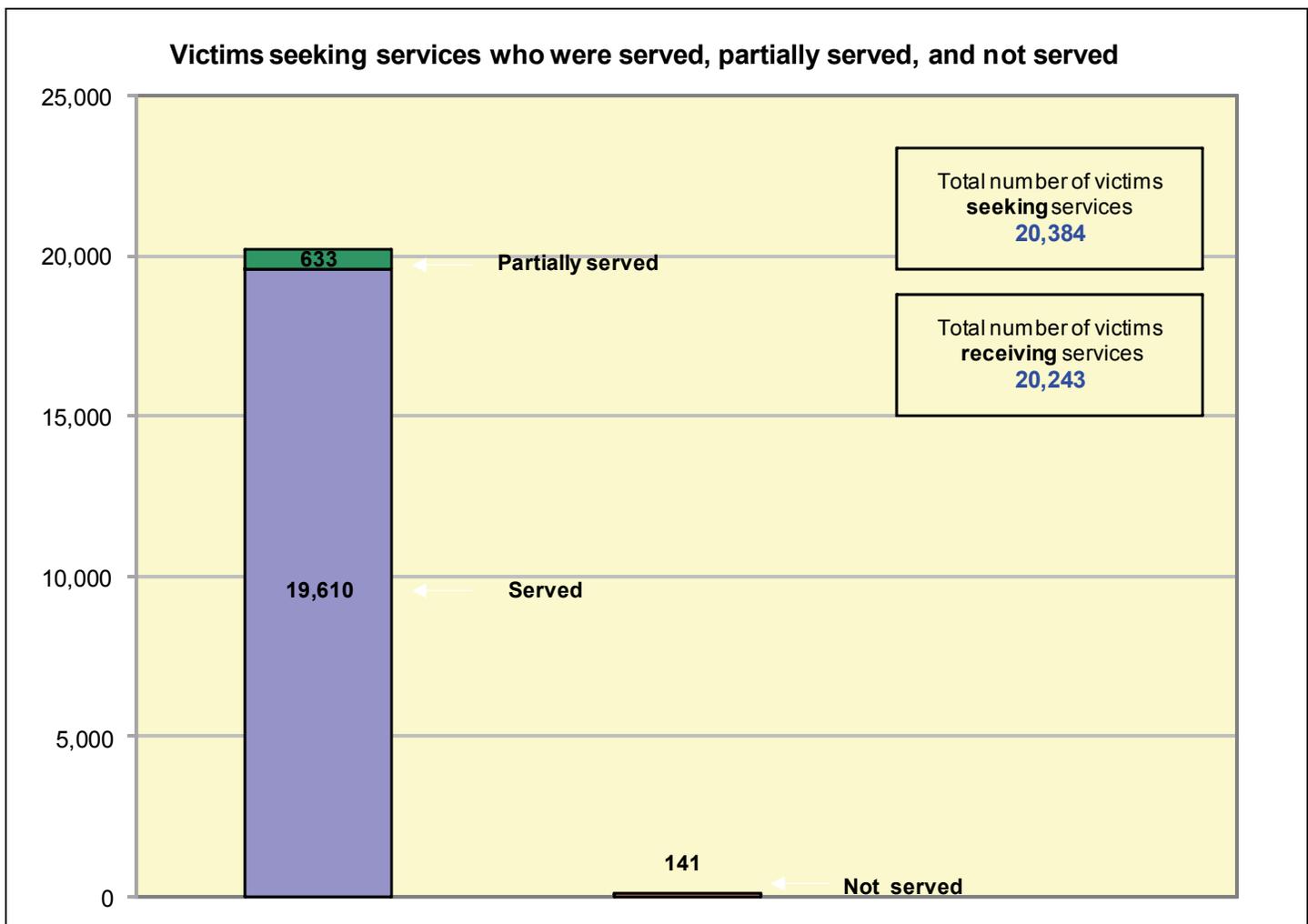
**Office on Violence Against Women  
Discretionary Grants  
Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault,  
and Stalking Assistance Program  
Report Period: July 1—December 31, 2008**

The purpose of the Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Assistance Program (Rural Program) is to enhance the safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural jurisdictions. This program challenges community-based organizations and leaders to collaborate, communicate, identify issues, and share ideas that will result in responses that will ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

Total number of grantees reporting	<b>160</b>
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**Victim Services:** Rural Program grantees provided services to more than **20,000** victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and child sexual abuse victims to help them become and remain safe from violence.

Total number of grantees using funds for victim services: **133** (83% of all grantees reporting)



**Victim services and demographics:** Rural Program grantees provided an array of services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and child sexual abuse. These services included victim and child advocacy (actions designed to help the victim/survivor obtain needed resources or services), crisis intervention, and support group/counseling. Safety planning, referrals, and information are provided to victims as needed.

**Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:**

- Domestic violence/dating violence: **18,101** (89% of those receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **910** (4%)
- Stalking: **412** (2%)
- Child sexual abuse: **820** (4%)

**Number of victims receiving the following services:**

Victim/survivor advocacy: **12,066** (60% of those receiving services)  
 Crisis intervention: **10,476** (52%)  
 Support group/counseling services: **5,890** (29%)  
 Civil legal advocacy: **5,198** (26%)  
 Criminal justice advocacy: **5,169** (26%)  
 Transportation: **3,054** (15%)  
 Child advocacy: **1,818** (9%)  
 Language services: **786** (4%)  
 Civil legal assistance: **696** (3%)  
 Hospital/clinic/other medical response: **640** (3%)  
 Child care: **493** (2%)  
 Forensic exam: **226** (1%)

**Number of hotline calls from victims: 17,265**

**Number of victim witness notification/outreach activities to victims: 5,839**

**Demographic data:**

**Gender<sup>1</sup>**

- Female: **17,628** (91%)
- Male: **1,820** (9%)

**Race/ethnicity<sup>1,2</sup>**

- White: **10,192** (56%)
- Hispanic or Latino: **3,458** (19%)
- American Indian and/or Alaska Native: **2,788** (15%)
- Black or African American: **1,000** (5%)
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander: **847** (5%)
- Asian: **268** (1%)

**Other demographics<sup>3</sup>**

- Rural: **17,879** (88% of those receiving services)
- Limited English proficiency: **2,358** (12%)
- Immigrants: 1,544 (8%)
- Disabilities: **1,391** (7%)

**Relationship to offender<sup>4</sup>**

- Domestic violence/dating violence
  - Current or former spouse or intimate partner: **12,799** (77%)
  - Other family member: **1,859** (11%)
  - Dating: **1,665** (10%)
  - Acquaintance: **247** (1%)
  - Stranger: **9** (<1%)
- Sexual assault
  - Current or former spouse or intimate partner: **470** (45%)
  - Acquaintance: **191** (18%)
  - Other family member: **175** (17%)
  - Dating: **163** (16%)
  - Stranger: **47** (4%)
- Stalking
  - Current or former spouse or intimate partner: **271** (57%)
  - Acquaintance: **75** (16%)
  - Dating: **65** (14%)
  - Other family member: **53** (11%)
  - Stranger: **11** (2%)
- Child sexual abuse
  - Other family member: **548** (69%)
  - Acquaintance: **95** (12%)
  - Current or former spouse or intimate partner: **92** (12%)
  - Dating: **53** (7%)
  - Stranger: **11** (1%)

<sup>1</sup>. Percentages are based on victims receiving services for whom this information was known.

<sup>2</sup>. Some victims may identify with more than one race/ethnicity, so the total number reported in race/ethnicity may be higher than the total number of victims served.

<sup>3</sup>. Because victims may be represented in more than one of these categories, or not at all, the total for this category may be higher or lower than the total number of victims served.

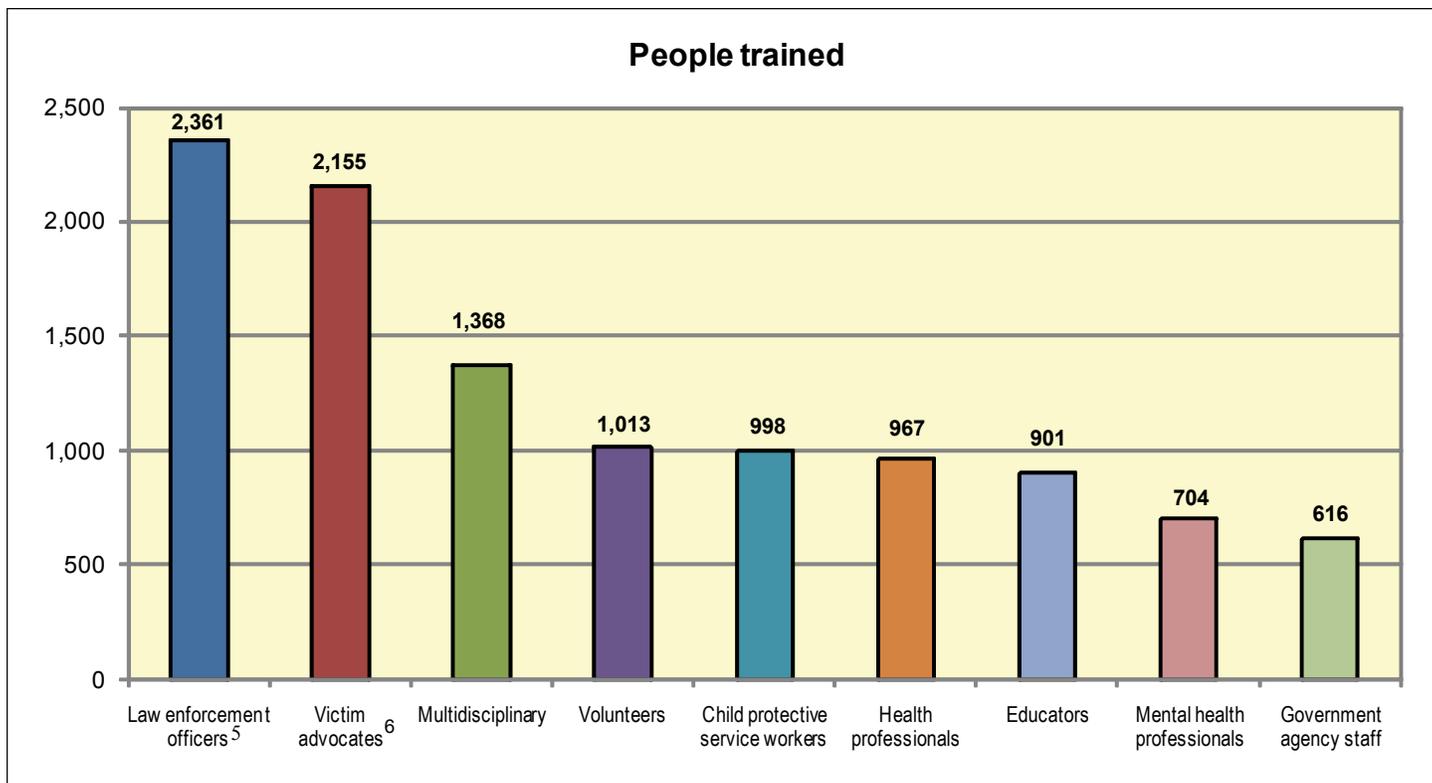
<sup>4</sup>. Victims may have been abused by more than one offender and/or may have experienced more than one type of victimization, so the total for each victimization category may be higher than the total number of victims served in each of those categories. Percentages are based on the total number of known relationships in each victimization category.

**Training:** Rural Program grantees train professionals to improve the response to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and child sexual abuse to increase offender accountability.

Total number of grantees using funds for training: **109** (68% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of people trained: **15,651**

Number of training events: **1,176**



### Topics on which professionals were most frequently trained

Training topic	Number of grantees training on this topic	Training topic	Number of grantees training on this topic
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services	91	Dating violence overview, dynamics and services	73
Advocate response	85	Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services	65
Safety planning for victims/survivors	80	Coordinated community response	63
Confidentiality	75	Law enforcement response	59

<sup>5</sup> Includes 2,209 non-tribal and 152 tribal law enforcement officers.

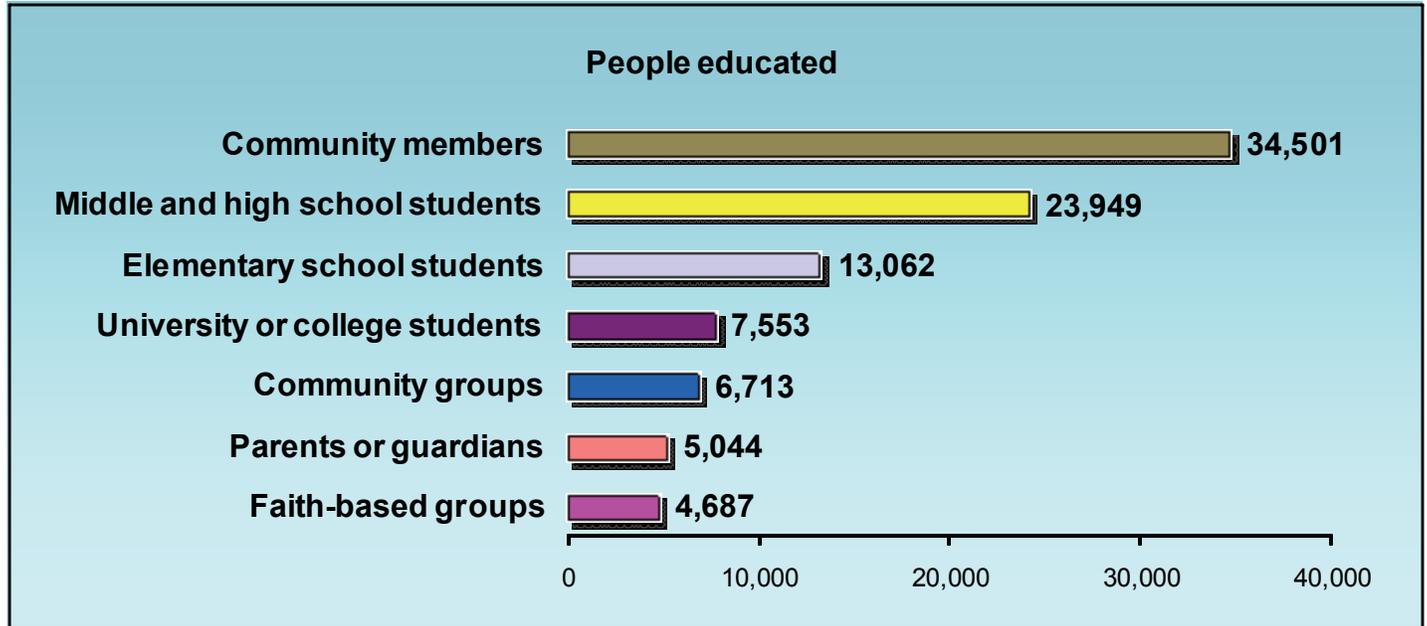
<sup>6</sup> Includes 1,898 non-tribal and 257 tribal victim advocates.

**Community Education:** Rural Program staff provide general information to the community to increase awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and child sexual abuse.

Total Number of grantees using funds for community education: **125** (78% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of people educated: **103,096**

Number of education events: **2,887**



### Topics on which the community was most frequently educated

Education topic	Number of grantees educating on this topic	Education topic	Number of grantees educating on this topic
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services	111	Healthy relationships/domestic violence/dating violence prevention (community)	74
Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services	92	Issues specific to rural victims/survivors who are geographically isolated	68
Safety planning	91	Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services	68
Domestic violence/dating violence prevention program	82	Stalking overview, dynamics, and services	52
Healthy relationships/domestic violence/dating violence prevention (6-12th grade)	78	Issues specific to rural victims/survivors who have substance abuse issues	49

**Staff:** Rural Program staff provide victim services, training, outreach, advocacy, counseling, and court services to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

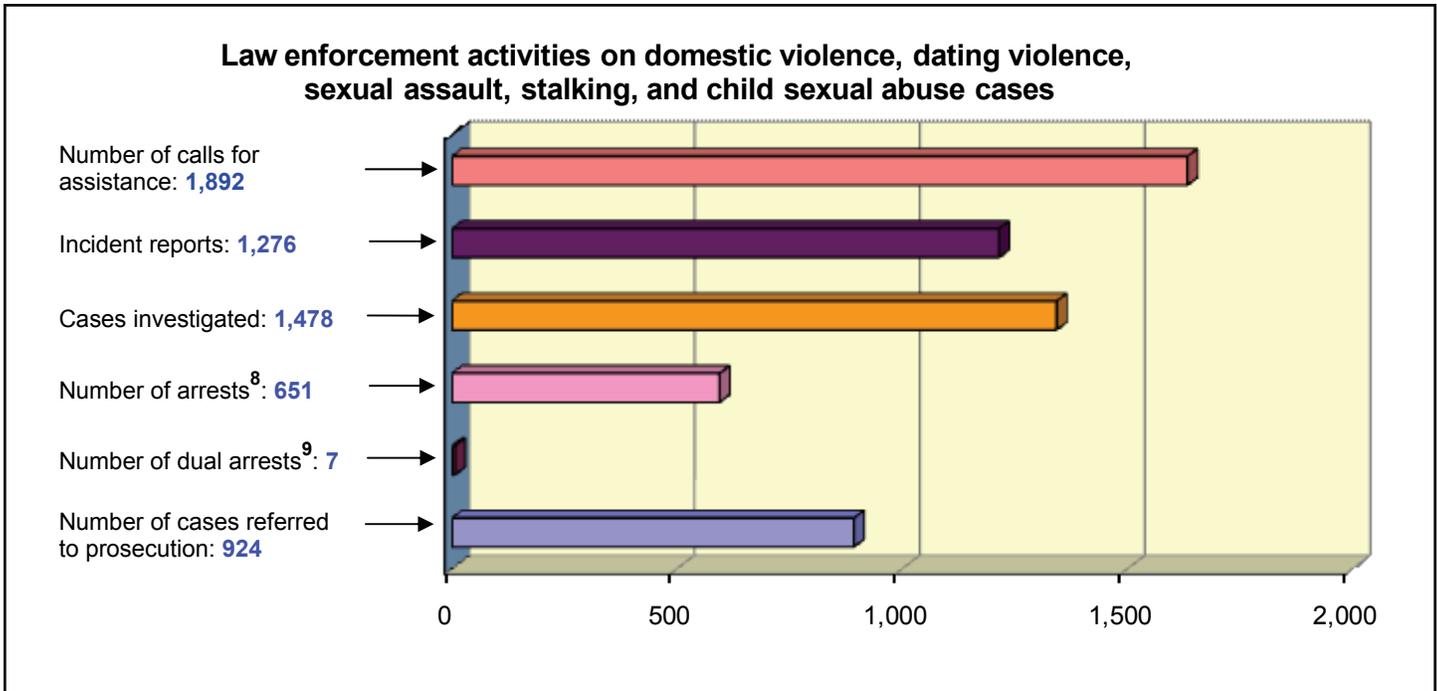
Total number of grantees using funds for staff: **153** (96% of all grantees reporting)

<b>Total number of full time equivalent staff funded<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>549</b>
Victim advocate (33% of all staff funded)	180
Program coordinator (17%)	92
Trainer/educator (10%)	53
Support staff (7%)	40
Administrator (7%)	38
Outreach worker (5%)	30
Children's advocate (5%)	28
Legal advocate (4%)	22
Counselor (3%)	17
Law enforcement officer (2%)	11
Attorney (2%)	9
Victim assistant (1%)	8
Probation officer/offender monitor (1%)	4
Prosecutor (1%)	4
Investigator (1%)	3
Paralegal (1%)	3
Court personnel (<1%)	2
Information technology staff (<1%)	2
Translator/interpreter (<1%)	1
Sexual assault forensic examiner/sexual assault nurse examiner (<1%)	1

<sup>7</sup> Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one full FTE after rounding are included.

## Law Enforcement

Number of grantees using funds for law enforcement: **15** (9% of all grantees reporting)



## Prosecution

Number of grantees using funds for prosecution: **8** (5% of all grantees reporting)

<b>Prosecution of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and child sexual abuse cases</b>	
<b>Total number of case referrals received</b>	<p><b>691</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>621 cases were accepted for prosecution (90% of cases received)<sup>10</sup></li> <li>70 cases were declined (10%)<sup>10</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Number of cases disposed of</b>	<b>678<sup>11</sup></b>
<b>Cases resulting in convictions and deferred adjudications</b>	<p><b>596</b></p> <p><b>88%</b> of all cases disposed of resulted in convictions or deferred adjudications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>88% of domestic violence/dating violence cases resulted in conviction or deferred adjudication: 464 cases out of 530 disposed of</li> <li>90% of sexual assault cases resulted in a conviction or deferred adjudication: 27 cases out of 30 disposed of</li> <li>100% of staking cases resulted in conviction or deferred adjudication: 2 cases out of 2 disposed of</li> <li>94% of child sexual abuse cases resulted in conviction or deferred adjudication: 67 cases out of 71 disposed of</li> </ul>

<sup>8</sup>. All arrests made by law enforcement, except dual arrests.

<sup>9</sup>. This only relates to domestic violence/dating violence and child sexual abuse cases where both parties are arrested.

<sup>10</sup>. Cases accepted, declined, or transferred in the current reporting period may have been received by prosecution in a previous reporting period.

<sup>11</sup>. Cases disposed of in the current reporting period may include cases received by prosecution in a previous reporting period.

## Probation

Number of grantees using funds for probation: **4** (3% of all grantees reporting)

<b>Total number of offenders</b>	<b>268</b>
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### Disposition of violations of probation and other court orders

Probation officers monitor offenders to review progress and compliance with court orders. The data reported below reflects the consequences imposed for violations that were disposed of during the current report period.

Violation of probation	Disposition of violations
Protection order (3)	67% (2) received verbal/written warning 33% (1) had full revocation of probation
New criminal behavior (9)	89% (8) had full revocation of probation 11% (1) had no action taken
Failure to attend mandated batterer intervention program (BIP) (89)	96% (85) received verbal/written warning 3% (3) had full revocation of probation 1% (1) had conditions added
Failure to attend mandated offender treatment (2)	50% (1) received verbal/written warning 50% (1) had full revocation of probation
Failure to attend mandated parenting program (2)	50% (1) received verbal/written warning 50% (1) had full revocation of probation
Other condition (38)	50% (19) had full revocation of probation 39% (15) had condition added 11% (4) received verbal/written warning

### Offender monitoring

- ✦ **273** offenders received **1,804** face-to-face contacts
- ✦ **187** offenders received **398** telephone monitoring contacts
- ✦ **158** offenders received **305** unscheduled surveillance contacts

**In addition to offender monitoring, probation officers also contact victims as an additional strategy to increase victim safety.**

- ✦ **126** victims received **263** contacts