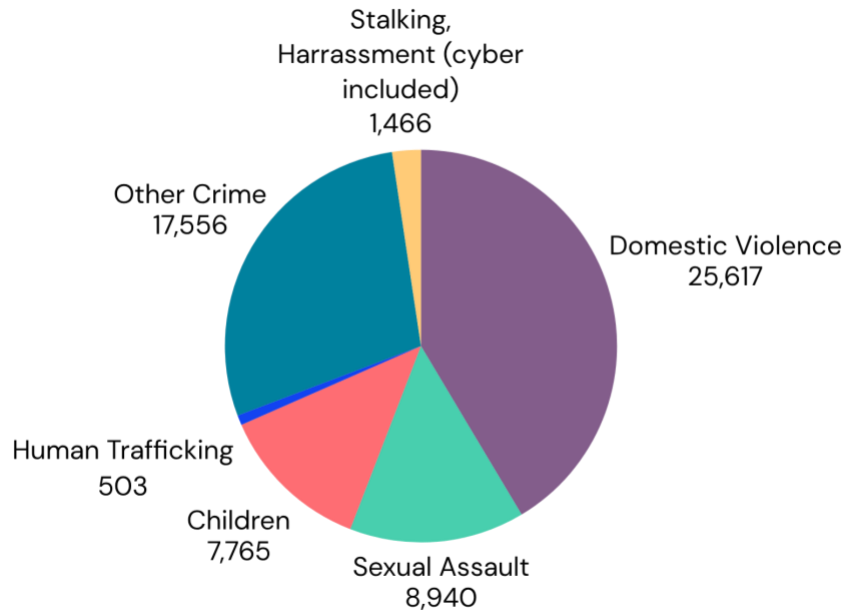


Support Crime Victims Across Iowa - Increase Victim Services \$\$ in Justice System Budget

Provide at least additional \$1M in FY26, \$2M in FY27, & \$2M in FY28 to stabilize Iowa’s victim services infrastructure.

Number of Victims Served FY25: 52,113 *



*FY2025 Iowa Department of Justice, Victim Assistance Section [Annual Grants Report](#)

State Hotline Calls: 44,680

DV Homicides: A total of **88 people killed** in 3-years marking the highest levels in recent history and **52% increase from FY21 to FY24.**

Key Points:

- Providing just \$5M annually for over a decade **no longer** ensures statewide access to comprehensive services and destabilizes Iowa’s victim service provider network.

- **Victims are being turned away:** In one day in 2025, our network served 1,065 victims and answered 602 crisis calls, yet 50 requests went unmet.
- With no \$\$ increase, post-crisis supports to stabilize victims (e.g. keep jobs, get childcare, safe housing) are most impacted—especially in rural areas.
- A recent analysis identified a **\$23 million annual funding gap** between current investments and cost to sustain level of services delivered by ICADV’s victim service provider organizations
- When victims can’t access help to prevent homelessness, navigate law enforcement, or participate in the justice system, they are **left without help**, or funneled into already overextended social services—driving up system strain, increasing provider workloads, and creating more complex, costly needs over time.
- Victim services are essential public safety services that aid in victim healing and support the criminal justice system in holding offenders accountable.
- Specialized services funding drains comprehensive system of needed funds

Scope of Comprehensive Work Provided by ICADV Members:

Work with law enforcement, attorneys & social service providers	Provide immediate crisis support	Hospital and health clinics response, work with SANEs and qualified health providers
Help stabilize financial crisis (replacing documents, job search, child care, food, emergency funds)	Help victims secure safe & stable housing	Court accompaniment, including depositions
Medical and Legal system navigation (e.g. protective orders, victim witness support, Rape Kit exams)	Counseling, safety planning, emotional support, confidential services	Community crisis response (e.g. school shootings)
On-call 24/7 Response	7 shelters in Six Regions	Increased # of sexual assault victims served in rural areas