

490

Number of people receiving ACWS training relating to support & safety of children (17/18).

8,879

Number of junior high and high school students reached through the ACWS Leading Change Call to Action (2016-18).

18,136

Total number of children served by shelters (admission & outreach)



6,292

15/16



6,004

16/17



5,840

17/18



# 2018 DATA RELEASE

## WHAT CAN I DO?

Alberta faces an ongoing crisis in domestic violence and abuse. We can all help to end it.

### You could:

- Volunteer in a shelter kitchen or child-care program.
- Donate gift cards to shelters.
- Make ACWS part of your planned giving.
- Book an ACWS Leading Change training for your community or workplace.

The release of the **ACWS ANNUAL AGGREGATE DATA** illustrates the key trends in shelters serving women, children and seniors living throughout the province. Data is collected by ACWS members working together to end gender-based violence.



For more information, visit our website at [acws.ca](http://acws.ca)



Shelters are now serving **more** women, children and seniors **than ever before.**

Shelters have introduced more trauma and violence-informed care and invested heavily in shelter staff through ACWS training, including specialized programs to build resiliency in the lives of children.

The rising demand for services has taken many shelters beyond full capacity. Women using shelter services are facing the highest levels of danger in seven years. Urgent government investment and public support are required to stem the tide.

## Publishing Data on Indigenous Women

As we work to align our data process with the First Nations Principles of OCAP (ownership, control, access and possession), ACWS is not publishing data about Indigenous women in this year's data release.

ACWS head office is located on Treaty 6 land. ACWS members serve all nations and all peoples; they are located on Treaty 6, 7 and 8 lands across this province, which includes the six Métis regions of Alberta.



Number of women, children and seniors sheltered in 17/18

10,390

\* Includes 33 men



Number of women, children and seniors sheltered in 2015-18

30,987





# Facing the Facts of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE in Alberta

ACWS members use data to understand the face of domestic violence across the province; to improve services for women, children and seniors; and to mobilize community support for our goal of ending gender-based violence and abuse.

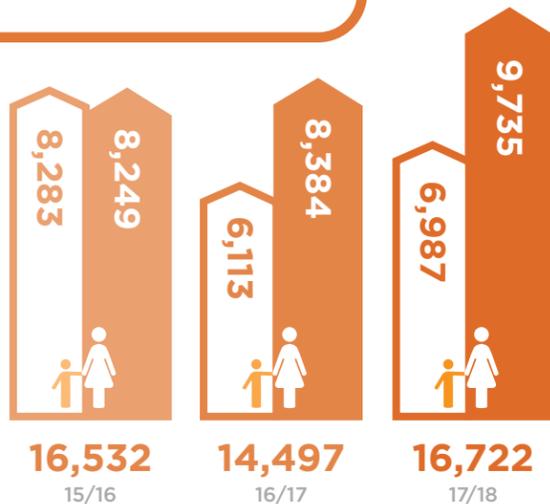


16,722

Number of women, children and seniors **turned away** due to lack of capacity in 17/18



Number of women, children and seniors **turned away** due to lack of capacity in 2015-18



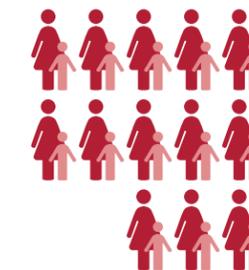
People served through **outreach** programs in 2015-18

EXISTING CASELOAD	
15/16	5,003
16/17	6,049
17/18	6,408



Shelters are supporting **more people** than at any point in the past three years. Because **caseloads are at capacity**, shelters are **unable to accept** as many new people into community outreach programs.

NEW ADMISSIONS	
15/16	4,002
16/17	5,530
17/18	5,178



**6,408** people served through outreach in 17/18.  
\* Includes 340 men

500

Crisis calls to shelters

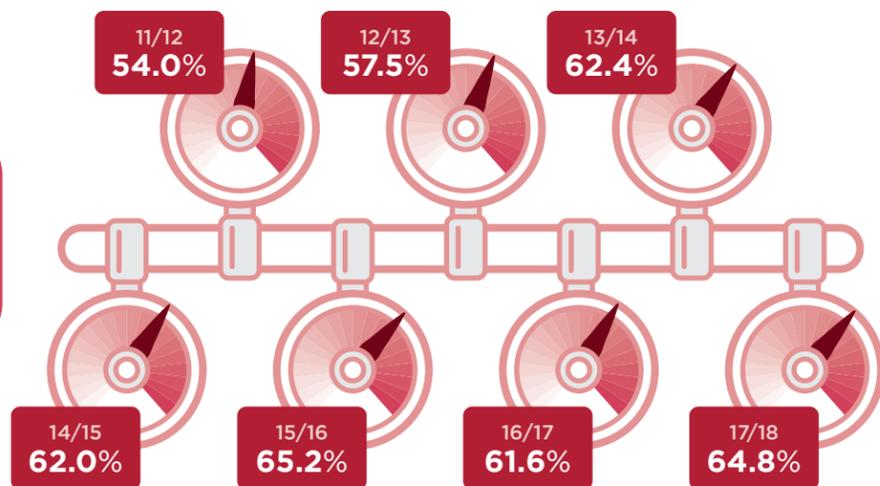
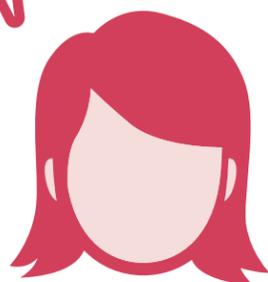


9% of women were living in **stable housing** upon entering shelter. At follow-up, **68%** of women were living in **safe, stable housing**.

Second stage transformation



Combined **severe** and **extreme danger** levels over seven years



The **Danger Assessment (DA)** measures the **risk of a woman being murdered** by her intimate partner. The percentage of women facing severe or extreme levels of danger has been **increasing** over the

past seven years. Today **almost two-thirds** of women who complete the DA are in this category. Among other factors this means increased numbers of women being **threatened with a gun** or **subjected to strangulation**.