



Victims of Crime Act Grant

Office of Crime Victim Services

Performance Measures Data Notes

Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) provides federal funding to victim service agencies (subgrantees) around the state. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant is one of several grant programs administered by OCVS and does not encompass all victim service activities funded by Wisconsin DOJ or even all victim services provided by these agencies. This data contains information about activities funded by VOCA or agency match only. Eligibility for VOCA-funded services is not dependent on the victim participating in the criminal justice system, and a victim may not report all crimes they are a victim of upon receiving services; thus, VOCA data does not represent all crime that occurs in an area.

This data is collected on a quarterly basis via the federal Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) for grant reporting purposes. The VOCA fiscal year runs from October 1 - September 30. While some follow-up is conducted either by OCVS or federal funders, the data is self-reported by subgrantee agencies and subgrantees are responsible for the accuracy of their data.

Visit the Wisconsin Department of Justice website for more information about Wisconsin [OCVS grant programs](#) and the [VOCA grant](#).

Definitions

A **victim/survivor** is a single individual who received VOCA-funded services. Victims/survivors are counted once per quarter they receive services in. For certain elements of the PMT, individuals are reported in total, as newly receiving services in that quarter, or as anonymously receiving services (typically via a hotline). An individual may receive multiple kinds of services or may have been a victim of more than one crime. All victims/survivors are considered "new" in the first quarter of a fiscal year. Due to the aggregate nature of the underlying data, it is not possible to differentiate the characteristics (special victim type, service type, and crime types) of people who are returning from a previous quarter from those who are newly receiving services.



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A **victimization** is a unique crime type that an individual received VOCA-funded services for. An individual victim/survivor may have multiple victimizations. See [here](#) for OVC's crime type definitions.

A **service** is a unique instance of a service being provided to an individual. An individual victim/survivor may receive services multiple times or may receive multiple different services. See the [OVC Performance Measure Dictionary and Terminology Resource](#) for OVC's service type definitions.

A **subgrantee** is an organization that receives VOCA funding from the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

See the [OVC Performance Measure Dictionary and Terminology Resource](#) for definitions of race, gender, age, and special victim type categories.

Counting Methodology

The data presented on this dashboard comes from the VOCA quarterly Performance Measurement Tool. The data is collected by each subgrantee at an aggregate level so the possibility of detailed analysis is limited. Subgrantee agencies are responsible for the accuracy of their own data.

Where possible, data is aggregated across all four quarters of the VOCA fiscal year to obtain the total for the year.

One individual may receive services in multiple quarters in a fiscal year. VOCA PMT tracks new individuals and total individuals receiving services each quarter. Demographics (age, gender, and race) are collected for new individuals only, and so are an unduplicated count of individuals receiving services in a fiscal year. Special victim type, service type, and crime victimization type are collected for all individuals (which can include new individuals, individuals returning from a previous quarter, and anonymous contacts), so individuals may be counted in multiple quarters if they receive services in multiple quarters. Due to the aggregate nature of the underlying data, it is not possible to differentiate the characteristics (special victim type, service type, and crime types) of people who are returning from a previous quarter from those who are newly receiving services. Therefore, it



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is not possible to add up all four quarters of a fiscal year without duplicating individuals who received services in multiple quarters.

Subgrantee County

Agencies may be headquartered in one county but perform services in multiple counties. The data shows agencies' data based on the address of their main offices.

Subgrantee agencies self-report their service area. OCVS instructs agencies to select only the counties where they have an office or where they actively do outreach work. Statewide agencies serve all counties in Wisconsin.

Awards to Subgrantees

The average award per subgrantee by county can be calculated by taking the average award amount across all subgrantee agencies whose main address is in that county. Individual agency awards may be greater than or less than the average for that county.

OCVS determines the total amount to be awarded to subgrantees based on the previous 3 years of federal awards to Wisconsin in order to increase award stability and sustainability.

Total Victims/Subgrantees

To eliminate duplicate counting of individuals who received VOCA services in multiple quarters in a fiscal year as much as possible, the total number of victims should be calculated using the number of "new" recipients per quarter reported by subgrantee agencies. All victims are considered "new" in the first quarter of a fiscal year. Some agencies are unable to track returning clients each quarter and so all victims are considered "new" every quarter, therefore there is still some duplication of individuals in this number.

Many programs were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and may have had reduced services during that period.



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Demographics

Demographic information is collected for only new victims/survivors receiving services each quarter, with the exception of Special Victim Type. All victims are considered "new" in the first quarter of a fiscal year. Some agencies are unable to track returning clients each quarter and so all victims are considered "new" every quarter.

Special Victim Type is collected for all individuals receiving services, including new, returning from a previous quarter, and anonymous contacts. Individuals may be represented in more than one quarter. Adding all quarters together will result in duplication of some victims/survivors.

Age refers to the victim's age at the time of the crime.

Demographic categories are determined by OVC and can be found in [OVC Performance Measure Dictionary and Terminology Resource](#).

Crime Type

Agencies may be headquartered in one county but perform services in multiple counties. The data shows agencies' data based on the address of their main offices.

Victimizations may include duplicates because each victimization is counted in every quarter a victim/survivor received services for that victimization.

Victimization types are not mutually exclusive, so a person who has experienced multiple victimizations may be counted in multiple victimization categories. Victimization are counted out of total victims/survivors receiving services INCLUDING anonymous contacts.

This data does not represent all crime occurring in an area, only what victims felt comfortable reporting to VOCA service providers.

"Other" victimizations across the state include:

- anonymous hotline calls where victimization was not disclosed or recorded
- sexual harassment
- strangulation
- financial abuse



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- emotional/verbal abuse
- drug-endangered children
- abuse/neglect of a vulnerable adult
- self-harm
- violation of a protective court order
- loved one/caregiver of a survivor
- property damage/vandalism/theft
- sextortion
- substance use disorder
- parental incarceration
- survivors of suicide victims
- workplace harassment/discrimination
- racial/cultural/historical trauma

Services

Service categories are determined by OVC and can be found in the [OVC Performance Measure Dictionary and Terminology Resource](#).

Service type is collected for all individuals receiving services, including new, returning from a previous quarter, and anonymous contacts. Individuals may be represented in more than one quarter. Adding all quarters together will result in duplication of some victims/survivors.

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VOCA Priority Areas

Broad VOCA priority areas are set by OVC (Office for Victims of Crime), but the crime types categorized into each priority area are determined by each state. Wisconsin uses the following victimization types for each priority area:

- **Child Abuse:** child physical abuse/neglect, child sexual abuse, child pornography
- **Domestic and Family Violence:** domestic and family violence
- **Sexual Assault:** adult sexual assault, sex trafficking



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- **Underserved:** DUI/DWI crashes, assault, adults molested as children, elder abuse, robbery, survivors of homicide victims, other nonviolent crimes, other violent crimes