Ending Violence
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STV Counsellor Experience and Education

In 2025, EVA BC surveyed Stopping the Violence (STV) counsellors across BC to gain insight into how they deliver the program. The purpose of this infographic is to highlight information provided by STV counsellors about their professional experience and educational background.



What is the level of experience among STV counsellors?

Over half of respondents have worked as STV counsellors for five years or less, highlighting ongoing workforce turnover and training needs.





≤5 years

57%

5-10 years

19%

10+ years

24%

What proportion of STV counsellors have 5+ years in the role by service area?

STV counsellors in small urban and rural areas tend to stay in their roles longer than those in large urban centres, suggesting different workforce pressures across regions.

Small urban areas

55%

Rural areas

47%

Large urban areas

30%

What is the highest level of education among STV counsellors?

Graduate education includes degrees such as **Master of Counselling** and **Master of Social Work**. Undergraduate education includes degrees and diplomas such as **Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science,** and **Community Social Worker** diplomas.

Graduate degree (completed or in progress)

46%

Undergraduate degree or diploma

43%

Other / prefer not to say

11%

How do education levels vary by service area?

Counsellors in urban areas are more likely to hold graduate degrees and professional designations than those in rural and remote areas.

Graduate degrees

Large urban

60%

Small urban

45%

Rural

33%

Remote

0%

Professional designation

Large urban

60%

Small urban

63%

Rural

33%

Remote

0%

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