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Domestic Violence Counts Washington Summary

On September 15, 2010, 53 out of 54, or 98%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 53 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,896 Victims Served in One Day

950 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

946 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	77%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	66%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	51%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	49%
Children's Support or Advocacy	47%
Group Support or Advocacy	43%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	11%

760 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 31 hotline calls every hour.

862 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 556 (65%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 38% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 36% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 28% reported not enough staff.
- 25% reported not enough specialized services.
- 8% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

81% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 81% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 62% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"One of our former shelter residents called us today. She wanted to let us know that she was doing well and to thank us because we were the first people to believe in her. She says that we are the reason that she is where she is today."

