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## Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 15, 2011, 25 out of 26, or 96%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 25 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,017 Victims Served in One Day

357 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

660 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	96%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	88%
Children's Support or Advocacy	84%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	80%
Transportation	64%
Court/Legal Accompaniment and/or Advocacy	60%
Bilingual Advocacy	40%

### 321 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, Kansas programs answered more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

### 138 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

### 57% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

With 78 unmet requests, emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs. Other frequently requested unmet needs include legal representation, counseling, and legal advocacy.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 44% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 32% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 20% reported not enough specialized services.
- 16% reported not enough staff.
- 4% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"On the survey day, an advocate assisted a shelter resident with transportation to a chemotherapy appointment and accompanied her throughout the process. Life isn't put on hold for victims of domestic violence - they often have to endure simultaneous challenges."

