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# Domestic Violence Counts Virgin Islands Summary

On September 15, 2011, 3 out of 3, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Virgin Islands participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 61 Victims Served in One Day

17 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.

44 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	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Group Support or Advocacy	67%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)	67%
Transportation	67%
Transitional Housing	33%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	33%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	33%
Childcare/Daycare	33%
Bilingual Advocacy	33%
Translation/Interpretation Services	33%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	33%

### 39 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

### 4 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 4 individuals in communities across Virgin Islands attended 2 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 1 Unmet Request for Services

Across the United States, 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.

### 100% of Unmet Requests are for Housing

With 1 request, emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs.

Programs were unable to provide services for the following reasons:

- 33% reported not enough specialized services.
- 33% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

