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## Domestic Violence Counts California Summary

On September 12, 2012, 99 out of 99, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in California participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 5,258 Victims Served in One Day

2,975 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.

2,283 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 12
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	85%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	49%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	65%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	21%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	49%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	35%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	19%
Translation/Interpretation Services (translator)	21%

### 1,374 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### 1,171 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,171 individuals in communities across California attended 89 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 1,170 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 1,150 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

### 68% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 792 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Counseling
3. Attorney/Legal Representation
4. Transitional Housing
5. Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment

For many survivors, the ability to hire an attorney to help with legal matters is critical. Unfortunately, lack of funds, few pro bono attorneys, and programs without legal attorneys on staff means that many victims face their abusers in court alone.

Below are the top 5 legal requests from survivors.

Child Custody	91%
Protection Orders	83%
Divorce	74%
Immigration	71%
Child Support	68%

“Lack of housing and economic support is a huge barrier for women and their children in leaving an abusive situation. Choosing between becoming homeless or continued violence is not a choice anyone should ever have to make.”

