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## Domestic Violence Counts Connecticut Summary

On September 12, 2012, 15 out of 15, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 919 Victims Served in One Day

275 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.

644 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	93%
Group Support or Advocacy	67%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	93%
Children's Support or Advocacy	93%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	80%
Transportation	73%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	67%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	47%

### 218 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### 370 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 370 individuals in communities across Connecticut attended 22 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 69 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 60 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.

### 87% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 60 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 53% reported no beds available and no money for hotel stays.
- 40% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 20% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 20% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor).

"Survivors have many obstacles and barriers to overcome, including limited affordable housing, high competition for local jobs, and limited financial resources; all these barriers often require staying in shelter beyond 60-90 days."

