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## Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 12, 2012, 26 out of 26, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 862 Victims Served in One Day

393 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.

469 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	92%
Emergency Shelter (hotels/safe houses)	77%
Children's Support or Advocacy	88%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	62%
Transportation	73%
Rural Outreach	46%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	42%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	35%

### 285 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### Legal Assistance

Survivors receiving services at the time of the survey were most likely to be seeking legal assistance with child custody, child support, and child protection, making these some of the most critical issues for survivors.

### 147 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 140 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.

### 49% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 72 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 27% reported not enough staff.
- 23% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 23% reported no beds and no money for hotel stays.
- 12% reported imited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 12% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor).

"We bought an air mattress to make room for a woman and her child who were fleeing a very abusive man. We were concerned because we didn't think this was the best that we could do. But the woman told us that the house she came from had no furniture or even utilities. She said that the mattress was the greatest gift we could have given her."

