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## Domestic Violence Counts Ohio Summary

On September 12, 2012, 70 out of 70, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 2,148 Victims Served in One Day

962 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.

1,186 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	90%
Children's Support or Advocacy	79%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	73%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	63%
Group Support or Advocacy	29%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	29%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	20%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	17%

### 872 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### 868 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 868 individuals in communities across the Ohio attended 38 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 102 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 100 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.

### 69% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 70 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. Transitional Housing

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 20% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 16% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"One of our shelter residents found herself laughing with the other residents and told us that it had been months since she had laughed. It was the first time in years she felt she could speak her mind without fear. She thanked us for making her feel safe and important."

