On September 17, 2008, 18 out of 18, or 100%, of identified domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

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