

# '09 Domestic Violence Counts Kentucky Summary

On September 15, 2009, 15 out of 15, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

## 1,351 Victims Served in One Day

703 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

648 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual 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 15
Emergency Shelter	100%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	93%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	93%
Transportation	93%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	93%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by licensed practitioner)	50%
Translation/Interpretation Services	36%

## 393 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered approximately 16 hotline calls every hour.

## 520 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 520 individuals in communities across Kentucky attended 33 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

## 56 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 39 (70%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 50% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 36% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 36% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 29% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 21% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Because we have just one court advocate serving ten counties, she can't attend court in all those counties. Survivors often have to attend court without an advocate."

"A recent domestic violence homicide in our community generated interest in protection orders. A survivor in one of our programs offered to share her experience. We heard the strength and confidence in her voice and in her willingness to share her story of survival. It reminded us of the critical nature of our work."