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## Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 12, 2012, 27 out of 27, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 688 Victims Served in One Day

189 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.

499 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	70%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	59%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	52%
Transportation	41%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	37%
Rural Outreach	37%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults	33%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	33%

### 255 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### 420 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 420 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 19 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 72 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 70 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.

### 50% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 36 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 19% reported limited funding for needed programs and services.
- 19% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 11% reported not enough staff.
- 7% reported no beds and no money for hotel stays.
- 7% reported not enough specialized services (e.g., drug and alcohol counselor).

“Budget cuts have hit rural America hard. We have been forced to reduce our office hours and staff. It’s tragic when a victim who needs help finds a closed sign or a disconnected phone line. Words cannot express the vital importance that our services are to our rural community.”

