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## Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 12, 2012, 50 out of 91, or 55%, of identified local domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 50 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,506 Victims Served in One Day

593 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.

913 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	96%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	86%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	82%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	68%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by bilingual advocate)	40%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	30%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	24%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	16%

### 494 Hotline Calls Answered

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

### 709 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 709 individuals in communities across the North Carolina attended 37 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 138 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 130 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.

### 62% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 85 requests unmet.

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

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

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 26% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 20% reported not staff.
- 14% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 12% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 8% reported not enough specialized services.

“A survivor who moved into shelter yesterday said that this was the first night she was able to sleep for months because she felt safe.”

