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Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 17, 2013, 26 out of 26 (100%), of identified local domestic violence programs in the Kansas participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

727 Victims Served in One Day

366 domestic violence victims (208 children and 158 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

361 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. 17
Individual Support or Advocacy	96%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Emergency Shelter	81%
Court Advocacy/Legal Accompaniment	69%
Rural Outreach	45%
Bilingual Advocacy	42%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	23%
Medical Services/Accompaniment	23%

333 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, local and state hotlines answered 333 calls, averaging more than 14 hotline calls every hour.

384 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 384 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 23 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

296 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 28% (83) Were for Emergency Shelter

Victims made more than 250 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and nonresidential services, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. Financial assistance are no longer available for housing, legal representation, and transportation.

Impact of Unmet Requests for Help

Domestic violence programs do not always know what happens when a survivor courageously calls a stranger to ask for a bed or other help and the services aren’t available; however 54% of programs report that victims return to their abuser and 19% report that victims become homeless.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 🏠 27% reported reduced government funding.
- 🏠 23% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 19% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 🏠 19% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Kansas 18 (4%) staff positions were eliminated in the past year and most of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

“Without staff, there is no one to advocate on behalf of survivors or provide them with support. We can’t create new or enhance programming. Our advocates are faced with horrific stories of violence and abuse and we’re asked to do more with less every day.”

— Advocate

